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Goodbye to the Breadalbane

Hotel makes way for flats as its contents sell for £5,000

Report by JENNIFER LYON

The entire contents of the Breadalbane Hotel in Kildonan were sold at auction for £5000 last Thursday as the owner prepares to re-develop the land.

Around 200 locals attended an auction at the hotel looking to buy a souvenir.

Everything inside the building was for sale including the brass reception bell, all internal doors, bar stools and an antique carved dresser.

Speaking exclusively to *The Arran Banner*, owner Derek Callaghan explained why he had decided to close the hotel.

He said: 'A five bedroom hotel just isn't feasible any more. We decided that in this village there isn't enough trade to compete with another bigger hotel. Yvonne, the previous owner, asked us to honour the bookings that she already had

in place. We have done that and now it is time to move on.' Since Mr Callaghan bought the Breadalbane in April this year, there has been much discussion about the hotel's future. The owner confirmed that the site would be used to build flats. Plans will be submitted for the redevelopment within the next few weeks,' Mr Callaghan said, 'These will include flats, some of which will be sold on but I will hold on to a number of them for rental purposes.'

The Banner spoke to former owners of the Breadalbane Hotel, Yvonne O'Reagan and John McBride. John said: 'We have not heard what the new owners are planning. When you sell something you can't tell the buyer what to do with it. If they are going to knock it down and

build houses it would be a sad day. The bedrooms were completely refurbished only seven years ago and the sun lounge and decking is just a couple of years old. I'm very sad to hear that's what might become of the old place.'

The property extends to the field in front of the hotel and John reckons that a developer could easily build eight houses with an access road and good-sized gardens. The Kildonan Keys development next door to the Breadalbane still has three of the 12 houses unsold.

Rod and Anne Acuna, owners of the only other hotel in the village, the Kildonan Hotel, were at the sale on Thursday. They said: 'Breadalbane closing is not really good news for us. How do you suddenly increase the size of your kitchens, take on new staff and find accommodation for

them?' Many locals left the auction with a bargain purchase. A whole bathroom suite including toilet, shower, sink and tiles sold for just £2.

The low prices were due to the fact that the purchaser had to remove all their goods from the premises by noon the next day. The most expensive item was a Foster Walk-In Chill bought for £560 by another island hotel.

A former Breadalbane regular bought the bar and the Breadalbane Hotel sign for £20.

Mr Callaghan was asked what had happened to the pool table, which was listed in the itinerary. Apparently it was only leased but he said: 'The auctioneers said to put it in the schedule. It always puts another 50 customers on the attendance.'

By 11am on the Friday morning the hotel was just a shell with even the carpets removed.

Pink is the colour at Corrie primary

The classrooms at Corrie Primary School were hazy of pink on Friday morning as the staff and pupils took part in the 'Wear it pink day.'

Organised to support Breast Cancer Campaign all the children came to school dressed in pink.

They managed to raise an impressive £474.50 through sponsorship, a bring and buy sale, and by paying £2 each for a pink ribbon. Some were wearing pink pyjamas and one little girl was wearing a pink tutu. Even the boys were wearing brightly coloured pink jackets, scarves and hats.

At morning break time they also held a 'bring and buy' sale with a huge selection of pink coloured goodies.

All month they have been collecting sponsorship money to support the charity. October is Breast Cancer Awareness month and events have been taking place all over Britain to raise money.

Give your opinion on housing needs

Islanders are being asked to share their opinions on Arran's housing needs at three consultation meetings next week.

North Ayrshire Council (NAC) will deliver presentations, which will be followed by question and answer sessions. The meetings take place on Thursday November 8 and are at: Kildonan Hall, from 11.30am - 1.30pm; Ormidale Sports Pavilion, 3.30pm - 5.30pm; Brodick Primary School, 6.30pm - 8.30pm.

If people are unable to attend the event they can contact Trudi Stevenson, development and strategy manager, on 01294 324642 or on NAC's website.



Pupils and staff at Corrie Primary School taking part in 'Wear it pink day.' b44cor1

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Brodick man's road tax protest



An Arran man is refusing to pay his road tax until the island's roads are brought up to standard.

James Webb from Brodick said the roads on Arran have been in a poor condition for a long time and that his road tax payment is not being put to proper use.

Mr Webb said: 'Enough is enough for me with regards to my road tax duty. It will cost me £180 for my renewal at the end of this month and I won't be paying this time round.'

'Arran's roads have been

sub-standard or worse for many years and I have had enough with the greed in the system.'

Mr Webb is hoping that by refusing to pay his road tax the issue of Arran's roads will be looked into more closely.

In the past the council and the government have been criticised for spending only five percent of their budget on Arran's roads.

In June this year the A841 from Lochranza to Whiting Bay down Arran's west coast was reclassified as a C class road. He said: 'I think Arran

and the UK should get a road tax break for, say, five years or more because of all the previous terms. If they only spend five percent then we will only pay five percent.'

Rising fuel prices have also angered Mr Webb: '80p out of every £1 goes to the government and it is just simply more proof of the greed in the system.'

'The government, he said, 'has taken all my money that I could of paid into a pension and towards a healthy saving plan for a mortgage etc. No more!'

Islanders reply to Craigforth Report

The response from islanders to the Craigforth Report on the island's housing needs has given Arran Community Council plenty of food for thought.

The community council produced a 16-point summary of the report, commissioned by North Ayrshire Council (NAC), which aims to investigate and document Arran's housing needs.

While most people agree with the findings of the report, island responses have highlighted the need for affordable housing for the old and the young, especially.

One response said: 'As well as considering giving priority to single people and couples employed on the island, this should be extended to people applying for accommodation in the sheltered housing complex.'

'At present it seems that people from London, Glasgow etc are considered before local people.'

Another response reads: 'Our young people (and others!) are not looking for 'a view of the sea' which mainland second homers are seeking. These young people are seeking a house and a home. They would be happy to see inland Clachans reopened.'

Other issues raised included the building of houses on unused land and that NAC should explore the possibility of landowners releasing land for housing.

There was also a call for home owners, who rent out back cottages, to let to islanders primarily, rather than holiday makers and seasonal visitors.

'The rent would be set at an affordable level with the remainder of the usual market rate rented income made up by Communities Scotland.'

Comments and suggestions can still be made to John Inglis, Arran Community Council, Red House, High Corrie, KA27 8JB.

Police Files

Cannabis possession

A 15-year-old female from Whiting Bay has been reported to the children's panel under the Misuse of Drugs Act for allegedly being in possession of cannabis last Saturday.

Break pipes severed

A vehicle on the Auchrannie Road, Brodick had its break pipes severed between Friday October 26 and Monday October 29.

The car was parked in a front garden and the pipes had been cut with a knife.

If anyone thinks they may have some information about the incident you can call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Chalets for Lochranza?

Plans have been submitted for the proposed building of eight chalets at the south east side of Lochranza Golf Club.

The applicant Mr Iain Robertson wants to create a mixed-use development incorporating the golf course, campsite and holiday chalets.

James Webb refuses to renew his road tax because of the condition of Arran's roads. b44ear1

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Suicidal gangster freed

Court hears of massive armed police alert on Goatfell

A gangster who sparked an armed police alert in Arran days after being deported from Australia has walked free from court after an emotional appeal from his mother 9,000 miles away.

Scott Morrison, 42, told locals on the island he had a gun and was going to kill himself on Goatfell. A team of armed riot police officers was flown in from the mainland by royal navy helicopter after a string of worried callers.

The hunt for tattooed Morrison, described as 'volatile and dangerous' by the Australian authorities, was one of the biggest police operations ever on the island.

His mother this week told a sheriff her 'harmless' son thought he was on a 'boyhood trek up the braes' and needed help. She claimed his deportation was illegal and is trying to have him returned to Australia.

Days before the incident in May, amateur boxer Morrison had been deported to Scotland — where he last lived when he was just 11 — for threatening to kill a policeman he believed was having an affair with his girlfriend. Police in Perth, Western Australia, were so concerned about his potential for violence they shot him twice with a taser gun and handcuffed him before bundling him on to a plane.

Morrison, formerly of Irvine, Ayrshire, and now of York,

has served time for attempted murder and kneecapping a rival gang member. He was taken to Kilmarnock Sheriff Court after his arrest on Arran then freed on bail.

Now he has walked free from the same court after admitting breach of the peace and wasting police time. Sheriff Elizabeth McFarlane admonished and dismissed Morrison after being handed a letter faxed by his mother Jeanette Bowra in Western Australia.

Mrs Bowra wrote: 'I fear my son may be judged on his past record of reports from an Australian police source and media attention. We are in the process of proving his innocence and that his removal from Australia was illegal.'

'His history and what was sent forward was inaccurate, we hope to prove this and have him returned to his family of four children and his fiancé who are in turmoil as we, the rest of his family, are also.'

'I was speaking to him on his mobile as he made his way up there and he seemed to think he was on his boyhood trek 'up the braes' as he told me, thinking as a young lad of 11 years when he lived in Scotland but never being back since.'

'He was in a very sad state of mind and confusion that whole week — I myself would have been demented in the same circumstances.'

Busy week for Lamlash Lifeboat crew

Lamlash Lifeboat was called to an injured walker in the north of the island at 1pm on Tuesday.

Jo Hastings' walking group, the J Walkers, were halfway through their third walk, this time around the Cock of Arran, when Steve Williams slipped and broke his ankle.

Jo and her companions assessed the situation, and decided that without assistance they could not get Steve back to a position where he could receive medical attention. They took the decision to call the Coastguard, and the lifeboat was dispatched immediately to the grid reference that Jo had supplied.

Allan Little from Lamlash Lifeboat Station said: 'We got the call at 1.38pm and upon our arrival two crew members went ashore and quickly strapped Steve's ankle. Another crewmember went ashore and placed him, and the remainder of the party, plus his dog (Vicky), in the boat, and took them to Lochranza.'

'At Lochranza Steve was immediately transferred to the waiting ambulance, and taken to the hospital in Lamlash where his ankle was x-rayed and placed in a plaster cast.'

The J Walkers were on hand to take Steve, and Vicky back to his home, where he will recover, and get fit and ready to walk again in a few weeks time.

The J Walkers would like to thank both the R.N.L.I, and Ambulance crews for their speedy response, advice, courtesy, and attention to Steve's injury.

Lamlash Lifeboat was called out again last week when four drunken men got into difficulties in Lochranza.

The boat was reportedly dragging its anchor in the bay.

Mr Little said: 'The lifeboat was launched in the early hours



The lifeboat was called when Steve Williams broke an ankle while walking.

of Saturday morning at 2.50am and made its way to Lochranza. It was decided to take the 8.5 metre cabin cruiser *Scalliwag* and its four male occupants, who were maybe not as on the ball as they should have been after enjoying a drink earlier, in tow to a safe mooring in Lochranza Bay.

'A lifeboat crewmember was put aboard the vessel and after securing the towropes the boat and its occupants were put onto

a safe mooring. After this was done the four men were taken ashore to be met by the coastguard and the boat owner.'

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Proof that Hallowe'en is for all ages

Older Arran residents proved that October 31 is not just a day for children at the annual Halloween Lunch held at the Kinloch Hotel in Blackwaterfoot.

About 100 people bought tickets to attend the lunch in aid of the Red Cross Patient Transport services. They enjoyed a light lunch before being entertained by singer Aileen

Wright. There was also a raffle to raise a few extra pounds for the cause.

Organiser Lavinia Gibbs said: 'The lunch is held every year and all the money raised is for the Red Cross patient transport which is such a valuable service on Arran.'

The British Red Cross, patient transport service provides transport for patients who

need help getting from their homes to the island hospital or to Crosshouse Hospital in Kilmarnock.

A spokesman for the service said: 'We are able to provide vehicles for people in every situation, from those requiring little assistance with mobility and travelling, to clients in wheelchairs needing a disabled access vehicle.'



Marjorie Climie, left, and Lavinia Gibbs, right, in charge of the raffle. b44kin2



Mary MacKenzie and Ella McKechnie enjoy the Hallowe'en lunch. b44kin1

Islanders attend SNP conference

Islanders Fiona Laing, Malcolm Kerr and Billy McLaren, attended the Scottish National Party conference in Aviemore last week.

Arran SNP branch convener Fiona Laing said: 'There were a lot of interesting issues raised at the conference which will affect islanders. The issues of prescription charges and housing were talked about a great deal.' The conference heard that action is needed to tackle the 'chronic underfunding' of housing repairs. MSP Kenneth Gibson told delegates that 40 percent of homes have at least one problem in need of repair. He argued that housing repair grants should be restored to 75%.

'The chronic underfunding of housing repairs needs to be addressed,' said Mr Gibson. 'The SNP would seek to do just that by reforming the housing repair grants system to ensure that the resources are there to improve the standard and quality of our housing stock.'

Victim hit with bag of cans

A man who hit a victim with a bag of cans in a drink-fuelled attack has been given 220 hours community service.

Christopher Kerr, 23, admitted striking another man with the carry-out before punching him on the head to his injury in Shore Road, Lamlash, Arran, in August 2006.

Kerr, of Arden Court, Hamilton, Lanarkshire, was cleared of struggling with and biting another man on the ear to his severe injury and permanent disfigurement, and wounding a woman by hitting her with a can.

Kilmarnock Sheriff Court heard some of those involved in an argument had earlier been drinking in a nearby bar. Kerr had claimed self-defence, insisting he had been struck on the head with a bottle.

John is new vice-chairman

John Inglis of Corrie has been voted in as vice-chairman of Arran Community Council.

Mr Inglis was the sole proposed candidate by Alison Prince. The motion was seconded by Brenda Stewart, Lamlash.

Campbell Laing, Pirnmill, the council's chairman thanked Howard Driver, Whiting Bay, who stepped down as vice-chairman, for his help. Mr Laing said: 'I am grateful for all the support you have given and for letting me bend your ear on matters.'

Bridge results

Lamlash Bridge Results: N/S; 1 P Adamson and E McConnell +1420, 2 J Maclure and A McKelvie +1330, 3 M McGill and C Bone +290. E/W; 1 D and M Bruce + 1050, 2 A Bilsland and T Martin +140, 3 M Cumming and E Paul -130.

Brodick Bridge Club results: Scores for Thursday October 25; 1 A McKelvie and J Maclure 61.25%, 2 B and S Logan 59.58%, 3 L Alexander and J McIntyre 58.75%.

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Arran accident sparks toy gun campaign

The father of a nine-year-old boy who lost part of his tooth after being shot in the face is campaigning to have all 'toy' guns removed from Glasgow's shops.

A plastic pellet from a toy gun struck Andrew McGowan in the mouth shattering part of his tooth while holidaying on Arran in August of this year.

His father, Alistair McGowan, said: 'Since the incident here on Arran I have seen these guns being sold in shops all over Glasgow. These are not toys, they can do serious damage to anyone hit by a pellet. I want to see them taken off the shelves.'

The McGowan family are from Clarkston in Glasgow and come to Arran regularly on holiday.

Mr McGowan said: 'These guns are weapons. The pellet completely destroyed his tooth exposing the root. That shows just how powerful these weapons are.'

'Andrew was very lucky that he was only struck in the mouth and not the eye. Thankfully we can fix teeth but you can't fix eyes.'

Andrew has had to have extensive reconstruction on his front tooth.

He explained: 'I had to have a veneer fitted in the end. It took four weeks to repair and I had to take a lot of time off school.'

'Every shop that you go into sells these guns,'

Mr McGowan said, 'I asked one shopkeeper to take them off his shelves. I even showed him the article from *The Arran Banner* to prove how dangerous they can be. He said he would remove them from his shop but he is still selling them. The gun is on sale — complete with ball bearings and goggles — for £14.99 from behind the counter of the Para Para convenience store in Eaglesham Road, Clarkston.'

'It has a note on the packaging saying it is 'the best gun for over 18s'. Staff say they check the ID of anyone trying to buy one. The toy gun also comes with a warning: 'Do not shoot at any human or animal.'

But Alistair fears the plastic guns could easily fall into the hands of younger people.

Shezy Majid at Para Para said he understood what Mr McGowan was saying but would continue to sell the toy guns.

Mr Majid said: 'We understand, but it's not illegal for us to sell them. There are a lot of shops in Glasgow that sell them. I do not see why he is specifically picking on us about it. There are no government restrictions. If the government changes the law we would take them off the shelves.'

Mr McGowan added: 'Andrew was very lucky but another child may not be so fortunate. I won't stop protesting about the guns until they are taken off the shelves everywhere.'



Alistair McGowan with his son Andrew showing the repaired front tooth. b44gun1

Anger over £2,000 tool theft

The difficulty of contacting police on Arran was highlighted at a meeting of the island's community council on Tuesday.

Member Neil Arthur was not alone in his criticism of Strathclyde Police's call centre system.

Mr Arthur, who owns Broombrae Grounds and Gardens Ltd, said: 'I had the unfortunate case a week ago when I had £2,000 worth of tools stolen from my yard.'

'I reported the theft at 10am with Ayr Police and asked for a constable to contact me but it soon became apparent to me who had stolen the tools. I phoned Lamlash Police Station

but was diverted to Ayr and by 8pm no-one had phoned me. I asked to speak to a high-ranking officer and phoned a sergeant in Saltcoats but the line went dead. I was put through to a sergeant in Ayr and that's when I lost the plot.'

Mr Arthur phoned Ayr Police Station again and spoke to an inspector who apologised and the next morning a local police officer came to see Mr Arthur.

But Mr Arthur feels this was too late.

He said: 'Unfortunately, when word got around that the police were involved, the tools were returned and left at the end of my road. The delay is very

disappointing.' Community council chairman Campbell Laing said: 'It's the process that is wrong. Having 30 years' experience in the police I find it unbelievable how calls are dealt with now.'

Arran police constable Michael Clinton, who was in attendance with special constable Andrew Perrie, told the meeting: 'There is a call handling unit to take calls where police officers don't have to attend immediately.'

'This frees up the police resources on the street.'

'The problem we have in Lamlash is the office is not always manned.'

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Ruby for Crufts after show success

A Whiting Bay dog owner will be competing at next year's Crufts.

Margaret Kay was shocked to find out her Yorkshire Terrier, Ruby, had qualified for the event after finishing second in the recent Yorkshire Terrier Club of Scotland Champion Show in Airdrie Town Hall. But what makes the achievement even greater is both Margaret and Ruby have never taken part in a show before.

Catalyst

Margaret said: 'I have always wanted to go to Crufts but I never dreamt that one of my own pups would be the catalyst for getting me there.'

'I have been breeding Yorkies for more than 20 years but I've only ever entered them into pet shows. I bred Ruby and her

father was a champion dog so I thought I would give the champion show a go. I can't believe we got second place.'

'I'm both thrilled and petrified at the thought of showing one of my pups at Crufts.'

'However, this could be a once in a lifetime chance, so Ruby and I are going along to enjoy the day for what it is.'

Ruby, who was born in April this year will move up from the minor puppy class to the puppy class by the time Crufts comes around on March 6 next year.

It will be held in the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham.

Margaret, a member of the Kennel Club, added: 'The fact that I bred Ruby myself makes it all the more special.'



Whiting Bay dog, Ruby, will compete in Crufts next year.

New youth centre for Arran

A new youth centre for Arran was discussed at a meeting this week in an attempt to get youngsters off the streets.

An initial meeting of representatives of the communities on Arran was held on Monday and after discussion the group agreed to try and obtain charity status for 'Arran Foundations'.

This would allow Arran Foundations to set up a trust to seek funding from various organisations that are interested in supporting financially youth projects.

A spokesman for the group said: 'Arran Youth Connect which is under the auspices of Arran Churches Together, have been running a youth café in Brodick Church Hall on Saturday evenings.'

Canada

'They were in discussion with Colleen McAlistair who is a youth worker in Canada with the foundations organisation.'

'Colleen's vision was that a permanent youth centre for the young people of Arran could be set up that would be open every day.'

'We have already received donations and these will be used towards achieving this charity status.'

A steering group will be set up for this venture which will include the police, local council, a banker, Arran Youth Connect and other interested parties.

The first meeting of the steering group will take place on Wednesday, December 5.

First woman moderator will rededicate Lamlash church

The first woman to be moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland will rededicate Lamlash Parish Church on Sunday.

Dr Allison Elliot will also preach at a special service to celebrate the renovations of the church inside and out.

Dr Elliot was not only the first woman to be moderator she was the first female elder for more than 400 years.

Alan Saunderson, the interim moderator of Lamlash Church, said: 'We are delighted and honoured that someone of Dr Elliot's

distinction and importance has agreed to preach and rededicate the church. The congregation is thrilled she is to be with us on Sunday.'

With help from Historic Scotland, The Baird Trust, The Heritage Lottery Fund, and others including J K Rowling whose great, great, grandfather was a former minister of the church, the congregation have raised an astonishing £100,000.

Congregation member Tony Butcher said: 'This work has taken a long time to come to fruition and thanks are due to various

members of the kirk session, congregational board and the congregation who did a lot of the fundraising work to make the renovation possible.'

The Rev Johnston McKay, clerk to the Presbytery of Ardsrossan, will also take part in the service and dedicate copies of the new church hymnary as well as celebrating communion.

He said: 'This will be a great day for the congregation of Lamlash, and the Presbytery of Ardsrossan congratulates the congregation on what it has achieved.'

Bingo night pays off for riding charity

Arran Riding for the Disabled raised the amazing sum of £285 at the bingo night held at Whiting Bay Golf Club last Saturday.

They would like to thank Johnny and Elaine Kelso for all their help, everyone that came along on the night and also the following companies who very kindly do-

nated prizes for the raffle.

Arran Graphics, Shiskine Golf Club, Jimmy Gordon, Lamlash Co-op, Arran Aromatics, James Chocolates Shop, Island Cheese Company, The Drift Inn, Paterson Arran and not forgetting Oakbank Self Catering in Lamlash - thank you all.

Garden club gets composting with Lindsay

At the October meeting of the Arran Garden Club the group learned more about the twin subjects of composting and mulching from Arran's own Lindsay Kinnaird from Machrie.

After refreshments and a splendid raffle, Lindsay led the 'question time' very well with support from

Neil McLean and Jim Jack. A lively discussion ensued ranging from rats to roses and ended an enjoyable evening. Next month, on November 29, Dorothy Davidson, from Edinburgh will talk and demonstrate 'Flower Arranging with Christmas in Mind'.

Nursery raises £500

Brodick Nursery raised the sum of £516 at their recent autumn fayre.

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Survival of the largest?

HOWARD DRIVER looks at the trend of business closures on the island

The auction sale at the Breadalbane Hotel last Thursday was the latest sign of a significant trend in the loss of retail provision on Arran.

Breadalbane Hotel in Kildonan is now closed and all the signs are that it will be demolished to make way for a housing development.

Whilst there is an acknowledged lack of affordable housing, particularly for young resident workers, there has been much house building on the island and the population is increasing. At the same time, the tourism business has become the only growth area in the economy.

There are more people living here and more people coming here on holiday, but less places for them to be served.

In the past 20 years at least 13 licensed bars have closed on Arran.

Many smaller food stores have also gone the same way. From Greatorx Stores in Whiting Bay to Ferry Rock Stores in Corrie and from Mother Goose to Lochranza Shop, there are now fewer places to buy groceries or drink.

Among the former licensed bars now closed are the Douglas Hotel, The Islander, the Arran Hotel, the Heathfield Hotel, the Anchor Hotel, Lamlash Hotel, The Moorings, Kiscadale Hotel, Whiting Bay Hotel, Nags Bar, the Rock Hotel, Greannan Hotel and Breadalbane.

The PHT in Lamlash has been shut for months and Lagg public bar has also closed.

Other restaurants no longer in operation are The Pantry in Whiting Bay, Pirate's Cove, Kestrel Indian restaurant, Carraig Mhor in Lamlash, Castlekirk at Lochranza, tearooms at Sandbraes, Lochranza pier and Glenscorrodale, Lilybank Restaurant, Lamlash, Butt Lodge, Lochranza and chip shops in Lamlash and at Brodick Bazaar.

Russell Duncan ran Duncan's Bar successfully at the Kingsley Hotel for many years and was an active member of the Arran Licensed Trade Association. He said: 'It's a huge trend but it's maybe down to market forces. The cost of running a licensed premise has become so high and the successful ones get more income from food than drink.'

'There are more rules and regulations too. I could count up to 13 or 14 different officials who could come in at any time and demand that you meet certain regulations. The trade solely on drink has become virtually zero.'

Russell pointed out that this trend was not confined to Arran but in a confined area it is much more noticeable.

It may be a case of survival of the largest or the fittest, but in future all the new householders on Arran may have to drive a little further for their pint of milk or pint of beer.

Alcohol forum praised by nurse director

Julia Quickfall, nurse director of Queens Nursing Institute Scotland (QNIS) visited Arran last week to see the important work that has been carried out by the Arran Alcohol Forum.

One of QNIS's aims is to finance local initiatives, such as the Arran Alcohol Forum, which fill gaps in the service provision.

Mrs Quickfall said: 'It is important for projects like the forum to receive funding from institutes like us.'

'They are providing a vital service on the island that must be recognized.'

'Sometimes people forget that Arran is not exempt from problems like underage drinking. The forum has very successfully tackled these problems and highlighted the consequences to their parents.'

Award

In November 2006 the group won a 'Partnership in Practice' award from the QNIS.

The award was used to further their work on Arran with the production of a 'sleepover information kit', which were distributed to all primary sevens and High School pupils.

The forum was aware of large numbers of pupils at Arran High School having sleepovers with friends during the week.

These were affecting school



From left to right, back row: Ailsa Weir, Colin Turbett, Philomena Campbell, Julie Graham and Alison Dick. Sitting are Alan Stout, Isobel MacDonald and Julia Quickfall.

attendance, behaviour, attainment and having the necessary equipment for the school day like PE kits.

Isobel MacDonald, public health nurse on Arran said: 'We produced two leaflets with support from the Scottish Co-op Community Group aimed at parents titled 'Do you know where your children are tonight?' and one for young people 'Go on take a drink!' for all teenagers.'

Arran Alcohol Forum was set up in June 2001 to identify if there was a problem of alcohol abuse with young people and

what they could do about it.

Mrs MacDonald added: 'The main issues we had to tackle were the culture of acceptance of heavy drinking on the island by young people, binge drinking, parents unaware of what their children were doing and the lack of youth facilities on the island.'

Changes

Since 2001 a number of major changes have taken place.

In some of the village halls a system of stamps is being utilised whereby over 18s have black stamps on their hands and are allowed within the

bar area.

By 2004 the local manager of Stagecoach Buses had joined the forum and was able to provide transport for alcohol free functions.

There has also been a significant increase in the number of underage children caught with alcohol; this has resulted in prosecution of adults buying alcohol for youngsters.

Many of the licensed premises have been visited by the police and have been warned about the risk of losing their license if young people under the age of 18 are being served alcohol.

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For a long time service on Arran has been excellent. It has that personal factor which makes it a little more agreeable and allows many people to feel a bit special. But there must have been room for improvement because service in all sorts of areas is getting better and better. It must be, since we have so many more people serving us today.

Not long ago when one bought a ticket at the pier there were two gentlemen in a tiny office and precious little room for customers. Now there are about four or five people in a bright new office and further offices behind with more exalted people, beavering away to serve us.

In my work I would visit schools and would find in each classroom a teacher and a class of pupils who were invariably very welcoming. Yet, as the years rolled on I would find not one adult, but two, or sometimes three, in each classroom of pupils, all as welcoming as before.

Occasionally one used to go to the doctor. You'd sit in the waiting room and look around making a mental calculation about who was ahead of you. As the doctor came out and called next please, you awaited your turn and in you went. There was no sign of anybody else present, except the other patients. Today there are several others in offices to arrange appointments, hand out prescriptions and so on.

My work would also take me to the council offices and there I would chat with the one lady in the office before asking about more serious matters. Now there are many, about four I guess although some are hidden around the corner, and all sit in front of banks of computers.

Likewise at the high school. One would pop in and stick one's head around the head teacher's door. His secretary would often bring us a cup of tea and we could have a pleasant chat. No longer, for even gaining access into schools is a complex matter with spy windows and locked doors and quite possibly special codes. Once inside, the office, like the council offices, there are banks of computers and many ladies beavering away at them. All are helpful of course but also watchful and unlikely to allow one to progress any further without furnishing proof of being there on serious business.

I have little knowledge of the hospital but a friend called recently and told us of a visit when there were so many helpful people although none seemed to know what to do with her. Apparently as she waited a series of different people popped their heads round the door of the waiting room and said they would bring her a form to fill in but it was more than an hour before one of them actually remembered to do so.

Even the ferry service improves. When the *Caledonian Isles* entered service she had a crew of around 24. Now the ship's complement is around 34. I believe that this increase is in large part due to regulations which do not permit anybody to exceed a stated number of working hours, thus making ferry travel safer and more convenient for all of us. However one result, as well as giving us a much better service, is that there is insufficient accommodation on board for all the extra staff, so some have to find bed and breakfast in Ardrossan and then rise early and get back on board before the vessel sails.

There is clearly no doubt about it that in virtually every area of our daily lives, we have more people serving us. And these improvements in long standing services take no account of all the new areas which have been created for people to serve us. It must therefore follow that we are getting better and better service on Arran. Or are we?

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honour one another above yourselves (Romans 12: 9-10)

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Letters to the Editor



A death knell for the Southend

Sir,
As visitors to Arran over many years, we are dismayed that yet another eatery is to disappear - namely the Breadalbane Hotel in Kildonan.

We used to be spoiled for choice as where to have an informal meal.

Now there is no Kiscadale, no Grange, no Pantry, no Joshuas, no Pirates Cove and no Lagg.

There is still the Kildonan Hotel, which is choc-a-bloc with the local lads who have nowhere else to sup.

Only the trusty Trafalgar and Burlington remain which are superb, but only for special occasions.

This can only spell a death knell for the Southend of the island.

Thank goodness for the ferry fry!

Anyone wish to open a bistro?

**Yours,
Elizabeth Cox
Lenzie
Glasgow**

No charge to heat a baby bottle

Sir,
In response to the letter in The Banner about charging for heating baby bottles.

Firstly I was astonished that an owner of a coffee shop/tea room would charge any parent for heating up a baby bottle and even more astonished that Mrs Fleming was referring to me.

For the record I would not offer a polystyrene cup of hot water to heat a baby bottle up.

I have two young children of my own so I know all about heating up bottles, a polystyrene cup is just not suitable so we have jugs for heating baby bottles and of course it goes without saying there is no charge for heating bottles in any of my three shops even if

the person has or hasn't bought anything from me.

We also at Brodick Pier have facilities for baby changing and yet again any parent can use this facility with of course no charge.

I am fully supportive of the tourist industry on Arran and I wouldn't have been able to live here for the past 20 years if it wasn't for it.

Any parent coming into my shop asking to heat a baby bottle or to use the baby changing room would be more than welcome with no charge.

Any person asking for a cup of hot water to take away most probably would be charged.

**Yours,
John Copperwheat
Copperwheats
Brodick**

Times have not changed

Sir,
The letter to the Arran Banner about the family paying 20 pence for hot water for the baby's bottle takes me back to August 1939 when as a family we were spending a holiday at Broombank in Lochranza at Dougies Farm, Mr Kerr was his proper name.

We went to Pirrmill for a picnic and I was sent up to, I think the shop was Curries, to ask them to fill our kettle with water. I was told yes but it would cost me seven and sixpence.

Needless to say we didn't bother.

So it would seem times haven't changed on Arran. I was only 14 then I am now nearly 82 and have spent many happy holidays all over Arran and no later than this summer.

**Yours,
Mrs M McVitie
Damshot Crescent
Glasgow**

Recording of Weirs Way sought

Sir,
The late Tom Weir and his

film crew embarked on the car ferry Caledonia (ex Stena Baltica) at Ardrossan and spent the day filming on Arran for Scot's Magazine of February 1978.

This film Weirs Way was shown on Scottish Television and repeated once or twice.

Did anyone on the island record this programme?

**Yours,
R Murray
Dunan**

Disagree with Trident protest

Sir,
While I fully support everyone's right to demonstrate peacefully and to speak out against nuclear arms, I totally disagree with the views of those who protest against the Trident base at Faslane.

I too am a Christian and lived right through the London blitz of WW2 when parts of London might as well have been viewed in much the same light as Dresden and other cities within the European conflict zones.

We can so easily forget how close the Germans came to producing their own atomic bomb and I have read that the enriched uranium used by America for their bombs was intercepted from a German submarine on its way to Japan.

So, whether we like it or not, the nuclear weapon was an invention that nobody could stop and nobody can put it back in Pandora's Box - FACT.

Polaris and latterly Trident are the result of the Cold War and now we face the combined threat of both terrorism and rogue states acquiring nuclear arsenals - FACT.

The Royal Navy would pose a very limited deterrent if we did not have the Trident submarine fleet - FACT.

If WW3 should ever happen and please God it will not, then there can be no doubt that it will be nuclear and that will be the end of mankind and our civilisation as we know it - and for Christians who believe in the Bible that is clearly foretold as Armaged-

don in the Book of Revelation 16:16 -FACT.

I rest my case.

**Yours,
Ginger Bright
Dacre Banks
Near Harrogate
North Yorkshire**

Old photos of Goatfell and Glen Rosa wanted

Sir,
I would be interested if anyone has old photos or holiday snaps of Goatfell, Glen Rosa and the Three Beinns.

The National Trust for Scotland has been managing the Goatfell property for nearly 50 years and I am interested to see how the landscape and vegetation has changed during this time.

Even if you have photos taken in the last 20 years, this would be of interest to me.

Some of the questions I would like to answer are, how have the paths changed? Have the bracken areas increased? Is there less woodland now and how has it changed?

Old photos would be very helpful, particularly if the date the photograph is known, as they provide an excellent historical record even if it is just a snap shot in time.

Anyone interested can contact me at the ranger service (Tel 01770 302462) or by e-mail ksampson@nts.org.uk

**Yours,
Kate Sampson
Senior Ranger
Brodick castle and Country Park**

Heritage Museum season raffle draw

The winners of the Heritage Museum's 2007 season raffle are as follows:

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Councillor's voice in Europe

SNP Councillor for Ardrossan and Arran, Tony Gurney, has returned from a fact-finding visit to Brussels to promote the interests of Ayrshire and learn how the island can benefit from EU initiatives.

Councillor Gurney, along with his colleague Councillor Willie Gibson, took part in a visit organised by Alyn Smith MEP to meet key Scottish decision makers and advisory groups in Brussels.

Councillor Gurney also looked into possibilities for town twinning, EU funding and ways to lobby MEPS, commission officials and others to ensure a good deal for Arran in Europe.

Best deal

Speaking after the visit Councillor Gurney said: 'This fact finding mission was an excellent opportunity to make sure we can get the best deal for the area from what Europe has to offer.'

'Scotland is currently receiving what may be our last round of EU funding for regeneration but that doesn't mean the end of EU involvement.'

MEP Alyn Smith who hosted the fact finding visit said: 'Councils have a key role to play in the EU and I was pleased to see Tony representing North Ayrshire Council.'



Cubs from Arran, Ardrossan, Saltcoats and Kilwinning. b44eub1

Arran cubs host Ayrshire troops

Cub Scouts from all over North Ayrshire joined the Arran Cubs for a day of fun and games in Brodick Village Hall last Saturday.

The Cub Quiz is held every year but usually takes place at

the home town of one of the mainland troops.

This year it was decided to hold it on Arran so that the island's cubs didn't have to travel away this time.

James Cummings, deputy

regional assistant explained: 'We have organised events like this which take place all across North Ayrshire all of the time.'

'Unfortunately the Arran Cubs can't always get over to these events.'

'We decided to hold an event here to allow them to mix and interact with other cubs.'

Troops from Ardrossan, Saltcoats and Kilwinning joined the two Arran troops.

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a selection of games before the quiz in the afternoon after lunch.


The organisers said they hope that events like these can take place more often on the island.

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High School News

Svalbard Ahoy!

Following in the footsteps of Arraners Leonie Treble and Fiona Mclure, young explorers Jamie Cleland and Jessica Gillson are taking the plunge and crossing to the frozen plains of Svalbard, an Arctic Archipelago and Europe's final frontier before the North Pole.

The company responsible for this, The British Society of Expeditioning Schools (BSES), offers world class expeditions to exotic locations all over the globe providing adventure and the chance to take part in various scientific research programmes allowing your expedition to contribute to global issues such as climate change and human physiology. Our expeditioners themselves will be looking into the effects of global warming on glaciers and the lives of sea and coastal birds and plant life, amongst other activities.

Fundraising is an integral part of the BSES experience, increasing the young persons confidence and resourcefulness. For this Svalbard expedition the total, including buying kit, could reach anything up to £4500 each. This will require a great deal of ingenuity, as well as the success of tried and tested methods of fundraising such as an imminent bag-pack at the Co-op and the new Asda store in Ardrossan. Events across the island are helping the cause; tombolas at local events and car boot sales are just some of the ways in which people have fundraised before, so look out and when the time comes, dig deep! The experience is valuable for all of those who take part, offering a chance to expand social skills, confidence, practical outdoor skills and the chance to have the adventure of a lifetime. So when you see our young explorers out and about collecting, give them a hand and help them complete this ecological adventure which provides both adventure and invaluable research for generations to come.

Ailsa Yuill, S6

New School, New Rules?

Information has been leaked to High School News which suggests that the transition into the new school building could herald a new era in the way the school is run. As previously reported, the new school looks set to see a continuation of the revived house system,

which has already been started in preparation for the changeover, and a stricter attitude towards uniform.

However, recently, rumours have abounded in the school that the new building may also see a new set of rules enforced. The minutes of a top secret house council meeting, leaked to High School News, confirms that the 'new rules' have already been subjected to discussion and consultation amongst staff and students.

Some of the rules that have been posed include measures such as a ban on chewing gum, which it is hoped will help preserve the pristine condition of the school. However, other rules which have been discussed are far more controversial, involving an absolute ban on mobile phones, personal music players and carbonated drinks within the school. The 'new rules' could be met with some opposition from students who see them as infringing on their personal rights.

Whilst it is clear that the ban on 'fizzy drinks' comes as part of a wider drive towards healthy living, the ban on personal music players has been seen by some as a 'draconian' and unnecessary measure. One senior student said: 'Music can be beneficial to creating a structured learning environment. Since when has listening to Tchaikovsky diminished from my overall learning experience? It's a scientific fact that listening to the Arctic Monkeys can increase concentration levels!'

The proposed ban on mobile phones is said to be to counter the increased use of mobiles in class, particularly the 'bluetooth' facility, which allows instant-messaging style communication, and can be extremely disruptive in class. On the other hand, there is also sometimes a need for students to have their mobiles in school, and it would be a shame if others' misuse of their phones compromised the situation for those who do need them.

Another student commented: 'The present moves towards a stricter uniform, combined with anticipated bans on fizzy drinks, mp3 players, chewing gum and phones would all seem to indicate that the arrival of the new school will bring a much stricter system. Whether this is a good thing, I'm undecided.'

The question still hangs over whether the 'new rules' are necessary, particularly the controversial music player ban, and in fact, whether they will be imposed at all.

Liam Turbett and Calum Johnston, S6

European decisions are closer to home

MEP Elspeth Attwooll reports on the latest goings on in Brussels

People often believe that what we do in Brussels is somehow remote from life in Scotland.

Yet, when I think that, in the course of just one week in October, we had people out to see us from Shetland Islands Council, Scottish Borders Enterprise, the Europa Institute at Edinburgh University and Inclusion Scotland, all with issues directly affecting their activities here at home, I realise just how far this is from the truth.

For example, representatives



Elspeth Attwooll MEP

of Inclusion Scotland were there for a rally, along with disabled people from all over Europe, to present a petition with over a million signatures, for new laws to remove the barriers that face them.

It was a really vibrant occasion and I made there, too, some new acquaintances from the Cheshire Homes in Scotland as well as meeting up with a very longstanding one from Guide Dogs for the Blind.

The one sad thing about it all was that by far the lowest percentage of signatures on the petition had come from the UK.

Then, too, there are all the things we have been doing something about in the Strasbourg week just past.

These included pesticides, CO2 emissions from cars, feed and food-stuff prices, energy sources and cluster bombs.

Also, in the course of the month, I have been involved in more discussions on the way forward to prevent the discarding of fish at sea, a conference on aquaculture and meetings with people from the wood panel industry (concerns that too much use of wood as a bio-fuel will leave it in too short supply for their needs) and the NFU.

There has been less time available for travel around Scotland than I would have liked, although they have taken me from a primary school in Penicuik to the launch of an essay competition in Aberdeen.

A constituency week is in the offing, though, with time scheduled in Glasgow, Stirling, Perth and Inverness. The Stirling visit includes a lecture on the new Reform Treaty (replacing the Constitution that never was) and I still have to write it. So, I am much relieved that the report I have been doing on fisheries management is now safely off to the translators.

Contact me at info@elspethattwoollmep.org.uk or at my Constituency Office, Olympic House, 2nd Floor, 142 Queen Street, Glasgow, G1 3B. Phone: 0141 243 2421.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING DISCUSSION

North Ayrshire Council recently commissioned Craigforth Consultancy to carry out research on Arran. The research aimed to establish the level of affordable housing need on the island, and explore options for delivering it.

This research has now been concluded, and the Council's Rural Housing (LHS) Sub Group has been developing an action plan to take forward the reports recommendations.

The Council will deliver a presentation of the research process, and progress on the action plan, followed by a discussion session to allow questions, comments and feedback to be given. These presentation sessions are open to everyone.

Join us on:

8th November 2007

at

Kildonan Hall, 11:30am – 1:30pm, or

Ormidale Sports Pavilion, Brodick - 3:30pm – 5:30pm, or

Brodick Primary School - 6:30pm – 8:30pm

If you are unable to attend but would like the opportunity to comment, you can do so by calling :

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Having a smashing time in Kilmory

Kilmory Village Hall celebrated the beauty of autumn on Sunday afternoon with the third annual conker championships. A group of locals, who pride themselves on their conker bashing skills, gathered in the

middle of the hall determined to destroy their opponent. Arranged on the stage was a pile of conkers ready to be bashed. When the competition started at 5pm, 10 people battled to

win their game. A Southend Productions spokesman explained the rules of play. He said: 'Each competitor takes it in turn to attempt a conker hit and an attempted conker hit must be conducted using an over the top swing. Control is then passed to the opposing competitor.'

'If an attacking player misses with their swing, this is seen as a valid conker swing and control is passed to the opposing competitor.'

'If a defending player moves their conker when facing an opposite swing, the attacking player may have another swing.'

'The game is over when the conker is rendered unusable in further competition.'

In the first round each player had to try and win as many games as possible. Those who had won the most games progressed to the quarter finals.

It was a long evening as some games took more than 15 minutes.

Eventually Lorna Logan, Nick Underdown, John Picken and Eric Dunn qualified for the semi finals.

After a tense game, John destroyed Eric's conker and Nick managed to defeat Lorna.

Before the final game began, Nick and John carefully examined their conkers for tell tale cracks.

Nick seemed determined to win and after a few hard knocks John's conker finally gave way.



Even the youngsters joined in; Charlie Napier and Stewart Logan. b44conk1



Duncan Mulholland tries to defeat Lorna Logan. b44conk3



Eddie Picken displays his wounded conker. b44conk2

Quiz for Marie Curie

A quiz in aid of Marie Curie Research was held at Catacol Bay Hotel last Saturday.

Organised by Andrea Bond, who is collecting sponsorship money for another marathon, a large number of people attended. A total of £134 was raised.

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Lamlash Community Centre was the setting for the annual Halloween Party in aid of the Lamlash Mother and Toddler Group last Friday night.

Busy with lots of children of all ages ranging from babies to primary seven, some of the costumes were very impressive.

There was a large number of wicked witches skulking around the room and there were a number of scary skeletons too.

Others opted for less scary costumes including the runners from the 118 advert and Scooby Doo and friends.

A few superheroes were also scattered about the hall.

The children took part in traditional games including dooking for apples, treacle scones strung on a rope and much, much more.

Judging by the volume of noise all the children had a great time.

See next week's *Banner* for pictures from the other Halloween parties held all over Arran.



Jolie and Gabrielle Allison with baby Imogene. b44lam8



Rhiannon Gerhaty, Courtney Taylor, Caitlin Dixon and Jordan Lyle as four wicked witches. b44lam3



David and Thomas Copperwheat. b44lam9

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Two little witches, Hannah Currie and Nina Locatelli. b44lam2

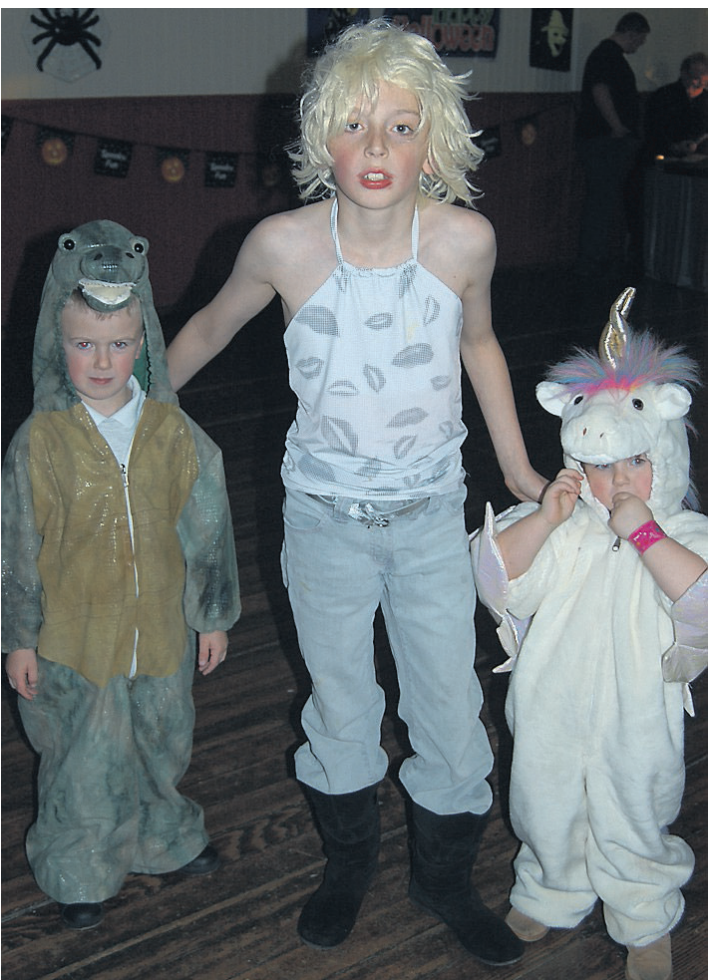


The friendly witch, Autumn Smythe. b44lam10

Right: Cara Miller and Hannah Bone dressed as the 118 men. b44lam1



Below: Ben Lesley with Leon Hamilton. b44lam6



John Lyle with Ryan and Laura Campbell. b44lam5



Uma Burnett and Lauren Campbell with Sarah Fletcher in the middle. b44lam7

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Sat - Over 21's Disco - 10pm (Last admittance 11pm)
Sun - Open Folk Session - 9.30pm
Tues - Pop Music Quiz - 10pm
Thur - General Knowledge Quiz - 10pm

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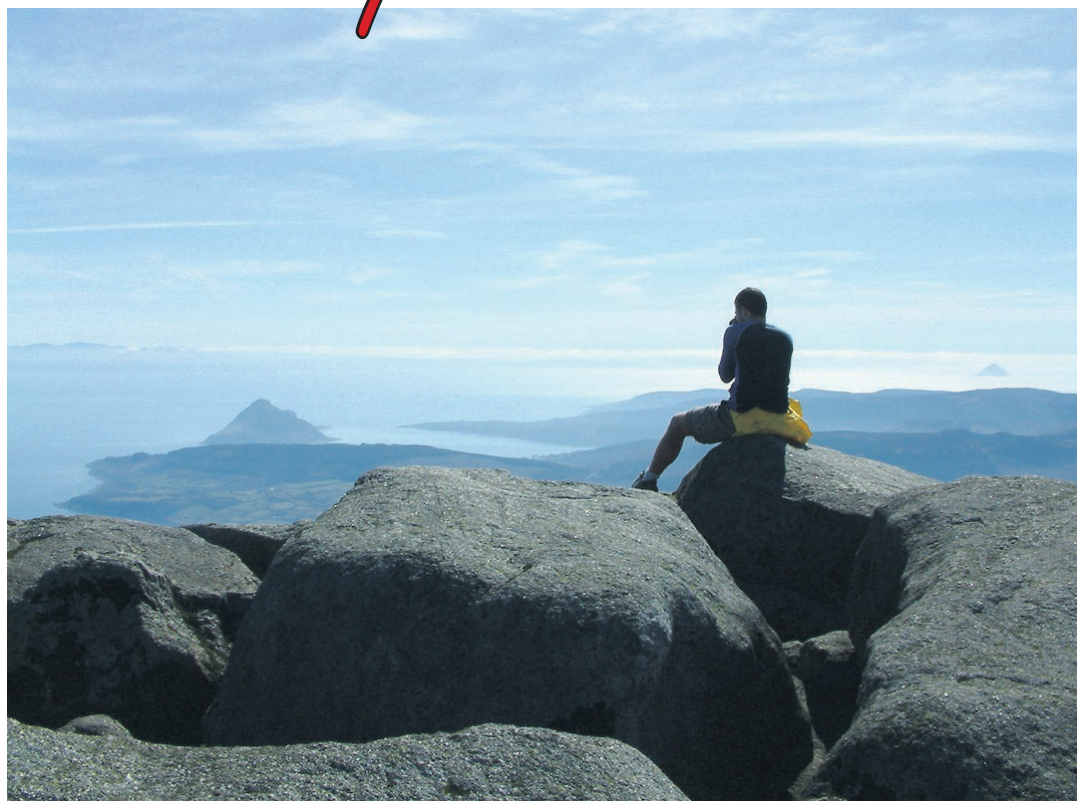
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The Banner's photo competition 2007 attracted a record number of entries so we decided to bring you a selection of photos that our judge thought deserved to be mentioned.

Photographic competition 2007



All together now, Alison Davidson, Stirling. b44comp5NO



On top of the world, David Allcock, Keighley b44comp4NO



Borage in a herb garden at Kings Cross, Sue Archer, Lamlash. b44comp2NO



Seal, Graham Loncaster, Hessele



Peek a boo at Lagg, Robert Bamford, Glasgow. b44comp1NO



Sunny Blackwaterfoot beach, John Griffin, Motherwell b44comp3NO

Obituary

Duncan McArthur (1925-2007)

It was with great sadness on Monday, October 15, that we learned of the death of Duncan McArthur.

Duncan was a remarkable man. The son of Jessie Ross and Malcolm McArthur, born in Corrie on the Isle of Arran on March 9, 1925, he was educated in Corrie School, worked with his father at the sawmill and then went to war.

He was at sea initially and during that time he endured being torpedoed twice and shipwrecked once.

His boat went down off Holland and after seven days in an open boat he arrived in Amalaand where the Dutch Resistance then harboured him in a clay pit for seven weeks.

He was then handed on from safe house to safe house and eventually made his way into Spain where he was picked up and taken to the safety of Gibraltar. Thus began a strong association with the Dutch, from whom he received several awards and commendations in later years. He received the honour of Ritter of the Grand East of the Netherlands, the House of Orange, In Dutch circles this is considered as a knighthood.

Queen Beatrix awarded him the Dutch Peace Medal in November 2004, and he was also made freeman of the cities of Middelburg and Arnemuiden.

Duncan then joined the Royal Scots Fusiliers and reached the rank of sergeant major. He served in many places including Italy and the Western Front. He was wounded three times during the war and lived the rest of his life with shrapnel in his body.

Duncan was among the first soldiers that entered Belsen Prison Camp and from what he saw there he developed a deep affinity and association with people of the Jewish faith, an association that was to last the rest of his life.

Duncan was awarded three medals during his time in the services – the Conspicuous Gallantry Medal, the Distinguished Service Cross and the Military Medal.

After his military service, Duncan returned to Arran and started a fishmonger and greengrocer's business. He married Ena in 1951, and a few years later David and Karen were born. Ena and Duncan lived in Greystones in Brodick, a house he built himself.

In 1969, the family moved to Clarkston, where he continued in business with a post office until his retirement 20 years later. Duncan was passionate about everything he became involved



Duncan McArthur

in crook-making, model boats and ponies from which he bred many champions.

Duncan took great pleasure from Andrew and Karen's children, Kirsten and Sarah, and David and Joyce's children, Grant and Gill. He adored being a grandfather and was never happier than when his family were around him. DM

Link to Argyll mainland changes for winter

Arran lost its regular link to the Argyll mainland last Sunday.

For the next five months the only ferry connection from Lochranza to Kintyre will be once a day. The Caledonian Mac-Brayne (CalMac) vessel *MV Loch Tarbert* left Lochranza on Sunday afternoon and is not scheduled to return to regular crossings of the Kilbrannan Sound until 20 March 2008.

As in recent years the winter service to and from Lochranza will be undertaken by *MV Isle of Cumbrae*, which normally plies between Tarbert and Portavadie 10 times a day. For the winter months she will divert from her usual run to depart from Tarbert at 12.15pm for the one-and-a-half hour sail to Lochranza, arriving at 1.40 pm and leaving again five minutes later.

This service is only available by making passenger and vehicle reservations in advance with the CalMac office at Kennacraig, telephone number 01880 730253.

Members of the regular Arran

crew will be deployed elsewhere on the ferry network for the winter. Purser John van Bongerijen of Kildonan said: 'It's interesting seeing other places but I prefer to get home every night.' Skipper Gavin Crawford is using the winter period to go to college through CalMac and hopefully gain further nautical qualifications. Seaman Robert Ferguson will be taking up duties with CalMac based in Brodick. Andrew McNiven of Shiskine said that he quite enjoys the opportunity to work on other vessels in the fleet.

People using the winter service to Tarbert are recommended to take a good book and something to drink because facilities on the vessel are limited.

Right: Purser John van Bongerijen, Charge hand Gavin Crawford and Seaman Robert Ferguson on board *MV Loch Tarbert* on Sunday prior to its last departure of the season from Lochranza.

b44loc01



Shetlanders interested in Arran marketing model

Shetland food and drink producers are using Taste of Arran Ltd as the perfect model for marketing and distributing their goods.

Shetland Food and Drink Group co-ordinator Fiona Dally visited Arran in August.

She said: 'We went to Arran to find out how they market and sell collectively the best of Arran's food and drink through Taste of Arran Ltd.'

She started her journey in some Glasgow shops to find out how regional produce was marketed and sold.

She explained: 'Shetland products were somewhat missing. Arran produce, on the other hand, was everywhere. From beer to oatcakes, the presence of Arran in Byres road was well established and we wanted to see how they did it.'

Staying at the Auchrannie, she witnessed the emphasis of local goods throughout from Arran Aromatics toiletries and Taste of Arran postcards in the rooms.

The next day was then spent visiting the members of Taste of Arran at their premises.

Fiona said: 'These companies genuinely believed that they could work together to make more money, even companies with the same product type worked together with the bigger aim of selling Arran and their products.'

'Everyone seemed to work hard to exemplify and market quality Arran produce whether it was through taste trails or through the abundance of local food and drink in the shops and in menus around the island.'

Anthony Nolan Trust plans Arran Extravaganza

The Anthony Nolan Trust has decided to get active on Arran in the coming year and they want you to help.

Anne Hughes, regional fundraising manager said: 'In the past, the charity has received a great deal of support from the people of Arran.'

'We firmly believe that by bringing a big event to Arran we will receive great support from the community.'

'We are planning a weekend that will be unlike any other charity event held on Arran and will have something that will appeal to most people so everyone can get involved.'

Currently plans for the Arran Extravaganza include three events; a zip slide, dinner dance and a Goat Fell climb.

A meeting has been planned of the charities supporters and anyone else interested in getting involved.

This will take place in the Auchrannie Spa on November 10.

Ms Hughes added: 'It would be great if people came along for a cup of tea and a chat and I can tell them more about the Anthony Nolan Extravaganza planned for June 2008. We really do need as much local support as possible to make it a success.'

Contact Anne Hughes on 0141 946 4913 or e-mail her at anne.hughes@anthonymolan.org.uk if you would like to attend the meeting.

Voskresenije visit Lochranza

Voskresenije, the celebrated Russian choir from St Petersburg, in colourful Cossack costume, will perform a concert of Russian sacred music and folk songs, interspersed with the odd surprise item, in Lochranza Village Hall on Tuesday November 27.

This will be the ensemble's third visit to the island, having been prevented in making the crossing from Ardrossan last year by horrendous weather conditions.

Those who attended the two previous concerts are unlikely to have forgotten the extraordinary beauty, allied to power, of their unaccompanied singing.

In particular the arrangement of *Auld Lang Syne* with which they still end their programmes.

Voskresenije learnt the song one dark afternoon in Argyll when the composer of the arrangement, John McIntosh, hosted their first concert in the area.

They learned the words phonetically, writing them down as they were spoken and then performed the piece that evening.

The conductor of Voskresenije is Yuri Marek who was born in West Siberia.

He has had a distinguished career as a musical director, including being in charge of the St Petersburg Radio and TV Choir.

The members of the ensemble all trained at the internationally acclaimed St Petersburg Conservatory and together have toured Europe extensively for the past 13 years.

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Fare do's?

Cunninghame District Council has given Arran taxi drivers a special concession with one hand - and taken it away with the other.

Drivers pleas and Mrs Evelyn Sillars efforts to have the special situation on Arran recognised have won the argument, but they have now lost any benefit from winning.

Strippers visit Arran

A show described as 'adult male entertainment' took place at the Greannan Hotel, Shiskine last Saturday night.



Presenting the cheques for the Council of Social Service is David Bridge and receiving are Hightet Allan, Irving Paul and Bernie Mitchell-Luker. b44twe1

Two young ladies came over at a cost of £400 to display their charms and tickets were sold at £10 per head.

Disgust at mink trapping

Mrs Urquhart of Sliderry phoned us yesterday to express her disgust at some visitors who had taken her neighbour to task for trapping mink.

Willie Stewart spends much of his time setting traps and helping rid the area of mink, a much needed task as only a few weeks ago his neighbour lost 42 hens to them.

Creamery awards

Torrylin Creamery in Kilmory has carried off more prizes for its cheese at the Butter and Cheese Show held in Renfrew last Thursday.

Landscaping approval

The Area Manpower Board has given approval for the scheme to landscape the Strathwhillan Burn area.

Last month The Banner reported that the proposed development could only go ahead if there were sufficient unemployed people locally who were willing to take part.

100 people have been identified to help but only 11 are required for the project.

Work will begin shortly.

Invasion of the Breadalbane Hotel

Throughout our occupation by enemy forces during November the bar is open for drinks as usual.

We regret any inconvenience caused.

Rugby, October 31

Arran 36 Lanark 0

Arran maintained their challenge at the top of the league with a resounding victory over one of the more favoured teams.



Duncan Russell shows a leg with Fiona and Euan Ingram of Whiting Bay. b44twe2

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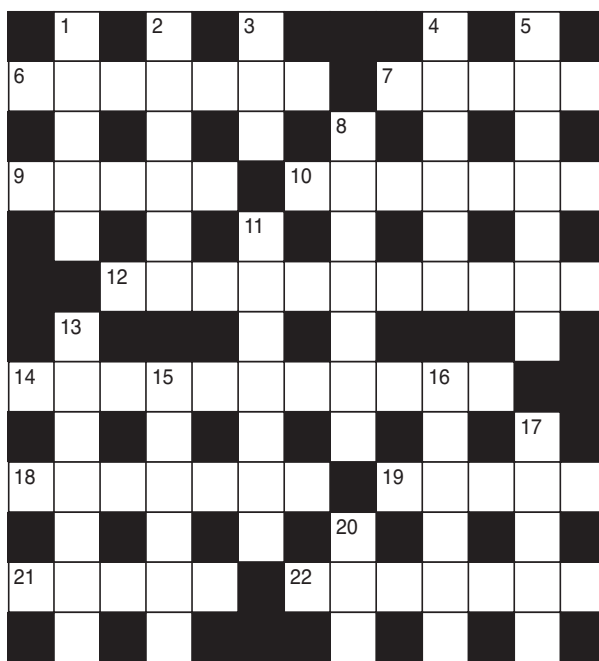
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- ACROSS**
- Capital of Iraq (7)
 - and 20 Down. Figure of a lamb bearing a banner with a cross, emblematic of Christ (5,3)
 - 'The —', film for which Holly Hunter won the 1993 Best Actress Oscar (5)
 - See 11 Down.
 - See 15 Down.
 - Sedative or hypnotic used in medicine such as barbitone or phenobarbitone (11)
 - Film for which Liza Minnelli won the 1972 Best Actress Oscar (7)
 - Reddish-brown glandular organ which stores glycogen and detoxifies certain poisons (5)
 - In Greek mythology, the underworld abode of the souls of the dead (5)
 - 'The —', 1896 play by Anton Chekhov (7)

- QUICK CLUES ACROSS**
- Outstanding (7)
 - Shroud (5)
 - Spindle (5)
 - Copious (7)
 - Show (11)
 - Stupidity (11)
 - Forestall (7)
 - Inlet (5)
 - Climb (5)
 - Erudite (7)



SOLUTIONS TO LAST WEEK

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE - Across: 7 Isobar; 8 Archer; 10 Bethany; 11 Basin; 12 Rand; 13 U-boat; 17 Filly; 18 Iago; 22 Daisy; 23 Norfolk; 24 Muzzle; 25 Barney.

Down: 1 Filbert; 2 Rostand; 3 Qatar; 4 Arabian; 5 Chase; 6 Frink; 9 Cymbeline; 14 Bicycle; 15 Garonne; 16 Sockeye; 19 Adams; 20 Liszt; 21 Great.

QUICK - Across: 7 Reason; 8 Savage; 10 Diction; 11 Cleft; 12 Cant; 13 Giver; 17 Relax; 18 Tome; 22 Leave; 23 Hateful; 24 Credit; 25 Crisis.

Down: 1 Produce; 2 Larceny; 3 Topic; 4 Hatchet; 5 Haven; 6 Petty; 9 Antipathy; 14 Demerit; 15 Confuse; 16 Recluse; 19 Pluck; 20 Sated; 21 Start.

- DOWN**
- City in S.W. Spain on the Bay of — built by the Phoenicians around 1100 B.C. (5)
 - See 16.
 - Small European brown flatfish, Limanda limanda (3)
 - Drink made of eggs, milk, sugar, spice and brandy or rum (6)
 - The standard monetary unit of Paraguay (7)
 - Yemeni island in the Indian Ocean whose capital is Tamridah (7)
 - and 10 Across. 1962 novel by James Baldwin (7,7)
 - Woody Allen film set in fictional San Marcos (7)
 - and 12 Across. Group of German urban guerrillas also called the Red Army Faction (6-7,4)
 - and 2. 1988 David Mamet film co-scripted by the director (6,6)
 - H.G., author of The Time Machine (5)
 - See 7 Across.

QUICK CLUES DOWN

- Unconcealed (5)
- Furrow (6)
- Chafe (3)
- Parley (6)
- Compactness (7)
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- Agree (7)
- Right (7)
- Vigorous (6)
- Guard (6)
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Hawk Walks, Lamlash

Lamlash Tennis Courts

Open from 10am - 8pm

SATURDAY 27th October

Blackwaterfoot Junior Football
coaching, 10.30am - noon

Arran Dancers
Brodick Primary School 11am - 4.15pm

Machrie Table Tennis & Games Club,
Machrie Hall, 7.30-9pm

Disco, Ormidale Hotel 10pm

Karate
Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am - 12.30pm

Bingo Night
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 7pm

Rugby
Arran v Marr 12pm Ormidale Park

Quiz Night & Raffle in aid of Marie Caurie
Catacol Bay Hotel, 8.30pm

Jumble Sale
Kilmory Hall, 11am

SUNDAY 28th October

Alcoholics Anonymous,
St Margarets Church, Whiting Bay, 4.30pm

Family Games Kids & Adults.
Auchrannie Games Hall 2 - 3pm

Open Folk Session
Ormidale Hotel. 9pm

MONDAY 29th October

Senior Fitness,
Auchrannie, 9.30am & 10.45am

Over 50s Badminton,
Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm

Football coaching,
Ormidale Park, 6 7.30pm (8-16yrs)

Badminton,
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm

Quiz,
Cameronia 9.30pm

Weightwise,
Hospital bungalow 6.30pm-7pm

Cardiac Rehab,
Auchrannie Gym, 12.30pm - 2pm

Circuit Training,
Auchrannie Gym 6pm - 7.15pm

Citizens Advice open 10am-2pm

Lamlash Bridge
Golf Clubhouse, Lamlash, 7.15pm

Salsa Dancercise
Shiskine Hall. 6.30 - 7.15pm

Fitness Yoga

Kildonan Hall, 6pm - 6.45pm

Legs, Bums and Tums

Kildonan Hall 7pm - 7.45pm

St Brides Ladies

Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm

TUESDAY 30th October

Senior Fitness,
Auchrannie Spa, 9.30am & 10.45am

Lochranza Swimming Club,
Kinloch, 11am-noon

Legs, Bums & Tums,
Auchrannie Spa, 6-6.45pm

Army Cadets,
Auchrannie Road, 7.30-9.30pm

Pop quiz,
Ormidale Hotel 10pm

Lochranza & Catacol Coffee morning,
Hall 10am - 12pm

Alcoholics Anonymous,
Brodick Church Hall, 2pm

Arran Rotary,
Auchrannie, 7.15pm

Citizens Advice
open 10am -2pm 4 - 6pm by appointment only

Country Dancing
Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm

Pulmonary Rehab
Auchrannie Gym 12.30pm - 2pm

Table Tennis
Kildonan Hall, 6pm-8pm

Indoor Bowling
Corrie & Sannox Hall, 2pm

Indoor Bowling
Auchrannie Hall, 7pm

WEDNESDAY 31st October

Mixed Hockey,
Auchrannie Hall, 7pm

Aerobics class,
High School 8pm - 9pm

Jnr Rugby Training,
S1-U18s, Ormidale Park, 7pm

Aquafizz,
Auchrannie Hotel, 9.45am - 10.30am

Circuit Training,
Auchrannie 6pm

Open Folk Session
Aldersyde Hotel. 9pm

Table Tennis
Kildonan Hall, 3pm-5pm

Shiskine Beavers
Shiskine Hall, 6pm - 7.15pm

Yogalates
Auchrannie Studio 10am - 11am

Yoga

Kildonan Hall, 10am

Halloween Party

Montrose House, Brodick, 6pm
Halloween Party

Shiskine Hall, 7.30pm

THURSDAY 1st November

Senior Fitness,
Auchrannie Spa, 9.30am & 10.45am

Brodick Bridge Club
,McLaren Hotel 7.15pm

Citizens Advice open 10am-2pm

Badminton,
Kilmory Hall, Juniors 6.30 - 7.30pm Adults 7.30 - 9pm

Lochranza Craft Club,
Hall 2pm

Outdoor run,
Auchrannie, 6pm

Pilates, Auchrannie Studio, 6pm

Belly Dancing,
Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm

Aerobics,
Auchrannie Games Hall, 6pm

St Molios Church Coffee Morning 10.30 - noon

Youth Club
Youth Centre, Lamlash 7pm - 10pm

Arran Junior Singers Practise
Whiting Bay School 6.45pm

Brodick Embroidery Group
Brodick Library, 7.30pm

Cardiac Rehab,
Auchrannie Gym, 12.30pm - 2pm

Keep Fit
Kildonan Hall, 7pm - 9pm

Indoor Bowling
Auchrannie Hall, 7pm

FRIDAY 2nd November

Arran Pipe Band practice,
Brodick Hall, 7.30pm

Lochranza & Catacol Coffee morning
10am - 12pm

Aquafizz,
Auchrannie Pool, 9.45am

Over 21's disco,
10pm, Ormidale Hotel

Citizens Advice open 10am-2pm

Whiting Bay Golf Club
Quiz night 9pm

Circuit Training
Auchrannie Gym, 6pm - 7.15pm

Senior Badminton
Auchrannie 2pm

Arran Ceilidh Dance Group
Corrie Village Hall, 8pm

SATURDAY 3rd November

Christmas Fayre in aid of Save The Children
Brodick Hall, 10am - 2pm

Lamlash Bonfire
Opposite Coop, 6.30pm



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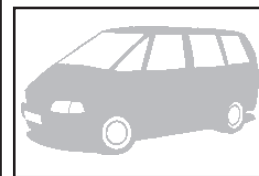


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Kinloch Hotel

Public Notice

Friday 2nd November

No evening bar or restaurant meals will be served tonight. Takeaway pizzas will be available from the bakery 6-8pm (Please note this is the last night for takeaway pizzas)

Saturday 10th November

No bar lunch or evening meals will be served today. The lounges & leisure facilities will be closed to the public from 1.30pm. The public bar hours will operate as per normal.

Monday 12th – Wednesday 14th November

The hotel & leisure facilities will be closed from 2.30pm today, re-opening on Wednesday 14th November from 11.30am, with lunches served 12.30-2.30pm & evening meals 6-8.30pm.

The public bar will be open on Tuesday 13th November 5pm until 10pm only.

BEST WESTERN

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Saturday	11.30am until 12.30am

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Tuesday	8.30-Noon and 4.30-7pm
Wednesday	8.30-Noon and 4.30-8pm
Thursday	8.30-Noon and 4.30-8pm
Friday	8.30-Noon and 4.30-8pm
Saturday	10am until 4pm

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) ORDER 1992

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Application No: N/07/01003/PP **Address:** McLaren Hotel, Brodick, Isle Of Arran KA27 8AJ **Proposed Development:** Demolition of hotel and erection of 24 dwelling flats, associated car parking and attached bistro restaurant

Ian Snodgrass
Chief Executive
Cunninghame House
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LAST WEEK



We only had one correct answer last week as Murphy was sitting in a less well-known place. Angel2K10 correctly guessed where he was. She wrote: 'This one is a bit trickier...is it the car park past Kildonan where you can walk up to the gorgeous Eas Mor Waterfall and Alberts Cabin?'

Where is Murphy this week? Go to www.arranbanner.co.uk and tell us where you think he is.

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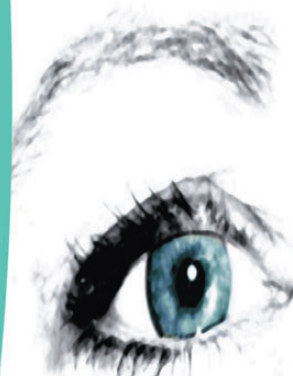
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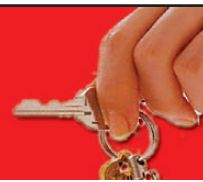
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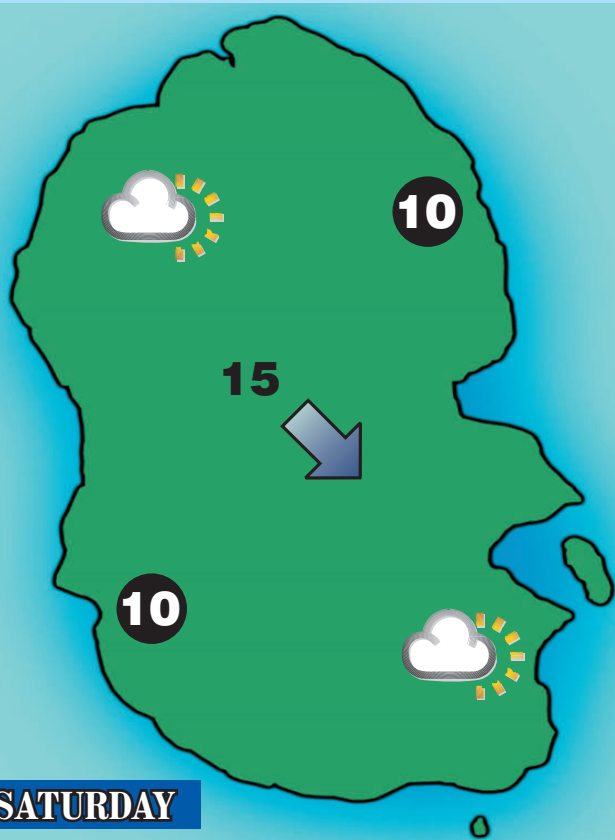
Tides

Tide tables for Lamlash during the week from **Saturday, November 3 2007** are listed below with differences for major ports listed beneath. All times are GMT (add one hour BST)

Date	am				pm			
Sat	0658	2.6	1229	1.4	****	**	1805	2.9
Sun	0106	1.0	0828	2.7	1339	1.3	1952	3.0
Mon	0209	0.9	0924	2.9	1439	1.2	2106	3.1
Tues	0303	0.8	1010	3.0	1530	1.0	2159	3.2
Wed	0348	0.7	1050	3.1	1615	0.8	2245	3.2
Thur	0427	0.7	1128	3.2	1654	0.7	2326	3.2
Fri	0501	0.7	1201	3.2	1728	0.7	****	**

Tidal Constants: (Add or deduct from High Water at Lamlash)

Blackwaterfoot	+0.25	Machrie	+0.25
Corrie	+0.20	Lochranza	+0.15
Whiting Bay	-0.02	Brodick Bay	+0.25
Kildonan	-0.05		



SATURDAY

Saturday, November 3

Sunny intervals expected with a slight north westerly wind. Temperature on average 10°C.

Sunday, November 4

Again sunny intervals forecast with a very light southerly wind. Temperatures around 10°C.

Monday and Tuesday

Sunny intervals with a west north-westerly wind. Temperatures around 12°C

Ferry Crossings/Sea States

Ardrossan/ Brodick - Moderate
 Claonaig/ Lochranza - Moderate

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH NEWS

Church of Scotland

North Arran: Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirmill and Shiskine.

Independent but working together.

Minister Rev Angus Adamson. Parish Asst Mrs Jean Hunter. Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times.

Sunday 4 November
 Brodick Church 10.30am, Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Corrie noon. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
 Also joint service with brodick in Corrie Church at 6.30pm. Service of Thanksgiving with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Lochranza & Pirmill 10.15am at Lochranza Shiskine noon.

A service of worship including the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will also be held in Montrose House at 1.30pm.

Arran Free Church of Scotland

Sunday 4 November

Shiskine 11am, Brodick 7pm, Rev David Karoon All welcome.

Arran Open Gate Ministries

We are a small group of like minded Christians meeting together to minister to each other and the wider community in spiritual and practical ways. Visitor or local your are welcome to join us.

Telephone: 700424 or 600663.

Holy Cross Catholic Church

Sunday Mass, 11am

Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church

Sunday 4 November
 The Sacrament of Communion will be celebrated by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson, at 10.30am. The Young People's Group will meet as usual in the Hall. Tea and coffee will be served in the transept after the service
 There will be at service at Cooriedoon at 2.30pm and

Craigielea at 3.15pm All welcome.

Kilmory Parish Church

Sunday 4 November
 Public Worship, 10am.
All are invited.

Kilmory Church dates back to the mid 16th century. It is situated at the Southend of the island in a charming rural setting and is well worth finding. Look for the road side signs in Kilmory near the creamery. Holiday visitors of all faiths or none will be especially welcome.

Rev John Webster, locum.

Scottish Episcopal Church (in full communion with the Church of England)

St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
 Sunday 4 November 11am
 11.00 am, Holy Communion.
 Mrs Janis Gallagher. Coffee after service.

Wednesday, 7th November:
 12.15 pm, Holy Communion.

All welcome

Lamlash Church

Sunday 4 November
 You are invited to worship in Lamlash Church at 11 am.
 Dr. Alison Elliott
 Past Moderator
 General Assembly of the Church of Scotland
 Rev. Johnston McKay
 Clerk to Presbytery of

Ardrossan
 Mr Alan Saunderson
 Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
 Rededication of Lamlash Church
 After the service, the church will remain open until 4pm
 All welcome

Arran Free Church of Scotland (continuing)

Communion Weekend Saturday 3 November, Preparatory Service. 7pm Sunday 4th, 11am
 Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick
 Communion Service. Evening Service, 7pm 5 Glen Road.
 Monday 5 November, 7pm
 Thanksgiving Service
 All services taken by Rev. D. Blunt
 Prayer Meeting November 7, 7pm
 Rev. D. Macleod
 All welcome

Arran Baptist Church

Sunday 4 November
 Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick
 We are celebrating God's faithfulness with a Harvest Brunch Service at 10.45 a.m.
 Join us as we praise and thank God and enjoy food and company.
 Everyone very welcome

PERSONALS

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Jamie

Would like to thank all friends and family for the lovely gifts received on his **21ST BIRTHDAY**
 Thanks also to Lamlash Golf Club for a great night
Hic, hic!

DEATH

MANSFIELD - JOHN
 Funeral service in St Molios Church on Monday 5th November at 11.30am and thereafter to Clachan Cemetery to which all relatives and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please. Retiral collection at church for Alzheimers Scotland if so desired

French (English-speaking) au pair moving to Arran in January would like to contact any au pairs currently living on Arran.

It'd be great to get to know you before hopefully meeting you in person!

Please write to campbell.aupair@gmail.com.

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Darts league ladies return to the oche

Defending champions Drift Inn to take on 'new' Southend Ladies team

The Ladies Darts League is preparing to get started again for the winter with the first game taking place on Wednesday November 7.

The Drift Inn will play the Southend Ladies (formerly Lagg) at the Drift Inn. Last season the Drift Inn were overall league winners with Catacol as runners-up.

This season there are still only three teams taking part; Catacol, Drift Inn and Southend Ladies.

Because of the closure of the public bar, the Lagg team were forced to find alternative premises.

This season they will play their home games at the Kildonan Hotel and will be called the Southend Ladies.

A mixed darts competition has been organised by the Ladies Darts League to take place on November 17 in the Drift Inn.

The competition will begin at 7.30pm and if possible could entrants get their names to Susan Logan beforehand (830 231).

Another date for your diary is the ARC mixed competition to be held at the Drift Inn on March 28.



Last season's league winners, the Drift Inn. b44dar1



Catacol Bay were runners-up in the 2006/07 season. t44dar2

Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf...

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday October 28, Taylor Trophy, (Greensome.)

Gus MacLeod and John Pennington (11) 61, Rob Stewart and Wolfi Kroner (17) 62, 'Sonny and Jammy' (10) 63.

Fixtures: Sunday November 4, Winter League at Brodick against Shiskine, 10.50am start.

Sunday November 11, Winter Cup Round 2.

Corrie Golf Club

Monday Cup, October 22.

1 K Barclay 76-21=55, 2 H McArthur 65-9=56 BIH, 3 E I Cannon 70-14=56.

Fixtures: Saturday November 3 Joe McKenzie Rose Bowl. Tee off at 12noon.

Sunday November 4 Winter League, team members will be notified.

Monday November 5 Monday Cup tee off at 12noon.

ALGU

Please note: A new date has been arranged for the cancelled Drumadon game at Lamlash on Saturday October 27.

It will now be held on Sat-

urday November 10 from 10.30am.

Notice on board – names please or phone Ellie 600 790.

Shiskine Golf Club

Ladies Arran Challenge Results:

First class: 1 Margaret MacGregor 110-22=88, 2 Winifred MacCallum 99-10=89 BIH, 3 Katrina McKinlay 105-16=89 BIH.

Second class: 1 May MacEwem 123-36=87, 2 Viv Parks 125-32=93 BIH, 3 Irene Luxon 128-36=93.

Winifred MacCallum won the best scratch.

Congratulations to May MacEwem and well done to all who played.

Sunday October 28: 18 Hole medal CSS 68.

First Class: 1 W Kelso 73-5=68, 2 B Sherwood 76-7=69, and 3 J Stewart 74-4=70.

W Kelso won the best scratch with a 73.

Magic Two's: D Price, B Sherwood and J Stewart.

Fixtures: Thursday November 8: Ladies 12 Hole Medal.

Men's Arran Challenge ends Sunday November 11.

Lamlash Golf Club

Nine-hole (back nine) medal on Thursday, October 25. 23 played.

Sweep: 1 Gavin Lowe 35 - 6.5 = 28.5; 2 Colin Richardson 39 - 9.5 = 29.5 (bih); 3 Matthew Evans 38 - 8.5 = 29.5.

Best scratch Ian Murchie - 33.

No twos recorded, money put into sweep prize fund.

Overall winners over four weeks - Best two: 1 Tom V Boyle 32, 26 = 59; 2 John O'Sullivan 31, 31 = 62.

Best front nine - 1 Neil Mitchell 36 - 8.5 = 27.5.

Best back nine - 1 Tom Vera Boyle 26.

Texas scramble on Sunday, October 28. 18 played: 1 Diane Hamilton, Ian Bremner and Andy Pattison 62 - 4.8 = 57.2 (bih); 2 Miller Crawford, Ian Murchie and David Ross 61 - 3.8 = 57.2.

Fixtures: Saturday, November 3 - Glenburn Cup (9.30am and 11am).

Sunday, November 4 - Winter League at Brodick at 10am.

Arran Golfers Association

Saturday October 27 Arran



Brodick's Stevie Bunyan is handed The Royal Bank Shield by Kerr Robertson.

Picture courtesy of Len Hartley.

Grouse Foursomes at Machrie. Played in windy but dry conditions with the course in excellent condition.

With only 3 shots separating over half the field Brodick golfers came out on top.

1 Brodick [B] K Robertson and A McCrindle 67, 2 Brodick [A] J Armit and G Hendry 68, 3 Lochranza [B] DK Henderson and J Milesi 68.5.

Scratch Machrie [B] H Bannatyne and A Jeffrey 74.

Magic two's from J Ar-

mit and G Hendry, I Bremner and G Andrews.

Fixtures: Sunday November 4 Winter League at Brodick. Draw 10am Brodick v Lamlash, 10.50am Whiting Bay v Shiskine, 11.40am Corrie v Machrie Bay.

Saturday November 15 Corrie Hotel Cup at Shiskine 11am tee-off.

Revised rules: Stableford team of four who have not played in the Hope Cup.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday October 23 Winter Cup off the Yellow Tees.

1 David Wilkinson 65 BIH, 2 Alistair MacDonald 65 BIH, 3 Bert Green 65.

Scratch and magic two's Hamish Bannatyne 71.

Fixtures: Saturday November 3 Lochranza Hotel Cup 12noon tee-off.

Tuesday November 6 Winter Cup 12noon tee-off.

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Injuries prove costly

Isle of Arran 15
 Marr 26

At one point during the second half Arran took on this experienced Marr side with only 12 men as three players succumbed to injury.

A mix-up in the league fixtures gave Arran a free Saturday for this friendly match but some players opted out, leaving coach Bert Ramage the minimum 15 players.

And by the time Niall McMaster had damaged his shoulder in the first half, the islanders were 7-0 down. The forward was pushed to the ground and didn't get up. His mum, and first aid woman, Fiona, ran onto the pitch with her trusty wet sponge but Niall could not continue.

Marr then proceeded to score two more times before half-time leaving the score 21-0 when the whistle blew.

Despite being at a disadvantage with only 14 men Arran came back on to the pitch ready to fight back and showed the commitment and style they will need to show for the rest of the season.

Arran's captain Murray Picken and Mark Wetton scored tries but Iain McDonald's kicking game was hampered by the strong wind. 21-10.

The home team now picked up momentum and kept pushing forward to eventually allow Mark Wetton to claim his second try and the team's third of the day. 21-15.

However, Ian Keen limped off with a broken toe and Arran were dealt another blow minutes later when Mark Wetton was sin-binned for obstructing the ball. While Mark would return to the action after serving his 10 minutes in the 'bin', Sandy Kerr's game was over prematurely when he injured his back, leaving Arran with 12 men. Their plight was eased by the introduction of Craig Black who pulled on his boots to help. After just recovering from a ligament injury, sustained in the first game of the season, Craig only intended to be there as a spectator.

Despite a fantastic effort from the home side, another try wasn't to be. Instead Marr turned over the ball and managed to run in another try, which took the final score to 26-15.

Arran coach Bert Ramage said after the game: 'We looked better in the second half as we played more as a team. The injuries were unfortunate but we shot ourselves in the foot in the first half and when you have to chase a 21-point lead it's always going to be difficult.'

'But this is all a learning curve for the boys and I am very pleased with the effort they showed. I feel we're gaining experience and the team is starting to play the rugby I want them to play.'

Arran RFC thanked match sponsors McNicols Plumbers and Ian Henry for organising the raffle.

The team are away this weekend to play Hyndland RFC. Arran can leapfrog the Glasgow team into fourth place if they win. The next home game is on November 10 against Cowal RFC at the Ormidale Park.



Arran competed well against the experienced Marr team. b44rug1

Can you help the hockey team?

Arran Junior Hockey Club is looking for sponsorship from island businesses so that they can buy proper strips to wear in their forthcoming fixtures.

After the team's success at the Arran Hockey Festival in the summer they have been asked to form a league with two other teams from the mainland.

But these games won't be possible without financial assistance.

Coach Shirley Anderson explained:

'We have been asked to play against Irvine and Eglington but we don't have any strips at the moment. They might have to just play in plain white t-shirts.'

'Without sponsorship money we can't even afford to travel away to these games so the teams will have to come to Arran if they want to play us.'

£500 would buy them three sets of six-a-side shirts to play in. The club currently has 20

boys and girls ranging from P4 to S2. Shirley said: 'The kids really enjoy the sport and it's great because they can play in mixed teams. It's one of the only sports on the island where the boys and girls can play in the same team.'

Arran Junior Hockey Club trains at the Ormidale Park every Tuesday from 6 to 7pm.

If anyone is interested in sponsoring the team please phone Shirley on 303558.



The strong wind kept sending Ian McDonald's kicks off-course. b44rug3

Karate club faces the chop

The Arran Karate Club may be forced to disband if it doesn't get some new members.

The club meet at 11.30am on a Saturday in the Auchrannie Gym.

Teacher, Stuart Wallace is a former British Champion and he travels across from Ardrossan every Saturday to teach the children.

One parent whose little boy really enjoys Karate said:

'Currently they only have 10 members, which just isn't enough.'

'We need some more members to make it worthwhile for Stuart.'

'My wee boy would be so upset if it had to stop.'

If anyone is interested in joining then please come along and have a go or phone Stuart Wallace on 01294 554766.

Pool results

The first games of this season's pool league were played on Thursday October 25 and there were a few surprise results. Kildonan drew 6-6 at home against 1934 but won the Gallon.

Corrie travelled to Catacol and won 7-5 whilst also winning the gallon.

It was good news for the Drift Inn and the Cameronia who both won 7-0 and took the gallon because Macs Bar and the Bar Eden both failed to turn up.

Winter bowls results

Tuesday October 16: C Steed and L Hendry. Thursday October 18: D Hendry and C Weir.

Tuesday October 23: A Hollingworth, L Hendry and D Roxburgh. Thursday October 25: A Hendry and C Weir.



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