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Thousands of fish wiped out

Rare disease in Lamlash Bay hits Kings Cross farm stocks

A rare disease appears to have wiped out thousands of fish at the Scottish Salmon Company farm at Kings Cross.

On Tuesday, October 25, the *Banner* received reports of 'dozens of industrial skips full of dead fish' at the site on the shores of Lamlash Bay.

At 5pm on the same day a large red tanker from an environmental waste company was witnessed coming out of the site and heading for Brodick pier. At least another two tankers have been seen removing material from the site and leaving on the ferry for Ardrossan.

It is believed that the dead fish were taken to Widnes, in

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Lancashire, for incineration. Apparently a proportion of each cage was infected, some more than others, and the loss was described as 'a substantial volume'.

Stewart McLelland, chief operating officer of The Scottish Salmon Company, said: 'The Scottish Salmon Company has been faced with a loss of fish at our site at Lamlash Bay on Arran, as a result of a naturally occurring water-borne amoeba which irritates the gills of the salmon.'

'This incidence of the rare

condition, called Amoebic Gill Disease, was quickly spotted by site managers and has been monitored throughout by our fish vets.

'This does not affect the surrounding eco-system.

'We have also informed relevant government agencies of the situation and will continue to work with them. To remove the fish quickly and efficiently, they were placed in skips ready for uplift.

'Staff working at the site in Arran take their responsibilities for fish management very seriously, and have responded as quickly and professionally as possible.'

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Subsidised ferry travel at last?

Following a 30-month pilot scheme in the Western Isles, the Scottish Government is due to announce on Thursday that RET is finally to be introduced on Arran.

The Road Equivalent Tariff will slash fares by nearly 40 per cent in a bid to increase tourism and boost the island economy.

Local haulage operators and tourism businesses have been eagerly anticipating the scheme for some time and there was criticism that it wasn't introduced sooner.

Members of the Arran Ferry Committee back in July said that a comprehensive RET scheme for Arran could be in place as early as next year.

Chairman of the Isle of Arran Ferry Committee, Ken Thorburn, said: 'The committee is very enthusiastic about the prospect of RET.'

'It will apparently be a full blown scheme, not just a temporary pilot and will apply to freight, coaches, foot passengers and cars.'

Full story next week.

Ghostly goings on at the castle



It's behind you!

Cailean Robertson from Shiskine seems completely oblivious to the ghostly apparition chasing him during Brodick Castle's Halloween Horrors tour on Saturday night. In fact it's not a ghost, it's his friend Lucy Crawford but there was certainly lots of ghouls and ghosts to be seen in the castle grounds.

One of the highlights of this year's Halloween celebrations, the tours at the castle

on Saturday night were enjoyed by more than 70 parents and children.

Bloodcurdling tales of horrible deaths were told by spectres inside the castle while outside in the gardens screams could be heard for miles around as the banshees appeared before the visitors.

The Banner also attended all the Halloween Parties around the island over the weekend. See inside for all the pictures.

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Dog foulers targeted

Local police report that there have been numerous complaints about dog fouling, especially in the Lamlash area.

They will be actively pursuing any offending dog owners, and advise that a £60 statutory fine will be levied.

Campaign against under-age drinking

Police will be carrying out a campaign this weekend aimed at under-age drinking and people drinking alcohol in public places.

Lost budgie

A budgie was lost in Corrie on Thursday 27 October.

The pet bird answers to the name of Gunner, has a yellow head, light blue and grey body, and is very friendly and likes to sit on your head.

He likes to say 'pretty boy' a lot and 'cheeky boy' please listen out for him, very much loved and missed.

Please call 810294 if found.

Missing watch

A watch has been lost, probably on the school bus between the High School and Whiting Bay.

It is a kids/gents watch with a black plastic wrist strap and distinctive blue dials.

If it is found please call 700479.

Brewery launches wine range

The Isle of Arran Brewery has launched a range of more than 300 wines all from boutique, independent, wine makers at affordable prices.

Gerald Michaluk, managing director of the Arran Brewery said: 'What is unique about the whole range of wines from France, Italy and Spain is that each has great provenance and a story to tell like the Arran Brewery itself.'

'These fine wines, like the beers of Arran, are distinctive, have character, and offer excellent value for money.'

Young campers rescued from flood-hit beach

Coastguard team leads trio to safety

Three youngsters were rescued in the early hours of Sunday morning when floodwaters threatened to trap them in their tent.

The three, two aged 12 to 14 years and one aged 10 to 11 years old, were camping halfway along Brodick beach, just behind the swing park.

After heavy rain, rising

floodwaters began to surround them. The boys, all from the mainland, called 999 and local emergency services were alerted.

A Clyde Coastguard spokesman said: 'At 2.09am Arran Coastguards were called out by Strathclyde Fire and Rescue. An ambulance attended the scene, and the Arran lifeboat was tasked but later

stood down. Within 15 minutes, members of the coastguard team were on scene near Fisherman's Walk.

'There was no rescue helicopter available, the nearest one being in Dublin.

'The boys were waded to safety and taken to Arran War Memorial Hospital at 3.21am. They were detained in hospital overnight as there

was a suggestion of the consumption of alcohol being involved in the incident.

'The following morning the boys were taken to collect their belongings and returned to Brodick pier.

'We would advise that campers should be aware of the dangers of pitching a tent near to a river or the shoreline.'

Dead fish taken off Arran by tanker

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A spokeswoman for the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) said: 'This is not a pollution incident; it's a matter for Animal Health.'

George King, duty vet with the Department of Environment and Rural Affairs, said: 'We can't divulge information about individual incidents unless a case comes to court.'

A spokesperson for North Ayrshire Council Environmental Health added: 'The disposal of animal by-products is a role for SEPA.'

'It appears that things are being handled properly.'

Sally Campbell of the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) told the Banner: 'Dead fish were being taken away on the ferry on Monday



Uncovered skips of dead fish at the fish farm site on Sunday. 01_b44fs01

and the smell on board was awful.

'The fish are closely packed in the cages in Lamlash Bay

and this disease is very contagious. They run out of oxygen and die for the want of air.'

On Sunday afternoon uncovered skips of dead fish were clearly visible at the fish farm site.

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Southend First Responders to be up and running soon

There has been a Northend First Responders team for a number of years, and now it looks as though the Southend of the island will soon be catching up.

A meeting in Kilmory Village Hall last Friday night saw the concept take a major step forward.

Northend First Responder Fiona Laing and Paramedic Gary Lewis were on hand to advise, and 11 volunteers have come forward so far, with a few more still thinking about it.

Community First responders can be especially beneficial in rural locations where it may take mainline emergency services a little longer to get to a patient in need of urgent medical treatment.

Volunteers are called out

to be first on the scene if a member of the community needs medical attention, such as heart attacks, epileptic fits, strokes etc. They are not called out to road traffic collisions, children under 16 years old or major trauma.

Jean Clark of Kilmory Hall said: 'We have a team of people willing to be First Responders but need more - the more we have the easier it is and the more cover we can provide.'

'If you have the time and wish to put something into the Community phone Jean at Kilmory Hall 01770 870345 or e-mail kilmory.hall@btinternet.com before Sunday 6 November.'

What are First Responders? Jean explained: 'You are there to be with the patient,

hold their hand, reassure them and administer First Aid if required until the ambulance or doctor arrives. You can volunteer as many or as few hours that suits you; you tell the group coordinator when you are available and they will make up the rota.'

First Responders get 10 hour First Aid training, basic life support and defibrillation on patients on Cardiac Arrest and appropriate calls including oxygen administration to patients suffering from a range of conditions.

The next meeting will be held in Kilmory Hall on Monday 7 November at 7.30pm when the Community Resuscitation Development Officer will be on hand to answer any questions and get you to sign on the bottom line.



Lamlash Community Centre under demolition this week. 01_b44com01

Demolition of hall well underway

Lamlash Community Centre is almost gone.

Last week we reported that a demolition company was removing hazardous material prior to knocking it down, and this week the bulldozers have been at work.

Central Demolitions of Bonnybridge are dismantling the old building and the office furniture can clearly be seen still inside.

It should be completely gone in a couple of weeks and the ground will be seeded over next Spring.

Remembrance Day services

There will be a Remembrance Day Service on Friday 11 November at 10.30am in Kilmory Primary School.

The event is designed to support Poppy Scotland, help to educate the children and include the wider local community.

Refreshments will be served.

Jennifer is Arran's first WPC

Jennifer Sneddon is the new regular constable in Arran's police force.

She becomes the first full-time regular WPC to serve on the island.

Jennifer is 31 years old and has 10 years police service, latterly in CID in Hamilton. This is her first rural posting and she is looking forward to the particular challenges and opportunities in island policing.



WPC Jennifer Sneddon outside Lamlash Police Station 01_b44pol01

Hospice Fund to disband once palliative rooms are operational

Members of the Arran Hospice Fund have agreed to wind up the charity once the two new palliative care units at the hospital are up and running.

At the AGM of the Fund last Thursday night it was agreed that in the future fundraising efforts will be channelled through the Arran Hospital Supporters League.

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Fantastic Arran support for Dr Graham's Homes

Last Saturday, an extremely successful Soup and Sandwiches afternoon was held in Brodick Church Hall for Dr Graham's Homes, Kalimpong. The magnificent sum of £1081.30p was raised. A special thank you goes to Brodick Church for providing such a well-equipped kitchen and hall.

Recent

Many supporters attended and heard James Simpson, who has taken over from John Webster as Chairman of the UK Committee of Dr Graham's Homes, speak of the plight of the Homes after

the recent earthquake in the area.

He was at Dr Graham's Homes when the earthquake struck so could give a first hand report of the structural damage. Thankfully no-one was injured although the children were very distressed. A big thank you goes to everyone who attended, donated and helped in any way to make this fantastic result possible. The children of Dr Graham's Homes, who are impoverished through no fault of their own, will once again benefit from the generosity of Arran people. Janice Small.



Rev John Webster, James Simpson, Janice Small and Andrew Stefanuti at the Dr Graham's Homes soup and sandwiches fundraiser in Brodick Church hall last Saturday. 01_b44gra01

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Clean-up for Lamlash Beach

Lamlash Improvements Group would like to thank everyone who took part in the beach clean on Sunday.

A large group of adults and children met outside the Co-op and were given bin bags and rubbish pickers then dispatched to various point between Cordon and the far end of Shore Road.

The resulting mountain of bin bags showed a job well done.

Afterwards all the helpers were treated to home made soup and the children enjoyed apple bobbing and face painting.

Once again the Lamlash Bay Hotel's hospitality made for an enjoyable afternoon.

Don't forget the massive bonfire and fireworks display on the beach opposite Lamlash co op this Saturday - everyone welcome.

The People's Bible comes to Arran

The People's Bible is a brand new project to mark the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible and it is coming to Arran Library in Brodick on Tuesday 8 November.

Along with the people of Arran, people across the country are being invited to write out two verses of the Bible onto paper with a digital pen.

This pen connects to www.thepeoplesbible.org website and within minutes those actual handwritten verses will be visible there.

Contributing

This means that hundreds of thousands of people across Great Britain will have taken up the challenge to 'make your mark in history,' by contributing to the first ever digital handwritten Bible - which

will remain on the internet for perpetuity.

The project was launched on 19 June at Edinburgh Castle - the anniversary of the birth of King James VI of Scotland when he was born in the castle in 1566. It will end at a special service on 16 November at Westminster Abbey.

Handwritten

Already, HRH The Prince of Wales has written the first two verses (Genesis 1:1-2) of the new digital handwritten Bible, along with other high profile personalities.

These verses can be viewed at www.thepeoplesbible.org/view-a-verse/celebrity-verses**

The Prime Minister will be writing his verses later this year.

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Arran minister inducted to new Stornoway church



Rev David Karoon 02_b44dav01

The Rev David Karoon, a former Free Church minister on Arran, was inducted to the charge of the new Stornoway congregation of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Scotland last Saturday 29 October.

Rev Karoon, originally from Singapore, resigned as pastor of Arran Free Church because he was opposed to it aban-

doning its traditional psalm-only stance and allowing 'un-inspired hymns and musical instruments in worship'.

Accepted

He then applied and was accepted on 2 July as a minister with the Reformed Presbyterians.

Rev Karoon's congregation is the first Reformed Presbyterian one in the Western Isles

and the first in the Highlands for 135 years.

Adverse weather conditions prevented many of the guests from other congregations travelling from Ullapool on Friday evening when the ferry was cancelled, but they managed to arrive on Saturday morning in time for the service in Stornoway Town Hall.



White deer a ghost among the heather

It is like a ghost fleeing among the heather, a beast of myth whose precise location must be protected from those who would do him harm.

The white deer, an animal of such rarity that it was revered by the ancient Celts as a messenger from the afterlife, has been spotted on the island.

The white calf was born in June, but it is not yet known whether it is male or female.

According to Robert Logan of the Forestry Commission, it can sometimes be seen south of the String Road between Glenloig and Tarnacraig. b44white01

Community Council prepare for AGM

The AGM of the Isle of Arran Community Council will take place on Tuesday 29 November at the Ormidale Pavilion in Brodick at 7.30pm.

As the regulatory body to reflect the community's views it is important that we accurately represent your thoughts.

We are keen to hear all views on what the community wants from this body and

are particularly keen to hear comments on key concerns that you feel we should be addressing.

This will assist us in establishing the focus and direction for the coming year.

We currently have vacancies for area representatives in Whiting Bay and the Shiskine Valley.

Anyone interested in contributing to our activities in

any way please contact us through our website: www.arrancommunitycouncil.org.uk or contact any of the existing members.

Representations from individuals or groups with particular interests in the development of our younger population would be very welcome as we build for the future.

Flares spotted

Clyde Coastguard received a 999 call reporting a possible distress flare to the south of Lamlash Bay on Wednesday night.

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Cemetery dig may yield clues to Dasher 'cover-up'

Archaeologists could soon uncover the graves of 60 sailors

It has been a campaign lasting almost 70 years, with many setbacks, but now, at last, relatives of the seamen who died in one of the worst British naval disasters of the Second World War believe that they can discover where bodies of their loved ones are buried.

Lawyers acting for North Ayrshire Council have finally agreed to legal moves that will allow the excavation of a patch of ground at Ardrossan cemetery, a decision that campaigners believe, will solve a painful mystery.

The decision by the council's legal department will allow archaeologists to peel away the topsoil from an area where it is thought that the bodies of more than 60 sailors were dumped in a pit - which is unmarked - apparently because the Royal Navy was desperate to keep the true story of their deaths a secret.

Complement

The sailors had been part of the complement of 555 seamen serving on HMS Dasher.

She sank just off the coast of Arran in March 1943, ripped apart by an explosion that may well have been caused by a fuel leak and a

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dropped cigarette. For four years through the pages of The Arran Banner, George Humphreys, who witnessed the sinking on HMS Dasher has been campaigning to find out why and how the aircraft carrier sank.



George Humphreys laying a wreath overboard at the site of the Dasher wreck.

He told me that on that fateful day he saw a plane crashing into the ship's rear deck and that he is convinced the Navy covered up the real cause of the sinking.

So far he has been unable to get the Ministry of Defence to offer any explanation for what happened to the ship and the

men on board. Thirteen of the bodies brought ashore were buried with military honours at Ardrossan cemetery and another seven were buried at Greenock.

However, dozens more, washed up along the Ayrshire coast, were apparently taken away by the Navy and never seen again.

Rejected

Campaigners have tried for two decades to find out exactly where the bodies were buried so that they can erect a memorial at the site but they have had their appeals for help rejected by a succession of official and military organisations.

Even wartime papers relating to HMS Dasher were kept from them, retained by the UK Government, which reclassified them for a further 75 years when they became due for release in 2008.

The campaigners secured an important breakthrough last Friday when North Ayrshire Council agreed to co-operate with plans to excavate an area in the cemetery where the bodies are believed to lie.

Lawyers acting for the council will write to the Sheriff Court this week asking for a certificate to allow archaeologists to strip away the top soil and find out whether



Memorials are held each year in Brodick and Ardrossan to the men lost in the HMS Dasher disaster.

there is a grave there.

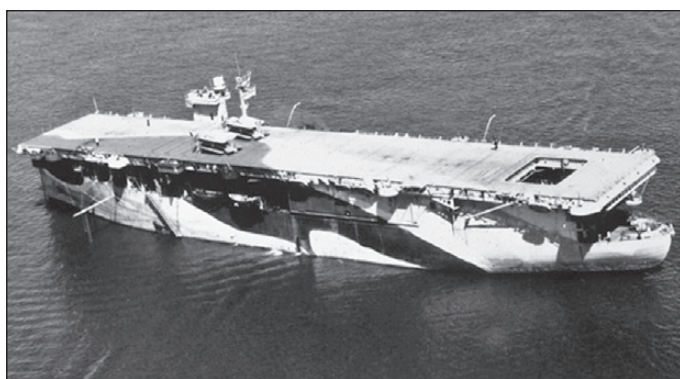
John Steele, an author who has been investigating the Dasher for four decades, said he was delighted with the outcome.

'Should the professional archaeological sensitive search prove positive it will bring closure to many of the bereaved families and myself,' he said.

Encouraged

'With the support of those who have helped and encouraged me in my lengthy search, a suitably worded memorial will be erected in memory of the 355 men who are listed as missing.'

Research by archaeologists from the University of



An explosion sank the Dasher in 1943, killing 379 men. The official cause has never been revealed.

Glasgow last year appeared to suggest that there could indeed be bodies buried in an unmarked plot.

Mr Steele, in his book *The American Connection to the sinking of HMS Dasher*, de-

tails how bodies were washing up on the shore for three weeks after the disaster.

They were stored at the harbour, which was then controlled by the Royal Navy, before being driven away in the back of a lorry covered in tarpaulin.

Mr Steele said: 'They held a small funeral for those buried in Ardrossan, but they couldn't have 60 coffins going through the town without everyone knowing what had happened.'

'I've talked to people who said that they saw trucks going in the direction of the cemetery at night loaded with bodies and covered with tarpaulins and coming back empty the next day.'

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Charity plant the seed for fundraising group on Arran

Representatives from Marie Curie Cancer Care want to set up a fundraising group on the island.

Recognised as one of Britain's most influential charities for the care of terminally ill people, the charity are keen to increase their presence on Arran.

David Grout, fundraising group development manager, told The Banner that there are already a number of people here raising money for them.

'We are well aware that

Marie Curie is already a well known name on the island,' he said. 'And in the last few months alone we've received lots of donations from the island. One of the biggest ones was from Chris Stirland who completed a sponsored cycle to Paris on our behalf this summer.'

But he said they would like to set up a group on the island to organise special events and fundraising activities on a more regular basis.

Marie Curie's area fundrais-

ing manager responsible for Arran is Murray Easton.

He said: 'There are so many benefits to joining a Fundraising Group.'

'It's a great way of getting involved in your community, sharing new experiences and having fun as well as raising money to provide care to terminally ill people in your local area.'

He added: 'We believe that a group on the island could do some very valuable work for us and we are keen to get

something up and running soon.

'By volunteering with Marie Curie Cancer Care you help make a real difference to the lives of people with cancer and other terminal illnesses. Why not give it a go?'

If you would like to join the Marie Curie fundraising group on Arran please contact Murray Easton at murray.easton@mariecurie.org.uk or by phoning 01292 478328.



By giving just a little of your time, you can help Marie Curie Cancer Care to provide more care to people with terminal illnesses and more support for their families.

New members sought for Friends of Brodick Castle

One of Arran's most respected groups is desperately looking for enthusiastic and willing new members.

The 'Friends of Brodick Castle' are searching for new members to join in with a wide range of activities supporting the National Trust property.

A spokesman for the group said: 'Our main object is to act as fundraisers for the Castle, but we have a meeting in the castle each month throughout

the winter to March and a one day bus trip in the spring and a three night outing in the autumn.'

Events organised at the castle each year by the Friends include the re-enactment days as well as stalls and ranger activities.

They also volunteer in the gardens, as tour guides, driving the buggy, flower arranging and conservation projects.

The spokesman added: 'The

money raised at these events goes towards such things as bat detectors, catalogues for the art exhibition, pipe band performances, bird of prey displays and even sewing machines and cameras - all necessary for the activities at the castle.'

The next meeting will be the AGM held in the Castle Tearoom on Wednesday 16 November at the new time of 2.30pm.

Jim Cassels will speak about 'The Galapagos - the enchanted isle' followed by wine and cheese.

Please come along - you will be most welcome!

Concert by the Mhairi Hall Trio

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 Brodick Hall, not the Community Theatre as stated in last week's Banner.

200 club


The winners of the October draw were: First prize Scott Murdoch and second prize Andrew Hamilton.

Corrie and Sannox Wednesday Club

The next meeting of Corrie and Sannox Wednesday Club will be on Wednesday 9 November at 2pm in Corrie and Sannox Village Hall.

The speaker will be Mr Campbell Laing from Lochranza Distillery.

Would all members please note that we will be finalising the arrangements for our Christmas lunch at this meeting and a good attendance will be much appreciated. Any other resident of Corrie and Sannox who would like to come to our lunch, please contact Isla at 302896.



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Be careful what we wish for

For nearly three years now three innocuous letters have been brandished about by the government, tantalising Arran's residents with the promise of cheaper ferry fares.

Finally this week, the announcement we've all been waiting for was expected – RET (or Road Equivalent Tariff) will be coming to Arran.

Since October 2008, the Scottish Government's RET has been operating in the Outer Hebrides, along with Coll and Tiree, in a 30-month pilot scheme, bringing fare reductions of about 40 per cent. That means the Ullapool-Stornoway return for a car, driver and passenger now costs about £102, compared with the £170 before. We were told that Arran would be included eventually. And after the Scottish elections in May the government promised to bring it to the island by May next year. Business owners on the island will no doubt be jumping for joy, as cheaper fares will no doubt mean an increase in tourism to our isle.

But despite the cheaper fares, questions have been asked of the scheme. Are these cheap fares attracting the 'wrong' sort of visitor?

Stories abound of 'campervan people' buying nothing on the other islands but filling Hebridean bins with mainland-purchased rubbish. Chemical toilets are being emptied into ditches and drains... and campervans block-book weekend ferry places for the entire summer, as a result of concessions that allow them to travel for the same price as a car.

Beware what you wish for. The Outer Hebrides are reeling from the impact of what they always wanted – cheap fares – because islanders, CalMac, the council and the Scottish Government have been quite unprepared for what's followed. People. People looking for things to do on rainy days, campsites, shops that sell what they want, entertainment, places to dispose of waste and rubbish safely.

In other words, people looking for everything they might expect from a holiday destination – and by and large not finding it on islands not really prepared for mass tourism.

RET is a roaring success and has proved people will travel to the remotest parts of Scotland if the price is right. But that's just half the picture. Without places to stay, things to see, campsites and disposal points, people won't come back. And with stand-by queues, uncertainty and days hanging about waiting for ferry spaces, the RET ports will become places of chaos and tension best avoided and trips west will have to be planned like military expeditions.

Grumbling can easily be dismissed, but ignoring the consequences of RET could mean it fails to bring economic prosperity.

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



Late Halloween cancellation

Sir,
I wish to apologise on behalf of Arran Events and Sannox Cricket Club for the late cancellation of the Halloween Dance that was due to take place in Brodick Hall on Saturday 29 October.

When we rang NAC Licensing Board on Friday to check the whereabouts of the licence that we had applied for, they informed us that they didn't appear to have received an application for this event.

The purpose of the dance was to raise much needed funds for both the above organisations, (as well as hopefully providing a great evening's entertainment), so we considered all options with the licensing board and the police and tried our very best to ensure that it would go ahead before deciding to cancel.

As I know I definitely posted the licence application myself, I shall be contacting NAC to find out what happened on this occasion to prevent any future disappointments.

Yours,
Jon Hollingworth
Arran Events

Paintballing shops

Sir,
Can we ask those responsible for paintballing the shops at Brodick Pier on Halloween to kindly post (anonymously if you wish) the £20 it cost us to have the windows and signs cleaned following your little bit of fun.

We'll then delete the CCTV footage without having to send it anywhere.

Taking your wig off in front of the camera and leaving it on the pavement wasn't your greatest idea.

Yours,
Arran Graphics
(and neighbours)

Dogs and cats in shelters

Sir,
We all watch on television about the dogs and cats in shelters, and this year I took myself out to Lanzarote for a

week to work in the pet shelter out there.

It was a shock to my system as I myself am an animal lover. You could not imagine how cruel people can be.

I tried to put myself in the little pets eyes to see and feel the fear, when we as helpers went near, but the joy came when they knew that we were there for them, to give them love and care that they have never had.

Like all the helpers, I could have taken each and every one of them home. The joy comes when someone comes to take that little dog or cat home and make them theirs.

Most of us struggle through life but for some children and animals it is a living hell, and it only takes one loving person to give their time and love to take them out and bring them back to life.

I went out again recently and my joy came when I got home, after listening to Angus on Sunday I thought it was time to open my emails and there I found a letter thanking me from all at SARAs (Shelter Animal Resource Alliance).

To me the giving is better than receiving.

Yours,
Jean Stone
Sron-na-carrriage
Shiskine

Charity does not stop at home

Sir,
Often I am told that 'charity begins at home' but in Arran it does not stop there.

Saturday's 'soup and sandwich lunch' for Dr Graham's Homes in Kalimpong, India testifies to this when, in less than two hours £1,100 was donated.

When the massive support given by the Arran Friends of Kalimpong Committee, expressed in donations of soup, sandwiches, raffle prizes, items for sale and help in the kitchen and hall, is added to this amount, we can fairly state that in Arran if charity does begin at home, it certainly does not stop there!

The UK Committee of Dr Graham's Homes is deeply grateful to everyone who con-

tributed in any way on Saturday towards the Children of Kalimpong.

Yours,
John G Webster
Hon Vice President
Dr Graham's Homes
Planetree
Kings Cross

The lost piper

Sir,
With regards to the story of *The Lost Piper* in the 1914 'Book of Arran' (Banner, 29 October) wherein the piper enters a cave, never to return, but his dog comes out bald, is also found in Foula, an island in Shetland, 14 miles out in the Atlantic.

It tells of a Lum, a deep vertical shaft in one of its hills, connected with the sea at the foot.

The play 'Calum's Road' also has a parallel in Foula, for a local crofter built the road to the north end of the isle, over a mile long from the public road, and also helped build the island's airstrip – all with pick, spade and wheelbarrow only.

Yours,
Jeremy Godwin
15 Drivers Lane
Penrith

Ferry ticket increase

Copy of a letter to Operations Director of Caledonian MacBrayne.

Sir,
I have been given to understand that it is the intention of Caledonian MacBrayne to increase the six-journey tickets from Arran to Ardrrossan from £134 to £143.

If this information is correct, I would very much appreciate if you would explain how your company can justify a £9.00 (6.72percent) increase which is in excess of inflation at the current time and is not expected to increase to the level you have used between now and April of next year.

Yours,
Antony Wall
Fairhaven
Lamlash

Ghosts and ghouls

Sir,
I was interested in the article on Arran's ghostly past,

which reminded me of my childhood.

Usually, when I was recovering from some illness and able to sit up in the sitting room, my mother would tell me tales of her teenage years on Arran.

Her maternal family, Black by name, lived at Rowanpark, Corrie cravie.

On late autumnal nights, she and her friend, Isobel Sutherland, would walk over the Corries to visit John Cook, an old seafaring gentleman, who lived in a little wooden house on the edge of Corrie cravie Golf Course.

When the girls were comfortably seated by the enormous peat fire, candles flickering, casting deep shadows, he would begin his tales of yesteryear.

They were mostly about ghosts and the supernatural.

One such story was about a stormy dark night.

He was walking home along the Kilpatrick Road with the sea crashing on the rocks on his right hand side.

He became aware that there was a ghostly presence following him. Was it man or beast? He quickened his step and so did the ghoul.

By then he was convinced it was 'Auld Nick' himself.

As he neared Corrie cravie and the beast was nearly on him, he heard the sound of a human voice, which broke the spell.

He was safe at last, but from that day onward, he always wore a steel brooch in his bonnet to ward off evil spirits.

Needless to say the girls ran all the way home that night in fear and trembling.

Yours,
Eoin Mackenzie
By e-mail



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Halloween on Arran

Halloween Frights and delights for Arran's children

'From ghostly ghouls and witches to racing cars and bottles of Heinz tomato ketchup, the costumes this year were truly spectacular'

Children from all across the island enjoyed a 'spooktacular' time as they dressed up to celebrate Halloween last weekend.

Parties are now held in all of the island's main villages

and these seem to have replaced the tradition of guising around the houses.

From ghostly ghouls and witches to racing cars and bottles of Heinz tomato ketchup, the costumes this

year were truly spectacular. The ingenious ideas ranged from Amy Winehouse, grave-stones, Smurfs, rugby players, policemen, witches, skeletons, princesses, brides and a dinner table with a head on the menu!

The first parties were held at Brodick Nursery and Lamlash Primary School on Friday.

On Saturday Whiting Bay held their Halloween party and one of the highlights this year was Brodick Castle's Halloween Horror event.

More than 80 people gathered at the haunted castle to here folk tell spooky tales of those who suffered and whose lives ended tragically.

Visitors jumped at the bloodcurdling stories told by the Duke inside the castle before embarking on a terrifying tour of the castle grounds complete with ghosts and ghouls.

It was a fantastic night and all those who took part said it

was one of the best Halloween events they'd ever been to. Youngsters in Kilmory, Pirmill and Shiskine then enjoyed parties on Monday night.

Below we've brought you a selection of photographs from parties all across the island.



Winner of the P4, 5, 6 and 7 fancy dress class in Lamlash was Olivia Bunyan as Elvis Presley. 01_b44lam02



Pawel Gren as Count Dracula takes a bite at the Lamlash Halloween party. 01_b44lam01

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'Spooktacular' time as Arran



Above: Lewis Jeffrey, Rhiannon Gardiner and Catherine Smith at the Pirnmill party. 01_b44lam01



The line-up of P1,2 and 3 guisers in Lamlash. 01_b44lam09



Left: Laurie Murchie looked like an authentically wicked Cruella de Vil with her Dalmation puppy on a string. 01_b44lam05



Louise Shankland and Joley Allison (as Amy Winehouse) in Lamlash. 01_b44lam03



A line-up of Lamlash babes in Halloween costumes. 01_b44lam04

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Maili Beatan, Ben Innes and Callum Anderson. 01_b44pir03



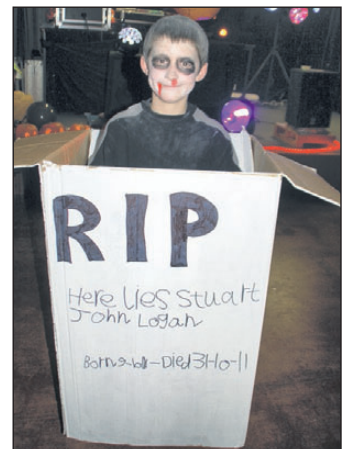
Biting for biscuits at the Lamlash Halloween party. 01_b44lam07



Hannah Glendenning, Laura McVicar, Victoria Mowatt and Madison Mayhew at the Lamlash party. 01_b44lam08



Beth Craig won the adults' section in Lamlash Primary School hall on Friday night. 01_b44lam06



A deathly looking Stuart Logan at Pirnmill's Halloween party. 01_b44pir02



Megan Bennett, Charlie Weir and Anna O'Donnelly make for a frightening sight. 01_b44pir05



Rachel Brown, Cara Crawford and Lois Ashley. 01_b44shi04



Cameron and John Logan. 01_b44pir04



Kirstin Weir with her daughter Rosanna. 01_b44pir06



Dressed as a very impressive classical statue was Megan Hamill. 01_b44shi07



Graeme Andrew, James McCartney and Louie Urquart-Dixon. 01_b44shi03



Brothers Scott, Lewis and Stewart Fotheringham at the Shiskine Party. 01_b44shi01



Alice Kinniburgh, Sophie Andrew and Daisy Urquart-Dixon. 01_b44shi02



Amelia Robertson in her fantastic car costume. 01_b44shi05



Adam Brown lifts the lid on the table to reveal headless woman, Eilidh Cailean Robertson inside! 01_b44shi05



The utterly terrifying headless woman, Eilidh Hamill, with Molly McNiven. 01_b44shi08

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Halloween on Arran



A collection of guisers at the Whiting Bay Halloween party on Saturday afternoon. 01_b44whb01



The children and parents in Kilmory enjoyed a great party in the village hall. 02_b44kil01



Annie McKelvie, Frazer Ferguson, Elliot Ulivi and Stephanie Van den Broek at Brodick Nursery's Halloween party.

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These youngsters from Shiskine had a 'wail' of a time on the Brodick Castle ghostly Halloween tours. 02_b44cas02



A group of pirates at Brodick Nursery; Jack Popplewell, Harry Gilmore and Andrew McKelvie, with Shona Stewart the new nursery practitioner. Shona started work with the Nursery on a permanent basis on Friday. She completed her HNC in Early Education and Childcare at Langside College and gained experience working in Lime Tree Day Nursery in Glasgow.



The ghostly Duke, Aleyn Dinwoodie, took visitors to the most haunted depths of the castle. 02_b44cas03



Visitors listen intently to the ghoulish tales inside the castle dungeon. 02_b44cas04



Hannah Jordan, Iona Summer, Hannah Kemp, Aimee Prescott and Lori Prescott in Whiting Bay Hall. 01_b44whb02



Lamlash Scouts at their Halloween party in Arran High School last Tuesday 25 October, with leader Hazel Mackenzie and Sergeant Bob MacKay. b44scout01



All the pupils (and some teachers) at Corrie Primary School last Friday for their Halloween party. 02_b44cor01



Although the Lochranza Choir has appeared in Whiting Bay and Lamlash churches in recent years this will be a Brodick debut. b44choir01NO

Faure's requiem to be performed in Brodick

Lochranza Choir are crossing the Boguille on Monday night (November 14) to present a concert of sacred music in which the main work will be the Requiem by Gabriel Faure.

Although the Choir has appeared in Whiting Bay and Lamlash churches in recent years, and a group of its members took part in Messiah last year, this will be a Brodick debut.

Faure, who was born in 1845 and died in 1924, composed his Requiem in 1888 not long after the death of his father.

His mother followed him to the grave a year or so later, giving an added poignancy to the work.

Nevertheless, in a letter to a colleague, Faure wrote that he composed it purely 'for the pleasure of doing so'.

He revised it over the course of almost 20 years before it assumed its present form.

It was given at his own funeral in 1924.

Strangely, it didn't reach London until 1936 despite efforts by Edward Elgar to have it performed at the annual Three Choirs Festival during the composer's lifetime, and it was the 1950s before it began to achieve the popularity it now enjoys.

Faure's Requiem is unique. He saw death as deliverance towards the happiness of the hereafter rather than a painful

passing.

The work is remarkably subdued, omits any visions of wrath and hellfire and adds the *Pie Jesu* and *In Paradisum* texts which are not part of the Requiem proper.

It ends on the same word that it began with: requiem (rest).

This Brodick performance of the Requiem, conducted by Diana Hamilton, will be the second given by the Choir in a matter of months, the first being in Lochranza Hall last May.

Before that, some readers may remember it was sung in Lamlash Church on March 31, 1996 under the direction of John Dick.

Willie's life as a Swordfish flyer

A new book detailing the wartime exploits of Willie Thomson has been published by Mark Brown of The Banton Press in Kildonan.

Willie was a Fleet Air Arm pilot of a Fairey Swordfish biplane in the Second World War. He was based much of the time at Machrihanish and trained young pilots there.

The Swordfish was a rather basic craft that saw action as convoy escort and is perhaps most famous for its involvement in the sinking of the Bismarck.

Willie is probably the only pilot to have looped the loop in a Swordfish with three on board. His book tells of early beginnings in his hometown of Airdrie to joining the Home Guard at the outbreak of war, then enlisting in the Fleet Air Arm in August 1941.

After training in Canada he flew Fairey

Swordfish on convoy duty in the North Atlantic and on the Russian route to Murmansk. After the war, Willie flew survey aircraft for the British Antarctic Survey and has a headland in Antarctica named after him.

He lives in Ardrossan and walks every day to the Dasher memorial in Princess Street.

Last November, Willie took centre stage in the annual memorial to the famous aircraft carrier HMS Dasher sunk mysteriously between Arran and Ardrossan in 1943.

As a piper played a lament on the aft deck of MV Caledonian Isles, Willie dropped a wreath over the side of the ferry above Dasher's watery grave.

His book gives a very personal account of a hard but adventurous life.

Good news from The Valdete Trust

Sue Davidson from Whiting Bay has sent The Banner this report from Albania where she is currently working with the Arran based Valdete Trust.

Hello from a warm and sunny Albania.

It's been a busy time as always but much progress has been made with the plans for our day care centre.

At last, we know we have the building we've been waiting for since May.

It will be available to us from January 1 next year.

It's a great place, just three years old and unlike many buildings in Albania, it has no steps.

We're not sure when it will open as we have to apply for a licence and be registered with the government as a charitable foundation.

This is just a formality but everything happens slowly here.

Thankfully, we have lots of help from Albanians we can trust and of course an Albanian lawyer to help smooth things out for us.

Before leaving for Albania, we made contact with an organisation that can help us with our physiotherapy equipment, computers and even furniture for the centre.

They have links with another organisation that can provide us with a wheelchair accessible vehicle which is

vital before we can begin our work fully.

Janice Christison asked me to tell her many supporters that the sum raised for her sponsored silence, was in fact £1,316.

This was absolutely amazing and we thank Janice for a good idea and thank her generous supporters.

Please come and join us at

our next fundraising event, which is a ceilidh with buffet supper on Saturday 12 November in Corrie hall.

This will begin at 7.30 pm and tickets are available from the book and card shop in Brodick.

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The new edition of the 2012 Arran Index local telephone book should be available from all the usual island outlets from next Monday 7 November.

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Cross Country success in Irvine



Arran High School S3 boys team won a gold medal at the cross country; Iain Clarke, Iain Logan, Peter Gillson and Rory Hunter. b44boy01



The senior girls team of Lauren McAllister, Hannah MacKay, Debbie Armstrong and Rachael Mulholland won silver in Irvine. b44girl01

High school pupils bring home medals

Arran High School pupils tasted success at the Ayrshire Cross Country Championships at Irvine Beach Park on Wednesday 5 October.

The S3 boys team of Iain Clarke, Iain Logan, Peter Gillson and Rory Hunter won a gold medal for first place.

The senior girls team of Lauren McAllister, Hannah MacKay, Debbie Armstrong and Rachael Mulholland won a silver medal for second place.

Congratulations and well done to all the pupils who took part.

Arran members at SNP Conference

SNP Isle of Arran members Anne Bruce, John Bruce, Dr Malcolm Kerr and Susan Knox were in Inverness for the 77th SNP Annual Conference at the Eden Court from 20 to 23 October.

Beautifully situated beside the River Ness, the Eden Court Theatre was filled to capacity, with over 2,000 members in attendance and representatives and press from 20 countries. It was generally agreed as the biggest and best SNP conference to date.

Keynote speeches from cabinet secretaries necessitated overspill venues complete with big screen projection and First Minister Alex Salmond's speech on Saturday needed no fewer than five additional satellite rooms.

Launched

Party leaders formally launched the independence referendum campaign which is being funded in part by a £918,000 bequest from the will of Edwin Morgan, Scotland's former national poet.

John Bruce said: 'I have been attending conference since 1974 and have never experienced anything like this one.'

'You had to be quick to get a seat in the main auditorium to fully feel the 'buzz'.'

The Arran members attended fringe meetings on transport and marine strategy for Scotland and raised ferry issues with the minister Keith Brown MSP and MEP Alyn Smith.

'There are big announce-

ments forthcoming which will have a direct beneficial impact on Arran, but you will have to wait a little for the official news to be released,' stated Dr Malcolm Kerr.

The 2011 conference provided the 'It's Starting' launch pad for the SNP Independence campaign strategy for the future Referendum.

That message will go out to every household in the country and will see the SNP promote its case to the 'Independence Generation'.

Remember, remember the fifth of November; gunpowder, treason and plot

Remember, remember, the fifth of November; gunpowder, treason and plot.

Bonfire night is established as an autumn ritual on Arran, with fireworks parties in most island villages.

Many of the bonfires will have a stuffed effigy on top, symbolising Guy Fawkes and the failed plot to blow up the House of Lords on 5 November 1605. Some local youngsters may also be wheeling a

Guy Fawkes dummy around, usually in an old pram, and exhorting passers-by to give them 'a penny for the Guy'.

Arran's celebrations start this year tonight, Friday 4 November, with a bonfire and fireworks at Catacol Bay Hotel, starting at 8pm.

Other bonfires and parties will be on Saturday night, 5 November, with Lamlash on the beach opposite the Co-op from 6.30pm.

Fireworks

Also at 6.30pm the celebrated Kilmory bonfire and fireworks will kick off on the always-windy Butter Hill.

Brodick's bonfire will be lit on the beach from 7pm, to be followed by soup and sandwiches in Brodick Golf Clubhouse.

In Whiting Bay, the bonfire and fireworks will take place on the beach at low tide at 6pm on Saturday. Spectators should assemble on the putting green.

Hot soup will be served afterwards, next to the putting green shed.

The Kildonan bonfire and fireworks should start at 7pm on Saturday night, but burgers, hotdogs and soup will be available from 6pm onwards.

In Blackwaterfoot, the bonfire will be lit at 6.30pm followed by fireworks at 7pm. Spectators are asked to assemble in Shiskine Golf Club car park.

Residents are reminded to make sure that all pets are kept safely indoors and well away from fireworks.

Arran livestock prices

United Auctions Ltd had forward 4,032 store cattle and suckled calves, 299 cast bulls and cows and 14,426 store and prime sheep at their Stirling Agricultural Centre last week.

Cattle: Charolais cross heifer calves £465, 203p Ceithar Gaoithe, Limousin cross heifer calves £695, 196p Heathcote

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Sheep: Cheviot lambs £56 Cosyden, Texel lambs £83 Drumla, £75.80 Cnoc, £67 Moor.

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The Arran Banner 20 years ago

Saturday, November 9, 1991

Wrong number

Dial a Lamlash number from Lamlash and, if you do not add the new 600 prefix you will only hear: 'Sorry, the number you have dialled is not available.'

This seems to be the only flaw in an otherwise successful changeover to a digital exchange on Thursday morning.

There are concerns that in an emergency, some people, perhaps under stress, could be confused by the negative message.

Standing down

Mrs Grace Small is to stand down this month after more than 10 years as District Commissioner of Girl Guides for Arran.

Not closely involved with the Guides before taking up the post – although she had been a Brown Owl with the Brownies – Grace has become the face of Guiding on Arran.

Her successor, also involved with brownies, not Guides, is the Reverend Elizabeth Watson of Whiting Bay.

Cause for concern?

A rumour of contaminated

water in Whiting Bay appears to be, although not entirely, without foundation.

Initially being told of several people being ill, we tracked



Jennifer, younger daughter of Jenny and the late John Thomson of Cordon, was married last Saturday in Lamlash Church to David, eldest son of Eileen and the late David McAlister of Lochranza. b44twe05

it down to one woman expecting a child and a report of a case of 'cryptosporidiosis' with the Environmental Health Department.

They told us that one case of

this is not considered serious, as there are several ways of catching it.

Tony Hamilton dies

The death took place last night of Mr Tony Hamilton BEM.

Tony Hamilton was the Arran Ambulance driver fore over 30 years and was awarded the British Empire Medal on his retirement in 1985 for services to the health service on Arran.

Birth

Thursday 7 November, to Liz and Gator Kerr, a daughter Eilidh, a sister for Sandy.

Extraordinary weather

Arran experienced quite an assortment of weather during October – snow being about the only phenomenon missing.

At the Castle Gardens, 195.6mm of rain and three lots of hail was recorded for the month.

Thunder rattled the windows on the 7th, three 'gale' days resulted in ferry cancellations and trees being felled and the average temperature was 9.79 degrees.



The pupils at Pirnmill Primary School presented Louis Jardine from the Ayrshire Hospice with a cheque after they sang non-stop for three quarters of an hour. b44twe01



Emily Broadis (left) and Alison Kelly pull out the plugs that connect the old Lamlash telephone lines while teacher Ian Watt and Roger Boultsbee look on. b44twe02



Youngsters enjoying Bonfire Night in Brodick. b44twe03



Children, and those still young at heart, enjoying the sparklers at the Brodick Bonfire. b44twe04

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Last week Archie was sitting in the road next to Bennecarrigan Church. First correct answers came from Christine in Ayr, Karen in Motherwell, Stuart in Crewe and doggie pal Sannox in Holmfirth. This week he is at the entrance to a driveway with the sea in the background, but do you know where it is?

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Quiz
Yoga
Arran Junior Football

Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 9pm - 11pm
High School, 6pm
Ormidale Park, 6pm - 7.30pm

SATURDAY 5th NOVEMBER

Karate
Family Games
Fun In The Pool
Over 21's Disco
Arran Dancers (4 years and up)
Teddy Bears Picnic
Kids Family Quiz
Save the Children Christmas Fayre
Dance for Isla with Stumpys Cabin
Lamlash Bonfire & Fireworks
Kilmory Bonfire & Fireworks
Calum's Road
Brodict Bonfire & Fireworks
Blackwaterfoot Bonfire & Firework Display
Cllr Currie Surgery
Kildonan Bonfire Party
Lamlash Toddlers & Nursery Table Top Sale
RNLI shop open
Whiting Bay Bonfire and Fireworks

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 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
Shiskine Golf Club Car park, 6.30pm
Brodict Library 1pm - 2pm
From 6pm - Bonfire & Fireworks, 7pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 11am - 3pm
Lamlash Pier 10.30am - 12.30pm
Putting Green Beach, 6pm

TUESDAY 8th NOVEMBER

Lochranza Swimming Club
Army Cadets
Pop Quiz
Alcoholics Anonymous
Citizens Advice
Youth Club
Rotary Club
Junior Hockey Club - 8 yrs up
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

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
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 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

WEDNESDAY 9th 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

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

SUNDAY 6th NOVEMBER

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

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

MONDAY 7th NOVEMBER

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

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

THURSDAY 10th 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
Winter Bowls
Art Exhibition

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
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7pm - 9pm
Brodict Castle, 12pm - 4pm

FRIDAY 11th NOVEMBER

Quiz
AquaFizz
Yogalates
Rock Disco
Arran Youth Foundations
Kids Party Games
Senior Badminton
Arran Ceilidh Group
Art Exhibition

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
Corrie Hall, 8pm - 10pm
Brodict Castle, 12pm - 4pm

SATURDAY 12th NOVEMBER

Art Exhibition
RNLI shop open
Beetle Drive & Raffle

Brodict Castle, 12pm - 4pm
Lamlash Pier 10.30am - 12.30pm
Lamlash Golf Club, 7pm



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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008 REGULATION 20(1)

Format: Application No; Address; Proposed Development
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CHURCH NOTICES

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Sunday 6 November
 Shiskine, 11am
 Sunday School in the Church Hall
 (Church is between Machrie & Blackwaterfoot)
 Brodick 7pm
 Dr Graham Keith
 All welcome

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 (in full communion with the Church of England)
 St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday 6 November
 Holy Communion, 11am.
 Mrs Janis Gallagher.
 Coffee after service.
 All welcome

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
 (SCO15072)
 Kilmory linked with Lamlash
 "A faith to proclaim ~ a fellowship to share"
Sunday 6 November
 Rev. Gillean Maclean
 Kilmory 10am
 Lamlash 11.30am
 In both churches
 Sacrament of Communion
 All welcome, including families; children's area.

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND (continuing)
Sunday 6 November
 Communion Weekend
 Preparatory Service
Saturday 5 November
 13 Glen Avenue, Brodick, 7pm
 Sunday 6th
 Morning Service 11am. Sacrament of The Lord's Supper will be dispensed at close of morning service.
 Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick
 Evening Service 7pm
 13 Glen Avenue, Brodick
 Rev G Beers
 Wednesday 9th
 Thanksgiving Service, 7pm
 5 Glen Road, Brodick
 Rev.D.N.Macleod
 All welcome

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
 North Arran: Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirmill and Shiskine.
Independent but working together.
Minister
 Rev Angus Adamson.
Parish Asst
 Mrs Jean Hunter.
 Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times, to which all are invited - Families, young people and children welcome
Sunday 6 November
 Brodick Church, 11am
 Joint Communion with Corrie, Lochranza, Pirmill & Shiskine
 No service at Corrie, Lochranza, Pirmill or Shiskine

Corrie Church, 7pm
 Joint service of thanksgiving
 A service of worship will also be held in Montrose House at 1.30pm.

WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
 (SCO14005)
Sunday 6 November
 The Sacrament of Communion will be celebrated by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson, at 10.30am. All welcome. The Young People's Church will meet as usual in the Hall. Tea and coffee will be served in the Transept after the service. There will be a service in Cooriedoon at 2.30pm and in Craigielea at 3.15pm. All welcome.

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH
 Sunday Mass
 11am


ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday 6 November
 Ormidale Pavilion
 Brodick
 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 6 November
 Meeting for worship
 11 Glen Estate, Brodick
 11am.
 Enquiries to Jeny 302779.
 All are welcome.

DEATH
GRACE MICHAEL
 Peacefully at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley on Monday 31st October 2011. Grace, aged 73 years of Coillebheag, Kildonan, deeply missed by Janette, Andrew, Carol, Fiona, Todd, Rowan, Ailsa and all who knew her. Funeral service in Whiting Bay Church on Tuesday 8th November at 11.30am and thereafter to Lamlash Cemetery to which all friends are respectfully invited.

PERSONALS

Happy 21st



Love from all the family
 xxxx



Machrie Bay Golf Club
 Tuesday 25 October, Winter Cup. 1 Steph Hill 69, 2 Brian Sherwood 70, 3 Donald Campbell 72. Scratch Brian Sherwood 78.

Fixtures: Saturday 5 November, Lochranza Hotel Cup, 12noon tee-off. Tuesday 8 November, Winter Cup, tee-off at 12noon.

Whiting Bay Golf Club
 Sunday 23 October, 14 played in the Taylor Trophy, a Green-some competition. Scoring was very close after 60 per cent of the lower handicap and 40 per cent of the higher handicap were calculated! 1 Gordon Provan and Gus MacLeod 60, 2 Wolfi Kroner and Graeme Crichton 63.4 BIH, 3 Nicol Auld and David Morrison 63.4.

Sunday 30 October, 12 played in the Gents Medal. Scoring was tricky and the CSS rose to 66 RO. The only player to get cut was Markus Kroner - who was also the only player to NR! 1 John Pennycott (12)68, 2 Alan Dillon (20)70 BIH, 3 David Brookens (13)70. Gus MacLeod won scratch with 80 and there were no magic twos.

Fixtures: Saturday 5 No-

vember, Mixed Fours Salver at 11am. Sunday 6 November, AGA Winter League at Lamlash against Corrie, from 10.50am.

Brodick Golf Club
 Wednesday Cup: Only three played on October 12 in what must have been cold wet and windy weather but as yours truly was in the Algarve, soaking up the 30 deg C Sun I don't really care who won out of the three pitiful people who obviously have no life. Results from Wednesday 19 October, 1 J Beattie 57, 2 D Roxburgh 60, 3 J Green 62. Wolfi got a two and so did the aforementioned Derek. Results from Wednesday 26 October, 12 players started out but due to a very heavy rain shower only 8 finished. 1 C O'Neil 60, 2 E Thompson 62, 3 W Kroner 63. Twos: Brian Boal and Derek Roxburgh got one each and Eric Thompson got a Desmond (Two Twos).

Sunday 30 October, Sweep, 25 played. 1 R Duncan (12)58, 2 J Armit (4)60, 3 T Raeside (7)63. There were nine twos, David and Gordon Hendry both got two, J Armit, A Robertson, D Robertson, T Raeside and E McKinnon got the rest.

Fixtures: Saturday 5 November, Saturday Cup, make up your own games, or open draw at 12noon. Sunday 6 November, AGA Duncan Trophy at Lamlash. There will also be a sweep at Brodick, open draws at 9am and 12noon.

Lamlash Golf Club
 Ladies: Dates for your Diary - The annual prize-giving dinner will take place on Friday 11 November at 7pm for 7.30pm. If you would like to attend, please put your name on the board at the golf club, or contact Sheena Murchie on 600820.

The AGM will take place on Wednesday 16 November in the clubhouse, starting at 7pm.

Gents: Thursday 27 October, Back Nine Medal. 1 Todd Jameson 30-2.5=27.5, 2 Alan Smith 34-5=29, 3 Colin Richardson 37-7.5=29.5. Best Scratch Todd Jameson 30.

Twos from Todd Jameson at the 14th and 16th, Alan Smith at the 16th and Douglas Macfarlane at the 14th. Overall Winner Douglas Macfarlane 31+31=62. Runner up Scott Campbell 34.5+31.5=66.

Sunday 30 October, Glenburn Cup. 1 Drew Wales 69-6=63, 2 Graham Tinto 86-20=66, 3 Lee Girbow 72-4=68. Best Scratch Drew Wales 69. There was one two from Iain Murchie at the 16th.

Fixtures: Sunday 6 November, Winter League at Lamlash, Lamlash v Shiskine. Thursday 10 November, 15 Hole Medal - make up own groups.

Corrie Golf Club
 Saturday 29 October, Stabelford, J McKenzie Memorial Trophy, 12 played nine holes only because of the bad weather. 1 J McGovern 20 points, 2 E Cannon 19 points.

Winner of trophy J McGovern, well done John. No twos recorded. Monday 31 October, Monday Cup from yellow tees. 1 E Cannon 74-16=58, 2 A Smith 66-7=59, 3 J McGovern 66-6=60. Magic twos from B Rooney, A Smith, J McGovern, J Henderson and E Cannon.

Fixtures: Saturday 5 November, Winter Cup first round, 8.30am and 12noon. Sunday 6 November, Winter League at Lamlash. Monday 7 November, Monday Cup, 12noon (11.45am for sharp start).

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 Brodick 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.

Shiskine Golf Club
 No games at Shiskine this week.


Fixtures: Ladies - Thursday 10 November, 18 Hole Medal, 12noon tee-off. Gents - Arran Challenge finishes this Sunday. Sunday 20 November, 12 Hole Medal and Winter Cup.

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 James & Morag Murchie



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Laura




With love from Mum, Dad, Nic and all the family x

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Brodick Golf Club say 'au revoir' to Peter

Members and friends gathered in Brodick Golf Club on Saturday night to wish Peter and Shona McCalla adieu, after more than 25 years as the golf pro at the club.

Peter arrived at Brodick Golf Club in 1987 where he was interviewed by the then Club Captain Iain MacMillan and it was fitting that his last appearance in Brodick Golf Club should be with Bung.

Peter has coached many people over the years, juniors,

ladies and gents and many golfer will be grateful for his words of wisdom as they tried to cure a shank, hook or just a bad case of the screaming abdabs at putting.

With Shona in the shop, Peter was able to continue playing and coaching, together they were a good team and Brodick Golf Club are very grateful that we had them for so long.

In the minutes of the golf club for January 1988, it

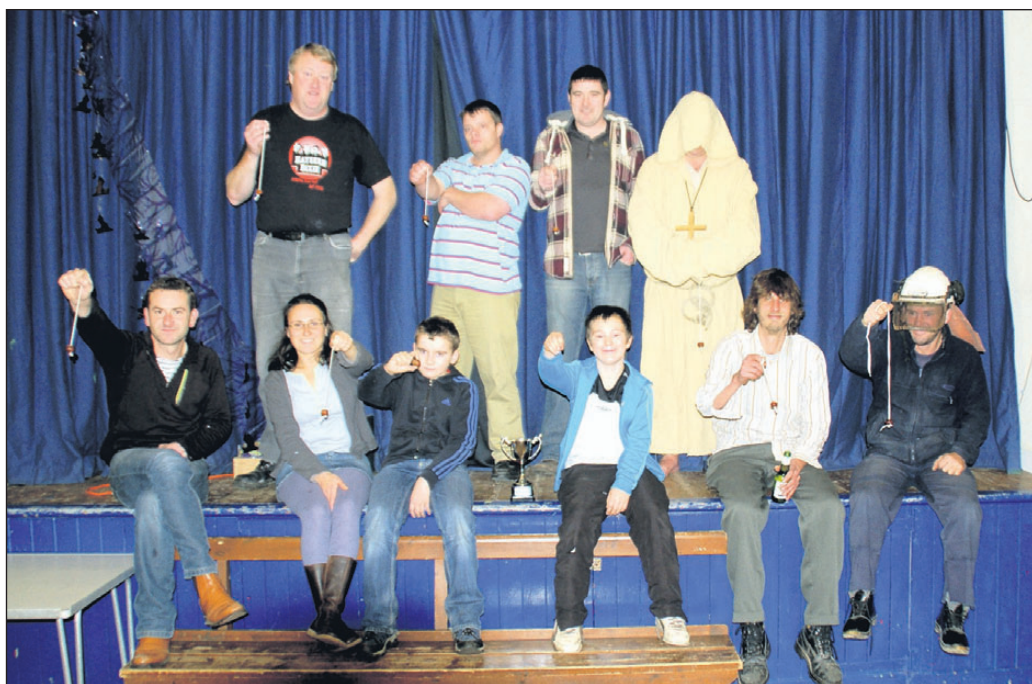
states 'Mr McCalla has settled down very well'.

After nearly 25 years Brodick Golf Club wish him well in his new venture - a daunting challenge at any age and hope he and Shona 'settle down well'.

Au revoir Peter and Shona, we will all miss you and wish you both health and happiness in the years to come and remember there will always be a welcome for you at Brodick Golf Club.



Shona and Peter McCalla, centre, with club members Iain MacDonald and Nicol Hume.



Some of the Conker Cup contestants in Kilmory Hall last Sunday, with 2010 champion Trefor Goronwy on the right, and new champ, Peter McKinnon centre, on stage.
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Conker Cup goes back to Northend

The seventh annual Southend Conker Cup was won by Peter McKinnon, keeping the coveted trophy in the northend for four years in a row.

Sixteen eager players assembled in Kilmory Village Hall last Sunday afternoon for this keenly contested competition.

A large box full of ready-stringed conkers

had been prepared by Eddie Picken, but some of the contestants chose to restring their own special conkers. And the event was graced by a visit from the mysterious hooded Brother Bob. Peter defeated Kirsten Millar in the first semi final and went on to face Jamie Picken in a tense final after he beat the mysterious Brother Bob in the other semi.

Bridge results

Brodick Bridge Club

Results for Brodick Bridge Club on Thursday 27 October:

N/S 1 Trisha Martin and Douglas Hamilton, 2 Margaret McGill and Elizabeth McConnell, 3 David Scobie and Douglas Bruce.

E/W 1 Eendy McNiven and Roddie Thompson, 2 Janie MacLure and Anne McKelvie, 3 equal Linda Trickett and Evelyn Sillars; Kay and Paul.

Lamlash Bridge Club

The results for Monday 31 October were as follows:

N/S 1 D and M Bruce +870, 2 T martin and A Bilsland -350, 3 B Livingstone and I Macarthur -730.

E/W 1 J and J Beattie +2500, 2 E McNiven and L Paul +2180, 3 H Boyd and J Murchie +2100.

Arran Junior Football Club

Training with the Arran junior Football Club will recommence this Monday, November 7 at 6pm until 7.30pm at Ormidale Park.

Catacol take early Pool League lead

The Arran Pool League season got under way last Thursday.

Last season's surprise team and league runners-up Catacol Bay got off to another flying start with a 7 - 3 victory away to the PHT.

Champions Bar Eden beat Mac's Bar 6 - 4 while the other two matches between PT1934 and Kildonan, and Drift Inn and Whiting Bay Golf Club both ended in 5 - 5 draws.

Next Thursday's fixtures are Bar Eden v Catacol, PHT v W/Bay Golf Club, Drift v Kildonan and PT1934 v Mac's Bar.

There is a captains' meeting

this Sunday 6 November at 2pm in the PHT. Names and monies for the singles and doubles will be taken.



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