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Two callouts in 24 hours for Arran's new lifeboat

Within 24 hours of naming the new lifeboat, Rachel Hedderwick, Arran RNLI was sent to two different calls

REPORT
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Arran's volunteer Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) crew was called out twice in 24 hours just one day after their new lifeboat was launched.

At a naming ceremony and service of dedication on Saturday afternoon The Rachel Hedderwick was officially brought into service.

The lifeboat crew was then paged for its first call in the new rescue boat at 11.19am on Sunday after a man cut his face while chopping wood at the multi-faith centre on Holy Isle.

Crewed by senior helm Crawford Duncan, with Mark Johnson, Carol Johnson and Martin Wood along with Dr Angus Campbell, Rachel Hedderwick was

launched at 11.25am and the crew returned to Lamlash and handed the casualty to the awaiting ambulance.

At 3pm, the volunteer lifeboat crew was paged for a second time to help recover a dinghy drifting in Brodick Bay.

The lifeboat crew of Mark Johnson, Mark Nelson, Brian Donlin and Robert Ingham were called after a member of the public spotted the dinghy near the shoreline at Brodick Castle.

The coastguard asked the lifeboat crew to help recover the vessel and helm Mark Johnson said: 'We arrived on scene quickly as the vessel was drifting in very windy conditions. We train in all weathers for occasions just like this.'

The afternoon before the lifeboat station in Lamlash was crowded with RNLI



The Rachel Hedderwick was officially named on Saturday afternoon. 20_b44one02

crew members and supporters as a naming ceremony was held to officially hand the Rachel Hedderwick to the Arran RNLI.

Mark Hedderwick, the cousin of the woman whose name now adorns the side of the boat, was asked to hand the lifeboat to the RNLI.

In his speech he spoke warmly about his cousin who had left a bequest in her will that allowed the new boat to be purchased.

'Rachel would have loved this - she liked anything powerful and this is certainly a powerful new lifeboat,' he said.

'It's a privilege to be here to see the Rachel Hedderwick officially put into service.

'Rachel's interest in lifeboats was kindled by her father Harold, a naval architect involved in lifeboat design when self-righting rescue craft were first being developed.'

A governor and lifelong supporter of the RNLI, Rachel left a gift in her will to provide a lifeboat to a station in Scotland.

She sadly passed away in August 2008 - now her generous legacy will ensure lives continue to be saved around the Arran coastline long into the future.

Sir Andrew Cubie, deputy chairman of the RNLI, accepted the boat on behalf of the organisation before

he handed it into the care of Bill Barr, Arran lifeboat operations manager.

Sir Andrew acknowledged the work by the Arran Ladies RNLI Guild and thanked Lady Jean Fforde for more than 50 years of dedicated service to the charity.

Mr Barr then invited Father Noel Colford and Reverend Elizabeth Watson to lead the service of dedication. For more photographs see pages 10 and 11.



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Cut price ferry fares will be a tremendous boost to Arran

The introduction of cut price ferry fares has been hailed as 'a great opportunity to boost the Arran economy', by island MSP Kenneth Gibson.

On Monday the much anticipated Road Equivalent Tariff (RET) came into operation

which is expected to bring more tourists and also to allow islanders to travel more frequently to the mainland.

With the cost of a return car journey from Brodick to Ardrossan plummeting from £70 to £29.70 and passenger

fares falling from £11.35 to £7.30, the introduction of RET has been eagerly anticipated by islanders.

And in a further boost for convenience, books of six tickets will be on sale but not at discounted prices, and will

have to be used by 2 April next year, when the annual fares review will take place.

Visitor numbers and ferry usage will be gauged over the winter months, with the real benefits expected from next spring. The savings also apply on the Lochranza to Tarbert winter route, which starts tomorrow. (Sunday)

Certainly the ferries, which have faced some disruption this week, appear to have been busier than normal for this time of year, with the last of the October holidaymakers visiting the island.

Predictions are that the move could see an increase in visitors by 40 per cent and it is hoped it will extend the traditional Easter to October tourism season on the island.

Mr Gibson said: 'This reduction in fares on the Arran ferry routes is great news for tourists and for islanders. The SNP delivering its manifesto commitment will increase journeys to Arran and deliver a tremendous boost to the tourism-dependent Arran economy, helping to sustain and increase island employment, investment and prosperity.'

'Arran is a spectacular destination and I have every confidence that the roll-out of the ferry RET will help make life easier for islanders - many of whom travel back and forth



The much anticipated RET fares are expected to bring more tourists and also to allow islanders to travel more frequently to the mainland. 20_b44fer01

to the mainland on a regular basis - and make the island less expensive and therefore even more appealing and accessible to tourists than it is already.'

Predictions are that the move could see an increase in visitors by a much as 40 per cent and it is hoped it will extend the traditional tourism season on the island beyond Easter to October.

And Mr Gibson said it was only the start as the SNP government had even more ambitious plans for Arran in the years ahead, including a new Brodick ferry terminal, to be completed by 2016, a more powerful and manoeuvrable 130-car ferry, to be run on environmentally friendly liquefied natural gas to enter service in 2017 and an all-year round two ferry service by 2018.

'It is also very encouraging that ferry operators CalMac are hosting an event this week to look at ways of further enhancing their services on the west coast of Scotland,' he added.

Annie Armstrong, VisitScotland regional director, said: 'The reduced ferry fares, which have been introduced, will greatly benefit tourism-related businesses on the island and support the local economy by making Arran a more affordable destination.'

'Cheaper travel costs will not only encourage more visitors to travel over from Ardrossan or Claonaig to explore Arran's stunning natural beauty and wealth of attractions, but will hopefully also provide an incentive for people to return to the island for many repeat visits.'

Mobile bank service is cut to three days a week

A mobile bank service on the island has been cut back.

The Royal Bank of Scotland van will now be on the road just three days a week, instead of the previous five, but the bank insist that no village is missing out.

The van will now only operate on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

Elsewhere, bank bosses say the increasing use of internet banking has cut the use of mobile branches.

But, despite spending less time on the road, two extra stops have been added to the island wide routes - Montrose House in Brodick and the Murray Estate in Lamlash, both on a Monday.

Two locations however are being taken off the

route and won't be served any more - Shannochie and High Kildonan as they were not being used.

And there is concern at the short length of some of the stops, particularly at the new Montrose House and Murray Estate, which will be just 10 minutes and just five minutes in some of the more rural areas including Kilmory, Machrie and Slidery.

An RBS spokeswoman said: 'We constantly review our mobile branch routes and amend accordingly based on customer feedback.'

'No village is missing out from this change. For example, Whiting Bay, which we served on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday will now be served on a Monday

and Thursday as often on Wednesdays we would only serve between one and five customers.'

'There are also two additional stops - Murray Estate and Montrose House. We had requests from both of these locations that there were some customers who were unable to get to the main branch, so we've added these on.'

'Two areas have been deleted from the original timetable as they were locations where no transactions were undertaken, both on a Monday - Shannochie and High Kildonan.'

Last year the Bank of Scotland cut their mobile branch service on the island to three days a week. It now operates on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

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Narrow escape as huge ash tree collapses

Two shops had a narrow escape when a huge tree collapsed in Whiting Bay during last week's storms.

The enormous ash tree fell more than 20 feet into the patio garden of the Arran Art Gallery, narrowly missing the gallery itself, but damaged the roof of the adjoining County Carpets building.

Such was the size of the tree

that it crushed wrought iron garden furniture in the garden and destroyed a number of potted plants, including two Japanese maple and a bonsai.

The tree has stood in the grounds of Grange House next door for more than 100 years, if not even longer.

The present house, which was once a hotel, was built in 1895 so the tree may have



Esther Brown from the Arran Art Gallery examines the root of the huge ash tree which fell in Whiting Bay. 20_b44tree01



The wrought iron patio furniture lies smashed in the gallery garden as seen from the County Carpets roof. 20_b44tree02

been planted around that time.

However neither business had considered the tree would collapse as happened at around 4am last Tuesday, pulling several other trees down with it.

Gallery owner Nick Giles said: 'I was quite shaken when I saw it. The debris covers the whole garden, but it could have been a lot worse

if it had hit the gallery and it is just so fortunate there was no one around.'

Tim Wilkinson of County Carpets wasn't so lucky as the tree struck the flat roof of his storage facility at the rear of the premises.

He said: 'The force of the tree has damaged the roof and guttering and I have water pouring in, but if the tree had fallen another way it could

have caused a lot more damage.

'I have always known about the tree as my son and other children in the village had a den up there, but it looks like it had been rotting on the inside for a long time before it collapsed.'

An assessment of the ground conditions and of the other trees will now be undertaken.

New communal recycle bins

Arran is get communal recycling bins back, but the bottle banks have gone for good.

At a meeting of Arran Amenity Groups in Lam-lash this week concern was expressed at the loss of the bottle banks, particularly in Brodick and Lam-lash.

Brodie Pearcey, operations support officer for North Ayrshire Council explained the move was part of the council's zero waste strategy plan as residents could now recycle bottles in their blue bins at home.

However, he said it was recognised that visitors to the island may not have access to these bins and as a result it was proposed to site

large recycling bins at points across the island as part of the council's 'Recycle on the go' initiative.

However, there was concern expressed at the proposal to site them at the Brodick boat slip and in the Hamilton Ter-

race car park in Lam-lash, which council officials said they would consider.

Mr Pearcey said a map showing the sites of the new recycling facilities would be produced and that they would be widely advertised.

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Top award for two Shiskine Guides

Well done girls!

Lucy Crawford and Emily Divine, members of the 1st Shiskine Guide Unit, have successfully completed The Baden Powell (BP) Challenge - the highest award a Guide can achieve before moving on to the senior section.

The girls were presented with their Baden-Powell award on Tuesday 30 September.

Both girls had to complete a variety of clauses as well as a variety of badges, and much more.

All of this was covered within the five main areas of the guiding programme - healthy lifestyles, global awareness, discovery, skills and relationships and celebrating diversity.

One of the highlights was when the unit travelled to Glasgow last year to attend Tartan Gig - a pop concert for 2,500 screaming young girls.

When Lucy and Emily were nearing the end of their BP

challenge they attended an adventurous overnight stay in Kilmarnock - this was no mean feat as they were going to somewhere that they did not know and were meeting girls for the very first time. This is all part of the all-round experience that this particular award and guiding has to offer girls in this particular session.

Lucy and Emily decided that they wanted a simple party of games with food and nibbles (food always appears to be involved in many of the guide activities in Shiskine).

Mairi Duff, Guide leader, said: 'In this day and age, it is to be commended when young people 'stick at something' and show a commitment, and it is only right that it is recognised, especially when it is not necessarily 'cool' to admit you are involved in Guiding.

'So well done Lucy and Emily and congratulations from the whole unit.'



Lucy Crawford, left, and Emily Divine, right, are pictured with their Guide leader Mairi Duff after being presented with their Baden Powell awards.

Taxi rank to go

The taxi rank markings at the small Co-op in Brodick are to be removed.

At a meeting of the Arran Amenity Groups in Lamlash on Monday it was agreed that the parking spaces should be used for private cars.

New VIP suite at distillery

A new VIP suite is to be built at the Isle of Arran Distillery in Lochranza.

Plans show the building will house three offices and a smart lounge with a veranda on the ground floor and a blending room and store in the attic.

The smart lounge will be used for small conferences and as a meeting room for international importers and distributors as well as for the new gold distillery tour.

Distillers bosses have already met with planners at North Ayrshire Council to discuss sketch proposals for the new building.

It will be built on the present grass area beside the visitor centre car park.

It is understood there were no concerns in principle with the proposals and external finishes were discussed as natural slate with white smooth render to match existing finishes.

Detail of the two cupolas

was discussed and the shape has been adjusted.

If planning permission is approved work could start next spring.

Work is progressing on a sixth bonded warehouse, which will hold all of the cask vating facilities, should be completed by the end of the year.



The new VIP suite would be built on this site. 20_b43suite01



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The bodies pile up as Kenny is let loose on Arran

BOOK REVIEW

Arran, it seems, is a dangerous place, particularly if you live in the world of debut author Kenny Graham.

The bodies pile up as hero Adam Macdonald, an ex SAS munitions expert, tries to foil the baddies - who are extremely bad.

The new novel 'Friends or Foes' is set on Arran and the Kintyre peninsula and the fast paced thriller as well as sparking along, makes good use of the local geography, and, in a pleasant change to some books set on the island, it does so pretty accurately.

And so it should. Author Kenny from Alva, Clackmannanshire has been coming here all his life and his aunt lives on the island. She is Joyce Scott, the retired head-

mistress at Shiskine Primary School, whom Kenny says, 'has been a great source of encouragement'.

He said: 'Having visited Arran since I was a baby and having relations on Arran writing about my favourite wee island came naturally to me.'

The book starts with a chance encounter between the hero Adam and a young woman named Kay on Blackwaterfoot Beach, who will change the course of his life forever.

There follows skulduggery in Brodick, Machrie and across the island. the *Arran Banner* even gets a mention too.

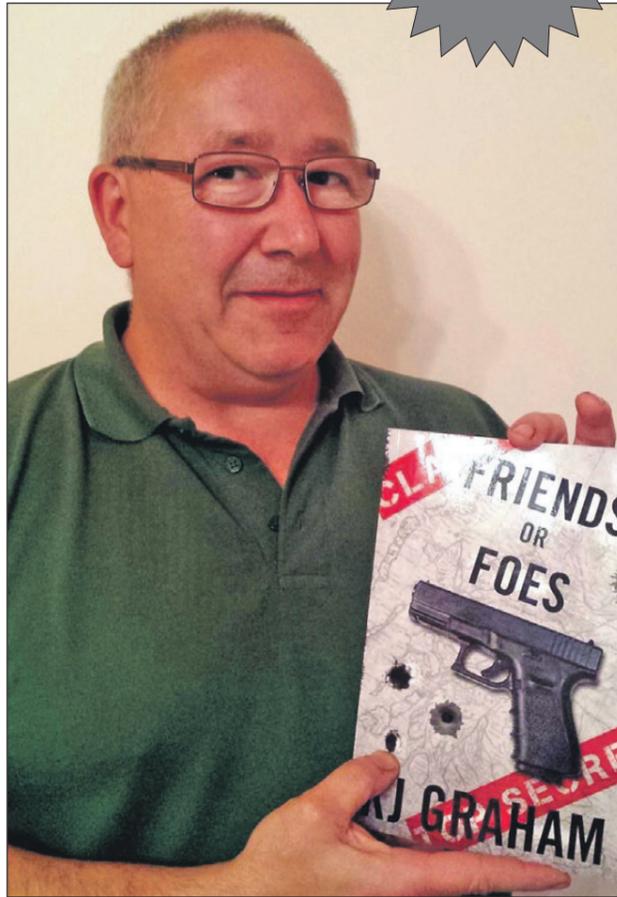
In the novel Adam is a retired SAS soldier, and the

work Kay is carrying out for the British Secret Service piques his interest. She's conducting radiation readings from the US military base at Machrihanish. Through an old MI6 contact, Adam discovers that the Americans are building a top-secret spaceship prototype, recently transferred from Area 51 and highly controversial.

Adam joins Kay on her errand, and it turns into a full-scale reconnaissance mission to dig up the base's dark secrets. They uncover the project leader's rogue mission, who then does everything in his power to silence the two before the conspiracy theories surrounding the base become public fact.

The novel is a fast-paced thriller that places one man's pursuit of justice between two of the world's most powerful and cunning agencies.

* Friends or Foes by K J Graham is available in paperback from Amazon books and also electronically on Kindle.



Kenny Graham with his book set on Arran.

Seabed trust hopes to claim Glenfiddich Spirit of Scotland Award

The Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) has been nominated for a Glenfiddich Spirit of Scotland award for the environment.

Having campaigned for better marine management for over 20 years, COAST, managed by Andrew Binnie, is recognised world-wide for its trailblazing work.

The Glenfiddich Spirit of Scotland Awards, now in its seventeenth year, was established by the family-run single malt whisky brand to recognise individuals who lead the way in various aspects of Scottish culture.

Jonathan Grant from Glenfiddich said: 'Yet again the standard of nominees in the Glenfiddich Spirit of Scotland Awards is exceptional.'

'This year's environment award shortlist reflects the diversity of work being undertaken to protect and promote Scotland's unique natural heritage.'

'The nominees were selected by our judging panel but it is up to the public to decide the winners by voting in the awards.'

To vote visit www.glenfiddich.com/spiritofscotland.

Voting closes on 9 November.

Dog fouling warning issued

Police have issued a warning to dog owners who are allowing their pets to foul in public areas and are not clearing up the mess. The warning comes after an increasing number of complaints from the general public.

Sergeant Allen Dodds of Police Scotland said: 'Failing to clear up after your dog is irresponsible and highly dangerous.'

'It is illegal to allow your dog, or any dog you are in charge of, to foul in a public place.'

'Anyone who fails to clean up can face a £50 on-the-spot fine and fines of up to £500 if the case goes to court.'

'In response to the concerns that have been shared with us, officers will be carrying out additional patrols and will deal robustly with anyone they find breaking the law.'

He added: 'We want people to enjoy the outdoors on Arran and the dog fouling issue is one that is causing concern.'

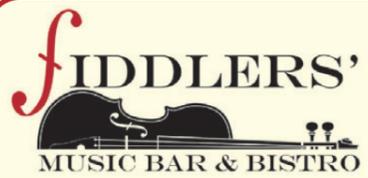
'I would ask local dog owners to be mindful of the responsibilities they have and to ensure that they clear up after their pets so as not to impact on other people's lives.'

Ceilidh dancing resumes for winter

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Report highlights benefits of community payback orders

Offenders in North Ayrshire have carried out almost 60,000 hours of unpaid work to improve the area's communities in the past year.

People convicted of a variety of criminal offences can be placed on a community payback order (CPO) by the courts as a punishment and in order for them to make 'payback'.

The measure was introduced in February 2011 to replace community service, probation and supervised attendance orders and often incorporates an unpaid work requirement which is designed to ensure people give something back to the community, rehabilitate themselves and learn new skills.

Over the past 12 months those undertaking CPOs have been involved in a wide range of projects aimed at supporting vital council services and assisting residents - including the elderly and people with disabilities.

Schools, nurseries and charities such as Victim Support have also benefited.

Imposed

A report, submitted to this week's cabinet meeting has revealed that in 2013/14 a total of 455 CPOs with unpaid work conditions were imposed on individuals in North Ayrshire with 59,366 hours completed.

Overall, 93 per cent of Level 1 orders, consisting of 100 hours of unpaid work or less,

and 83 per cent of Level 2 orders, comprising between 100 and 300 hours, were successfully completed within the time scale.

David Sinclair of Victim Support Scotland, applauded the efforts of North Ayrshire's CPO workers earlier this year after receiving a £1,000 cheque.

He said: 'We are extremely grateful to North Ayrshire Council for its support and to Criminal Justice Services for making us their chosen charity for 2014 which has resulted in this marvellous cheque.'

'It is particularly gratifying to see the work put in by those who have been sentenced to unpaid work through the

community payback scheme producing direct benefits for victims of crime.'

The feedback from people who have completed CPOs has been very positive with many speaking of the satisfaction they have experienced as a result of helping others in the community.

Isolated

One service user said: 'As a full time carer for my husband I had become isolated, this allowed me to gain, or regain, the self-confidence I had prior.'

Another added: 'I learned many skills over my time at my CPO but the best outcome was helping and working with people who needed my help.'



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Duke of Edinburgh Hallowe'en cancelled

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Arran Duke of Edinburgh group have had to cancel the planned Hallowe'en gathering on Saturday 1 November.

They would like to apologise for any disappointment this may have caused.

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Volunteers are sought for church restoration project

A church restoration project is appealing for volunteers to help carry out the work.

The Sannox Christian Centre has now raised the money to purchase materials needed to complete the refurbishment of the accommodation block in the Dundarroch building.

Once again this has come through generous donations of people near and far.

Trustee chairman Dr George Hazel said: 'We sent out a letter detailing all the materials we needed and how much each item would cost - the total was £23,000. Within about one month, we received more than £23,000 in gifts.'

'People have given what they can - this ranged from £30 for two bags of grout, to £10,000 as a general donation to the works.'

Two bedrooms in Dundarroch have been finished, complete with en suite facilities and a new, temporary kitchen has been provided.

The latest work involves finishing the two remaining en suite bedrooms, the lounge, an accessible toilet and a new fire escape but they need volunteers to come and do the work.

'We need skilled help - joiners, plumbers, electricians, plasterers and decorators.'

'We also need people who are willing to lend a pair of hands to help rip out the old walls, carry materials and generally help those with the building skills. We also need people who are willing to paint and provide food for the workers. We have some volunteers, but more are needed.'

'Work has already started with respect to the clearing out of all the old materials ready for the new build to start in November but Allan Carr, our clerk of works on site, needs labouring help now.'

Dr Hazel added: 'This project has captured the imagi-

nation of people all over the UK and also in the US and Canada. We would love more people from the island to join us to fulfil the vision. We need you now, skilled or not, to help us finish this phase of the work so we can open up for business next year.'

'We also need to repair the church roof as the leaks are getting worse. We have no money to do this at present, so if anyone has roofing skills to help us seal the leaks for winter this would also be much appreciated. We need to keep the church secure until we are able to refurbish both it and the manse.'

The Dundarroch accommodation should be completely refurbished for the start of the new season next March.

Anyone interested should go along and speak to Allan on site during the week or email the sannoxcentre@gmail.com for more information.

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The models strutting their stuff. 20_b44eco04

Eco Savvy hosts fashion show and auction

Eco Savvy, Arran's green crusader, proved that one person's junk is another's treasure when a fashion show and auction were held last weekend.

On Friday night Whiting Bay Hall was packed out as islanders eagerly gathered for an evening of style and entertainment at the first Eco Savvy fashion show.

There was an amazing array of stylish clothing, shoes and accessories being modelled by willing volunteers.

Nearly all of the items being shown had been donated to the Eco Savvy shop in Whiting Bay.

On Saturday morning a grand auction was held in the same venue and it was once again busy with people looking for a bargain.

A spokesman for Eco Savvy said: 'We would like to express our great thanks to everyone who helped make our first fashion show and debut auction such a resounding success.'

'We are so grateful to everyone who came along and supported us and those who played their part in these events, especially the young people whose hard work inspired us all, from modelling to being auction runners.'

New outfit

'This was a huge community effort and Eco Savvy in his best new outfit for Friday evening had a wonderful time.'

'Best of all, a wide variety of auctioned items, dresses, shoes and bags have now found new homes on Arran.'

They added: 'Huge volumes of items have already been re-homed through our community shop but we are very limited by size.'

'It made sense to develop our aims for zero waste on Arran by offering a chance to move large items by hiring a large venue.'



Some of the younger models were wearing dresses they had made themselves. 20_b44eco05



Eco Savvy was dressed to impress. 20_b44eco02

Hallowe'en beer set to be a spooky favourite

Three new and very different ales have been launched by the Arran Brewery, including one specially for Hallowe'en.

They are Arran ID an Indian dark ale, Arran Sleeping Warrior a barley wine, and Arran Clyde Puffer special reserve, a stout matured in an Arran Whisky cask.

The brands have been bottled after successful test marketing in cask ale format.

Exciting

Managing director Gerald Michaluk said: 'These are three exciting new brands, although designed for the export market they have been released in the UK after quite spectacular market testing in which they scored particularly highly.'

'The ID is a dark, hoppy beer in the style of a dark Indian pale ale, but because we feel 'dark' and 'pale ale' are contradictory terms we have simply called it Arran ID. It has a particularly spooky label and we have adopted it as our Hallowe'en beer and we will be matching it against Wychwood (Marston's) King Goblin brand as it comes in at a similar six per cent abv.'

'The Sleeping Warrior was designed as a 'vintage ale' suitable for aging at a high 8.4 per cent abv. This is a niche but growing market mainly in Belgium and the US. It is rich, well rounded and strong, just what you need for a cold winter's night in Scotland.'

'Our Clyde Puffer is a tradi-

tional oatmeal stout, originally designed to work with the Guinness Surger Technology, but has proven it can balance the oak flavours imparted from the whisky casks with a malt richness. This beer will only get better in bottle and has a more sensible abv of 4.5 per cent.'

The Arran Brewery launched a fourth beer called The King's Cave which went well in cask but did not make the grade for bottling. It ironically had the catch line: 'If at first you don't succeed try, try again', mirroring the story of Robert the Bruce who is said to have met a spider in the cave which inspired him and led to the Battle of Bannockburn.

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THE ARRAN BANNER

Thank you Miss Hedderwick

There are 236 Royal National Lifeboat Institution stations around the UK and Ireland, manned by 4,600 crew members and 3,000 on-shore volunteers.

In its 189-year history, the charity has saved more than 140,000 lives.

The Arran RNLI lifeboat was launched 10 times in the past two months alone, one of which was in the middle of the night, helping 10 people.

In addition, since it was founded in 1970, the volunteers have run sea safety education programmes, raised funds (running the station costs thousands per year), and kept the equipment – and themselves – in top condition.

The kit is surprisingly heavy.

The lifeboat crew wear top-of-the-range iconic yellow RNLI waterproof uniforms, a pair of steel toecapped yellow wellies, and a scarlet life jacket.

Also described as a pair of 'artificial lungs', it inflates on contact with water and weighs 10kg.

They also have special waterproof hoods that can be pulled over their heads if they find themselves in rough water as well as a GPS tracking system which links directly to the boat.

All this means that no man or woman is ever left behind.

It was an emotional day on Saturday watching Arran RNLI's new boat, The Rachel Hedderwick, be officially launched into service.

The woman whose name now adorns the side of this magnificent, powerful boat will never know what a great thing has been done with the bequest she left the charity on her death.

The Lamlash lifeboat station was absolutely packed with people who had gathered for this historic occasion as Arran RNLI was given its new boat.

Living by the sea, many of us take safety on the water for granted because we have such dependable lifesavers on call 24 hours a day.

Anybody can join the RNLI so long as they are physically fit, live close to a lifeboat station (there is just one in Lamlash)...oh and are willing to be on call 24 hours a day. Training is continuous and only a handful of crew members on Arran are professional mariners, but some have many years of experience and are qualified to operate effectively in the most difficult conditions.

Thankfully the new vessel is also designed to take a frequent battering.

Arran RNLI is integral to the local community, with crew members whose fathers have served before them.

Traditionally this has been a man's game, but more and more women are also signing up.

And now thanks to the generosity of a woman that none of us on Arran ever met, we now have the most up-to-date lifesaving boat available to the RNLI.

Thank you Miss Hedderwick.

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



Harvest thanksgiving

Sir,
Harvest is traditionally a time of thanksgiving for the bountiful harvest that is gathered in to ensure that the community can survive another year.

After all, food is the most fundamental requirement of humans alongside clean water. North Ayrshire Foodbank has been invited to many of our schools' Harvest Thanksgivings where we heard schools use drama, poems and songs to get the message across.

It was a wonderful time at each service listening to the children during their presentations.

What also came across was their awareness that the distribution of food was not equal across the world or within our communities.

They displayed an understanding that weather systems played havoc across continents, that war disrupted commerce and economies meant people may not have enough to buy food.

They also understood that world hunger included people within our communities and they were prepared to turn that understanding into social action.

How wonderful that young people are gaining insights that will help future adult generations be contributors to the compassionate society we all desire to see.

That practical outpouring of compassion has seen the North Ayrshire Foodbank receive significant amounts of food from numerous primary schools for which we have sent a 'certificate of donations' as a small gesture of our appreciation for the contributions received.

We have also extended an invitation for schools to visit the foodbank to see how it all works, how their contributions are being used as efficiently as possible.

Thanks from the foodbank also go to the many volunteers and organisations who have stepped up to the plate to shoulder the task of en-

couraging donations, sorting the food and distributing it.

Each week people give up their time to come in and sort the donations, others to be at distribution points as well as at supermarkets to encourage the donations.

Others work behind the scenes to ensure the administration and communications improves.

It is a continuous cycle of work to assist the ever present issue of hunger. Since its launch in December 2012 the foodbank has, thanks to the collective energy and generosity of all above, assisted 6,664 people.

This figure is split between 4,566 adults and 2,098 children. A modern tragedy!

Not really since biblical reports account for the early church establishing support for those facing hunger.

The same issues face us today as they will no doubt do so tomorrow. As has happened across the millennia the Foodbank will seek to harness the compassion of those able and willing to reach out to support those in need.

Isle of Arran Homes has previously assisted us as a distribution point and this has now moved to the Arran Council for Voluntary Service in Lamlash.

We also thank Arran Deliveries for its on-going support

by transporting food back and forth between the foodbank, island-based donors and ArranCVS.

Harvest has proven to be a time of thanks once again. Thank you one and all.

Yours,
Craig Crosthwaite
North Ayrshire
Foodbank
Coordinator

From our Facebook page

With the introduction of the Road Equivalent Tariff (RET) to Arran's two ferry routes on Monday The Banner asked readers how they felt about the new reduced ferry fares.

Needless to say it sparked a lot of debate on Facebook. Here's just a small selection of the comments.

'If a few more day-trippers bring their cars across, that could be good news for businesses in places such as Catacol, Blackwaterfoot and Machrie.' - **Mark Harwood**

'Great news for visitors. Any shop keeper griping about people going to the mainland to shop, it works that way on 'the mainland'.

We own a small shop in a rural Perthshire town and people go to Perth and Dundee to shop! Accept what you have and embrace the increased visitor footfall. Oh and smile a bit more and go on a cus-

tomer service course as well.'

- **Colin Steele**
'It's a shame CalMac haven't taken it [the price] off commercials to try and help small struggling businesses. Instead they are putting a weighbridge in to stop them bringing their own stock over so they have now made it easier for locals to go to the mainland to shop but no easier for shop and businesses over here to make a living.' - **Diane Lewis**

'Hopefully this isn't going to result in the island being clogged up by cars etc and turns out to be more beneficial for the local people who need to travel over to Ardrossan.' - **Craig Boyle**

'I think it's great news! Will make it easier to visit the island more often. Hooray!!' - **Emma Knights**

'While it's great, could have a big impact on the local shops as more people will take their cars away to shop on the mainland.' - **Gary Lennox**

'I'll reserve judgement, will ferries be overbooked?' - **Ian Ford**

'It is about time. We have waited a long time for this. Long may it last.' - **Steve Evans**

'Great news. The most beautiful island deserves this.' - **Margaret Harkness**

The Arran Banner on holiday

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

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

This week we have a slightly more unusual picture as it's not from a holiday.

Dr Krystyna Gruszecka and husband David Baker of Lochranza are pictured at Nkhoma Hospital in Malawi



where they are helping with a Scottish Malawi Partnership Health promotion project.

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

It could be from Skegness or Sydney, it really doesn't matter; we would love to

see your photographs. When space permits we will continue to print the photos that we have on file.

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etc) and PPC advertising across Google and other search engines. With a creative background, Tom sees a creative eye as an important asset when designing websites that not only look cutting edge, but more importantly are functional and work for their clients. All projects are undertaken, ranging from simple brochure websites, through to ecommerce shops and membership websites. Clients can be trained to update and maintain their website if needed.



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nuggets. And now with their mobile fish and chip van the duo are able to take their delicious food to various other corners of the island including Corrie, Shiskine, Lamlash, Kilmory and Whiting Bay. The van operates Thursday to Saturday on a two week cycle, and the shop at the pier is still open seven days a week. No matter what time of year, Hooked and Cooked will always provide you with the tastiest fish supper on the island.



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The Tearoom at Corrie Golf Club

Since Claire Irving took on The Tearoom at Corrie Golf Club two years ago it has become a much-loved focal point for the whole community. Open seven days a week, all year round - this is one Arran tearoom that is certainly thriving! As well as employing five people all from Corrie, the locals in Corrie and Sannox have warmed to the changes at this long-loved restaurant. With a fantastic menu offering deli-

icious locally sourced produce and the freshest prepared meals, The Tearoom has also become a firm favourite with Arran's visitors. Customers are welcome to come in for coffee and make use of the free wifi, or pop in for some warming soup and lunch after nine-holes at the golf course. The Tearoom also offers delicious fresh battered haddock and hand cut chips every Friday until 6.30pm. Sit in or takeaway, and why not bring a bottle of your choice to enjoy.



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'When we first expanded into letting we had only five properties to let,' said Jane. 'Now we have 41 and manage a total of 77 overall.' Their aim is to provide top quality accommodation that suits every need as well as excellent customer service to make holiday rentals worry free for both owners and visitors. Offering property management, gardening services as well as acting as letting agents, there is plenty to keep this small but dedicated team busy.



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Little Rock

For Ailie Parks and her husband Chris (Parky) opening a cafe has been both an exciting and daunting experience. But already Little Rock in the centre of Brodick has proved to be a hit with both locals and visitors. Parky said: 'We can't wait for people to see the cafe - we've had a great team helping us get ready in such a short space of time and we would like to thank everybody

involved.' As Ailie points out, she and her new husband recognised that with Bilslands shutting its doors there was a real need for a new cafe in Brodick where people could drink and socialise throughout the day. And at Little Rock, which is open seven days a week, that's exactly what you get. Delicious, freshly made breakfasts, snacks, lunches and cakes - what more do you need!





Paul Jennings, divisional operations manager, describes the new lifeboat and her capabilities. 20_b44rmi02



Mark Hederwick, cousin of Rachel Hederwick, hands over the lifeboat to the RNLI. 20_b44rmi05

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Arran's new life

Naming ceremony and service of dedication



The Rachel Hederwick is officially named by the benefactor's cousin Mark Hederwick. 20_b44rmi06



Sir Andrew Cubie, deputy chairm before it is handed into the care c



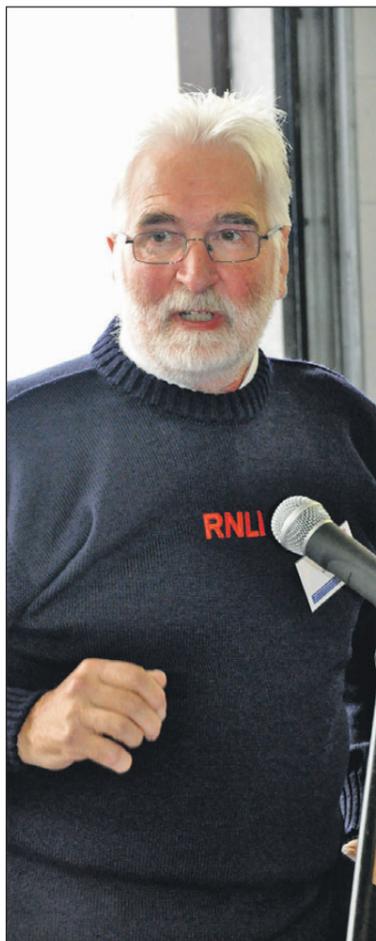
The RNLI station at Lamlash was packed for the event. 20_b44rmi01



Megan Duncan gets a fright when range lifejacket inflates. 20_b44rmi04



Megan Duncan gets the chance to show how tough dad Crawford's new equipment really is. 20_b44rmi03



Bill Barr, lifeboat operations man for Arran RNLI, accepts the lifeboat on behalf of the station. 20_b44rmi13

boat launched



an of the RNLI, centre, accepts the boat on behalf of the RNLI from Mark Hedderwick, left, of Geoffrey Norris of Arran RNLI, right. 20_b44rnl10



Following the ceremony the lifeboat launches for a demonstration. 20_b44rnl11



dad Crawford's top-of-the-

Crew members, both old and new, gathered for the ceremony. 20_b44rnl107



Crawford Duncan, Martin Wood, Mark Nelson, and new recruit Myles Johnson relish the chance to show just how powerful the new lifeboat can be. 20_b44rnl12



Natasha Nelson presents Lady Jean Fforde, the president of the Arran Ladies' Lifeboat Guild, with a bouquet in recognition of 44 years dedicated service. 20_b44rnl109



Dr Alistair Grassie, retired assistant lifeboat medical advisor, calls for a vote of thanks. 20_b44rnl108

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Memories of the Aldersyde Hotel

A former owner of the Aldersyde Hotel in Lamlash has fond memories of how it once looked.

It comes after *The Banner* told last month of the major revamp proposed for the hotel, now called the 'Lamlash Bay'.

The hotel has planning permission for a new entrance, reception and first floor glass balcony along with an outside seating area.

But previous owner Jannette Price prefers to remember the mock Tudor style of the hotel which was built in the early 1920s, which she and her late husband Kenneth bought for £85,000 in 1990.

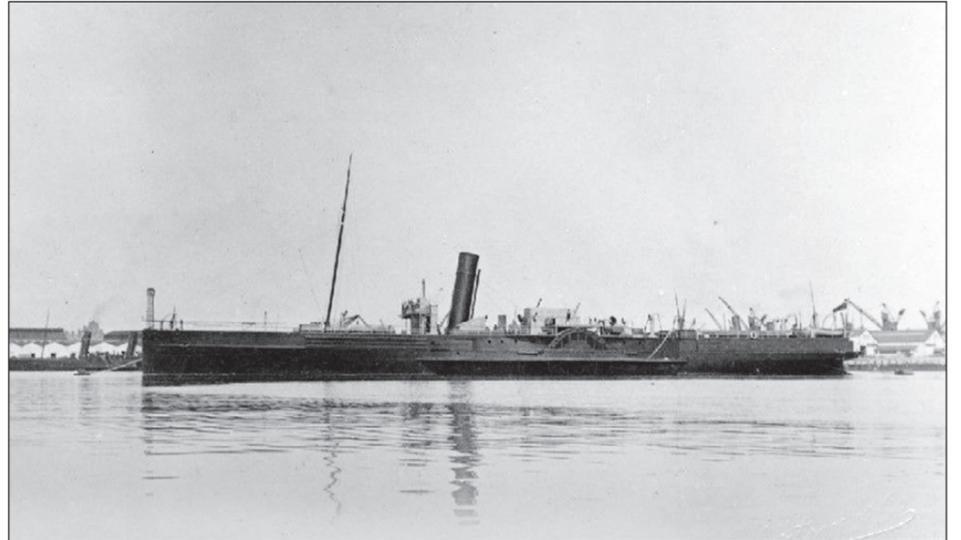
Jannette, who is now 82, remembers that the hotel was in such a dilapidated state that there were ice boxes on the public bar catching the rain.

They ran the hotel for five years until her husband died in 1995, but it stayed in the family when her daughter June Shankland took it over the following year before selling it in 2002.

When the family sold it, Jannette kept the house adjoining the hotel and part of the garden in which she built the Aldersyde bunkhouse, keeping the name alive, where she still lives and operates the business today.



The Aldersyde Hotel as it looked in the early 1990s.



Arran's ferry, Duchess of Hamilton, was requisitioned during the First World War.

Exploring Clyde steamers at war

At the outbreak of both world wars, many men and women left their homes on the Clyde to enlist and serve their country.

As they boarded the paddle and turbine steamers of the day to join the various services, little did they know that the very steamers they stood on, and the crews which

sailed them, were also soon to be enlisted into war service.

During the First World War over 30 Clyde steamers served as minesweepers, troopships, transport ships and hospital ships.

Many of these vessels were pressed into service during the Second World War.

A few were destined to never return being casualties of the wars.

These steamships, used to carrying passengers as they raced from pier to pier in the Clyde, served from Archangel in Northern Russia to Port Said in Egypt. They took part in some of the most notable operations in the history of the wars - Gallipoli, Dunkirk and the D-Day landings.

Can you imagine travelling through the Bay of Biscay and into the Mediterranean on board the Waverley?

Arran's very own purpose-built ferry of the early 1900s, the paddle steamer Duchess of Hamilton, was

requisitioned by the Admiralty and served as a minesweeper.

On November 29, 1915 she struck a mine off Harwich and sank with the loss of nine men. These men are amongst the millions of men and women who we remember this remembrance week.

In tribute, Iain Quinn of the Clyde River Steamer Club, is coming over to Arran on November 4 to give an illustrated talk on the service of the steamers in both World Wars.

He is fortunate to have a collection of unique photos of the steamers taken during both wars. He thinks many haven't been seen in public before, and is delighted to make Arran the first place to see them.

The talk will be at 2pm in Pirmill Village Hall, repeated again at 7.30pm with all proceeds going towards Pirmill's World War One memorial Fund (entry £5 including tea and home baking).

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Departure Dates

Each year the arrival of our summer visitors is well recorded.

For example, in late spring and early summer many people contact me to tell me about the arrival of swallows and house martins in their area and the call of the cuckoo is one that seems to encourage many people to get in touch.

This year the first house martin on Arran was reported on 31 March, the first swallow on 1 April and the first cuckoo on 15 April.

The first arrival date of each of our summer visitors is reported in the annual Arran bird report.

Less well recorded are their departure dates.

As summer moves into autumn our summer visitors head south, in the case of swallows to South Africa, but what is the last date each of our summer visitors is recorded on Arran?

While the first summer visitor is fairly easy to note, the last one in the autumn is more of a challenge. It may be days

or weeks before you realise that they have gone.

To get the departure dates for the summer migrants in your area, start by making a note each day that you do see each species in your area.

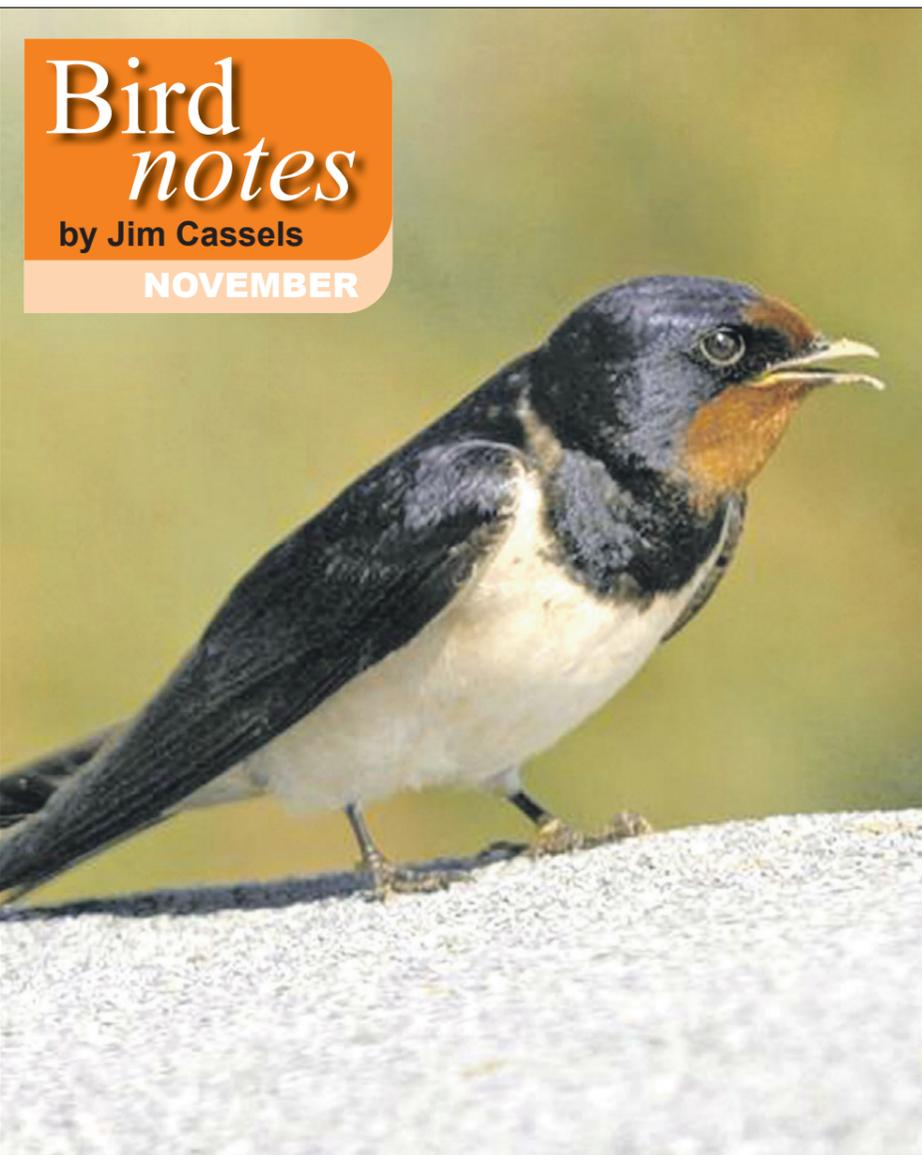
While you may not see the species every day, eventually as time passes you will realise that you have not recorded it for a period of time and the species has departed.

Depart

This year try doing this for swallows or for house martins and let me know when these species depart from your area of Arran.

Enjoy your birding.

Please send any bird notes with 'what, when, where' to me at Kilpatrick Kennels, Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot, KA27 8EY, or e mail me at james.cassels@virgin.net . I look forward to hearing from you. For more information on birding on Arran purchase the 'Arran Bird Atlas 2007-2012' as well as the 'Arran Bird Report 2013' and visit this website www.arranbirding.co.uk



A swallow Photo: Carl Reavey.

Round the rurals

Kilmory SWRI

On Monday 29 September the Kilmory SWRI president Mairi Duff gave a very warm welcome to old and new members who attended the first meeting of the 2014/2015 session.

The guest speaker for the evening was Jim Cassels who gave a very interesting presentation on his trip to Iceland last year.

Jim's photography of the landscape, birds and plant life was truly amazing.

Thanks were given to Jim for such an entertaining evening.

The competition for shortbread was won by Eleanor MacKinnon and crystal item by Joan Cook.

The next meeting will be on Monday 10 November at 7.30pm in Kilmory Hall when Mandy McDonald will give a talk on her travels in Thailand. The competitions for the evening will be tartan memento and any knitted article.

The Rural Rally will be held at the Kinloch Hotel on Thursday 13 November when the ladies look forward to meeting up with rural members from around the island.

Farmers roadshow on biggest reform

Farmers on Arran will have the chance to find out more about the new Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) at a Scottish Government roadshow later this year.

The very last of a series of 35 events, being held across the country, is coming to Arran on Thursday 11 December. It is being held at the Kinloch Hotel, Blackwaterfoot at 7pm.

Explain

At the roadshow, Scottish Government officials will explain how CAP support

will be delivered from 2015, and what farmers need to do to receive CAP funding.

Farmers will then be able to ask questions about the new system.

Rural affairs secretary Richard Lochhead said: 'We are about to implement the biggest reform of the Common Agricultural Policy in a generation and, while we have already provided information about the funding system, farmers will undoubtedly have questions about the practical implica-

tions of these changes.

'These roadshows are the ideal opportunity for farmers to find out about the new CAP which comes into effect on 1 January, 2015, as well as what they need to do to receive funding and all of the key dates and deadlines.

Answer

'Scottish Government officials will be on hand to answer any questions farmers may have and to talk through the new system we are introducing to make the transition as smooth as possible.'

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PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS



The Lamlash youngsters after their 'superheroes'-themed assembly.

Assembly success for host classes at Lamlash Primary

Primary three, four and five hosted the Lamlash Primary School assembly on October 1.

Their topic was 'superheroes' and how they help people, and friends and family were invited to come along and watch the show.

First of all they shared with the audience who their superheroes were and then they showed the audience clay superheroes they crafted, which were dressed in capes and masks.

A mini play was the highlight of the assembly which brought lots of laughs.

It was about three pupils who needed help with their homework and some of the chil-

dren dressed up as superheroes from real movies such as Iron Man, Spiderman and Superman.

The moral of the story was that all superheroes have different powers.

Nicely

They ended the show nicely by singing Superheroes by The Script.

The assembly was a great hit and everyone enjoyed it.

The next pupils' assembly will be hosted by primary six and seven with the topic of the First World War on Friday 7 November. Parents and friends are invited.

Ice cream challenge is a scoop at Brodick

The boys and girls of P5/6/7 at Brodick Primary School have been taking part in their own ice cream challenge as part of their science topic this term.

They were set the task by Mrs Duncan to come up with a new and exciting flavour of ice cream with a healthy twist.

Children carried out market research before deciding on their chosen flavour, which ranged from pomegranate to apple and raspberry with a hint of lemon.

Along with their flavours they needed to create a brand

name, logo and a marketing campaign that would be presented along with their very own home-made ice cream to Arran Dairies managing director Alastair Dobson.

The children learnt how to make their own ice cream using traditional methods of adding salt to ice and then churning their ingredients within.

Their knowledge of this was further developed with a trip to Arran Dairies factory in Brodick where they learnt that the technique used there was very similar to the traditional method, just on a

larger scale. P5/6/7 thanked Mr Dobson from Arran Dairies for allowing them to see where their favourite ice cream is made as well as taking the time out of his day to come along and listen to their presentations and taste their creations.

Limited edition

They are also very excited that Mr Dobson has offered to make one of the children's creations into an Arran Dairies limited edition that will be on sale at the Brodick Primary School Christmas Musical on Wednesday 17 December.

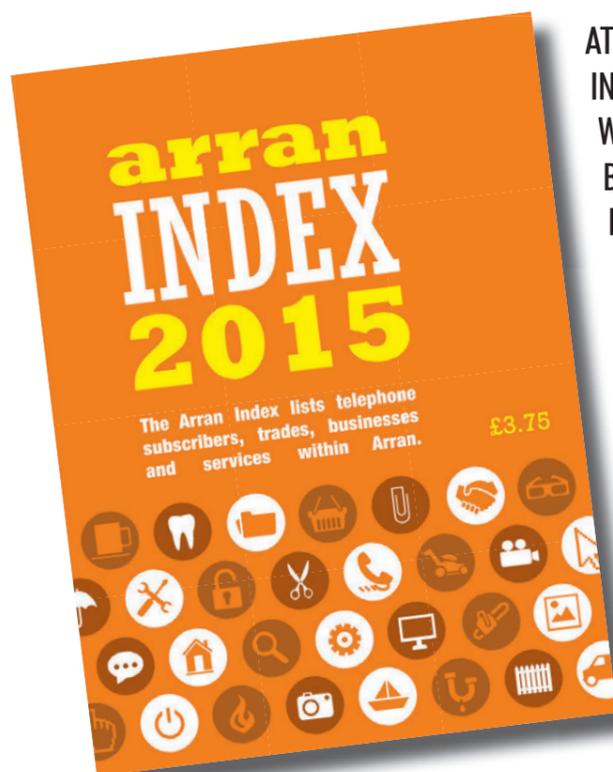


The pupils at Brodick were set the task of creating a new and exciting flavour of ice cream with a healthy twist.

Alastair Dobson, left, has offered to make one of the children's creations into an Arran Dairies limited edition.

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Saturday 5 November, 1994

Flats for Brodick?

A proposed development of 'foyer housing' on the site of the former Co-op building in Brodick has been causing anxiety to villagers.

As a result Brodick Community Council had a meeting on the site with developer Celia Urquhart in a bid to allay their fears.

Under the £1.5 million proposals, known as Charters Towers, the Co-op building would go and be replaced by a similar type of building offering commercial accommodation and a management area. Behind this would stretch two storey flatted accommodation. The rest of the area would be landscaped and include 30 to 50 parking spaces.

Next to the Co-op building there is space for a new Brodick surgery, but only if taken up by the health trust.

A planning application is expected later this month.

By royal decree

A historical decree could help boat owners in Lamlash in their fight over seabed mooring charges.

Up until now boat owners have not had to pay to moor their craft in Lamlash Bay even though the Crown Estate Commissioners have made demands. The payment demands are now on hold until the situation can be clarified.

Now fellow boat owners on Bute have come across a decree from King Robert III which grants them the status of a royal burgh and, they claim, that removes the Crown's right to levy charges on them.

Moving on in history this charter was confirmed by King James VI in 1584 and in that document Rothesay was defined as including Arran, Cumbrae, the Kyles of Bute and Fairlie.

Arran Yacht Club's secretary Iain Thomson said: 'We're happy that perhaps we may not have to pay.'

Disney disaster

Three of the staff of the Brodick Tourist Information Centre have been left disappointed by their recent trip to Disneyland near Paris.

The trip was paid for by the Disney organisation in the hope that they might promote Disneyland once they returned home but they found it smaller than they had expected and no better than the theme parks in this country. But the principle complaint, all three had, was that the staff, most of whom were French, had a very offhand manner.

Coming on the big losses reported this week, the Arran TIC view is that this Disneyland should have been built in Holland or Spain.

Great Egg Race

Arran High School took part in the Strathclyde Great Egg Race challenge for the first time and came within a whisker of winning.

With technical teacher Dave McKay, four S4 boys made up the high school team who competed against 35 other schools at the contest held in Glasgow.

The team had to design a package for a wine glass and construct a 12 inch pylon out of spaghetti, finishing second in both contests.

Field of hope

More than 6,000 daffodil bulbs have been planted at the Corriegills road end to create a 'Field of Hope' by the Marie Curie Cancer Care charity.

The spadework was carried out by Cunninghame District Council staff and the operation overseen by Arran fundraiser Brenda Johnstone.

Brodick schoolchildren helped plant the sponsored bulbs, and come spring, these will be a visual reminder of the foundation work in cancer care.



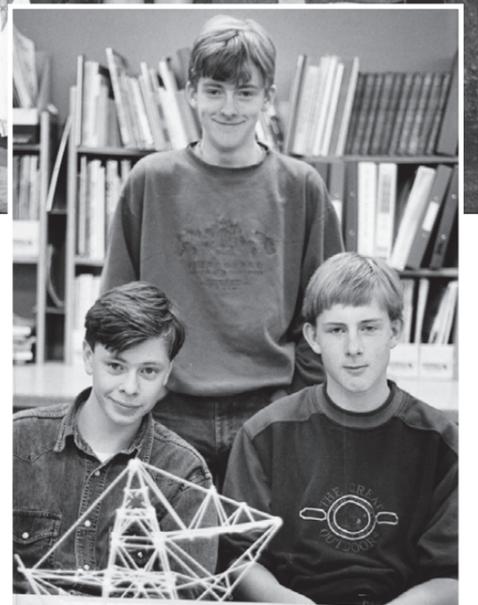
Guising is alive and well on Arran with Hallowe'en nights held across the island including this party at Kilmory Hall.



Married in Brodick Church last Saturday were Laura Cameron, only daughter of Kate and Angus Robertson of Ach-na-Mara, Brodick and Colin Neil, only son of Colin and Martha Currie of Bridge Farm, Shiskine. The couple are presently on honeymoon in Madeira.



Above: These five Whiting Bay guisers are Sarah Nelson, Rachel Fieldhouse, Mhairi Borland and Roisin and Shauna Mckinven.



Right: Egg challenge team: l to r Daniel Black, Kelvin Aston and Peter Roberts.

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Saturday 1st November

Army Cadets
 Over 21s Disco
 Family Games
 Fun in the pool
 Live music
 Whiting Bay Bowling Club
 Blackwaterfoot bowling club rink game
 Halloween Dance
 Live Music with Scott MacDonald
 Shiskine Valley Hidden Talents

Auchrannie Road 11am - 1pm
 Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
 Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
 Auchrannie Spa pool, 4-5pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick from 9.30pm
 Whiting Bay Bowling Green, 2pm
 Blackwaterfoot bowling club, 1.45pm
 Lamlash Golf Club, 6.30pm
 The Douglas Hotel, Brodick, 9pm
 Kinloch Hotel, 10am - 4pm

Sunday 2nd November

Family Games
 Fun in the pool
 AA Meeting
 Mackerel Lottery
 Open Session - All musicians & singers welcome
 Live music
 Shiskine Valley Hidden Talents

Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
 Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm
 Brodick Church Hall, 4pm - 6pm
 Kinloch Bar, 5pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick 2.30pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick from 9.30pm
 Kinloch Hotel, 10am - 4pm

Monday 3rd November

Quiz
 Over 50s Badminton
 Badminton
 Citizens Advice
 Morning Fitness
 Table Tennis
 Badminton
 Arran Junior Football Club
 Yoga
 Circuit Training
 Live Music
 Scottish Country Dancing Beginners & Improvers
 Isle of Arran SNP New Members Meeting

Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 9pm
 Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm
 Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
 Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30-1.30pm
 Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
 Corrie Hall, 6.30pm
 Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm
 Ormidale Park, 6-7.30pm
 Corrie Village Hall, 11am - 12 noon
 Auchrannie Gym, 6-7pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick, 7.30pm
 Corrie & Sannox Hall, 2 - 4pm
 The Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 2.30pm

Tuesday 4th November

Pop Quiz
 Auchrannie Winter Bowls
 Alcoholics Anonymous
 Youth Club
 Rotary club
 Healthy Outdoors
 Blackwaterfoot bowling club rink game
 Session with the Arran Ceilidh Band
 Garden walk
 RunArran
 Live Music
 Garden Walk
 Metafit

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
 Auchrannie 7pm
 Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
 Kildonan Hall, 7pm
 Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 7.15pm
 10am-1pm NTS Ranger Centre
 Blackwaterfoot bowling club, 1.45pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick, 7.30pm
 Brodick Castle 2pm-3.30pm
 Hospital Hill car park, Lamlash, 5.30pm
 Fiddlers, 7.30pm
 Brodick Castle, 2pm - 3.30pm
 Arran High School, 6pm

Bridge for beginners
 Scottish Country Dancing
 Isle of Arran SNP New Members Meeting
 Lamalsh Church Guild

Learning Centre, Lamlash 7-9pm
 Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm
 Corrie & Sannox hall, 7.30pm
 Lamlash Church Hall, 2pm

Wednesday 5th November

Rock & Pop Bingo
 Tae Kwondo
 Alcoholics Anonymous
 Arran Brass Rehearsal
 Yogalates
 Aquafizz
 Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy service
 Traditional & Contemporary Ballads with Mike Bailey
 RunArran mixed ability
 Yoga-Arran
 Drift Inn Quiz
 Mixed Hockey
 Back to the Bronze age
 Coffee Morning
 Games Afternoon
 Brodick Bonfire & Refreshments
 Lamlash SWRI

Ormidale Hotel 9.30pm
 Arran High School Kids-6.30-7.30pm Adults-7.30-8.30pm
 Lamlash Church Hall, 8pm
 Brodick Church Hall, 7-9pm
 Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am
 Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am
 10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30
 Fiddlers, Brodick, 7.30pm
 Auchrannie car park, 5.30pm
 Kinneil, Lamlash, 7-8.30pm
 Lamlash, 9pm
 Auchrannie Sports Hall 7.30-9pm
 Brodick Castle, 2pm - 4pm
 Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15am - 12noon
 Lochranza & Catacol Hall, 2-4pm
 Brodick Beach, 7pm & Golf Club, 7.30pm
 Lamlash fire station, 7.30pm

Thursday 6th November

Quiz
 Morning Fitness
 General Knowledge Quiz
 Folk, Country, Bluesy Night with Cams & Friends
 Yoga
 Bridge Club
 Open Music session
 Ladies Hockey
 RunArran Men
 Pilates
 Paintings tour
 Country Park Volunteer Day
 Brodick Embroidery Group
 QuiltArran
 Metafit
 Auchrannie Winter Bowls
 Isle of Arran SNP New Members' Meeting

Eden Lodge, 9pm
 Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
 Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick, 7.30pm
 Corrie Village Hall, 6pm - 7pm
 Brodick Golf Clubhouse, 7pm
 Drift Inn, Lamlash, 9pm
 Ormidale Pavilion, 7.30-8.30pm
 Auchrannie Car Park, 5.30pm
 Auchrannie gym, 6-7pm
 Brodick Castle, 2-3.30pm
 Brodick Castle, 10am - 4pm
 Brodick Library, 7.30-9.30pm
 Lamlash Fire Station, 2-4.30pm
 Auchrannie, 6pm
 Auchrannie 7pm
 Arran High School, Lamalsh 7.30pm

Friday 7th November

Aqua Fizz
 Yogalates
 Arran Youth Foundations
 Lochranza Kids Badminton
 Lochranza Adults Badminton
 Castle Secrets Tour
 Family fun night
 Brodick Market
 Ceilidh Dance
 Isle of Arran SNP New Members Meeting

Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am
 Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am
 Church Hall, Brodick 7pm-9pm
 Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm
 Lochranza Hall, 8pm
 Brodick Castle, 11.30 - 1pm
 Brodick Golf Club 4.45pm
 Auchrannie Road, Brodick, 10-5pm
 Lamlash Church Hall 7.30-9.30pm
 Shiskine Village Hall 7.30pm



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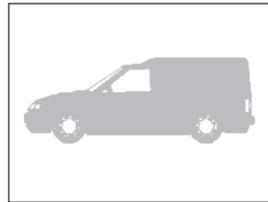
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Sunday 2nd November
Holy Communion, 11.00 am.
Mr John Roberts.
Coffee after service.
Wednesday 5th November
Holy Communion, 12.15 pm.
ALL WELCOME

ARRAN CHURCHES TOGETHER

There will be Taizé worship on
Thursday 6th November
at 7.30 pm, in St Molios' Church, Shiskine.
ALL WELCOME

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Parishes of North Arran Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirmill and Shiskine
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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 2nd November

United Linkage Service in Brodick Church, 11am, including the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

A Service of Worship including the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will also be held in Montrose House at 1.30pm. Linkage Thanksgiving Service, 7pm, Corrie Church.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

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Sunday 2nd November

Kilmory 10am
Lamlash 11.30 am

Both Churches:
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Rev Dr Ian Macleod
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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
(Charity Number: SC014005)

Sunday 2nd 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.
All welcome.

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)

Communion Weekend
Preparatory Service

Saturday 1st November

at 7pm

5 Glen Road, Brodick

Sunday 2nd November

Morning Service 11am

The Lord's Supper will be dispensed at close of morning worship.

Trust Housing Lounge,
Glen Estate, Brodick

Evening Service 6.30pm

5 Glen Road, Brodick

Thanksgiving Service

Monday 3rd November

at 7pm

Hazelbank, Pirmill

Rev.A.Murray

Prayer Meeting

Wednesday 5th November

at 7pm

5 Glen Road

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Vigil Mass 7.30pm

Sunday morning 11am

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev Vince Jennings

Sunday 2nd November

11am Morning worship

in the Ormidale Sports Pavilion, Brodick

Tea & Coffee after the service.

Wednesday at 7.30pm Home Fellowship Group for Bible Study and Prayer.

Contact phone no 600222

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ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 2nd November

Shiskine 11am (Church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)

Brodick 7pm (Church behind post office)

Mr Benson Mugenyi

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS, QUAKERS

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DEATH

WILLIAMS - It is with great sadness that Dottie and family announce the death of Eric. Late of Bonnington, Brodick. Arran Estates Home Farm manager and production manager at Arran Dairies.

BANNER ANNOUNCEMENTS
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First Arran golf club hold 125th anniversary dinner

The first golf club founded on Arran has celebrated its 125th anniversary.

A dinner was held at Lamlash Golf Club last Saturday to celebrate the founding of the club in 1889.

Mirroring the centenary dinner held on the same weekend in 1989 in Steamers - which is now Thomson's office - all the other clubs on the island were represented at the dinner which was attended by more than 80 members and friends.

Brodick Golf Club was represented by Lindsay Keir, Whiting Bay by Johnny Kelso, Corrie by Robert Logan, Shiskine and Machrie by Willie Kelso and Nigel Wells and Kathy Mawson attended from Lochranza.

The evening began with introductions by captain Ian Murchie and chairman Robbie Glen, followed by a historical account from the secretary Jim Henderson.

He said it was the steamers which had first brought visitors to Arran in the 19th century which had been boosted by the

building of Lamlash Pier in 1884.

Four years later a group of Lamlash businessmen got together with the idea of creating a golf course.

They approached Arran Estate trustees who approved their suggestion and their plan came to fruition in 1889 after selecting part of Blairmore farm, which was leased from the estate by James Allan and his son.

Designed

Jim said that not only was Lamlash the first golf club to be established on Arran, it was the first course designed by golf legend Willie Fernie who went on to design many others in Scotland and France.

The club also achieved a number of other firsts.

It became the first 18-hole layout on the island, the first to host a professional tournament and the first to build a dedicated clubhouse.

Lamlash was also the first island club to adopt yardage markers on the fairways and excluding the Brodick Open,

were the first of the other island clubs to organise an open competition, Jim said with a wry smile.

The caterer's then served up an excellent three-course meal, followed by entertainment provided by Bif and Stewart of the Arran Jazz Band.

Then it was the turn of the evening's main speakers, who did not disappoint.

Willie Kelso kicked things off speaking for the Arran Golfers Association.

Followed by Maureen Smith representing the Lamlash Ladies in her unique way with words caricaturing some of the club worthies.

The main speaker for the night was Dr John Rankin a member of Whiting Bay who rose to the occasion and had everyone in stitches.

All of this was interspersed by the chairman Robbie Glen a class act in himself. The entertainment and speeches ended the evening by 11.20pm, which was rounded off with Tom McGarrigle, a club member and his disco into the wee hours, just before the clocks changed.



Whiting Bay Golf Club

An excellent night was enjoyed on Saturday 25 October by all who attended the annual end of season buffet in the clubhouse. Huge thanks go to John Simmons and his team for a magnificent spread. The Captain's Prize due to be played on Sunday 26 October was postponed due to the weather and will now be played on Sunday 30 November.

Fixtures: Sunday 2 November, AGA Winter League at Machrie against Lamlash. Sunday 9 November, Winter Cup Round 2.

Arran Ladies Golf Union

Saturday 25 October, the

first of the five Drumadon competitions was played at Machrie Bay Golf Club. Nineteen ladies played on this very windy day but the rain held off until the last couple of holes. The course was in very good condition and the ladies enjoyed a lovely lunch made by Claire.

Results: 1 and scratch Sheila Gray 87-15=72, 2 Elizabeth Ross 96-22=74, 3 Margaret Bryce 96-20=76.

Fixtures: Saturday 29 November, Drumadon at Shiskine Golf Club at 10.30am.

Arran Golfers Association

Sunday 2 November, Winter League 2014/2015 first round at Machrie Bay Golf Club.

Draw: Machrie v Corrie at 8.30am, Brodick v Shiskine at 9.20am, Lamlash v Whiting Bay at 11.50am.

Corrie Golf Club

No golf on Saturday 25 Oc-



Getting in the swing

tober due to the weather.

Monday 27 October, Monday Cup, nine played from yellow tees. 1 Jim Henderson 71-17=54, 2 Ian Taylor 77-19=58, 3 John Murray 79-20=59. Magic twos from J McConnachie, J Murray, J Henderson, T Cotton, R Burke and J McGovern.

Fixtures: Saturday 1 November, J McKenzie Memorial Trophy at 8.30am and 12noon, shotgun start.

Winter starts for Saturdays will be 8.30am and 12noon.)

From November until end of March Mondays will be 12noon starts.

Winter 2015 league starts

Sunday 2 November, Machrie v Corrie at Machrie Bay Golf Club on Sunday 2 November.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday 23 October, back nine competition. 1 Jim Young 36-6.5=29.5, 2 Norrie MacIntyre 34-4=30 BIH over Iain Murchie 32-2=30. Two from Norrie MacIntyre at the 13th. The winner of back 9 Comp Jim Young 32.5+29.5=62 BIH over Iain Murchie 32+30=62.

Fixtures: Sunday 2 November, Winter League Game at Machrie. Thursday 6 November, Yellow Medal, 11am draw.

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Famous five from rampant Arran ladies hockey team

'Our defence was amazing, seldom letting the attackers break through'

A 5-1 win against the team at the top of the league saw Arran's ladies hockey team celebrating another success on Saturday afternoon.

Table-toppers Dumfries were in pole position after winning all their games when they arrived in Brodick on Saturday.

It took Arran about ten minutes to settle into the pace with two goals from Anne Watts followed in quick succession.

Right wing

However, Dumfries responded and scored five minutes before half time. But just before the umpire could blow the whistle, Judith Ross ran up the right wing and passed

the ball to Lorraine Hewie on the left where she scored to make it 3-1 at half time.

Just after the restart, Susie Murchie in left midfield went on a great run and struck the ball into the net ten minutes into the second half.

Victoria McNicol had a scoop to Anne Watts where she scored her hat-trick of the day. Final score 5-1.

Victoria McNicol said: 'Our defence was amazing, seldom letting the attackers break through. Our 'dame of the game' was Bethany Tetlow in goals, voted by the opposition who renamed her as the ninja!

'We had great teamwork, and even two injured girls



Helen Thomson, left, shows just how dominant the Arran ladies can be on the pitch. 20_b44hoc01

stood in as umpires, so special thanks go to Pauline Reid and Kirstie Barton-Smith.'

The next game is away today (Saturday 1 November) to Giffnock at Eastwood High School at 2pm, any

mainland support welcome. Broomhill have been unable to get a team together for the cup game on 2 November, so Arran are now through to the quarter finals of the West District Cup.

Arran Bridge Club results

The results of Arran Bridge Club competition played in Brodick on Thursday, 23 October were: N/S 1 Tricia Martin and Douglas Hamilton, 2 Janette McBride and Douglas Chase, 3 Alison Bilsland and Elaine Duncan. E/W 1 Margaret and Douglas Bruce, 2 Libby Alexander and Janey McIntyre, 3 Janie Maclure and Anne McKelvie

The results of the competition in Lamlash on Monday, 27 October were: N/S 1 Tricia Martin and David Campbell, 2 Janie Maclure and Anne McKelvie, 3 Jan and John Beattie. E/W 1 Jessmay and Jim Peacock, 2 Ellie Jones and Jennifer McArthur, 3 Linda Trickett and Pat Adamson.

First loss of the season for Arran

Arran RFC lost their first game of the season on Saturday.

Playing at home against Lanark - who are at the bottom of the league table - Arran were beaten 9-15.

A culmination of errors led to both sides giving away penalties but Lanark were able to use this to their advantage.

Despite the loss, Arran are still second in the league with 19 points, behind Strathaven RFC who have 25 points.

Today (Saturday 1 November) Arran are away to Birkmyre RFC.

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