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Arran counts the cost of a poor summer season

'We need to face up to the fact that many businesses won't survive'

Arran's businesses are counting the costs of a meagre summer season that could force many to close, according to a number of island companies.

Figures yet to be released by CalMac suggest that fewer passengers used Arran's ferry services this summer as a result of the economic downturn, higher fuel costs and poor weather, which had an extreme effect on the island economy.

One business owner that did not wish to be named said that they had experienced their worst season in memory and doubted the business could survive the winter.

Encourage

He told The Banner that Arran's people need to do more to encourage visitors to come to the island or 'face up to the fact that many businesses won't survive'.

Sheila Gilmore, operations manager at VisitArran said: 'We have spoken to many of our members and there is a great divide geographically

REPORT
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and demographically between what some are saying.

'For example many members have told us their bookings were better than ever but the visitor spend in the hotel bar and restaurant is substantially lower than in the past.

'Now that the summer is over we will be carrying out a survey of all VisitArran members and other island businesses to try and gauge exactly what kind of a season Arran has had.'

Sheila added: 'VisitArran continues to actively promote Arran and we will certainly carry on encouraging people to come and visit our beautiful island.'

Ferry passenger figures for both the Ardrossan to Brodick route and Claonaig to Lochranza will be released later this month but it is believed that visitor numbers are at an all time low.

A CalMac spokesman said: 'The summer timetable ended last Sunday and we are only now able to audit the season's carryings so cannot quote specific figures until that process is complete.'

Fluctuations

'We can say however that across the network the season has been characterised by fluctuations in carryings and Arran is no different, with some busy days, especially when the weather has been good, and some more disappointing days.

'Broadly, carryings seem to reflect the experience of many parts of Scotland that fewer people are travelling, with the most likely cause being the economic downturn and high fuel prices, and as mentioned, the fairly poor weather.

'It was a similar picture last year for the same reasons. We have however seen busy boats at the start and end of the October schools week, which shows that Arran remains an attractive option for visitors.'

'It was a similar picture last year'



Frightful fun for youngsters

Arran's youngsters have had a great time this week celebrating the spookiest event in the calendar - Halloween. Parties were held all across the island and we've got pictures from them all. See pages 9,10 and 11. 01_b44one01

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Planning applications under consideration



Greyholme, site of a planning application for a wedding function building. b44grey01

A planning application was lodged with North Ayrshire Council on 19 October for three units of staff accommodation, each with 10 bedrooms, a laundry building, access route and installation of sewerage treatment plant at land adjacent to Auchrannie Country Club and Glenclay Burn.

A supporting statement says: 'This application is to allow construction of the first 20 bedrooms on our land at Auchrannie on which planning in principal has already been granted. There are existing staff staying in sub-standard accommodation who require to be re-housed.'

'It is hoped that the recent investment in the playbar and the current major enhancement of our spa treatment facilities supported by

new staff accommodation will allow the company to further invest in additional bedrooms at the Spa Resort within the next few years.'

Pending

Other planning applications currently pending consideration by North Ayrshire Council include the change of use of a former residential care home back to a family dwellinghouse at Craigelea in Whiting Bay and the demolition of an existing cottage and erection of new house with raised deck at Glenisle Hotel, Lamlash.

Also pending consideration is an application for the erection of a building for wedding functions at a site to the north of Greyholme in Brodick.

Plans indicate a garden room for wedding ceremonies with decking and toilet facilities.

Montrose House go-ahead next March

Plans have been passed by North Ayrshire Council for a replacement facility for Montrose House Home for the Elderly in Brodick.

But the start date for the £4million project has been put back from this October to March 2013.

The new single storey building will be sited in a field about 200 metres further up Glen Cloy Road from the existing Montrose House and to the north-west of Auchrannie Spa Resort.

As well as having 30 bedrooms, the new care home at Glenclay will have a communal lounge, residents' dining room, café lounge, quiet lounge/snug and winter garden plus 18 parking spaces.

Police presence needed at Brodick pier

Is it necessary for police to be at Brodick pier for each arrival of MV Caledonian Isles? That was a question posed by councillors at Tuesday's Arran Community Council meeting.

The local Strathclyde Police representative PC Kevin Bonar answered succinctly: 'With no police station in Brodick it is a recognised contact point for members of the public, plus the fact that we are actively trying to control traffic in the congested pier area.'

'We also receive routine intelligence from the mainland about individuals coming over here and dealing in scrap metal; its rife at the moment.'

'If we are there, we can keep an eye out for them, and they see us.'

Brodick youngsters climbing the walls at playtime

It's not often that the island's children are encouraged to climb the walls at playtime but that's exactly what's been happening at Brodick Primary School.

With generous funding from the Archie Murchie McLeod fund, a unique climbing wall has been installed at the school.

The pupils tried out their new playground attraction last week and since then teachers say the wall has been a roaring success.

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Arran RNLI's longest serving members were all presented with Diamond Jubilee medals to commemorate Queen Elizabeth II's 60 years on the throne. b44med01NO

RNLI crew receive jubilee medals

Eleven crewmembers and volunteers from Arran RNLI have been awarded medals in recognition of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond jubilee.

The recipients at Lamalsh join many other RNLI crewmembers around the UK recognised by her Majesty as she celebrates 60 years on the throne.

The criteria for the presentation of a medal were for an individual to have served five or more years and be in service on 6 February 2012 (the anniversary of the Queen's succession to the throne).

The medals along with a long Service Bar were presented by the Deputy Lord Lieutenant Alastair Grassie.

In all 11 crew and officials at the Lamalsh station have qualified for the award: Miller Crawford and Geoff Norris who have both served 39 years, Ian Hutchison who has been

a volunteer for 35 years, Angus Campbell a member for 31 years, Crawford Duncan who has been in the RNLI for 22 years, Mark Nelson -13 years, Martin Ferris - 10 years, Calum McNicol - nine years, Bill Barr - six years, Paul Archer - six years and Mark Johnson who joined Arran RNLI earlier this year after 14 years in Filey Lifeboat station.

Back on duty

Angus Campbell and Calum McNicol were unable to be there to receive their medals and Mark Johnson who is back on duty on the MV Caledonian Isles is being presented with his medal in Filey on November 9.

Ian Hutchison was also presented with a 30-year bar to his long service badge.

To round off a lovely evening, Anne and Garry Tulloch also presented the station with £622 sponsorship from their Great North Run earlier this year.

Ferry service under scrutiny

Arran's ferry service came under scrutiny at Tuesday's Community Council meeting in the Ormidale Pavilion.

Brodick councillor Bill Calderwood had prepared a summary of issues relating to the service and these were discussed in some depth.

Concern was expressed that with a 6.5 percent increase in fares last year the introduction of RET in 2014 would merely take prices back to their current level.

NAC Councillor John Bruce assured them that 'RET will reduce prices by 40 to 50 percent for cars and should increase traffic coming across'.

Questions were asked as to why a nine-day saver ticket was available on other routes.

Bill Calderwood said: 'Why is it not available here?'

'A lot of the self-catering folks feel disadvantaged because their customers have to buy two single tickets for a week's stay.'

Steph Hill added: 'CalMac should reduce the price in winter rather than travelling with an almost empty boat.'

'It would benefit residents and be in the interest of the company - the offices are ful-

ly staffed and the boat fully crewed anyway, but the boat is often half-empty. It would encourage numbers in winter.'

Extending the travelling day and reversing the timetable was also discussed.

Councillor Bruce stated: 'The second ferry last summer was a disaster. It was not sufficiently advertised and consequently little used.'

Brenda Stewart lamented the 50-minute wait for a train connection at Ardrossan harbour from the 1.50pm sailing. She also pointed out that both Ardrossan and Brodick terminal buildings should have automatic doors.

'It is so difficult for older people and those with luggage or in wheelchairs.'

It was agreed that concession fares should be available for students who have to use

the ferry regularly for educational and leisure purposes.

The facilities at Ardrossan terminal came in for some criticism. It was felt that they are 'not at a level which is expected by travellers in today's leisure business'.

In the event of ferry disruptions there should also be a better procedure for dealing with stranded customers. The matter of a safe port to ensure lifeline service in adverse weather was discussed with Jim Henderson adding that CalMac may have to end up looking at Troon as a serious possibility.

Chairman John Inglis said that CalMac managing director Martin Dorchester was attending next Monday's meeting of the Arran Ferry Committee, and that a summary of these concerns would be presented to him.

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Relief sergeants still in charge

Following the transfer of Police Sergeant Bob Mackay to a posting in Govan in early September, the island has had a series of relief sergeants from the mainland each week.

This will continue for the immediate future with a permanent appointment expected by the New Year.

All of the extra summer officers have now left the island, leaving four regular constables and the relief sergeant.

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Defibrillator installed in Pirmill

Pirmill's first public access defibrillator is now up and running.

Arran's first defibrillator for was recently unveiled at Kildonan Hall and now Pirmill has one inside the old red phone box outside the village shop.

Fiona Laing of North Arran First Responders has taken it upon herself to get as many of these vital units around the island as possible.

She told the Banner: 'For every minute that a patient in cardiac arrest is denied the use of a defibrillator, their chance of survival decreases by 10 percent.'

'If you suspect someone has had a cardiac arrest, every second counts.'

Specs found

A pair of gentleman's spectacles were found in their case on the path to Glenashdale in Whiting Bay on Monday.

They have been handed in to the local police office in Lamash.

The last of a generation

Katherine Campbell 1913-2012

August 2012 saw the death of a remarkable and gentle Arran lady.

Katherine Campbell was the last surviving member of her generation the Craig family of Carmahome, Shiskine, a very small family farm even at that time.

Born in 1913 Katherine was one of nine children.

Schooling up to the age of 14 took part entirely in Shiskine School - no secondary school on Arran at that time or for a long time after - and pupils left with a grounding particularly in poetry and literature that puts today's standards into question.

Katherine's love of reading and poetry stayed with her all her life. On leaving school Katherine took up the only

course open to young ladies at that time which was to go into domestic service.

On the advent of the Second World War however, Katherine's career took off when she joined up in the ATS along with her sister, Mary.

Both served in the catering corps for some time near London and later in Belgium where their reputation established them as cooks to the officer ranks.

Whilst in Belgium a friendship was formed with a Belgian family which lasted until the end of Katherine's life.

This family attributed their survival in the war to the food aid that Katherine and her sister had (unofficially) supplied to them.

Such deeds typified Katherine's kindness and the hospitality which she issued during the rest of her days.

Katherine and Mary returned safely after the war as did their brother, Archie and Katherine's future husband, Malcolm from Dougarie.

Katherine and Malcolm moved back to Arran after the

war staying first at the Heights where their two daughters, Innes and Ailsa were born and then at Dippen Kennels during Malcolm's service as gamekeeper to Arran Estates.

Ultimately they moved to Sorn in Ayrshire in 1964 where they made many friends and entertained many visitors.

After Malcolm's death in 1979 Katherine came to Westholme in Shiskine home of her widower brother, Archie, well known Arran butcher, which became her home until she died aged 98.

Archie who died in 2000 was renowned for his pauky sense of humour, a family trait which Katherine also shared albeit in gentler form!

Katherine was devoted to her two daughters and son-in-law (as they were to her) and was proud of her two (now adult) grand children. Her other devotion was to her Christian faith.

Typical of a number of Shiskine families of that era the passing of the last of that generation of the Craigs of



Katherine Campbell was the last surviving member of her generation the Craig family of Carmahome, Shiskine. b44kat01NO

Carmahome is a loss not only to family but to a district, to the neighbours and to all who were touched by Katherine's kindness and exemplary life of others before self. MC

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Lentil soup lift off for Arran Lunch Club

A new lunch club for older Arran residents has just started up on the island.

It is a joint venture by Isle of Arran Homes, Arran Council for Voluntary Service (ACVS) and the Salvation Army.

Representatives from all three organisations were on hand last Monday for the inaugural lunch at McKelvie Road Sheltered Housing in Lamlash.

Some 16 residents and local people had turned up to enjoy a tasty meal of lentil soup followed by mince, tatties and carrots.

Neil Wilkinson, Housing and Property Officer for Isle of Arran Homes, said: 'It's great to be able to work with other organisations to deliver this service. Many of the older tenants don't have a hot meal all week.'

'This service is available to anyone over 65 and they don't have to be a resident in sheltered housing.'

Lunches will be held on Mondays, alternating between Lamlash and Glen Estate in Brodick. The cost is £4, and one week it will be soup and a main course and the following week a main course and sweet.

Under the government scheme of Re-shaping Care for Older People, a grant has been obtained through the NHS and North Ayrshire Council.

This has enabled a refurbishment of the kitchen at



Musical entertainment for the Lunch Club from Arran High School youngsters with Lexi Andrade, David Lambert, Michael Fisher, Neil Wilkinson and Morven Buckby. 02_b44lun01

McKelvie Road and improvements to meet current health and hygiene standards. A new cooker and fridge has been fitted at Glen Estate and all cutlery and crockery been upgraded.

Morven Buckby, Community Connector with ACVS, said: 'The cost of the food is covered by the £4 charge, with a little left over to maintain the equipment because this has been a one-off grant.'

Kitchen volunteers have been organised by Lexi Andrade of the Salvation Army.

She said: 'This project fits in with our ethos of social

interaction. If someone needs a lift to come to the lunches, then we are not going to exclude their driver, regardless of age.'

This kind of thing can sustain and enhance lives.'

'Michael Fisher is our main cook and the star in the kitchen. If more people turn up then we might have to look at two sittings at 12noon and 1pm.'

Residents Alf McMaster and Ali Husseyn were tucking into their lunch with gusto. Ali said: 'This is a very good idea and I hope it succeeds.' Alf added: 'At least it saved

me from cooking today.'

As the residents took coffee on Monday, half a dozen youngsters came over from the High School to offer musical entertainment under the

direction of music teacher David Lambert.

Neil added: 'Next Monday 5 November the lunch will be at Glen Estate from 12noon and all over 65 are welcome.'

Dr Graham's Homes lunches

Following the report of the success of soup and sandwich lunches held in Brodick Church hall in aid of Dr Graham's Homes, Rev John Webster said: 'Dr Graham's Homes is not an orphanage; it exists primarily to admit needy, destitute Anglo-Indian children. Alongside these there are full fee and part fee pupils, day scholars and boarders.'

'Children are admitted from Nepal and Tibet Bhutan as well as India.'

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Whiting Bay WRI

The ladies of Whiting Bay SWRI held their opening meeting of the season at their new venue of St Margaret's Church.

President Janis Gallagher welcomed both former members and those just joining.

Guest for the evening was Judith Porter from Shiskine whose demonstration was entitled 'decorating with jam'.

No jam was used in her wonderful new method of preparing cake tops for decorating using piped icing on Perspex, so jam in our title definitely stands for 'Judith amazes with marmalade'.

She had brought with her detailed, illustrated instruction sheets for us all as well as a beautiful cake to raffle.

With only a small number present we were able to have a close up view of all stages of the process and ask questions when we wanted so there is no excuse for not trying something new on our Christmas cakes this year.

Thank you Judith once again.

On Wednesday 7 November we welcome Judith Baines who will demonstrate a Christmas craft.

Once again the venue will be St Margaret's Church at 7.30pm.

Kildonan WRI

On Wednesday afternoon, on October 24 we had much laughter and fun with a very interesting and informative workshop on Bach Flower Essence, delivered by Sarah Cowan.

This was followed by a sharing of varied and delicious lunch dishes brought along by the members.

The competition for a Handmade Pin Cushion was won by Joyce Millard.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 21 November at 7.30 pm when we will hear an update on the activities of COAST and how the Lamlash No Take Zone is contributing to the health of the fish stock in the Clyde Estuary.

This is an open meeting and both members and non-members will be most welcome.

We would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all Rural members and members of the public who supported our 'Supa Soup' fundraiser on October 22.

A very colourful display of our handicraft work was also of great interest to the visiting public, many thanks to Judith and Jill for setting this up. Over £100 was raised for funds.

Ghostly knight photographed in Lochranza

Following last week's ghoulish tales of Arran's ghosts and goblins we were inundated with further scary stories.

But there was none scarier than the one from Barbara Roberts who took a very eerie photograph while visiting the island last weekend.

Barbara and her sister were at Lochranza Castle on Saturday afternoon and she took a number of pictures on her Blackberry mobile.

When they returned to their holiday cottage in Blackwaterfoot and took a look at the photos they had snapped that day, Barbara was astounded to see someone else in the frame.

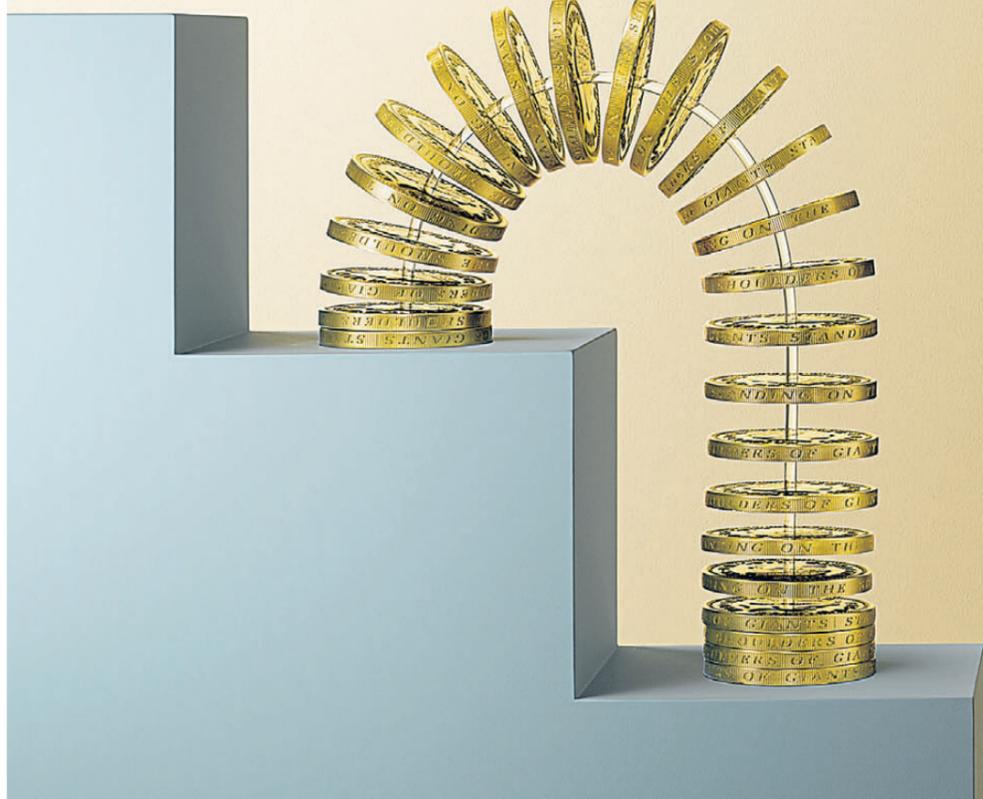
'I don't know what made me zoom in but when I did there was the unmistakable shape of a man in armour coming round the edge of the castle,' said Barbara.

'What is really frightening is that my sister is looking directly at it but swears there was nothing there at the time.'

Ghost or a mere trick of the light? You decide.



The photograph of Lochranza Castle taken on Saturday afternoon appears to show a ghostly man in armour walking around the building wall.



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Arran's Young Naturalist Club with their trophy.

Arran's young naturalists celebrate win

Brodick Castle's young naturalists took part in an interclub challenge recently and won!

The group that meets at the castle's Ranger Centre is designed to educate Arran's six to 11 year olds about our natural environment both here on the island and further afield.

Head Ranger Kate Sampson said: 'We took our Young Naturalist Club over to Culzean Country Park for the annual 'interclub challenge' where they were in competition with groups from Eglinton and Culzean Coun-

try Park. They had to complete a series of challenges using their naturalists skills and knowledge and the Brodick Young Naturalists came out top and won the trophy.'

Next meeting

The next young naturalist club meeting will be 'Rhodie Bashing' event on Saturday 10 November.

All six to eleven year olds are welcome to come along.

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Tourism team will take to the road

The new dedicated Ayrshire and Arran Tourism Team has been busy moving forward plans to develop tourism in a bid to attract more visitors to experience and discover the area.

The team travelled across Ayrshire and Arran introducing themselves to people in industry through a series of information sessions.

Over 80 people involved in industry attended, including food and drink providers, community groups, accommodation providers, education, culture and heritage and visitor attractions and found out more about the details of the first round of projects that will be developed over the coming months.

With CalMac generously providing free tickets to travel to Arran, 13 of the attendees at an event on the Isle of Arran attended from the mainland.

Moira Birtwistle, chairman

of Ayrshire and Arran Tourism Leader Group said: 'The roadshows were very well attended and I am sure that they were the first of many that the Ayrshire and Arran Tourism Team will hold across Ayrshire.'

'By working together, listening to people in industry and in communities across Ayrshire the team will be able to take on board the views of everyone and this will help to shape plans for the future.'

Councillor Marie Burns, cabinet member for Economic Development and Regeneration at North Ayrshire Council, said: 'Tourism has long been one of Ayrshire's main economic drivers, with North Ayrshire towns like Largs, Millport and Saltcoats incredibly popular destinations for much of the last century.'

'The tourism industry has changed dramatically over the years, however, and while we

still attract visitors, the numbers have been in decline.

'We must adapt and innovate if we are to see visitor numbers increase. Listening to the public and learning what they look for is very important. Equally, we must work closely with the businesses and people who make up the industry in Ayrshire.'

'The roadshows give those involved in tourism the chance to have their say, letting us know the support they need and learning about the support available to them. It is vital to work together and make the best use of the wonderful natural resources we have.'

The Ayrshire and Arran Tourism Strategy is a five-year plan outlining a vision for the growth and development of tourism in the region.

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Ash trees under threat

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A ban on the import of ash trees came into effect on Monday and the fungus has already killed 90 percent of the trees in Denmark. If the disease becomes established, then ash dieback could have a similar impact as Dutch elm disease had in the 1970s.

Ash trees are widespread on Arran and they are currently shedding their leaves all over the island, especially in my back garden. But it would be bad news for the landscape and beauty of the island if the disease was to spread over here.

In a similar vein, it would be catastrophic if grey squirrels were ever to take a hold over here. We are blessed with a healthy population of cute red squirrels which would be under severe threat if their aggressive American cousins became established.

Last weekend I was staying with friends in Yorkshire. Looking out of the bedroom window in the morning I counted four grey squirrels attacking the bird feeders with a remarkable ferocity.

My friend explained that nothing was safe from them and it was virtually impossible to stop them rampaging over the feeders.

Evidence from other parts of the country shows that when the greys move in, the reds die out.

So put some peanuts out for our reds, watch out for them crossing the road and hope that the ash trees stay safe.

Remember, remember, the fifth of November. And please remember to look after your cats and dogs.

While we all enjoy a roaring bonfire and spectacular fireworks, for many pets this represents a nightmare. This Saturday there will be many firework celebrations round the island, but spare a thought for the cats and dogs.

Noisy explosions can be terrifying to animals, so don't have fireworks in the back garden. Go to an organised display and make sure your pets are safely indoors with the curtains closed and the television on to cover the noise.

Banner dog Archie is terrified of fireworks. He is a black Labrador, bred from working gundogs at Dougarie, but he is what a gamekeeper would call gun-shy through no fault of his own. So take care on Saturday night, have a good time, but consider your pets.

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



Defending second homes

Sir,
'Second homes on Arran are an insidious cancer and ruining the community badly.'

Not my words but those of a Nigel from Arran when the island was discussed during a BBC Radio 2 program hosted by Vanessa Feltz on Tuesday 23 October.

Now I am not a gambling man but I bet Nigel wasn't born and bred on Arran and is an incomer - not that there is anything wrong with that as a very high percentage of Arran residents are not genuine Arran people as were my parents who spent the last third of their life on the island.

Many Arran residents started off with a second home and indeed many residents have second homes/ back cottages and get an income to supplement their pension.

There is nothing wrong with that either.

In fact there are born and bred Arran people who left the island and now have second homes so they can visit family and friends and then there are second home owners who just love Arran and might retire here as I would like to do.

So Nigel what is your problem?

Why don't you reveal yourself and write to the editor and tell us all what you think is wrong with second homes.

Perhaps it is time that second homeowners formed an association/pressure group to combat people like Nigel - not to mention North Ayrshire Council.

Looking forward to your reply Nigel.

Yours,
Clive Mark
Corrie and Glasgow

What are we voting for?

Sir,
As an old man, I have a great deal of sympathy with last week's Banner editorial 'Independence - why the delay'.

Change by its nature is dangerous and unpredictable and our existing arrangements

seem perfectly satisfactory.

Granted, the old ship UK, has a few holes below the water line but the pumps (bond markets) seem to be holding and this would not be the right time to abandon ship.

On the other hand, as a young person or person with a young family I would have a different perspective.

Is guddling along from one crisis to the next as good as it gets? Would an independent Scotland be more manoeuvrable, dynamic and effective in creating the economic and social conditions that supports real jobs and all the other things that we want?

The independence vote is about the arguments for and against these positions.

Unlike the editor, I have yet formed a position for or against. I do know that we are predisposed to reject fundamental change unless we are in dire straits or the benefits of change are obvious.

Given this, the Yes campaign has a major job to do. However, they have won a democratic mandate to try and convince us and if they think that will take another two years, so be it.

Yours,
Tom Tracey
Brodick

A leap in the right direction

Sir,
When you say independence is a 'great and unnecessary leap in the dark' (Editorial 20 October) you are only half wrong.

It's certainly a great leap. It is not in the dark, however, or unnecessary. We will have the opportunity to decide on Scotland's future in 2014 because we chose that option in returning an SNP majority in the 2011 Scottish elections.

The choice will be the most important one our community will make in generations. Of the 125 countries that have become independent since the end of the Second World War, not a single one has chosen to return to its previous state.

Despite their economic woes, Portugal is not applying to become part of Spain, Iceland is not seeking 'de-

vomax' with Denmark, and Ireland is not seeking union with the UK. Nations value taking responsibility for their own problems. If the proposition were for an independent Scotland to join the UK, the idea would be laughable, and would not merit serious discussion. May I finally take exception to your tiresome device of personalising the debate, as though the First Minister were some kind of dictator ('the only person who, etc... is Mr Salmond)?

What utter rubbish! Alex Salmond is the elected leader of a broadly based, diverse, inclusive and progressive centre-left social democratic party.

He is First Minister because the country elected him to that position. In a democracy we can choose someone else when we want to.

Yours,
Malcolm Kerr
Cairndale
Brodick

Old friend sought

Sir,
My Brother in law, Peter Jackson, is seeking information about a school boy friend he made in Lamlash during the Second World War.

Peter, aged 13, moved to Lamlash in 1942 along with his mother and sister to escape the bombing around their home near Portsmouth in southern England and also for the chance to be near Peter's father who was serving on HMS Pegasus.

We believe HMS Pegasus was on convoy escort duty in the North Atlantic and so returned to Arran at intervals.

The family lived in a number of places in Lamlash beginning in the home of the McKelvie's on the Brodick Road and latterly in Hamilton Terrace.

While exploring the area around his new home a local boy named Bert Teasdale offered Peter a ride on his go-cart.

Bert lived with his 'adopted mother' Miss Teasdale in a house on the road to the War Memorial Hospital. Bert, Peter and his sister attended

the local school where Miss Teasdale was a teacher and the headmaster was Mr McKenzie.

At the end of the war Peter and his family, now increased by two sisters, returned to Portsmouth and has not seen Bert since.

He did receive a letter from Bert in 1945 giving an address: MV Tinne, RN 231, C/o NOIC Lamlash Arran.

While serving in the RAF in 1953 Peter wrote to Bert and received a reply describing his life in the Merchant Navy.

The very last we heard of Bert was when he made National Newspaper headlines while serving as a police officer on detachment from Edinburgh in Cyprus during the uprising in the mid 1950s.

We believe he and his bride returned to Scotland and probably Arran where we understand the couple were not well received.

If anyone knows of the whereabouts of Bert or can fill in any of the gaps in the life story of Peter's very good friend we would be most grateful.

Yours,
Roy Judd
Waterlooville
Hants

Readers warned

Sir,
I have just returned from a week on Arran and am concerned about a horrific experience I had on the island. I started to make my way along the path to Goatfell with my children and let them run ahead.

However, after a short time I could hear my own voice screaming as I realised that the path went uphill. On looking around, I realised that the whole area was full of mountains and this could come as a terrible shock to anyone going for a walk. I would like to warn your readers that Arran is a rural area and that perhaps this threat can be addressed by a thorough levelling of the mountains.

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Halloween on Arran



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There were parties held in all of the island's main villages starting last Friday night in Brodick and Lamlash.

Whiting Bay held their party on Saturday night and Pirn-mill, Kilmory and Shiskine all had their nights on Halloween itself.

As always the dazzling array of imaginative outfits was truly amazing.

From ghosts and witches, to hot dogs and whoopie cushions the costumes were a sight to behold.

At all the events the children enjoyed spooky party games and frightfully fun food.

Here we have three pages of photographs from the first three parties.

In next week's Banner we will have photographs from the three parties on Wednesday night.




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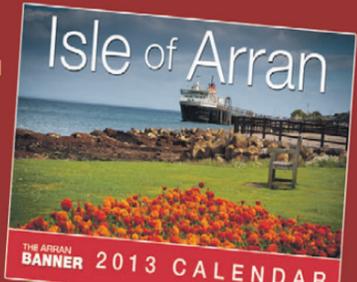
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Arran brewery to merge with Isle of Skye brewer

Arran's brewery is set to merge with one of Scotland's oldest micro-breweries to create one company.

The merger is set to take place between Arran and the Isle of Skye brewery.

The breweries share a similarity in plant size, and both are located on beautiful islands flooded by tourists in summer but almost empty in winter.

Both breweries also each

have a strong reputation for producing award winning ales from only the finest natural ingredients.

The Isle of Skye Brewery is run by Angus MacRuary who set up shop more than

18 years ago and manages it with his wife, Pam, who is the head Brewster.

The Isle of Arran Brewery was established in 2000 is now run by a father and daughter team Gerald and Veronica Michaluk.

The new holding company, Arran Brewery plc, will have a turnover of £1,200,000 and produce just a whisker under 500,000 litres of beer annually.

Arran Brewery plc is also seeking to raise over £10m over the next three years to expand production on the two sites, to build its own bottling facility on the mainland and to open its own pub chain.

Great privilege

Managing Director of Arran Brewery plc, Gerald Michaluk, said: 'It is a great privilege to be working with Angus and his wife who have such a wealth of experience.'

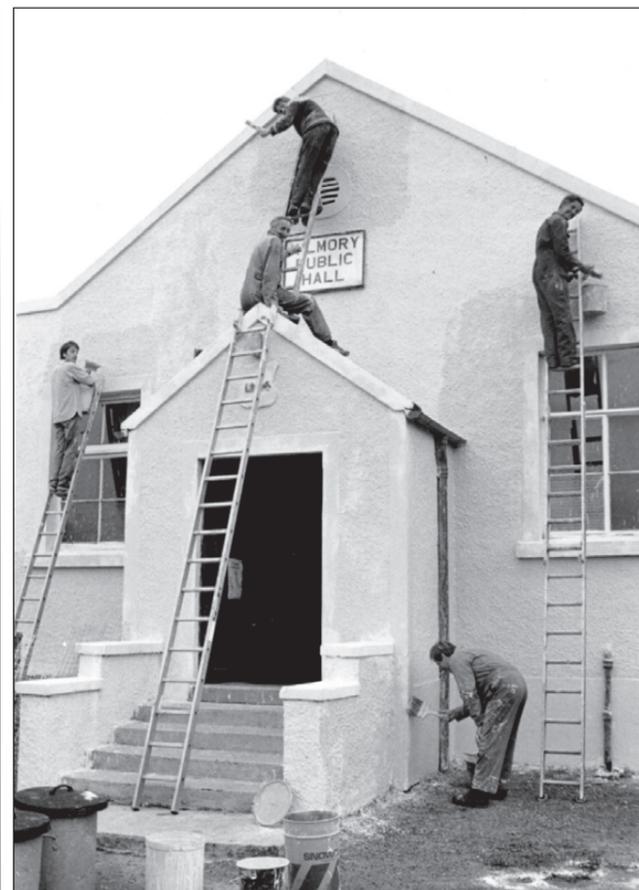
'Each of the existing breweries, at full capacity, should be able to produce around 1,600,000 litres of beer a year providing a combined capacity of some 3,200,000 litres.'

HE added: 'We are planning next year, to build a new brew house on Arran which would increase capacity to 16,000,000 litres per annum.'

'This production is mainly aimed at the export market and we will be leveraging Angus's knowledge of exporting Skye beers to the USA and Japan. We are aiming to grow the business rapidly over the next three years by expanding sales from Scotland to the rest of the UK and internationally.'



Gerald Michaluk, managing director of Arran Brewery (left) with Angus MacRuary of the Isle of Skye Brewery, left.



An example of self help as members of the community repainted Kilmory Hall in 1989; John Allan, George McIver, Hugh Lennox, Duncan Mulholland and George Tod. b44ki101

Kilmory Hall becomes community social club

The people of Kilmory have cleared the first hurdle in their plans to open the village hall as a licensed social club.

On Monday, North Ayrshire Council approved with no conditions a change of use from public hall and bunkhouse to include licensed social club.

As revealed in the Banner on 22 September, the directors of the hall had prepared a detailed submission to the council for this exciting new venture.

One of the directors, Samantha Payn, has been instrumental in preparing the paperwork for this application.

On Wednesday she said: 'We are all really thrilled at this news.'

'In recent years, the village shop, sub-post office and public bar have all closed and this enterprise is designed to provide social facilities for the whole community.'

'The next step is for our al-

cohol licence which will go before the NAC Licensing Board on 6 February. I have been working very closely with the licensing standards officer and found her to be most helpful.'

The directors are holding a short EGM on Tuesday 13 November at 8pm to change the name of the facility to Club 1934. This will be followed by a fundraising evening on Saturday 17 November.

Samantha added: 'We have already had 70 enquiries for membership of the club and once we get the licence memberships will be taken up.'

'The first subscription will run up to October 2014. We are delighted with the enthusiastic response.'

Kilmory Public Hall was built by the people of the village in 1934 to serve the needs of the scattered rural community around the village, hence the new name for the club.



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What's in a name?

Bird Notes
by Jim Cassels

What's in a name? Where do bird names come from?

For some birds the name describes what the bird looks like, for example greenfinch, or a feature of the bird like crossbill or the behaviour of the bird like the tree creeper or the call of the bird like cuckoo, but for others the names are mysterious like puffin or godwit.

Time with a good dictionary like the Concise Oxford

Dictionary or a good internet search engine like Google can reveal the origin of many bird names and the connections between English and a whole range of other languages.

Wide range

Latin is behind a wide range of bird names. Here are some examples. Cormorant comes via the Old French 'cormaran' from medieval Latin 'corvus marinus', sea-raven.

Merganser is a diving

goose, from mergere, to dive and anser, a goose. Peregrine is the wanderer from abroad, the foreigner – originally the person or animal that has travelled per agrum – through the fields.

There are also examples from the Romance languages, like linnet from Old French linette, referring to lin, or flax, and the linseed enjoyed by the bird. Curlew, too, comes from the Old French 'courlieu'.

Many bird names seem to have their roots in northern European languages.

Anglo-Saxon is the origin of lapwing, from 'hléapan', to leap which refers to the way it flies.

The Germanic bird names include redstart – 'staart' is Dutch for tail and a feature of these birds is their red tail.

Fulmar from the Old Norse 'full', i.e. foul, with reference to its smell – they can project the oily fishy contents of their stomach over would be egg thieves - together with 'mar', meaning sea.

Arran is internationally important for its breeding Hen



The Diving Goose. Photo by Angus Hogg.



Scart – the old Ayrshire name for a cormorant.

Photo by Angus Hogg

Harriers. Harrier from to harry.

The Old English is 'hergian' to torment with hostile attacks. That is a great word that just about begins to describe the harrier's method of hunting.

Distinctive

Ptarmigan comes from the Gaelic 'tarmachan', plus a pseudo-intellectual initial 'p'. What about wheatear, a bird with a very distinctive white rump? Originally it was called 'whitearse'. That sounds Anglo Saxon!

Local names bring a richness to the names of birds. In my youth in Ayrshire, there were many names like 'whaup',

'mavis' and 'scart' for curlew, song thrush and cormorant.

'Scart' in Welsh is 'mulf-ran', in Dutch 'aalscholver', in Swedish 'storskarv', in Icelandic 'dílaskarfur' and so on

As well as local names all birds have a unique scientific name that is universally recognised.

For example hobby comes from Old French 'hobet', a small bird of prey.

Its scientific name is *falco subbuteo*.

Subbuteo? I remember that as a tabletop football game but I did not know then that it was Latin for hobby.

Another more familiar bird

of prey is the Kestrel *falco tinnunculus* meaning 'little bell ringing falcon'.

I have not a clue what that is about. The origin of some of these scientific names takes us into another dimension of 'What's in a name?'

Enjoy your birding.

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Saturday 7 November, 1992

Bin boat?

Arran may soon be exporting a new commodity – rubbish.

As the life of the Brodick coup comes to an end, and no alternative site on the island can be found, exporting Arran's waste to the mainland may be the only option.

There are seven possible sites on the island but six have already been ruled out and the remaining one at the Southend is considered too far from the main villages.

Soldier's thanks

A letter has been received from one of the army officers on exercise in Arran two weeks ago.

He says that 'thanks to the Arran Resistance Movement' his party made their objective.

Interestingly, at the same time, an Arran soldier, Stewart Galbraith of Shiskine, was doing a similar exercise on Dartmoor in Devon.

Huge order won

Torrylinn Creamery has won another huge order to supply cheese to the USA.

Two thousand, two hundred four-kilogram truckles will leave Arran within the next few days.

Some of the cheese will not be fully matured but, being two months before it is sold, will be 'ripe' before bought.

Holy visit

It has been confirmed this week that His

Holiness the Dalai Lama will visit Holy Isle sometime next year. We have learnt that he will be visiting the Samye Ling Centre in Eskdalemuir 'some time in May' so it therefore seems certain he will also make a trip to Arran.

Distillery decision imminent

A meeting will take place in Lochranza tonight to discuss the proposed whisky distillery.

This is the second meeting held to discuss the plans but this time it has been organised by CDC to gauge public opinion before the final decision is made.

Rocky roads

The downpour last Saturday and Sunday has created a few problems on the roads with flooding at Corriegills Roadend.

One other sufferer was the Aldersyde Hotel in Lamlash where the kitchen and public bar were flooded after a cundy across the road was blocked and water swept down a path and across the road churning lots of debris into the hotel.

Bank anniversary

It is 114 years ago this month since the Bank of Scotland first made its mark on Arran with the appointment of James McIntosh as its first agent on the island.

The management team at the Brodick branch of the bank has more than 60 years of experience between them and say their commitment to Arran is as strong as ever.



David Cochrane, assistant manager, James Hill, manager and Elizabeth Kennedy, assistant manager with some of the staff working in the background at the Brodick Bank of Scotland. b44twe03



The Arran Hopper is the name of a new purpose built container that arrived on the island this week. The first of its kind, it is designed to give added security for all Arran's mail on its journey to Kilmarnock. b44twe04



Laura Muirhead, Carly McGovern, Ashley Dwyer and Lorna Hamilton out guising in Lamlash. b44twe02



Halloween is alive and well on Arran, whatever the weather. Two Brodick guisers, Josh Paton and Archie Hunter are pictured out and about. b44twe01

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Last week Archie was preparing for a muddy walk up to the waterfall at Easmor, High Kildonan. First correct answers came from David Morgan and Rachel Brown. This week he is in the road, but where does that road lead to?

If you think you know then post your answer on the website **www.arranbanner.co.uk**
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Saturday 3rd November

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Family Games
Arran Dancers (4yrs & up)
Junior Badminton Club
Lamlash Bonfire Night
Catacol Bay Bonfire Night
Whiting Bay Bonfire Night
Arran v Jordanhill Pheonix

Auchrannie Road 11am – 1pm.
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am-12.30pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Arran High School, 10am
Auchrannie Sports Hall 1-3pm Ages 5-16
Lamlash Front Green, 7pm
Catacol Bay hotel, 7.30pm
Putting Green, 6.30pm
Ormidale Park, 1pm

Sunday 4th November

Alcoholics Anonymous
New Al-Anon Meeting
Family Games
Fun in the pool
Live Music
Open Mic Session

Church Hall, Brodict, 4.30pm
Brodict Church Hall, 4.30 – 6 pm.
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm
Ormidale, 8.30pm
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 2pm-5pm

Monday 5th November

Over 50s Badminton
Badminton
Weight Wise
Ladies Netball
Citizens Advice
Breathe Walk class
Table Tennis
Come Dance with me – LeRoc modern Jive
Quiz
Badminton
Lamlash Bridge Club,
Outside Boot Camp
Boot Camp
Volleyball Club
Arran junior football Club
Lunch Club

Lochranza Village Hall, 2pm-4pm
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Hospital Bungalow, 5pm –5.30pm
High School sports hall – seniors, 7.30-9pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30-1.30pm
Kinneil, Lamlash, 5.15pm
Corrie Hall, 6.30pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7.30pm
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 8.30pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm
Lamlash Golf Club, 7pm for 7.15pm
Whiting Bay Park 6am
Outside Kinloch Hotel, 6.30pm – 7.30pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 7-8pm
Ormidale Park, 6pm –7.30pm
Glen Estate, Brodict 12 noon

Tuesday 6th November

Pop Quiz
Alcoholics Anonymous
Youth Club
Rotary Club
Melody Movement, Ballet Class 2 ½ yrs up
Dudes & Divas Funky Dance Class 2 ½ yrs up
Youth Club
Zumba Fitness Class
Weight Watchers
Rink Games
Junior Hockey Club 8yrs up
Country Dancing

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Brodict Church Hall, 2pm
Kildonan Hall, 7pm
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 7.15pm
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 2pm
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 2pm
Brodict Hall, 6.30pm-8pm
Arran High School, 6.30-7.30pm
St Molios, Church Hall, 7pm
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 6-7pm
Brodict Hall 7.30pm

Rowan Singers Rehearsals
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Auchrannie Winter Bowls
Healthy Outdoors: Conservation, exercise, well being
Cricket Practice
Shimmer

Lamlash Church 7.30pm
Ormidale Pavilion 7.30pm
Auchrannie, 7pm-9pm
10am-1pm NTS ranger centre
Auchrannie Sports Hall 7 pm – 9 pm
Brodict Pavilion 10am-5pm

Wednesday 7th November

Hockey
Tae Kwondo
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Brass Rehearsal
Senior Badminton
Yogalates
Aquafizz
Music Mayhem Class Parents & little ones
Kids Games
AYF Film Making Club
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Arran Advance Beginners Runners
Rink Games
Bridge Drive
Northend Football Training
Outside Boot Camp
Boot Camp
Dog Agility Class
Lamlash WRI
Whiting Bay WRI

Auchrannie Games Hall, 6.30-7.30pm
Arran high School – kids, 6.30-7.30pm, Adults, 7.30-8.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30-9.30pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7.15pm
Arran High School, 8-9pm
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am
Auchrannie Dance Studio 10.45am
Playbarn, Auchrannie, 5-6pm
Brodict Church Hall, 4.30-6.30pm
10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30
5.30pm, Auchrannie Spa Car Park.
6pm Auchrannie Spa Car Park
Brodict Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Lamlash Golf Club, 7pm
Lochranza, 7pm
Whiting Bay Park 6am
Outside Kinloch Hotel, 6.30pm – 7.30pm
Lamlash fire station, 7.30pm
St Margaret's Church, 7.30pm

Thursday 8th November

General Knowledge Quiz
Lochranza Craft Club
Youth Club
General knowledge Quiz
Zumba Fitness Club
Live Country/Folk music
Cricket Practice
Bridge Drive
Brodict Embroidery Group
Brodict Bridge Club,
Auchrannie Winter Bowls
Ladies Netball Club
Na-h-Arainnis AGM

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Hall, 2pm
Youth Cabin, Lamlash, 7-9pm
Kinloch Bar, 9pm
Arran high School, 6.30-7.30pm
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay 8.30-10.30pm
Sannox Oval, 6pm
Brodict Golf Club, 7pm for 7.15pm
Brodict Library 7.30p.m. – 9.30 pm
Brodict Golf Club, 7pm for 7.15 pm
Auchrannie, 7pm-9pm
Lamlash sports hall, 7.30-8.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, 7.30pm

Friday 9th November

Aqua Fizz
Yogalates
Arran Youth Foundations
Weight Watchers
Lochranza Kids Badminton
Lochranza Adults Badminton
Disco
Outside Boot Camp
Quiz
Arran Ceilidh Dance Group

Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am
Auchrannie Studio, 10am-11am
Church Hall, Brodict 7pm-9pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 5.30pm
Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm
Lochranza Hall, 8pm
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Whiting Bay Park 6am
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 8pm
Lamlash Church Hall 8 – 10pm

Saturday 10th November

Save the children Christmas Fayre
Army Cadets,
Over 21s Disco
Karate
Family Games
Arran Dancers (4yrs & up)
Junior Badminton Club
RNLI Shop
Renew Kitchens

Brodict church hall 10.30am-1.30pm
Auchrannie Road 11am – 1 pm.
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am-12.30pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Arran High School, 10am
Auchrannie Sports Hall 1-3pm Ages 5-16
Lamlash peir, 10.30 – 12.30pm
Douglas Hotel, 11am-4pm



To appear in What's On telephone the Arran Banner 01770 302142

Tributes paid to former Depute Leader John Reid

The Leader of North Ayrshire Council, Councillor Willie Gibson, and Labour Group Leader, Councillor Peter McNamara, have paid tribute to former Depute Leader of the Council, John Reid, who died this week.

Councillor Willie Gibson said: 'The news of John's death has come as a real shock to us all - particularly those who worked with him over the last few years.

'On behalf of all the Elected Members and staff at North Ayrshire Council I would like to pay tribute to John.

Admired

'Although we had differing political views on many subjects, I admired John's strength of character and commitment to the people of North Ayrshire and I am proud to say that John was a friend.

'Outside of his work as

Councillor, John was great company and many people, including myself, will miss him.'

Councillor McNamara added: 'The thoughts of North Ayrshire Council Labour Group are with John's family at this sad time.

'John Reid was my friend as well as a colleague. He had great wit and charm which endeared him to people of different political persuasions. As Depute Leader of the Council he was often called upon to speak to staff with words of support and encouragement - which he did with great humour and humanity.

'His contribution to the Labour and Trade Union movement spanned his whole working life. John had a passion for supporting working people and for speaking up on issues of employment and economic development - not only within Dalry and North Ayrshire but all across Scotland.

'He has been missed as a Councillor these last few months and he will now be sorely missed as a friend.'



Councillor John Reid who died this week.

Arran support group for those with IBD

'This long-term condition, can have a major social and psychological impact on peoples' lives'

A support group for people in Arran with Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) is being set up to cover the region.

At present there are no support groups for people with the disease IBD which includes Crohn's Disease and Ulcerative Colitis in Ayrshire and Arran.

Joyce Hubbert who is spearheading the campaign to start the group said: 'We held one open meeting in Ayr, and will be holding a further meeting to gauge interest in the development of regular groups and what people's needs might be.

'These long-term conditions, for which there is no cure, can have a major social and psychological impact on people's lives.

'This causes isolation and lowered self-esteem, since it can be difficult, complicated and embarrassing trying to explain the effects of IBD to others - with many people choosing to tell only their close friends and family of their diagnosis.'

Difficult

Joyce said that this lack of discussion regarding the condition can make it difficult for people with IBD to find others who have had a similar diagnosis to meet, share experience and gain support.

She added: 'It also contributes to the impression, which many of the wider population holds, that IBD is relatively uncommon and means that the real impact on daily living and the needs of people with

IBD, and their families, are frequently overlooked.'

A meeting will be held on Saturday 10 November at 2pm in The Ayrshire Community Trust offices on Princes Street in Ardrossan.

The meeting is open to everyone throughout Ayrshire and Arran who has been affected in any way by IBD.

People are more than welcome to drop in, have a tea or coffee and a chat and find out more.

The group is also very fortunate in having Dr Chris Gillen, Consultant Gastroenterologist at Ayr Hospital, as its medical adviser.

He is very enthusiastic about the formation of the group and will be on hand to chat to people attending the meeting.

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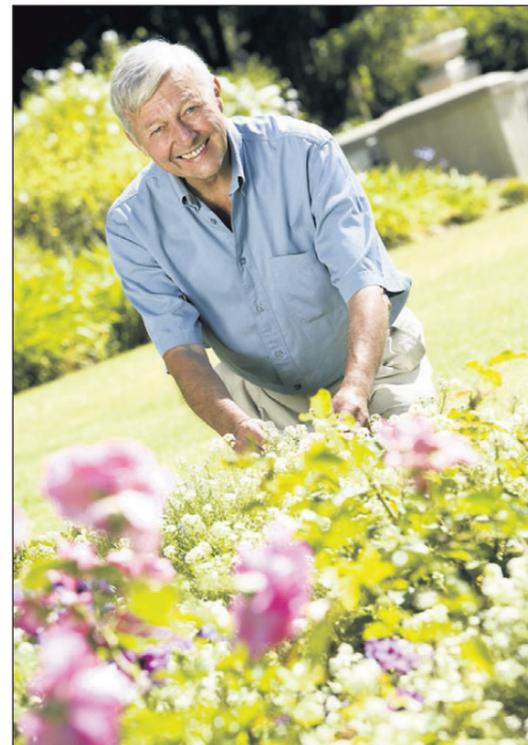
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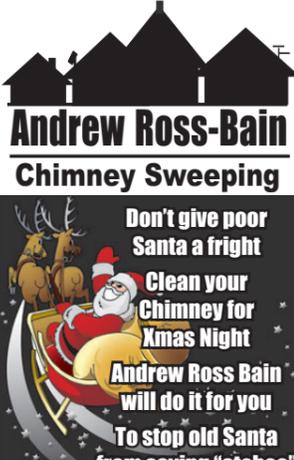


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Sunday 4th November
Holy Communion, 11.00 am
The Rt Revd Kevin Pearson,
Bishop of Argyll and The Isles
Parish lunch and coffee
after service.

Wednesday 7th November
Holy Communion, 12.15 pm.
ALL WELCOME

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Parishes of North Arran,
Brodict, Corrie, Lochranza,
Pirmill and Shiskine
Independent but working
together.

Minister: Rev. Angus Adamson,
Parish Assistant:
Mrs Jean Hunter.

Worship will be conducted in
the above churches at the
following times, to which
all are invited.

Sunday 4th November
Joint Communion Service
at 11am

For all North Arran Parishes in
Lochranza and Catacol Village
Hall, followed by a soup and
sandwich lunch.

A Service of Worship will also
be held in Montrose House
at 1.30pm.

Service of Thanksgiving for
Communion in Corrie Church
at 7pm.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Kilmory linked with Lamlash
"A faith to proclaim ~ a
fellowship to share"

Sunday 4th November

Rev Gillean Maclean

Kilmory 10am

Lamlash 11.30am

In both churches:

Sacrament of Communion

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CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday Morning Mass 11 am

WHITING BAY AND

KILDONAN

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(Charity Number: SC014005)

Sunday 4th November

The Sacrament of Communion
will be celebrated by Rev John

Webster, at 10.30am.

All welcome. The Young Peo-
ple'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.

All welcome.

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday 4th November

Ormidale Sports Pavilion,

Brodict

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Tea/Coffee after the service

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All Welcome

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)

Communion Weekend

Saturday 3rd November

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Sunday 4th November

Morning Service 11am

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pensed at the close of the

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Glen Estate, Brodict

Evening Service.6.30pm

5 Glen Road, Brodict

Monday 5th November

Thanksgiving Service 7pm

Hazelbank, Pirmill

Rev.R.Kemp

Prayer Meeting

Wednesday 7th November

at 11am

5Glen Road, Brodict

All welcome

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Sunday 4th October

at 11am

in Dippin House, Dippen.

Enquiries to Judith 820223. All

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of a Quaker Meeting.

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"that of God" in each one of us,

and try to live life accordingly.

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out Leaders.

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busy-ness of daily life, we seek

a deeper place, open to the

presence of God within and

amongst us all.

Do join us.

DEATH

BABS HUNTER

Of Murray Crescent, Lamlash

formerly of Lochranza, Died

peacefully Wednesday 24th Oc-

tober aged 95 at Cooriedoon

Nursing Home. Much loved

mother of Nigel and Simon,

widow of Jackie Hunter. Service

at St Brides church, Lochranza

Friday 2nd November 12.15pm.

All welcome.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

IN MEMORY OF

THOMAS MILLER

3.11.2009

LOTS OF GOOD DAYS, BUT

NOT ENOUGH YEARS.

INSERTED BY HIS

LOVING WIFE

JEAN MILLER,

ISLE OF ARRAN



Ewan Bulger, is pictured in the second back row fourth from the left, with his Ayr teammates. b44rug01NO

Promising rugby career beckons for Ewan

A rising young rugby star from Arran is one of 27 players who could form the nucleus of Scotland's squad at the 2019 Rugby World Cup in Japan.

Ewan Bulger was recently named as a member of Scottish Rugby's regional academy programme for this season.

The teenager has been selected after his performances at club and school level last season.

Ewan from Corrie, who plays for Ayr and Irvine's first XV, could have a promising rugby career ahead of him.

All 27 players will be aiming to emulate five of their counterparts from last season who have gone on to win contracts as Elite Development Players – namely Jonny Gray and Fergus Scott with Glasgow Warriors and Chris Dean, Alex Glashan and Neil Herron who are with the Scotland 7s squad.

Arran's promising young rugby star was also recently selected to train with the under-18 Scotland team.

The 30-strong squad gathered for training at Murrayfield two weeks ago in preparation for internationals in March against England (away) and Ireland (home), before their FIRA-AER

under-18 European Championship in Grenoble.

Ewan wasn't able to attend the training session due to a tour of Canada but he will be there for the next one which could lead to team selection.

Head coach Eddie Pollock said: 'We've already taken 18 or so of those selected to Valladolid in July for the summer training camp and a number were involved in the game in August.

'Since then, along with the other selectors, I've watched club games and identified a number of players worth looking at and they're coming to Murrayfield.

'It's a good chance to see how these boys react in the intense environment of the training camp.' The next key selection date is December, when regional games will be played between Caledonia and Glasgow, and Edinburgh and the Borders, prior to the annual camp at the end of the year.

Pollock will also be looking at players at a number of exile camps over the next few months.



Whiting Bay Golf Club

The sweep from the yellow
tees due to be played on Sun-
day 28 October was cancelled
due to the rather inclement
weather!

Fixtures: Sunday 4 Novem-
ber, AGA Winter League at
Corrie, tee off at 8.30am.

Brodict Golf Club

Results: Brodict Wednesday
Winter Cup, the story so far.

Winners: Week 1 Jim Green
86-22=64, Week 2 Dougie
Robertson 76-13=63, Week
3 G Sillars 84-24=60, Week
4 Rain, rain, rain. Week 5,
13 played on a beautiful day.

ENGAGEMENT

LUNN - DONNELLY

both families are
delighted to announce
the engagement of Ross,
youngest son of Joe
and Eileen, and Pauline
youngest daughter of
Noel and Kathleen
from Dumbarton.

1st Jim Green, better inward
half 81-22=59, 2nd Dougie
Robertson 71-12=59, 3rd Len
Hartley 81-17=64. Have the
Lamlash boys left the Island?
Come back all is forgiven!

Sunday 28 October, Sweep
Washed out by weather.

Fixtures: Saturday 3 Novem-
ber, Saturday Cup. Make
up own games and book
times in Pro shop. Sunday

4 November, Sweep. Open
draws 9am and 12noon. Sun-

day 9 November, Brandon
and Winter Cup. Open draws
9am and 12 noon.

Shiskine Golf Club

Results: Ladies 12 Hole Med-
al, Silver 1 E Kelso 52-11=41,
2 F Crawford 51-6=45.
Bronze 1 S Money 66-18=48,
2 L Murray 65-14=51. Best
Scratch F Crawford 51

Fixtures: Sunday 4 Novem-
ber, Gents Arran Challenge
ends. Saturday 10 November
Annual Club Dinner. Thurs-
day 8 November, Ladies 18
Hole Medal.

Arran Golfers Association

Winter League/Duncan Tro-
phy 2012/2013. This year's
Winter League starts at Cor-
rie on Sunday 4 November.

Draw: Corrie v Whit-
ing Bay at 8.30am, Lam-
lash v Brodict at 9.20am,
Shiskine v Machrie Bay at
11.50am.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Results: Tuesday 23 October,
Winter Cup. 1 Kate Robert-
son 65, 2 Steph Hill 66, 3
Ron Woods 67. Scratch Dav-
id Price 75.

Fixtures: Saturday 3 Novem-
ber, Lochranza Hotel Cup, tee
off at 12 noon. Tuesday 6 No-
vember, Winter Cup, tee off
12noon.

Corrie Golf Club

Results: Saturday 27 Octo-
ber, Joe McKenzie Memori-
al Trophy, stableford from
medal tees, 26 played. 1 D
Logan 39pts, 2 P Bremner
37 BIH, 3 C Pattenden 37pts
BIH over A McDonald 37pts.
There were magic twos from
J Innes, A McDonald, D Lo-
gan, J McConnachie and R
McGunnigle. The winner of
the Joe McKenzie trophy was
Donald Logan – well done.

Monday 29 October, Mon-
day Cup from yellow tees. 1
Tom Cotton 78-21=57, 2 Ian

MacMillan 69-10=59 BIH,
3 Bill Barr 71-17=59 BIH
over Jim McConnachie. Best
scratch Jim McConnachie.
There were magic twos from
A McDonald, J Henderson,
H McArthur, L Hartley, P
Bremner and J McConnachie.

Fixtures: Saturday 3 Novem-
ber, Winter Cup at 8.30am
and 12noon. Sunday 4 No-
vember, Corrie golf course
closed as Arran Golf Associa-
tion has use of the course for
the winter league game.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday 25 October, Yellow
Medal, CSS 60. 1 Raymond
Burke 73-12=61, 2 Mark
Wren 70-9=61. One two from
Mark Wren at the 7th.

Fixtures: Sunday 4 No-
vember, Winter League team
match at Corrie, Lamlash v
Brodict.

Thursday 8 November, Yel-
low Medal Draw at 11am.

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Niall and Stuart put on darts McMasterclass

£220 raised for Arran Public Access Defibrillators fund

It's not every night you see three witches, Little Dead Riding Hood, the Hulk, Minnie Mouse and a Goth playing darts!

But that was exactly what happened last Friday night as people took part in the Halloween Mixed Doubles competition at Catacol Bay Hotel which raised £220 for the Arran Public Access Defibrillators fund.

Brothers Stuart and Niall put on a darts 'McMaster' class last Friday night when the pair reached the final of a charity competition with their partners.

Entrants even donned some fantastic Halloween costumes

as they got into the spirit of the event.

Niall and his partner Linda Marshall stormed through the first rounds of the competition to reach the final after beating Susan Logan and her partner Bob.

Stuart and Jenni Logan made it to the final after defeating Eddie Picken and Louise Edwards.

Both brothers seemed determined to win the tournament but Niall had the edge and he won 3-0.

Organisers would like to say a big thank you to all who came along and supported the evening which proved to be a lot of fun.



Tournament winners were Linda Marshall and Niall McMaster, left, while runners up were Jenni Logan and Stuart McMaster. 01_b44dar01

PHT top pool league after week one

The first games of the pool season took place last Thursday and the PHT have taken the top spot.

With seven teams in the league this year one team will have a bye each week and it was PT1934's turn.

But even without playing they've managed to stay near the middle of the table.

The Drift Inn were beaten 4-6 by Mac's Bar who also won the gallon.

The PHT travelled to Kildonan and beat them 8-2 while also taking the gallon and Catacol lost the gallon when they were beaten at Whiting Bay Golf Club 8-2.

Next Thursday the Drift Inn v Catacol fixture has been reversed, as the Lamlash pub will be closed.

PT1934 play Mac's Bar and Whiting Bay Golf Club play host to the PHT. Kildonan have a bye.

	P	W	D	L	Pts
PHT	1	1	0	0	2
Wbay GC	1	1	0	0	2
Mac's	1	1	0	0	2
PT1934	0	0	0	0	0
Drift	1	0	0	1	0
Catacol	1	0	0	1	0
Kildonan	1	0	0	1	0

Revenge is sweet for Arran RFC

Lanark 0 Arran 38
Lanark are without a doubt Arran RFC's biggest rivals following their promotion head of us last year - but on Saturday our island team got their revenge with an incredible 38-0 win.

Arran travelled to the mainland for the first clash between the two teams this season and were clearly fired up at the prospect of revenge.

There were tries galore from Arran and Lanark completely failed to make any ground throughout the game.

The island's team are now

third in the west division three behind Uddingston RFC and Loch Lomond.

Advantage

The league leaders have a nine point advantage over Arran so they will need to work hard in the coming months to secure their place near the top.

This Saturday (November 3) Arran are at home to Jordanhill Phoenix in their last game before the November break.

Please come along at 1pm to the Ormidale Park to support the team.

Arran Bridge results

Brodick Bridge Club

The scores for the Match Point Tournament held on Thursday 25 October were as follows: N/S 1 Tricia Martin and Douglas Hamilton 71.49%, 2 Libby Alexander and Jenny McIntyre 54.51%, 3 Elizabeth McKellar and Isobel McArthur 51.74%. E/W 1 Janie McLure and Anne McKelvie 61.90%, 2 Helen Boyd and Jean Murchie 59.13%, 3 Mary Dick and John Dick 51.98%.

Lamlash Bridge Club

The results of the tournament on Monday 29 October were as follows: N/S 1 J and M Dick +3330, 2 A Sillars and M MacGill +2960, 3 T Martin and E McNiven +2530. E/W 1 H Boyd and J Murchie +300, 2 P Adamson and E McConnell -1200, 3 B Livingston and M Gardner -1490.

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