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Arran's roads are a danger to all that use them

'It's a minefield that every road user has to negotiate'

Arran's roads are 'appalling, embarrassing and a danger to all users' according to the island's resident roads campaigner Ian Small.

At a meeting of the Community Council on Tuesday night, Mr Small presented a short film, which, he said, is designed to alert the council to the dangers the roads now pose.

Speaking over the film, he said: 'Look at the holes on these roads. In some areas [in Sannox] I counted more than 100 potholes.'

'There are huge ruts at the sides of the road as well as holes in the middle. It's a minefield that every road user has to negotiate.'

Appalling

At the meeting concerns were also voiced by other community councillors about the appalling state of Arran's roads, following recent road-works on the Boguille.

For a month North Ayrshire Council have been carrying

out extensive repairs on the section between North Sannox and the top of the Boguille.

But Ian Small said the tarmac is already starting to crack.

'Before NAC had even completed the work on the Boguille they had been forced to dig out bits of the road and resurface it again,' said Ian.

'Why on earth did a brand new piece of road need re-dressing? Something is very wrong here.'

There have also been grumblings about sections of the road that have not been resurfaced.

Steph Hill, the councillor for Lochranza, said that she has been inundated with complaints from Northenders about the state of the Boguille since the work was completed last week.

'What we cannot understand,' she said 'is that you

would resurface miles of road and then leave 600-700 yards of despicable road surface at the top of the hill.

'Surely this will be replaced as soon as possible?'

Gus McLeod, NAC's island officer, regretfully told her that the area she referred to will not be fixed until next year as there is no more money available at this time.

Absolutely Crackers

In reply to this Ms Hill said: 'This is absolutely crackers! An already appalling piece of road is just going to be left to get worse.'

Back in August, Angus Bodie, North Ayrshire Council's head of infrastructure and design, said the 'road conditions on Arran are effectively the worst in Scotland' but that a Strategic Road Plan is being carried out.

Mr Bodie said: 'The Plan should be completed by Christmas, then we can approach funding sources to see how we can go forward.'

REPORT
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Sannox captain Tony Brookes and fellow players with the 2011 Argyll Cricket League Trophy in the Douglas Hotel on Monday night. 01_b43crk02

Sannox get their hands on the Argyll Cricket League Trophy

Arran's cricket team, Sannox, got their hands on the 2011 league trophy on Monday night.

Members gathered in the snug at the Douglas Hotel for the club's AGM and to admire the unusual Argyll League Trophy.

After a degree of confusion towards the end of the season, Sannox thought they had won the title in early August when they defeated Mid Argyll at Lochgilphead. With the Caradale v Oban match being cancelled the same

weekend because of wet weather, the points should have been shared, leaving Sannox as champions, but Oban thought they could still win the league.

Discussion

However, after considerable discussion and a special meeting of all clubs in Tarbert, common sense prevailed, the league trophy was awarded to Sannox and a decision was made to revise and clarify the rules.

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Coastguard callout to worried walkers

Two walkers, a male and a female from Edinburgh and both in their 40s, were rescued by members of Arran Coastguard team last Friday.

A Clyde Coastguard spokesperson said: 'The two hillwalkers were in an isolated area of north west Arran and lost their confidence to continue walking over the hill from Laggan Cottage.'

'They tried to walk round the shoreline, but at 3.51pm made an emergency 999 telephone call for assistance.'

'Arran Coastguard Rescue Team was despatched and assisted the walkers by vehicle to Lochranza. They were none the worse for the incident.'

'We would recommend that all people venturing out into the hills leave details of their planned route.'

Prospective council candidates asked to get in touch

Prospective local government candidates are being asked to get in contact with North Ayrshire Council ahead of May's Local Government Elections.

Planning for the election, which will be held on Thursday, 3 May, 2012, is already underway. A total of 30 councillors will be elected across eight multi-member wards - each ward returning either three or four Elected Members. The ward of Ardsan and Arran will have four councillors returned.

Elma Murray, Returning Officer for North Ayrshire, said: 'We have already begun our planning to ensure the election goes smoothly.'

She added: 'The proposed date for the briefing is Saturday 18 February 2012. This

date will be confirmed in due course. Political parties will have their own processes for choosing candidates and I expect that party candidates will be announced over the coming months. These candidates will be invited to the briefing. Anyone who may be thinking about standing as an independent candidate in any of the eight electoral wards should also get in touch with the Election Office to ensure that they are invited to the briefing.'

Prospective candidates should contact the Council's Election Office to ensure that they receive an invitation to attend the briefing. Please phone 01294 324130 or 324133 or email elections@north-ayrshire.gov.uk



Arran Aromatics factory and shop at Home Farm. 02_b43arr01

Arran Aromatics continues to recover under new management

Arran Aromatics, one of the island's biggest employers, has continued its recovery in its second year under new management.

The soaps to fragrances business, which opened its latest store in Glasgow's St Enoch Centre this month, had cut operating losses from £230,395 in 2008/09 to £127,491 in the first year under turnaround specialist Iain Pittman.

After-tax loss of £173,721 in

the year to February 2010 was cut to £19,320 loss in the year to February 2011, according to abbreviated accounts from Companies House.

Mr Pittman had predicted the business would return to operating profit in his second year, and that the group's turnover would rise 20 per cent in the current year to top £6 million, despite the global economic downturn.

He became managing director in February 2009 a

month after HM Revenue & Customs lodged a petition to wind the company up.

The privately owned business has 60 employees in Brodick. Mr Pittman has also been looking at shifting some manufacturing capacity elsewhere, to produce goods for exports. Arran Aromatics was one of the private sector sponsors of Design Collective Scotland, launched last month with support from Scottish Enterprise.

Dangerous driving

An 18-year-old Shiskine woman was reported for dangerous driving in the car park behind the Co-op Welcome Convenience Store at Glenclay last Friday 21 October.

Breach of the peace

On Friday 21 October, a 24-year-old Brodick man and a 26-year-old Glasgow man were reported for breach of the peace in Market Road, Brodick.

Careless driving

Following a road crash at Dippen on Sunday afternoon 23 October a 36-year-old Whiting Bay man was reported for having no insurance, no MoT certificate, failing to report an accident and careless driving.

Broken windows

Over the night of Saturday 22 October a vehicle parked in Strathwhillan Road, Brodick sustained a broken window.

A window was broken at the Shanghai Chinese takeaway restaurant in Brodick on Sunday 23 October. Police are appealing for witnesses to both incidents.

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Big Issue on sale in Brodick

'Big Issue, get your Big Issue.'

For Arran people, this cry is usually associated with arriving at Glasgow Central Station or indeed any other city centre.

But now it has come to Arran. Last Friday a young gentleman from Romania was standing at the doorway of Brodick Co-op offering a copy of The Big Issue to shoppers as they entered the store.

Emil Lingurar was very polite and carried the official accreditation and identity badge.

He explained that he came from Glasgow and found the usual pitches in the city centre had become over-used. He also admitted that he had sold quite a few copies and had 'a good day'.

The Big Issue magazine and concept was started in 1991 and aims to help the homeless or those vulnerably housed.

Vendors go through an induction process before accreditation. They buy the entertainment and current affairs magazine for £1 and sell it for £2.



Emil Lingurar from Romania, selling The Big Issue outside Brodick Co-op. 01_b43big01

Montrose House could be replaced in two years

Work could begin on the new Montrose House Residential Care Home in a year's time if plans are given the go ahead by the council.

Planning permission is being sought for a new residential care home north to the Auchrannie Spa in Glen Cloy to replace the existing Montrose House.

Brenda Stewart, NHS representative for the island's community council told a meeting of the council on Tuesday night that plans for the new building are very impressive.

'There will be three wings of en suite rooms with around 24/30 bedrooms designed for residential care,' she said. 'Each room will have a view

of the gardens which is really very nice but privacy will of course be respected if desired.'

She added that some palliative care will be available and that appropriate nursing care for this will be found. Work could start in October 2012 with the aim of having it open for use by October 2013.

Tourists angered after 'not-so magical mystery tour' of Arran

The boss of Arran's bus service has apologised to a Dutch couple whose introduction to the island was a not so magical mystery tour lasting almost three hours.

Sporting champion Winfried Bats and wife Mirjam found themselves in Blackwaterfoot after the driver of the No324 forgot to drop them near their B&B in Sannox.

And this week local Stagecoach operations manager Guy Bodie emailed the pair at their Groningen home to say sorry. Winfried - the leading adventure racer in the Netherlands and World Championship hopeful - had arrived at Brodick on the 6pm ferry from Ardrossan last Friday.

They had booked two nights at Darven Cottage B&B along with dinner.

The owner agreed to meet them off the bus with a torch to guide them to their lodgings in the pitch dark.

But despite securing the agreement of the driver to stop to drop them at the entrance to Corrie Golf Club, the bus drove on...and on.

Anxious

Winfried said: 'We began to get a bit anxious about the time it was taking to get to our destination because we knew that dinner was being served at 7.45pm - 15 minutes after our scheduled arrival time at Sannox.'

'Because it was so dark, we had no idea where we were and eventually we were the only two people on the bus.'

'The driver then wanted to know why we were still on board and we told him we were still waiting to get to Sannox.'

'He then realised his mistake and we had to get the bus all the way back round the north end back to Darven Cottage.'

'Thankfully it happened on a Friday, so there was a bus going to the late ferry - I have no idea what we would have done if we had been stranded in Blackwaterfoot.'

Winfried added: 'The experience was not what we were looking for after driving from Groningen in the early morning for our flight from Amsterdam to Glasgow and then the train to Ardrossan.'

'We were tired and very hungry when we did get to Darven, but also thankfully the meal was still in the oven and not too badly spoiled!'

'We did have a wonderful weekend on the island and we will come back. But next time we might not opt to rely on the bus service.'

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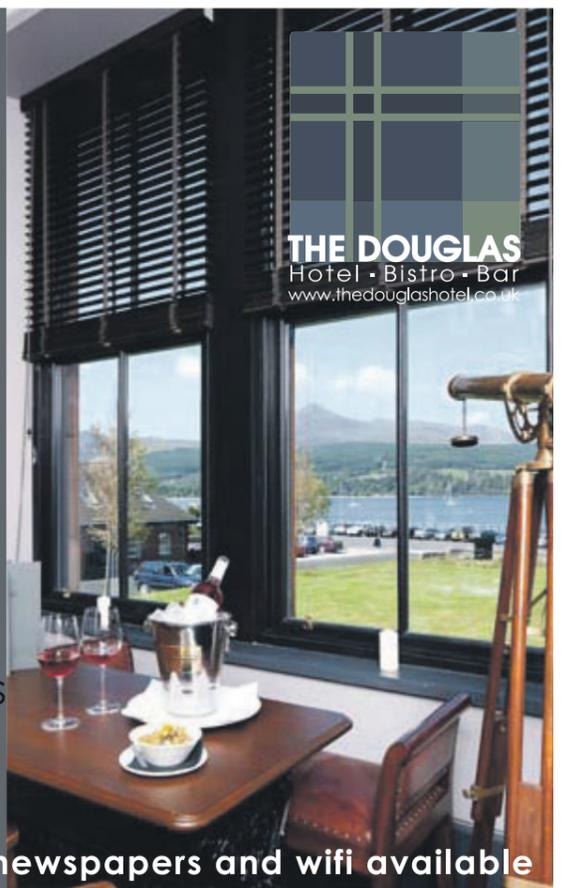
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Halloween hullabaloo around the island this weekend

It's that time of year again when ghouls and ghosties are abroad.

Halloween has become a significant occasion for celebrations for the young and the young at heart on Arran. In many villages, going from door to door has been largely replaced in recent years by an organised get-together in the village hall.

Prizes

Lamlash children from birth to P7 are invited to the Halloween party in the Primary School tonight (Friday) from 6pm to 7.30pm. There will be prizes for the best costume.

On Saturday afternoon 29 October the Primary school age children of Whiting Bay and Kildonan are invited to

a Halloween party in the village hall from 1pm to 3pm.

The new Playbarn at Auchrannie will be hosting its first major kids' party from 6.30pm on Saturday night.

From 7pm to 9pm on Saturday courageous members of the public have a 'unique chance to experience the dark side of Brodick Castle in a Halloween Horror'. Meet at the castle Reception Centre, and bring a torch, and be very scared!!

And the Halloween concert in Brodick Hall later that night will feature The Usual Suspects and X-Factory DJs, strictly over 18s only though, but don't forget your costumes.

The established Halloween

party at Montrose House will be the main gathering place for Brodick youngsters on Monday night 31 October. The older residents join in with dooking for apples while the kids and their parents pop in for some spooky fun from 5.30pm onwards.

Kidz Club

At the Southend, Kilmory Kidz Club is having a Halloween party in the village hall from 6.30pm to 8pm on Monday night, 31 October.

Also on Monday night, Shiskine youngsters can enjoy a Halloween party in the village hall from 7.30pm while Pirnmill children will have their Halloween party from 6.30pm to 8.30pm in the village hall.



Corrie Church of Scotland. 02_b43cor01

Harvest Supper in Corrie Church

The traditional seasonal harvest supper was held in a packed Corrie Church on Friday night 14 October.

Rachael Phillips reports on

the gathering: 'Once again, the candles flickered over the linen covered tables as we gathered with many friends to celebrate another passing

season. Fewer numbers now still generously provided a delicious meal of great variety and interest for just as many, with profits to charity.

Successfully

'Diana and Douglas Hamilton, who so successfully conduct and accompany the Lochranza Choir, brought John Cruickshank, bass, and Isobel Thompson, mezzo, of Ain't Misbehavin' to sing familiar melodies which made a hugely successful ending to a lovely evening.

'It would be good to see as many with us every Sunday, and you are sure of a warm welcome in this beautiful hub of our village community.'



Traffic lights a sight to behold on Arran

There was a sight strange to behold last week after traffic lights appeared in the outskirts of Brodick.

The lights were put in place to allow council workers to carry out the repairs to the road at the Heritage Museum.

By the beginning of the

week the road surface right along to the Rosa Burn Bridge had been planed back ready for resurfacing.

Gus McLeod, island officer for NAC, told the community council on Tuesday night that this work was going to plan and would be completed by the end of the week.'

Council still seeking members

The Community Council are still trying to recruit two new councillors, one for Shiskine and one for Whiting Bay.

Following the recent resignations of Alison Prince and Iain MacCallum in Whiting Bay, John Lamont was co-opted on to the council. However there is still one more vacancy in the village.

At their meeting on Tuesday night, Willie Kelso - Shiskine's other councillor - said that he had approached a number of people to replace Charles Currie and he was certain someone would be found soon.

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Sunday 30th October

Due to a private function today, no evening meals will be served.

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Demolition men move in to Lamlash Community Centre

Lamlash Community Centre is coming down.

Demolition work finally began this week on the 97-year-old building that for so long was the hub of village community life.

The centre closed three years ago after the new Arran High School and community facility opened.

Laura Friel, Corporate Director of Finance and Infrastructure for North Ayrshire Council, said: 'The demolition of Lamlash Community Centre began on Monday, 24 October and is due to be completed within the next six weeks.'

'The site will be seeded next Spring.'

This corrugated iron structure was built by the Admiralty in 1914 as accommodation for the fleet arriving at Lamlash and comprised a canteen, reading rooms, offices, lavatories, stage and gymnasium. Tents were erected in the surrounding fields for

the soldiers. In 1917, at the instigation of the Marchioness of Graham, the hall was converted for use as a convalescent hospital for soldiers and dubbed Arran Auxiliary Hospital.

The hall was given to the village of Lamlash after the First World War but used again as a troops' canteen in the Second World War.

It was the life and soul of the village with regular dances and top bands performing.

Jessie and Spud Taylor of Blairbeg met at a naval dance in the hall in 1943 and were married on October 20, 1948, 63 years ago.

Local girl Jessie said: 'Spud was a rating on HMS Rosemary at anchor in Lamlash Bay and I first met him at a dance in the hall.'

'He went away and came back on HMS Cleopatra, and we were married five years later. A lot of people have some special memories of that hall.'

'It's very sad that it is going; I can't bear to go up and see it being knocked down.'

Laura Friel added: 'Over the last nine months we have looked for potential buyers and centre users but no interest has been forthcoming. Therefore we obtained Listed Building Consent to allow demolition to go ahead.'

'The Royal Commission for Ancient and Historic Monuments also gave their approval prior to demolition taking place.'

In five weeks there will be nothing left but memories.



Demolition of Lamlash Community Centre underway this week. 01_b43dem01

Plan to save St Bride's Chapel in Lamlash needs support

Community support is being sought to save St Bride's Chapel in Lamlash before the ancient building is lost forever.

The chapel in the village cemetery dates back to the 1300s, but in recent years it has deteriorated to a point where it is almost beyond saving.

The community council are supporting a bid to secure funding which will be used to conserve the ancient site and turn it into an educational resource.

Back in 2007 Carol Mitchell of Lamlash Improvements made an impassioned call to

Arran's residents to help preserve the Pre-Reformation chapel — a little-known part of the island's history, which is fast falling down.

Important

'It needs to come from the whole of the island, not just a few folk from Lamlash,' she said at the time,' adding that it was important to take this chance finally to do something about the site, 'otherwise future generations won't have the opportunity.' Jim Stewart of Lamlash Improvements told The Banner last week that the village is now trying once again to save the structure.

He said that funding applications have been made which will allow a feasibility study to be undertaken into what can be done to save the site.

At the centre of the project is an exploration of the site's social and historical importance.

Little is known about the chapel apart from its mention in the many Arran history books, but it is said that James IV attended mass at the chapel in 1609.

The earliest stone found on the St Brides site is from 1603, but it is believed to have been there since the 1300s.

Pepper the Kildonan cat goes missing

A black male cat with a small white patch on his chest has gone missing from his Kildonan home. Answering to the name of Pepper, he was last seen at Little Mill on Wednesday of last week.

If anyone has seen him can they please contact Judy Worthington on 820274.

Exposure torch lost

On Wednesday 19 October an Exposure torch was lost between Lamlash and Brodick.

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The hall gable end, in danger of collapse.

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Lochranza Harbour - May 1926

The Duke of Montrose has been pressing strongly upon the Secretary for Scotland the desirability of getting Lochranza Harbour put in order for the use of the fishing industry and has regularly communicated on the matter with Mr F A Macquisten, MP for Argyllshire.

Mr Macquisten took the matter up again with the Secretary for Scotland, who replied that the present position is that, as a consequence of suggestions made by the Duke of Montrose, the Fishery Board's Inspector is making a further visit to the Harbour, and that on receipt of his report the matter will be further considered.

The Arran Ceilidh - April 1926

The Ceilidh brought their season's series of meetings to a close with their annual business meeting, followed by a social.

The reports of the secretary and treasurer, Mr Andrew Stewart, made very pleas-

ant reading as they showed the Ceilidh to be in a sound condition numerically and financially. Mr Stewart was thanked for his services. The office-bearers for next session are: President, Mr Arch Cook; vice-President, Mr Duncan Thomson; secretary and treasurer, Mr Andrew Stewart, 2 Caird Drive, Partick.

Cargo Steamer Service from Arran to Kintyre - July 1951

A plan for the resumption of the cargo steamer service linking Campbeltown with Arran and Clyde ports is at present under consideration.

Since the withdrawal of the steamer service, all freight to and from Kintyre has had to be sent by road transport. Provost R Wallace Greenlees, Campbeltown, revealed this week that a new shipping company is at present being formed and an effort is being made to try to get Campbeltown people interested in the enterprise.

Residents respond to Council's new iPhone app

North Ayrshire Council became the first in Scotland to launch a 'report and track' iPhone app on Wednesday 5 October, giving members of the public the chance to report things like fly tipping, faulty street lights and dog fouling from their smartphones.

And this innovative new iPhone app has far exceeded expectations with more than 500 unique downloads in just one week.

Downloaded

Experts expect similar apps to be downloaded by around 1,000 users within the first year. But within the first seven days, 515 people downloaded the Council's free Report It app.

Councillor David O'Neill, Leader of North Ayrshire Council, said: 'We are absolutely thrilled that so many local people have downloaded Report It.

'The initial estimates were that around 1,000 people



Using a smartphone to report fly tipping of rubbish to North Ayrshire Council.

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would download the app within the first year, so it shows that many of our customers are as keen to make use of new technology as we are.

'It's important that we engage with local residents and give customers greater options for contacting the Council - this innovative new method of contact obviously appeals to many local people.

Available

'We want to continue to make use of modern technology and are working on an android version of Report It which we hope this will be available before the end of the year.'

Martin Brown, Head of Customer Relationship Management at the Improvement Service, said: 'We are extremely pleased with the positive reaction to the App following its launch as part of our wider Customer Channel Shift programme across Scotland.

'The App is designed to help meet customers' expectations in the digital age and the early download figures are extremely encouraging. It is already being used by customers and, with an Android version scheduled to be released in the coming months, the App will continue to make a positive impact for North Ayrshire Council.'

Report It, which can be downloaded free from the App Store, means that iPhone users can tell the Council about issues such as broken street lights, litter and dog fouling. They will also be able to track their report from start to finish with live progress updates.

Pinpoints

Using the phone's GPS services, the app pinpoints the exact location and sends this information to the Council.

It is linked directly to the Council's back office systems which means local residents will be kept up-to-date on the progress of the repair or clean-up operation.

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Inaugural wilderness weekend in Brodick for disabled group

A new outdoors project that introduces disabled people to woodlands and green space brought its first six participants to Arran last weekend.

The six, five from the Glasgow area and one from Galashiels, took part in an inaugural Wilderness Weekend to learn about bushcraft.

This project is designed to encourage more people with disabilities to access woodlands and green space and is part of Forestry Commission Scotland's wider Central Scotland engagement strategy.

Delivered in partnership by Forestry Commission Scotland and The National Trust for Scotland they have worked with Scottish adventuress Ju-

lie McElroy to develop the Wilderness Weekend, which saw the group taking part in a range of outdoor activities, mostly around Shore Lodge below Brodick Castle.

A keen adventurer, Julie was diagnosed with cerebral palsy when she was a child and is eager to help more people with disabilities experience the advantages of the outdoors.

She said: 'I have always had a love of the outdoors and I was really passionate about getting this project off the ground.'

'It has been a real challenge, but finally being able to get participants across to Arran to take part is a great feeling.'

The group was assisted by

two instructors contracted by Forestry Commission Scotland, Sam Harrison and Alasdair Taylor.

Participants, aged between 20 to 74 years old, got involved in a series of pursuits including arts and crafts and woodland walks. They also explored how people lived on and off the land and learned how to light fires from sparks, gather food and build a shelter.

Hugh McNish from Forestry Commission Scotland said: 'As an organisation we believe in encouraging everyone to access woodlands and experience the outdoors.'

'Current evidence shows that disabled people do not access the outdoors as frequently as able-bodied people. We want to tackle this and encourage more people with disabilities to access their local woodlands.'

'By running unique weekends such as this, we are actively helping to remove any obstacles for disabled people to enjoy the outdoors and benefit from the experience too.'

Julie added: 'This course is designed to enhance the confidence of the participants and also increase their personal development, by allowing them the chance to take part in a series of tasks and adventures that they haven't done before.'



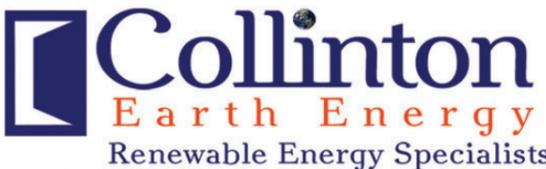
Participant John Mawer, leader Julie McElroy and facilitator Sam Harrison on the shore below Brodick Castle. b43wild01



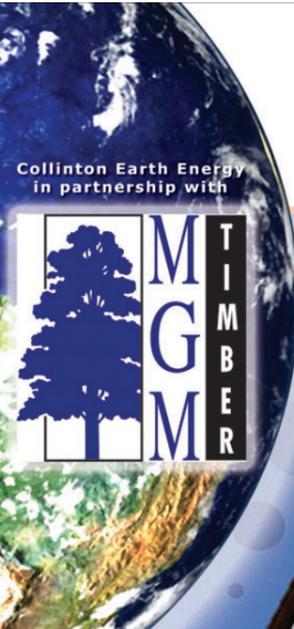
Robert Harvey and Julie McElroy take a break on their weekend of bushcraft activities. b43wild03



Wilderness weekend participants Paul McCusker and Robert Harvey. b43wild02



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Summer into winter

The October holidays are over, schools are back, and Arran slips gracefully into winter mode.

We don't seem to have a proper autumn here. The seasons go straight from summer into winter. Maybe its because the vast majority of the trees in our landscape are evergreen so we have little of the amazing autumn hues of golds, reds and browns seen in other regions as deciduous trees lose their leaves.

But then it is also because of the exaggerated seasonal nature of the economy on the island. With up to 90 percent of the economy based in tourism in one form or another, Arran families have tended to take their main holiday during the two-week October break – they are all too busy trying to make money when the tourists are here.

If you are in the tourism sector, then it would be madness to shut up shop and swan off on holiday in July or August.

As the saying goes, make hay while the sun shines. But with the dreadful wet weather of the past couple of months, even the most efficient of farmers would be lucky to make a few bales of good hay!

Without the blessing of good summer weather, the tourism businesses have faced a difficult time. The cost of a week in Arran for folk from the south of England is probably more than a week in the Loire valley, so we have to make sure they have added value in some form.

That has to be in hospitality and service, be it a smiling face at the Co-op checkout or a helpful bus driver. These are the very people who may not think they are involved in tourism, but they can have a significant impact on the quality of the tourist's experience.

Meanwhile, the hotels, bars and shops are licking their wounds, counting the pennies and wondering if they will be able to go through it all again next year.

Compensation!

Did you hear the one about the chap who fell out of bed and was paid £5,500 in compensation?

He was a council worker answering a work-related telephone call. In his haste he stumbled, fell, and was awarded £5,500. At this moment, the Arran roadmen will be limbering up for winter weather road duties and preparing for a callout in the middle of the night.

A word of caution for them; don't be too hasty to answer the phone, or you might stumble and have to settle for a lump sum of cash.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Seek the Lord while He may be found, call on Him while He is near.' (Isaiah 55:6)

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Letters to the Editor



Red Cross red tape

Sir,
Uniforms may be necessary on the battlefield to distinguish Red Cross personnel but not in rural areas of Scotland.

The Big Society will only progress if red tape and petty bureaucracy are curtailed and the real value of volunteers is recognised.

Efficiencies might start with the removal of middle-tier enforcers, especially those who discredit the people on whom charities depend.

Volunteers, at the least, deserve respect if not thanks from the officials of whichever charity they serve.

Red Cross volunteers on Arran had no option but to vote with their feet because of the disgraceful treatment of Alison Bilsland by a minority of over-zealous officials.

A public apology is called for.

Yours,
**Councillor
Margie Currie
Eastland
Balmichael**

90th birthday gifts

Sir,
May I through your paper thank most sincerely the kind people who gave me the beautiful stone seat made by Tim Pomeroy and placed on the lawn by Bruce's door at Brodick Castle.

I am so pleased with the seat and am quite overcome that so many people joined in to give me such a present.

Also I would like to thank the members of Arran Farmers Society for the carved Pointer dog, carved by Marvin Elliott.

I bred Pointers, trained, trialed and worked these dogs, and some of the happiest days of my life were spent with my dogs on the most lovely moors in Britain around Hexham and Allenheads.

I also thank the RNLI Arran division for getting a rose named after me. Not only does it have pretty colours, but it has a wonderful scent.

Last but by no means least I thank the Arran branch of the Royal British Legion for their gift of the little silver brooch.

None of you will know how much these gifts mean to me.

Thank you once again.

Yours,
**Lady Jean Fforde
Strabane
Brodick**

Thanks for Isla

Sir,
May I, through the pages of *The Arran Banner*, thank everyone who participated, helped, bid and donated to the 'Isla' fund on the island and in Oban.

There has been magnificent support for Isla and her family, who are now at the University of North Florida Hospital in Jacksonville awaiting the start of her treatment. They still have a long way to go but they could not have come this far without all of your help.

Thank you all.

Yours,
**Elaine Duncan
Kingsley
Brodick**

Searching for soldiers

Sir,
I am a historical researcher and I am looking into the topic of Scottish disabled ex-servicemen from the First World War.

I am doing a case study on the Isle of Arran and want to get in touch with any locals that remember anything about any of the disabled ex-servicemen that lived on Arran after the war.

More specifically I am trying to find information about William Carnegie. He was the head teacher at Whiting Bay Primary School from 3/3/1918 to 9/2/49 and had received a gunshot wound in his left upper arm during the war.

Any information on how to contact his children (Agnes and Flora) would also be appreciated.

Similarly I am looking for any information on Matthew Kerr, from Nettlehurst, Lam-lash. He had his right arm amputated and used to be a butcher.

If anyone would be willing to pass information on to me then they can have my email or phone number.

Yours,

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No bikes allowed

Sir,
On Monday 17 October, my daughter and I came over to the island for the week.

When we got off the 9.45am ferry it was absolutely pouring down - it was torrential rain.

My daughter got on the bus and I was going to cycle through to Whiting Bay.

As I got on my bike I realised there was a slash in my tyre, which meant I could not cycle.

So I went to the bus driver and explained the situation, informing him my daughter was already on the bus and that my bike is a folding bike and could fit into luggage compartment.

I was hoping he would allow me to travel through on the bus with her - and the other four passengers.

The driver however did not acknowledge me he just said no bikes allowed then I said again it was folding to which he replied 'no bikes'.

I just wanted to check what the Stagecoach bus policy is?

If my bike fits into the compartment at the front of the bus specifically for luggage then surely I should have been allowed to take my bike on?

In the end I had to spend over an hour - in the pouring rain - trying to cycle on a bike with a puncture through to Whiting Bay.

Yours,
**David Blair
Glasgow**

Neolithic survivors

Sir,
I was interested by your report (October 16) on the Arran Archaeology Project and the reproduction Neolithic roundhouse now being built.

In the early Neolithic period (4,000 - 3,500BC) houses were oblong in shape and continued so into the late Neolithic (c. 2,750 - 2,200BC), when they became round in plan.

Yours,
**Colin Turbett
Rannoch
Shiskine**

Your report refers to 5,000 years ago and Bronze Age people. This refers to 3,000BC, the Neolithic Era.

Here in Cumbria, many waymaker stones of the Neolithic to Bronze Age periods survive, showing the various routes they had (many are still in use) by the motifs on them.

Quite a few house foundations survive too.

Doubtless these also occur on Arran, look and see!

Yours,
**Jeremy Godwin
Drovers Lane
Penrith**

Downtrodden group

Sir,
I was disappointed by your editorial last week on Gypsy Travellers.

Quite apart from the poor history and ignorance of recent hard-fought legal rulings that have clearly identified Scottish Gypsy Travellers as a recognised ethnic group (hence the capital letters), there is a racial stereotyping that cannot be denied by the usual excuse of '...its unfair to tarnish all traveller's (sic) reputations because of the filthy few'. The tragedy is that a colourful if very downtrodden group of people who were until recent times quite recognisable on Arran, are hardly now a part of our community.

There are many reasons for this, but intolerance and misunderstanding have always followed Travellers, and Arran was no exception.

There is a Gypsy Traveller's (sic) rights website that takes press reports and substitutes the word 'Jew' for 'Gypsy' 'Traveller' etc: the results are stark and expose an attitude towards this minority group that should have no place in a modern and tolerant society. I am sure Banner journalists would shudder at the similarity, but last week's editorial was not a million miles from the dreadful and inciteful 'Stamp on a Camp' headline of only a few years ago in the SUN newspaper.

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Lamlash Primary welcomed to London 2012's Get Set network

Pupils and teachers at Lamlash Primary School have been officially welcomed in to London 2012's Get Set network, in recognition of their commitment to the Olympic and Paralympic Values.

The school has planned a whole year's worth of work on projects with Olympic themes.

The London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games awarded Lamlash Primary a plaque and certificate to acknowledge their involvement in the London 2012 education programme.

They are now a part of an active London 2012 community of schools and colleges across the UK - the Get Set network - and will receive access to exclusive competitions and 2012 Games related opportunities over the coming years.

Headteacher, Mr Auld, who presented the pupils with the plaque and certificate, said: 'The pupils of Lamlash Primary are excellent examples of how London 2012 is helping to spark young people's

imagination and inspiring them to get involved and make a difference.

'They have clearly demonstrated that London 2012's education programme extends far beyond PE and sport and I hope they will motivate other young people to join their journey.'

Proud

Sebastian Coe, chairman of the Olympic organising committee, said: 'I am proud to welcome Lamlash Primary in to the Get Set network for their exciting work around the Olympic Values of friendship, excellence and respect and the Paralympic Values of inspiration, courage, determination and equality.'

So far this term, the children have completed topics focusing on Health and Wellbeing.

P3/2/1 learned about Striker's Superstars and health eating. P5/4/3 studied a character called Billy Hughes and found out about body systems, while p7/6/5 learned about the importance of determination in sport through the story of Eric Liddell and the film 'Chariots of Fire'.



The pupils at Lamlash Primary School are looking forward to a whole year's worth of work on projects with Olympic themes.

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This year the Bank of Scotland Pioneering Partnership has included the support of productions, initiatives and workshops, such



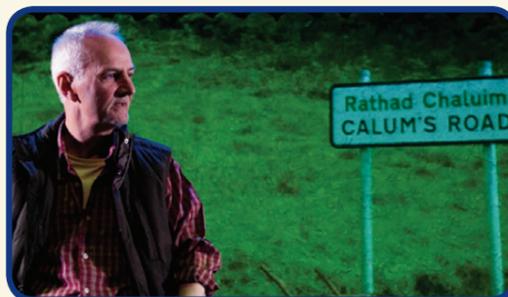
included the support of productions, initiatives and workshops, such

as First Nights, a ground-breaking scheme to introduce young people with no experience of the arts to theatre.

To celebrate the partnership Bank of Scotland has hundreds of tickets to give away to the National Theatre of Scotland's Ensemble tour which will see two exciting new productions, Calum's Road and Tall Tales for Small People, visiting communities from Glasgow to Raasay and Oban to Drumnadrochit, to name but a few.

We also have tickets to give away for the touring production of Men Should Weep in a number of locations across the country.

We are teaming up with the Arran Banner to offer readers the chance to win one of 5 pairs of tickets to Calum's Road on 5 November at Arran High School.



Calum's Road

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REPORT

by JENNIFER LYON
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Do you believe in ghosts? It's a question often asked around this time of year.

Halloween is quickly approaching, and with it comes all manner of scary ghost stories, terrifying horror movies and thrill-inducing haunted houses. Like most rural parts of Scotland, Arran is no stranger to its own collection of paranormal claims.

Stories of the De'il appearing in people's homes, Brownies accosting lone walkers returning late at night, men falling in love with fairies and neighbours with the evil eye long abounded on Arran until 100 years ago.

Nowadays we are often very quick to dismiss these tales but in previous centuries these stories of otherworldly creatures often struck fear into even the most sceptical of old farmers.

In celebration of Halloween we have brought you a selection of ghostly tales taken from The Arran Society of Glasgow's 'Book of Arran' first printed in 1914.

So as the Witching Hour approaches we hope that you do

not find these tales too terrifying but you may not wish to go out alone on All Hallow's Eve.

The Fairies of Claoinead

A farmer of the name of Cook resided at one time at Claoinead.

His wife gave birth to a child, and the neighbouring maidens, as was the custom, sat up at night and attended to child and mother.

Suddenly there was a terrible roar from the byre as if the cattle were being gored to death.

The attendants jumped to their feet and went to the byre to see what had caused the noise.

There was nothing wrong to be seen, the cattle were

quietly and peacefully lying chewing their cud.

When they went back, the mother and child were nowhere to be seen – she had disappeared and to all appearances had been taken away by the little folk.

The Lost Piper

There is an old story of a piper called Currie, who, accompanied by his dog, went into a cave playing pipes.

The tune he played was 'Currie will not return; the calves will be cows before Currie returns'.

He was never seen again but the dog came out at a place in Cautyre without its hair.

The Beannan Mèileachan

Once upon a time a Mèile-

achan, a mortal endowed with a fairy nature, arrived at Beannan.

His head and body were always covered and all that could be seen of him were his legs.

He was an early riser and every morning he would be found standing on a certain hillock shouting:

'The cattle of Cook, the cattle of Mackinnon,

The cattle of Big Ferguson of Beannan –

Turn them out.'

The next day the three farmers awoke to find all of their cattle dead.

The Hoofed Woman

At the time of year when the cows were being put out to the hill-pastures, a young



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have long been feared on the island

maiden from Lochranza went with her cattle to a shieling on the upper part of Loch Iorsa.

One night, while resting there was a knock at the door of her hut and the young maiden discovered an old woman begging a bed for the night.

Shocked to find another living soul up on the hillside so late at night, she nevertheless let the woman in.

Once her visitor was asleep, the young girl gently lifted up the sheet and was terrified to see the old hag had hooves for feet.

Turning on her heels she ran all the way back to Lochranza but could hear the hoofed beast behind her.

Arriving home in time to close the door on the woman the next morning her family awoke to find all the sheep and dogs had been mangled

to pieces with not a hair left on them.

Mischievous Bocans

One night when returning from Brodick through Gleann-an-t-suidhe, Donald MacKelvie was met by a 'Bocan' – a hobgoblin.

After some conversation the Bocan invited Donald to return the next night and he would be shown a treasure but without what he carried – a darning needle in his bonnet, the little dog at his heel and the ball of yarn in his pocket.

After talking with a wise old woman the next day, she advised him to take the items the Bocan had expressly forbidden as well as a bible and a sword.

That night, the Bocan on his arrival was much displeased and told Donald: 'Had you

done as I told you last night, you would never have seen your home again.'

Ghostly Apparitions

There was a shoemaker named Callum went amissing at Blackwaterfoot.

For a short time before his death a strange light was observed almost nightly at the mouth of the Blackwater and it would float at times to the shore.

Many saw it be a sign of the impending death of someone in the village – probably by drowning.

After Callum's drowned body was found at the foot of the burn three days later, the light disappeared.

Iris Murchie of Sheddog had been visiting a sick person and on her way home she encountered the apparition of a headless man.

She recognised the figure as that of a man who had died some months previously.

Iris got such a shock that she died the following day.

Sandy Bannatyne, a Shiskine man, was coming homewards over the String Road, when he saw a funeral party on the way up.

When it came near to him he saw that it was a spectre one.

The Witching Hour

A man at Clachlands was sowing corn, and on resting he noticed a small beetle taking his seeds of corn from his land to his neighbours.

Knowing it to be witchcraft, he captured the beetle and put it in a snuff-box.

For several days his neighbour's wife was absent and no one knew where she was.

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Enjoying a paddle at the source of the Arran whisky are the UisgeBeath8teen Club, a group of whisky enthusiasts from Dumfries.

Whisky enthusiasts come to Arran

A group of whisky enthusiasts from Dumfries with one of the strangest sounding names The Banner has ever come across recently spent a super weekend on the island.

The UisgeBeath8teen Club is a small group of six members with the occasional guest, who meet every month to sample six bottles of malt whisky aged 18 years and older.

At these meetings they score the whisky and the bottle with the highest score is kept until they have six winning bottles.

Once they have these, a destination is chosen for a weekend away to have what they describe 'the best of the rest' where they then try all six bottles again and decide on a final winner.

This year their choice of venue was Arran and they had a very enjoyable stay in Lochranza.

Member Jennifer Oag said: 'On the Saturday in the pouring rain we held our Putting Competition at Lochranza Golf Course, which was won for the second time in succession by Alan Donnelly.'

Tasting

She added: 'The UisgeBeath8teen Club Quaich was presented to Alan that night during the 'best of the best' tasting and he joked that as it was the second time he had won the quaich would his picture be appearing in The Arran Banner!'

They visited the Arran Distillery on Friday 14 October where they spent a very enjoyable five hours sampling the local whisky.

Jennifer said: 'During the visit we decided to entertain our guide Faye by going for a paddle while visiting the Source of the Water, which feeds the distillery.'

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Gwen Bilson of the Arran brewery at the 12th Ayrshire Beer Festival earlier this month.

Arran's brewery attends 12th Ayrshire Beer Festival

Representatives for the Arran Brewery spent a fantastic weekend at the Ayrshire Beer Festival at the beginning of the month promoting the island's beers.

The brewery's sales executive Gwen Bilson was joined by managing director Gerald Michaluk for the festival, which is now in its 12th year.

Gwen told The Banner: 'We

took casks of Blonde, Red Squirrel, Dark and Sunset to the festival and they all went down a storm.

Popular

'Arran is fast becoming one of the country's most popular beers and was enjoyed by the thousands of visitors attending this event.'

Over the three days, some 3,000 drouthy punters at-

tend the festival, which takes place in the local concert hall in Troon.

Ayrshire is one of around 150 beer festivals taking place across the UK throughout the year.

Throughout the three days the hall was full of people sampling the 120 beers on sale, lined up three-deep in their silvery casks.

ROUND THE RURALS

Kildonan WRI

A meeting of Kildonan WRI was held on Tuesday 18 October.

There was a good turn out of members and after business had been dealt with the demonstrator for the afternoon, Mrs Judith Baines, showed the ladies how to make Christmas Squares.

Judith had prepared materials so that they could all have a go.

Soon they were all engrossed in the sewing and

surprised and delighted at the finished articles.

Judith was warmly thanked.

A lovely afternoon tea was once again provided by Cate and Mamie.

The competition for a hand-made card was won by Mamie Stewart.

Corrie and Sannox WRI

Everyone at Corrie and Sannox SWRI spent a very enjoyable evening when Janis Heaney gave us a talk on Arran Riding for the Disabled,

ably assisted by Rona Fulton who operated the slide show.

We learned that it was started in 2006 by Barbara Tinto and has gone from strength to strength. The evening ended with refreshments and the competition for a horse related item was won by Mrs May Fenton

The next meeting will be on November 12 at 7pm when Vicki Milne will be giving a demonstration of Flower Arranging. All members and visitors welcome.

THE ARRAN BANNER

- on holiday . . .



Kirsten Cornwall, a frequent visitor to Arran, is pictured catching up on all the latest news and views on Arran whilst visiting the London Tower Bridge recently.



Iain Glen of Sandbrae, Blackwaterfoot took his Banner to foggy San Francisco while celebrating his 70th birthday with a walk across the Golden Gate Bridge.



Hamish Strachan of Lamlash shares Arran's news with 'The Stig' at the Top Gear Live Show in London.



Ernie and Jan Stanger of Hillview Place, Brodick are pictured reading The Arran Banner at the top of Mount Washington, Vancouver Island whilst visiting family.

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

Arran residents and holidaymakers are making sure that they pack their copy of the Banner to keep up with local issues when they go on holiday.

Don't forget to pack your copy of the Banner if you are going on holiday. It could be from Oban or Oman, it really doesn't matter; we would love to see your photographs. When space permits we will continue to print the photos that we have on file.

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



Diana Riddell is pictured in front of the Raffles Hotel in Singapore catching up with all the news from home.

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Bird Notes - Dunlin

by Jim Cassels

According to Gray's account in the 'Birds of Arran' (Bryce 1872) Dunlin were 'plentiful breeding on all the hills of moderate elevation in the district'.

In the early 1980s the bird was described as a rare breeder and in more recent years there have been no breeding records.

These changes in Arran are matched by declines in many areas south of the Great Glen so that now in Scotland, the breeding birds are concentrated in the Flow Country of Sutherland and Caithness and in the peatlands of the Northern Isles, Outer Hebrides and the Grampian Mountains.

Open areas of grass and moss, near pools and wet flushes in upland and moorland are favoured breeding places. There was a serious decline in numbers in the Uists following the introduction of hedgehogs there in the 1980s.

Internationally, there are nine sub species of Dunlin breeding in a continuous band right round the Arctic. Three of these sub species,

including the Scottish breeding population, have been recorded in Scotland from breeding areas stretching from north-east Greenland through Fennoscandia to north west Russia.

All the species migrate south to winter at more southerly latitudes mainly along the coasts as far south as the equator.

Studying

It is on this passage in both spring and autumn that you are most likely to see this wader on Arran's shores. Its fat shape and slightly down-curved bill are worth studying so you'll find it easier to pick out less familiar shore birds.

Most Dunlin in spring and autumn show signs of either the black belly which is part of the smart breeding plumage or black spots on the flanks which are typical of juvenile plumage.

Only in winter plumage do they have completely clean flanks and bellies and then you have to rely on shapes and sizes to identify them.

In flight, the Dunlin is one



Dunlin on the shore. b43dun01

of a dozen small waders that show a pale wing bar and white sides to the tail.

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 2010 and visit this website www.arranbirding.co.uk

'Life on Arran' as you've never seen it before

'This is a laugh-out-loud collection of witty observations beginning from the first page'

Arran is a naturalist's paradise and there is no doubting that David Attenborough would have a great day out here.

But a new book by David 'Arranborough' looking at 'Life on Arran' might just put him off.

On sale now at the Arran Graphics store in Brodick, this book is purported to be 'for those people who find that living on Arran requires a certain level of comic acceptance, the ability to laugh at your own environment from time to time and to appreciate the fact that Arran, like anywhere else, has some peculiar customs'.

The introduction to 'Life on Arran' continues: 'If you live here or visit regularly and you want to maintain the thought of an idyllic lifestyle, you've picked up the wrong book.'

'If, however, you bang your head against the wall when someone calls you tell you that the boat

isn't sailing when you don't even need to know, then you may find some solace here. You are not alone.'

This is a laugh-out-loud collection of witty observations beginning on the first page with the different pronunciations of Arran - Aaron, Iran, Arron, Aarn.

Obliged

The section on 'Ferry Defined' which talks about tourists 'Doing a Winslet'; the elderly 'Airliners' that rush to the airplane like seats on the starboard side of the boat; and 'Boat Geeks' - locals who feel obliged to subtly

let the other passengers recognise that they know some of the crew - are absolutely hilarious.

Cynical

This book is ideal for all cynical islanders who find themselves sick and tired of the tourists that flock here every year.

Worth a particular mention is the section on Arran Cyclists - a handy guide to recognising the types of cyclists who use Arran's roads.

If you're looking for a very entertaining insight into the quirks and turns of Arran life, this is the book for you.

The Heller Trio in concert

The second concert of Arran Music Society's winter season saw the Heller Trio in Lamlash Community Theatre last Saturday night.

Harry Ross of Whiting Bay said: 'Consistently excellent is a phrase that I would use for every ensemble that entertains us at the Arran Music Society, and indeed the Heller Trio was no exception.'

'One rarely hears such inspirational quality as displayed by these musicians.'

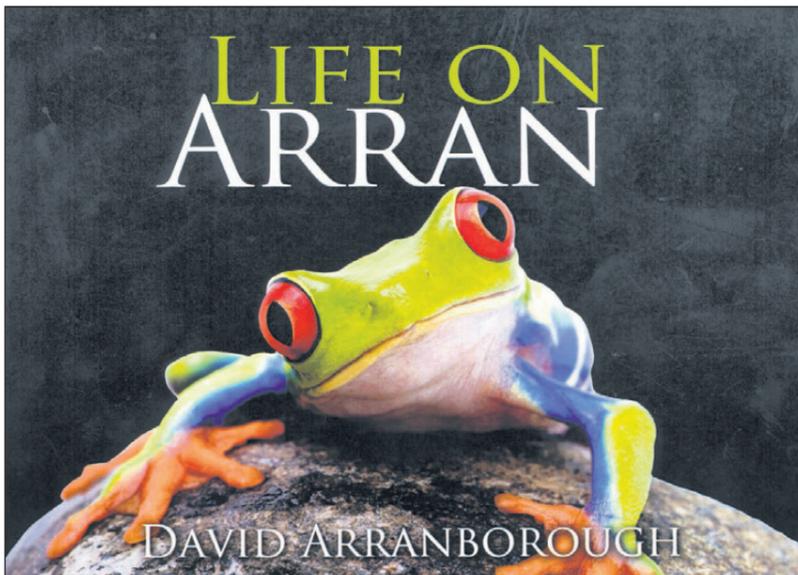
The principal players were Jean Fletcher on violin, Gareth John on violoncello, and pianist Blair Cargill playing the island's magnificent new Kawai RX5 £20,000 grand piano.

Their programme included Haydn's Gypsy Rondo Trio number 39, Beethoven's Trio in B flat major Opus 11 and Mendelssohn's Trio in D minor Opus 49.

Harry added: 'Although I felt that the Haydn Trio and the Beethoven Trio had many similarities in style and content, the Felix Mendelssohn Trio had flair and brilliance in the fourth movement, bringing the concert to a rousing conclusion.'

'What a marvellous introduction this was to the new grand piano!'

The next Arran Music Society concert will be the Mhairi Hall Trio with piano, guitar and drums on Saturday 19 November at 7.30pm in the Community Theatre.



'Life on Arran' by David Arranborough takes a hilarious look at the strange quirks and customs of the people living on the island.

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Shangri La

Holy Isle may become a retreat for an order of Buddhist monks.

On the market for almost four years now, any potential buyers have been put off by the high price.

Now a group of monks from the Samye Ling Tibetan Centre have identified it as the ideal place for a retreat.

The only problem is the price – they will be relying on donations so will be unable to proceed unless the price was considerably lower.

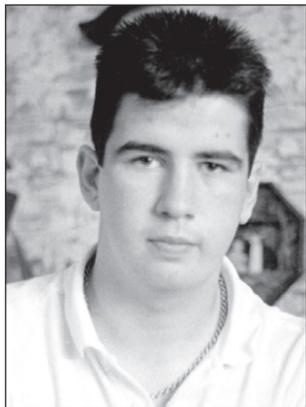
Hotel opening postponed

The reopening of the Greannan Hotel in Blackwaterfoot has had to be postponed yet again.

Damaged by fire a year ago, it was due to open in September and new staff had been engaged.

However work has now stopped and worst of all, much of it will have to be

redone. Proprietors Barbara and Mick Ratcliffe will have to use all their stamina and ingenuity to have it ready for next season.



Nineteen-year-old David Cameron of Brodick has been chosen as 'apprentice of the year' at British Aerospace in Prestwick. b43twe02

Face of Scottish rugby

The face of Scottish rugby, no longer on the crest of a

wave after Saturday's defeat, is that of Arran rugby. For on television, following the review of the World Cup matches, the camera concluded by focusing on a tartan scarfed, tartan shirted, dejected face in the crowd – Sid Sillars.

British Empire Medal for John

John Basford, head gardener at Brodick Castle for 33 years until his retirement earlier this year, received the British Empire Medal at an investiture at Cunninghame House on Friday.

Awarded the BEM in the Queen's birthday honours last June, the ceremony included a talk by the Marquis of Bute, president of the NTS about John's life and achievements.

Karaoke night

A karaoke night was held at the Brodick Bar on Saturday and raised £336 for charity.

Many thanks to Iain McFadzean of the Brodick Bar (whose idea it was) and to Rosalind Cook who was a wonderful hostess and made the whole evening go with a bang.

Trial Mac

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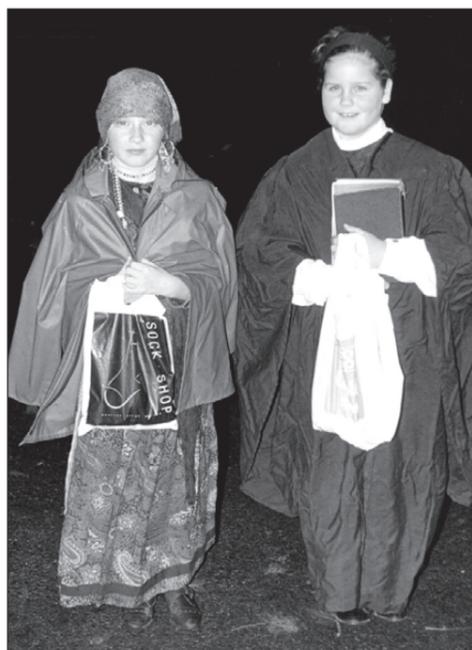
Places are limited so contact the Business Studies department at the High School as soon as possible.



Whiting Bay guisers Geraldine Mann, Joanne McCallum and Sheena Starks. b43twe04



Lindsay Baughan and Carrie Anderson guising in Lamlash. b43twe01



Marie Holmer and Joanne Miller. b43twe05



On Halloween night there were guisers out all over the island. b43twe03

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Last week Archie was on the bridge over the raging Monamore Burn at the Dyemill. Among a welter of wrong answers, the only correct one came from Shep of Crewe, at a second attempt. Other guesses were the Cordon Burn bridge, Glen Sannox, Merkland, Glenashdale and the Rosa Burn. This week he is in the middle of the road, but where is that junction behind him?

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9am - dusk

SATURDAY 29th OCTOBER

Karate
Family Games
Fun In The Pool
Over 21's Disco
Arran Dancers (4 years and up)
Teddy Bears Picnic
Kids Family Quiz
Soup/Sandwich Lunch for Dr Graham's Homes
Bingo Night
The Usual Suspects & X-Factory DJs
Halloween Horror
Bingo
Halloween Party
Halloween Party
Kilmory Farmers & Craft Market

Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am - 12.30pm
Auchrannie Games Hall 3pm - 4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool 4pm - 5pm
The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Arran High School, 10am
The Playbarn, Auchrannie, 2pm - 3pm
The Playbarn, Auchrannie, 5pm - 6pm
Brodict Church Hall, 12pm - 2pm
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 7pm
Brodict Hall, 7.30pm
Brodict Castle, 7pm - 9pm
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 7pm
The Playbarn, Auchrannie, 6.30pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 1pm - 3pm
Kilmory Hall, 10.30am - 2pm

SUNDAY 30th OCTOBER

Alcoholics Anonymous
Live Music Folk / Rock / Blues
Family Games
Fun In The Pool
Teddy Bears Picnic
Open Mic Session
The Conker Cup

Church Hall, Brodict, 4.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Auchrannie Games Hall 3pm - 4pm
4pm to 5pm Auchrannie Spa Pool
The Playbarn, Auchrannie, 2pm - 3pm
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 2pm - 5pm
Kilmory Hall 2.30pm

MONDAY 31st OCTOBER

Over 50's Badminton
Badminton
Weight Wise
Ladies Netball
Citizens Advice
BreathWalk Class
Table Tennis
Hatha Yoga
Lamlash Bridge
Activity Time
Come Dance with Me - LeRoc Modern Jive
Scottish Country Dancing for Beginners and Improvers
Quiz
Yoga
Halloween at Montrose House
Kilmory Kidz Club Halloween Party
Shiskine Halloween Party
Pirnmill Halloween Party

Lochranza Village Hall 2pm - 4pm
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Hospital Bungalow, 5pm - 5.30pm
High School Sports Hall - Seniors 7.30pm - 9pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 10am - 2pm
Kinneil, Lamlash 5.15pm
Corrie Hall, 6.30pm
Arran High School, 6pm - 7.30pm
Lamlash Golf Clubhouse, 7pm
The Playbarn, Auchrannie 1pm - 2pm (toddlers) 5pm - 6pm (school kids)
Whiting Bay Hall, 7.30pm
Corrie Hall, 2pm - 4pm
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 9pm - 11pm
High School, 6pm
From 5.30pm
Kilmory Hall, 6.30pm - 8.30pm
Village Hall, 7.30pm
Village Hall, 6.30pm



TUESDAY 1st NOVEMBER

Lochranza Swimming Club
Army Cadets
Pop Quiz
Alcoholics Anonymous
Citizens Advice
Youth Club
Rotary Club
Junior Hockey Club
Melody Movement. Ballet Class - 2½ yrs up
Dudes & Divas Funky Dance Class - 2½ yrs up
Youth Club
Scottish Country Dancing
Chalk and Cheese
Winter Bowls
Lochranza & Catacol Village Hall AGM

Kinloch 11am - 12pm
Auchrannie Road, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Brodict Church Hall - 2pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 10am - 2pm
Kildonan Hall - 6.30pm
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie 7.15pm
Ormidale Pavillion, 6pm-7pm
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 1.30pm
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 2pm
Brodict Hall, 6.30pm - 8pm
Brodict Church Hall, 7.30pm
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 9pm - 11pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7pm - 9pm
Village Hall, 7.30pm

WEDNESDAY 2nd NOVEMBER

Hockey
Tae Kwondo
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Brass Rehearsal
Selt Making Class
Senior Badminton
Museum, Archives & Geneology Service
Yogalates
Live Coutry Music
AquaFizz
Musical Mayhem Class Parents & Little Ones
Kids Games
Whiting Bay SWRI
Lamlash SWRI - Digital Photography
Coffee Morning
Wear it Pink - Coffee Morning

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
Shipfield, Lamlash, 10am - 4pm
High School Games Hall, 8pm - 9pm
10.30am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 3.30pm
9.30am to 10.30am Auchrannie Studio
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45am - 10.30am
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 10.45am
The Playbarn, Auchrannie, 5pm - 6pm
Arran Aromatics, 6.30pm
Lamlash Fire Station, 7.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15am - 12pm
Corrie Primary, 10am - 11.30am

THURSDAY 3rd NOVEMBER

General Knowledge Quiz
Lochranza Craft Club
Coffee Morning
Youth Club
General Knowledge Quiz
Brodict Embroidery Club
Brodict Bridge Club
The Wee Blether
Arran Music & Drama Rehearsals
Coffee Morning for Breast Cancer
Winter Bowls

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Hall, 2pm
St Molios Church 10.30am - 12pm
Youth Cabin, Lamlash 7-9pm
Kinloch Bar, 9pm
Brodict Library, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Brodict Golf Club, 7pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 11.45am - 1.30pm
Brodict Hall, 7.30pm
Corrie Primary School, 10am - 11.30am
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7pm - 9pm

FRIDAY 4th NOVEMBER

Quiz
AquaFizz
Yogalates
Rock Disco
Arran Youth Foundations
Kids Party Games
Senior Badminton
Arran Ceilidh Group
Bonfire & Fireworks

Whiting Bay Golf Club, 9pm
Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45am to 10.30am
Auchrannie Studio 10am - 11am
The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Church Hall, Brodict, 7pm - 9pm
The Playbarn, Auchrannie, 5 - 6pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 2pm
Lamlash Church Hall. 8pm - 10pm
Catacol Bay Hotel, 8pm

SATURDAY 5th NOVEMBER

Save the Children Christmas Fayre
Dance for Isla with Stumpys Cabin
Lamlash Bonfire & Fireworks
Kilmory Bonfire & Fireworks
Calum's Road
Brodict Bonfire and Fireworks

Brodict Hall, 10.30am - 1.30pm
Brodict Hall, 9pm - 1am
Beach opp co-op, 6.30pm
Butterhill, 6.30pm
High School, 7.30pm
Brodict Beach 7pm

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Sunday School in the Church Hall(Church is between Machrie & Blackwaterfoot)
Broddick 7pm
All welcome**SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH**(in full communion with the Church of England)
St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.**Sunday 30 October**Holy Communion, 11am.
Revd Dr Hector Soga, Dollar.
Parish lunch after service.
Wednesday, 2 November
NO SERVICE**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND (SCO15072)**Kilmory linked with Lamlash
"A faith to proclaim ~ a fellowship to share"**Sunday 30 October**Rev. Gillean Maclean
Kilmory 10am
Lamlash 11.30am
In both churches

All welcome, including families; children's area.

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND (continuing)**Sunday 30 October**Morning Service 11am
Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Broddick

Evening Service 7pm

13 Glen Avenue, Broddick
Prayer MeetingWednesday 2nd November
7pm

All welcome

CHURCH OF SCOTLANDNorth Arran: Broddick,
Corrie, Lochranza,
Pirnmill 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 30 OctoberBroddick Church, 10.30am
Corrie Church, 12pm

Lochranza/Pirnmill at

Lochranza, 10.15am

Shiskine Church, 12pm.

A service of worship will also be held in Montrose House at 1.30pm.

WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(SC014005)

Sunday 30 October

Worship will be led by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson

at 10.30am. All welcome. Tea and coffee will be served in the transept after the service.

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday Mass

11am

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH**Sunday 30 October**

Ormidale Pavilion

Broddick

11am - Morning Worship

Tea/Coffee after service

Home Fellowship Group meets on Wednesdays at 7.30 pm.

For details Tel 860232

Everyone very welcome

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)**Sunday 30 October**

No Meeting

ARRAN CHURCHES TOGETHER**Sunday 30 October**

Taizé worship

Thursday 3 November

7.30 pm

St Margaret's

Episcopal Church.

ALL WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**SIM**

Val and the family would like to thank friends and neighbours for all the cards, letters, calls, flowers and food and kind expressions of sympathy extended to them following Dick's sudden death.

Grateful and heartfelt thanks to all the wonderful staff at Cooriedoon who looked after Dick so well in recent months; thanks also to doctors who attended Dick and all the staff at Lamlash hospital. Special thanks to the lovely community nurses who helped when he was at home.

Thanks and appreciation to Mrs Jean Hunter and Rev Angus Adamson for their support and comfort and a special thank you to Jean for her help and for conducting a most moving service.

Thanks to Clair and David Hendry for funeral arrangements.

Finally thanks to all who braved the elements on Monday 17th October to be with us for Dick's funeral and who helped raise £450 for Chest, Heart and Stroke, Scotland.

MARJORIE YATES

The family of Marjorie Yates would like to thank the Doctors and Staff at AWMH for the wonderful care given to Marjorie during her stay

there, also the patience and kindness, accompanied by endless cups of tea given to ourselves.

Many thanks also to the community nurses and carers who delivered lunches daily, provided by the amazing PHT to whom we also extend our grateful thanks.

We are also indebted to Angus for his kind words of comfort.

Last but not least, Sylvia would like to thank Graham for providing such huge support to his wife Wendy and herself, and not forgetting Wendy, for all her hard work. Thank you all.

DEATHS**HAMILTON - John (Old Ham)**
Suddenly but peacefully, surrounded by his family at Arran War Memorial Hospital on Wednesday 26th October aged 85. Beloved husband of Margaret; loving father of Aileen, John, Bill, Archie, Jane and Shona. Brother of Helen, Mary and Robert. Much loved father-in-law and Grampa. and dear friend to many.**PERSONALS****Happy 21st Birthday Jessica.**

With lots of love from Mum, Dad, and James.

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Arran's ladies enjoying a game of golf at Shiskine. Photo by H Bannatyne.

**Broddick Golf Club**

Gordon Sillars and Russell Duncan saved The Street from an embarrassing whitewash in the first round of this year's Clochendichter competition at Broddick Golf Club.

A new campaign of the Clochendichter got under way last Sunday 23 October with a few names added to the Street team which has become rather depleted over the years. However it was the well-kent faces of Gordon Sillars and Russell Duncan who came up with a victory in the last game to deny the defending champions from the Knowe a whitewash victory. The other match was a closer encounter between Alma and the Village. Unfortunately a late call-off resulted in the steady pairing of Hume and McKean on his own. Captain Sid of the Village later informed me he was in the fortunate position of keeping himself in reserve for the gruelling games ahead. Stupidly I assumed he may have been influenced by the thought of enjoying his Sunday fry-up whilst watching a rugby match, followed by a light lunch encouraging the Boys in Blue. BM. Clochendichter results: Knowe versus Street: R McCrae & B Boal beat N Hume & F Sillars. G Hendry & I MacDonald beat C Russell & A Hart. Gordon Robertson & K

MacMillan beat C Duncan & B Walker.

D Robertson & T Rae-side lost to R Duncan & G Sillars. Alma versus Village: Gus Robertson & B McGunnigle beat J Armit & A Raeburn. D Rudge & B Smith halved match with B Jenkins & J Dick. D McKinnie & P Bryan lost to J Beattie & M Keir. L Hartley lost to A Hume & J McKean.

Fixtures: Sunday 30 October, Sweep, open draws at 9am and 12 noon.

Saturday 5 November, Saturday Cup, arrange own games or draw at 12 noon.

Sunday 6 November, AGA Duncan Trophy, also sweep at Broddick.

Corrie Golf Club

Results: Saturday 22 October, sweep (non-counting for handicap). Seven played, 1 Brian Sherwood 74-8=66, scratch Brian Sherwood 74. Magic twos, Brian Sherwood, one. Monday 24 October, Monday Cup, 12 played (yellow tees). Sweep 1 A McDonald, 65-11=54, 2 J Henderson 73-16=57, 3 A Smith 67-8=59. Best scratch A McDonald 65, magic twos A McDonald, two.

Fixtures: Saturday 29 October, Joe McKenzie Memorial Trophy. 12.45pm for shotgun start at 1pm. One starting time only (Stableford white tees). Monday 31 October Monday Cup 12noon. One start time only, yellow tees.

Shiskine Golf Club

Results: Ladies 18 Hole Medal Thursday 20 October, 11 played, 1 and Scratch S Gray 84-16=68(bih), 2 S Hill 94-26=68, 3 J Turnbull 85-15=70

Gents 12 Hole Medal Sunday 23 October, 16 played.

1st Class, 1 G Andrew 48-6=42(bih), 2 B Sherwood 47-5=42, 3 and Scratch C Allison 46-3=43 (bih). 2nd Class, 1 A Bannatyne 55-15=40, 2 P Pettitt 51-9=42, 3 Q Oliver 61-13=48. Magic twos from A Gray, A Bannatyne, P Pettitt and D Logan.

Congratulations go to Alan on winning the medal. Brian Sherwood gets a hole in one at the 4th hole and scoops the cash; very well done, the drinks are on you!

Fixtures: Ladies Thursday 3 November. 12 hole Medal 12 Noon tee off.

Gents Arran Challenge continues. Play 3 rounds and the best 2 count - open to all gents with a current handicap. Great prizes sponsored by Kinloch Hotel.

Machrie Bay Golf ClubNo game due to the weather
Fixtures: Tuesday 1 November Winter Cup 12noon tee off. Saturday 5 November Lochranza Hotel Cup 12noon tee off.**Arran Golfers Association**

Winter League/Duncan Trophy 2011/2012.

First Round at Lamlash Golf Club Sunday 6 November.

Draw: Lamlash v Shiskine at 10am, Whiting Bay v Corrie at 10:50am, Machrie Bay v Broddick at 11:40am.

Please note there will be a collection throughout the day for little Isla Duncan so please dig deep, the Duncan family have always had very strong ties to golf on Arran, all at the Association wish her a very speedy recovery.

Could all club secretaries please remember the secretaries meeting on Thursday 3 November to discuss fixture lists at Broddick Golf Club at 7pm.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday 20 October, Back Nine Medal. 1 Jim Young 34-6=28, 2 Billy O'Connor 39-10=29, 3 Neil Mitchell 40-8=32.

Best Scratch Jim Young 34. Two from Neil Mitchell at the 13th.Sunday 23 October, Winter Stableford. 1 Billy O'Connor 39 points. Two from Lee Dutton at the 13th.

Fixtures: Sunday 30 October, Glenburn Cup 9.30am and 12noon starts. Don't forget the clock goes back!

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Britain's worst football team auction famous strips

The famous red and white strips worn by Britain's worst football team are up for sale.

Northend Thistle - the media darlings of Arran football - are auctioning their strips in order to raise funds for some much needed winter training.

Three years ago the team from Lochranza were dubbed 'the worst football team in Britain' by the national newspapers after failing to win a single match in more than 18 years.

Chris Traill, the club's

spokesman, said: 'The strips are now available to buy from an online auction site.'

Available

'Grab a piece of history. The Goalie shirt as worn by the now departed Norman Bond (not dead, only in New Zealand) is also available as a marquee to hire for any outside functions.'

The strips can be found on ebay by searching for 'Northend Thistle strips'.

The auction will end this afternoon (Saturday).



Britain's worst football team, Northend Thistle, are auctioning their famous red and white strips to raise funds for the club. 01_b43end01

Bridge Results:

Brodick Bridge Club

The results for Thursday 20 October were as follows:

N/S 1 John and Mary Dick +3190, 2 Douglas Bruce and David Scobie +3080,

3 Linda Trickett and Evelyn Sillars +1980.

E/W 1 Elizabeth McConnell and Margaret McGill +220, 2 John and Jan Beattie -120,

3 Morag Gardner and Jean Barclay -320.

Lamlash Bridge Club

The results for Monday 24 October were as follows:

N/S 1 D and M Bruce +1200, 2 T martin and A Bilsland +780, 3 E Sillars and M MacGill -1020.

E/W 1 J Macarthur and J Barclay +2290, 2 H Boyd and J Murchie +1720, 3 E McNiven and E Paul +1200.

Arran still top the league despite game being rained off

Despite their game being called off on Saturday, Arran RFC are still sitting at the top of their league.

The island's team are currently leading division four of the West Regional league with 16 points.

But close behind them with a game in hand are Strathclyde Police RFC.

Last Saturday's game against Cowal RFC was called off because of bad weather.

It has now been rescheduled for Saturday 17 December.

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Arran	4	3	0	1	16
S/Clyde Police	5	4	0	1	15
Braidholm	4	3	1	0	13
Lanark	3	2	0	1	9
Moffat	5	2	1	2	9
Cowal	4	2	0	2	8
Bishopton	6	0	1	5	6
Hyndland	5	2	0	3	5
Mid Argyll	4	0	1	3	2

Pool season gets underway



The first matches of the new pool season took place last night (Thursday).

Sadly we go to print before the matches take place each week do we can't bring you the results until next Friday's Banner.

The fixtures for Thursday 3 December are as follows: Mac's Bar v PHT, Catacol v Drift, Whiting Bay GC v PT1934 and Kildonan v Bar Eden.

The following week (December 10) the games are: Bar Eden v Catacol, PHT v Whiting Bay GC, Drift v Kildonan and PT1934 v Mac's Bar.

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Winter bowls resumes

The winter bowling at the Auchrannie will restart for the winter this week.

It will take place in the Sports Hall on Tuesday and Thursday between 7-9pm.

All welcome.

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