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# Arran Show returns to Lamlash

## Farmer withdraws offer of Balmichael field to 'avoid disharmony'

## Woman jailed for resisting arrest

A woman was sentenced to three months in jail last Thursday after she pleaded guilty to resisting arrest in Pirmill the night before.

Kilmarnock Sheriff Court was told that 25-year-old Samara Moran who was visiting family in the village had assaulted a police officer when he tried to arrest her.

### Disturbance

Sergeant Bob MacKay said: 'We were called to a disturbance in Pirmill at 9.30pm on Wednesday night and when officers tried to arrest the young woman involved she resisted arrest.'

'As a result she was also charged with breach of the peace.'

Miss Moran was detained in the cells in Lamlash Police Station and appeared in court the next morning.

In court it was revealed that she had broken the conditions of a tagging order and the sheriff sentenced her to three months in jail.



## Ghoulishly great time

Clare Gilmore and her two-year-old son Harry had a ghoulishly great time at the Brodick Nursery and Primary School Halloween party last Friday night.

Youngsters from all over the island attended parties in their

villages or took to the streets to celebrate Halloween at the weekend and The Banner was there to capture it all on camera.

See page 10, 11 and 12 for full coverage of all the island's Halloween celebrations. 01\_b45hal05

The 2010 Arran Show will be held in Lamlash.

A special general meeting of Arran Farmers Society on Tuesday night heard Shiskine farmer David Henderson reluctantly withdraw the offer of his field at Balmichael 'to avoid any disharmony within the society'.

Following a very wet show day in Brodick in 2008 a directors meeting in September that year agreed to hold the show in Lamlash in 2009 and at Balmichael the following year and then review the situation.

When the potential extra cost of holding the show in Shiskine became apparent, it was decided to hold a special meeting to make members aware of the situation. It was anticipated that a vote on the two sites would be made at the end of the meeting. But it never came to a vote after David made his statement.

Afterwards he explained why he withdrew the offer of his field. He said: 'It was made in the best interests of Arran Farmers Society.'

'It became evident during the meeting that Lamlash was the favoured site. It was stated during the meeting by someone that a vote for either field would almost be a vote of no confidence in the directors' decision in September 2008.'

'While I didn't necessarily agree with this, I felt the best course of action to avoid any disharmony within the society was regrettably to withdraw the offer of the field.'

'If at any time circumstances change I would be happy to reconsider this decision.'

Forty-four members filled the cafeteria area at the high school and listened to Howard Driver give a presentation on the practical aspects of both sites. This was followed by secretary Christine McBride who explained that forecasted figures indicated that holding the show at Balmichael could cost the society more than £3,000 more than in Lamlash.

Chairman Neil Henderson said: 'It's unfortunate that it came to this. I was disappointed that the meeting had to take place.'

### Resignation

'My biggest regret was the resignation of an excellent vice-chairman. Now we'll all have to pull together for the sake of the society. But I'm pleased a decision was finally reached and that the show has a permanent home.'

The ladies of Arran SWRI had been preparing for a split from the show. President Morag Gardner said: 'There was nowhere for us to go if the show had gone to Shiskine. The rural and the farmers' shows have run concurrently for as long as anyone can remember. Our prize tickets even say 'Arran Farmers Show - Rural Industries'. It is a great relief to us all that the show will be in Lamlash again.'

The rural exhibition will be in the high school with a shuttle bus service between there and the showfield.

Farmer Kenny Bone of Glenkiln said: 'We will be pleased to have the show here again next year. My father and grandfather have had a long history with the society and many people last year seemed to think it was a good venue.'



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# Police files

## Lamlash assault

A 19-year-old Lamlash man was reported to the procurator fiscal for an alleged assault on a teenage girl at Hamilton Terrace at 11pm on Saturday night October 24.  
A 15-year-old Lamlash girl was also charged with assault.

## Drugs offences

On Tuesday night a 17-year-old Whiting Bay youth was reported to the procurator fiscal for offences under the Misuse of Drugs Act in Shore Road, Whiting Bay.

## Threatening behaviour

An 18-year-old Lamlash man was arrested for allegedly threatening people with physical harm on Tuesday night.

## No tax disc

On Wednesday morning a 50-year-old Lamlash woman was reported for not displaying a valid excise licence on her vehicle.

## Graffiti offences

Following five incidents of graffiti on shops, houses and public toilets in Whiting Bay on Wednesday night, a 16-year-old youth was reported to the procurator fiscal for the offences.

## Drink driving

A Lochranza woman was charged with alleged drink driving and having no MoT certificate for her vehicle on the Newton Shore last Friday night. A report has been sent to the procurator fiscal.



Arran's belly dancers in full flow at the last dance of the season. Leader Mandy Hunter is third from right.

# Belly dancers end another successful season

Arran's belly dancers have had a busy and successful season and have given many guests at the Kinloch Hotel some wonderful entertainment with their regular Saturday night performances. Known officially as the Middle Eastern

Dance group, they can now they settle down to their regular Thursday night regime, training new members and learning new dances.

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The dancers are pictured waving goodbye for another winter.

# Notice for removal of solar panels

An enforcement notice to remove solar panels from the roof of a Shiskine house was approved by North Ayrshire Council planning committee on Tuesday.

On July 8 it was reported that solar panels had been installed in the roof of the house at 8 Ladeside Place and two days later the occupants were advised in writing that a retrospective application for planning permission was required.

This was submitted to NAC on August 18 but on September 3 a letter of objection was received. The occupants were subsequently told to have the

solar panels moved to a less prominent location. They replied that the panels would not be relocated and on October 8 the application was refused.

The grounds for refusal were that 'the design and prominent siting of the panels detract from the appearance of the house which has a significant adverse impact on visual amenity'.

Ian T MacKay, NAC assistant chief executive, said: 'The service of an Enforcement Notice would appear to be the only option open to the council to ensure compliance with the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997.'

# Community councillor stands down after 11 years

One of Arran's longest serving community councillors has stepped down from the council after 11 years service.

Howard Driver of Whiting Bay told the AGM of the Arran Community Council last Tuesday that the time had come for him to retire.

Campbell Laing, chairman of the community council, thanked Howard for his dedicated service to Whiting Bay and also to Arran as a whole.

'During this time he has been a very dedicated community councillor and was also the planning representative for the council building up a good relationship with the planning officers of NAC,' said Campbell.

### Contentious

'Planning is a very important part of the community council's remit, and a subject which can be very contentious. He managed to navigate his way through what could have been troubled waters and put great effort into this post.'

During his time on the council Howard also took on the role as vice-chairman for six years.

'He will be a hard act to follow,' added Campbell. Howard said: 'It has been an interesting 11 years and we have seen many changes in local government. I like to think that the community council can speak for the people of Arran.'

The council are looking for someone from Whiting Bay who is 18 years or older who wishes to represent the village.

If you are interested please contact Campbell on 850216. If more than one person comes forward an election will be held.

Initial enquiries should be made to Campbell and completed nominations should be in his hands by Friday 20 November.

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## Pipe band seek new members

Isle of Arran Pipe Band is looking for more recruits.

Band chairman Ally Hume said: 'The band would like to invite any pipers or drummers past or present who are interested in joining the band to come along to the practice sessions. We get together in Brodick Hall from 7.30pm to 9pm every Friday evening.'

'We lose members when people leave the island; our drum sergeant left for university last month.'

The Arran Pipe Band is popular for performing at many events throughout the season, ranging from the Goat Fell Race in May to Kilmory September weekend fete.

## Health board in MRSA test trials

New products that use silver to kill the superbug MRSA are to be tested in clinical trials in the Ayrshire and Arran health board area.

Technology company Giltech will test a nasal ointment and body wash here next year.

Both contain silver ions that are known to be effective against hospital-acquired infections such as MRSA and Clostridium difficile (C.diff).

If the products prove successful they could be available, pending further tests, in several years.

Dr Bob Masterton, from NHS Ayrshire and Arran, described the clinical trials as 'a really exciting innovation'.

'We need something that patients are happy with and that will be clinically effective and safe. This new approach offers enticing promises for better patient safety and I look forward to testing its potential.'



Chris Bond from Catacol Bay Hotel with the floorboards he discovered that are covered in writing. 01\_b45hos01

## Piece of Lochranza youth hostel history saved from a bonfire

Part of the history of the Lochranza Youth Hostel could have been lost in smoke this week if it wasn't for the eagle eyes of one Catacol resident.

When staff at the Catacol Bay Hotel began building their legendary bonfire using old floorboards from the hostel, one employee stumbled across something rather intriguing.

Chris Bond who works in the hotel was sorting the planks of wood when he found some interesting writing.

'I was just sorting the wood into piles when I saw some writing at the corner of my eye,' said Chris.

'I looked at it more closely and there were names and dates written on the wood. If I hadn't noticed it would just have gone up in flames on the bonfire.'

Written on two separate pieces of wood are the words: 'John Tierney born 29 Nov 1866 Married 12 Jan 1894 and did not die up til now April 29th 1899.'

On another piece of wood it has been written: 'John Renton John Paton John

Tierney joiners April 29 1899.'

Contractors working on the renovation project at the Lochranza Hostel had given the wood to the hotel.

'It's strange to see someone's writing from more than 100 years ago,' said Chris. 'It must have been hidden for all that time.'

Looking through the archives at the Arran Heritage Museum *The Arran Banner* was able to discover that in 1893 the Hostel, which was then Lochranza Hotel, was owned by an Alistair Mc-Millan.

Alistair had taken over the inn from his father Neil in 1881. Official records show that the hotel was not opened as a hostel until 1925.

So who were the three joiners John Tierney, John Paton and John Renton?

What were they doing at the hotel in 1899?

'There are so many questions that will probably never be answered,' said Chris.

# Western Ferries sail in for another meeting on ferry crossing plans

Last week there was a further development in the plans to bring a Western Ferries service to the island.

Five weeks ago the Banner announced proposals by the Dunoon-based company to set up a new ferry crossing between Arran and the mainland. Western Ferries managing director Gordon Ross met with representatives of VisitArran at Auchranrie last Thursday morning. Following his earlier meeting with a group of local business people this was another

step towards identifying how feasible a new ferry operation would be.

Mr Ross told the Banner: 'We have a sincere and genuine interest in an Arran service but I want to manage expectations to reality.'

### Dramatic

'We are trying to be very responsible in our approach and are well aware that this would be a dramatic change for the people of Arran.'

Western Ferries currently operate four vessels on the unsubsidised Hunters Quay,

Dunoon to McNroy's Point, Gourock crossing with four sailings per hour at peak times. Gordon Ross joined Western Ferries (Clyde) Ltd in April 2004 from Caledonian MacBrayne. He was brought up on Islay and after education at Oxford trained as an economist and chartered accountant.

He joined KPMG in 1999 and was later involved in the bid for the original Northlink service. He said: 'I appreciate intimately islands and their way of life. My interest in

ferry is specific to me. It was almost pure luck that I got involved with CalMac.'

Mr Ross cited a political environment for change and demand from the public as reasons for embarking on an Arran ferry project.

'People's expectations have moved on and there appears to be an unmet demand on the Arran crossing,' he said. 'We started out small but are keen to expand our business and have an operational track record.'

The company has a proven

business record at Dunoon and is looking to transfer that template to Arran. For example, ferry tickets would be on sale in local shops with on-board tickets available at a premium, and the crew would be shore-based.

Mr Ross is now preparing a feasibility prospectus for the other six directors of Western Ferries. He said: 'I'm looking for local input to be fed into the final prospectus. There are a lot of challenges, but I am determined to see it through.'

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# Arran man caught out in his pyjamas



In their pyjamas at the Scottish Parliament; from left, George Foulkes MSP, Elaine McGonigle, director of the campaign, and Jack McConnell MSP.

Jack McConnell MSP, formerly of Arran, was seen in public on Thursday in his pyjamas. Along with fellow MSP Rt

Hon Lord Foulkes, he was on the steps of the Scottish Parliament, supporting the new pyjamas campaign for Scotland's new Sick Children's

hospital which is to be built in Edinburgh.

Elaine McGonigle, director of the pyjamas campaign said: 'Having the support of Jack McConnell and George Foulkes to spearhead this

event means that we can get a really important message out to everyone in the country.'

Jack McConnell said: 'I am delighted to be hosting the new pyjamas campaign in the Scottish Parliament.'

'It is essential that we have a new national Sick Kids' Hospital in Edinburgh equipped to deal with the demands of 21st century paediatric healthcare.

### Children

'Over 100,000 children are treated at the hospital every year, 25 percent of whom are from outwith the Lothians.'

The new pyjamas campaign will fund equipment and services that are not covered by standard NHS budgets, including capital equipment at the forefront of paediatric healthcare.

Jack McConnell and George Foulkes will be holding a reception in the Scottish Parliament on Wednesday, November 18 to support the hospital and hope that as many MSPs as possible turn up in their pyjamas.



Geoffrey Botterill and Antony Butterworth with hotel manager Helen Driver at the 2009 Scottish Hotel Awards. b10hot01

# Kilmichael house strikes gold again

Kilmichael Country House Hotel in Brodick has again received the Gold Award from VisitScotland following a secret inspection and overnight stay.

The inspector's report speaks of 'friendly and welcoming behaviour', of 'excellent attentive service', of 'traditional and elegant furnishings in excellent order' and of it being 'a privilege to dine in (the) establishment'.

The report went on to say that the pudding was one of the 'favourites desserts of the year'.

Owners Geoffrey Botterill and Antony Butterworth expressed themselves delighted to receive the award for the second year running and added: 'This is particularly pleasing because the inspection was carried out incognito and is, of course, completely

independent. We've been having a bit of trouble recently with the 'tripadvisor' internet site, which someone has been manipulating to make sure we disappear from the screen.

'We always used to be top of the list for the Arran hotels, but now we don't appear at all.'

'This award just goes to prove that no matter what jiggery pokery goes on in cyberspace, the down to earth reality is that quality will always will out!

'We are very grateful to our small staff for the valuable contribution they have made to this excellent achievement.'

Kilmichael was named the Scottish Country House Hotel of the Year at the 2009 Scottish Hotel Awards in March this year and is the only hotel on the island to achieve the gold star award in the STB's grading scheme.

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# Busy night on the beat on Arran

For Arran's police officers Hallowe'en is one of the busiest nights of the year so on Saturday The Arran Banner's Jenny Lyon joined them on patrol to get a behind-the-scenes look at how the island is policed.

It is 8pm on Saturday night, Hallowe'en, and Sergeant Bob MacKay is waiting for me outside Brodick Hall.

He tells me that the police are not necessarily expecting more trouble than usual but he says that with so many kids roaming the streets they need to be vigilant.

As we stand outside the village hall youngsters begin to arrive for the Arran Youth Forum's Hallowe'en dance.

This is catered to be an alcohol-free event for all sec-



Aaron Lambie marks all alcohol with a UV pen so that it can be traced if found with underage drinkers. 01\_b45pol04

ondary school pupils but he tells me there will inevitably be some who will try to bend the rules.

'It is a sad fact but Arran is

just like any other place when it comes to underage alcohol consumption,' said Bob. 'We have to do as much as we can to stop it.'

Weeks of organisation go into policing an event of this kind, he tells me.

What the police actually do is target the adults who buy the alcohol for the kids.

The sergeant personally visited every off-licence on the island before Saturday and provided them with an ultra-violet pen.

Every item of alcohol that is purchased is marked with the time and date.

If an item of alcohol is found on a child the police are able to use CCTV cameras in the store to trace the person who purchased it.

He points to the door of the hall where the stewards can be seen waving what looks like a bat over the children before they enter the hall.

#### Detector

'It's a special hand held metal detector,' explains the sergeant. 'It looks for bottle tops in particular which means we can check if the kids are smuggling in alcohol without actually having to touch them.'

For these kids the local police are familiar faces and they are happy to chat and catch up on the local gossip.

It is clear that the Arran police have developed a strong relationship with the island's teenagers.

'I'm always impressed by the behaviour of the kids on Arran,' said Bob. 'The respect shown by every one of them is truly impressive.'

At 11.30pm buses arrive to take the kids home to the relevant part of the island but for us the hard bit is just beginning - making sure they all get home safely.

The police then check the villages to make sure there



Sergeant Bob MacKay on patrol on Saturday night. 01\_b45pol03



Steward Sandy Lammie uses a hand-held metal detector to check each teenager that enters the hall for hidden alcohol. 01\_b45pol01

are no stray teenagers hanging around. But the night is not over yet. The officers have at least two more hours of work ahead of them patrolling the island as people leave the pubs at closing time.

'It's not an easy job,' concedes Bob. 'But I love it.'

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Chief executive Lawrie Sinclair, chairman Peter Timms, Ferry Committee chairman Ken Thorburn and area manager Robbie Brown at the David MacBrayne Ltd dinner. 02\_b45ca01

# Second ferry for Arran on the menu

## Annual board dinner hears of possibility of another operator

A gathering of local guests enjoyed the hospitality of Arran's ferry company when they attended the annual board dinner of David MacBrayne Ltd. The dinner was held at Brambles Bistro at Auchranie last Wednesday.

After grace by Rev Angus Adamson, the company were treated to an excellent four course meal and drinks served efficiently by Auchranie staff.

Speeches by Professor Peter Timms, chairman of CalMac Ferries Ltd and Lawrie Sinclair, chief executive were followed by a reply from Ken Thorburn, chairman of the Isle of Arran Ferry Committee.

Ken said: 'The committee look forward to the redevelopment of the pier area, the construction of the new linkspan and causeway and the creation of a new marshalling area for traffic, all planned for 2011.'

'I believe I am speaking for the entire audience when I say

that in future we would like to see the island being served by two ferries on the Brodick to Ardrossan crossing.

I think we would all like to know what the plans are for the replacement of the Caledonian Isles, and if a two-ferry aspiration is an option, also when this might happen.

### Second ferry

'As most of you are aware, there is the possibility that in the not too distant future a second ferry operator may start a service from Arran to the mainland. I am aware that this whole discussion is still at a very embryonic state.

'We look forward with anticipation to the how, the when and the if.

'I would like to reassure CalMac Ferries that this potential development will in no way affect the strong working relationship that the Isle of Arran Ferry Committee and the company have built up over many years.'

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## Kitten found

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Danny Craig of APAWS said: 'If you have lost this little chap or would like to give him a home please telephone us on 302150.'

## Kildonan ladies' annual Hallowe'en party

The ladies of Kildonan Rural and the Hall Committee members held their annual Hallowe'en Party last Saturday.

The children and adults enjoyed the fun and there were a number of prizewinners.

The under fives winners were Supergirl (Alice Lockhart), Cowboy (Finlay Miller) and Bat (Cailean Stewart).

In the age 5 to 12 group the winner was the Lois Ashley.

In the adults the winner was Maureen Robertson while the Best Pumpkin was by Jessica, Lawrie and Finlay Miller.

Everyone enjoyed the supper and after games the evening

finished with the traditional 'dooking' for apples.

A big thank you to Gillian for organising the games and Steve for the music and super ghost story.

The next meeting of Kildonan SWRI will be held in the village hall on Tuesday 17 November at 2pm when the ladies will hear about 'A Day at Buckingham Palace'. The competition will be a savoury or sweet made with carrots and there will be a raffle.

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## Ross was first to pass Go on Arran

It would appear that Graham Chappell's Arran Monopoly set which featured on the front page of last week's Banner may not be the island's first.

Vicki Yuill of Brodick contacted *The Banner* this week to say that her partner Ross Auld had been given an Isle of Arran edition of the game two years ago.

'Ross received a gift of this game from a friend in 2007!' said Vicki.

As far as she is aware the game was ordered on online from Hasbro.

'He just put in the details he wanted and they mailed it to him,' said Vicki. 'I told Graham about it and he said that he has heard of this before.'

## Group move

The Alcoholics Anonymous group has moved to new premises.

From Sunday 8 November the Alcoholics Anonymous group will be meeting in Brodick Church Hall at 4.30pm.

## Brodick 200 Club

Congratulations to Mrs M Hartley and Mrs F Leslie who are the September and October winners of the Brodick 200 Club's £50.

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David Bingham and Alan Milligan hand over a cheque to the Royal Gurkhas for Gurkha Welfare.

## Arran legion members meet Gurkhas

On Tuesday October 27, four members of the Royal British Legion on Arran travelled to Kentikern House in Glasgow to present a cheque for £500 to the Gurkha Welfare.

There to meet them were eight members of the Royal Gurkhas including Major David Ronaldson, Captain

Kamansing Rana, WO1 Imprasad Gurung, WO2 Suraj Gurung, C/Sgt Anil Gurung, Sgt Suren Limbu, Sgt Surerdra L Limbu and Cpl Krishna KC. Representing the Arran Branch were chairman David Bingham, Jeni Faulkner, Alan and Gordon Milligan.

During a briefing by the

Gurkhas the Arran group were given details of their 200 years of history, traditions, past and present operations of the Gurkhas and the difference between life in Nepal and Glasgow. A return visit to Arran Royal British Legion could be a possibility next summer. Other £500

cheques have been delivered to Erskine Hospital and Combat Stress at Hollybush House, and the residents and visitors to Arran are all thanked for their contributions to the main charities of the Arran Branch of the Royal British Legion during 2009.

Alan Milligan PRO

## Banner photo competition winners

Last week we showed the winners of the Arran Banner 2009 photo competition with their prizes of Taste of Arran hampers.

Now the two runners-up have each received prizes of a year's subscription to the Banner's sister magazine Scottish Field.

Rosemary Hitchin of Canterbury won the Scottish Field for a year for her photograph of

the 12 Apostles at Catacol and Maggie Carson of Edinburgh won hers for a close-up of her Schnauzer dog Beano taken at Coirre an Lochan.

Congratulations to the winners and good luck next time to all those who so nearly made it.

Don't forget, it's never too soon to get snapping for the 2010 competition.

## Auchrannie winter bowls

The indoor bowling winners in October were as follows:

Tuesday 6 October: C Haggarty, C Weir, R Smith and J Wilson. Thursday 8 October: I Wilson, S Allan and J Lauder. Tuesday 13 October: L Hendry, R Smith and J McGovern. Thursday 15 October: C Steed, C Hendry and D Hendry. Tuesday 20 October: J McConnachie, I Wilson and

P McCalla. Thursday 22 October: S Allan, P McCalla and C Haggarty. Tuesday 27 October: J Haggarty, R Smith and A Hobbs. Thursday 29 October: M Megarrell, M Spence and C Haggarty.

The group were pleased to welcome three holidaymakers from Whiting Bay and hope that they enjoyed their game at Auchrannie.

### Corrie Film Club

Film of the Month: Les Demoiselles de Rochefort (French with English subtitles) Cert. PG

This month's Corrie Film Club offering is director Jacques Demy's 1967 large-scale tribute to the Hollywood musical featuring screen legend Gene Kelly.

The plot centres on twin sisters, Delphine and Solage (played by real life sisters, Catherine Deneuve and Françoise Dorleac) who, tired of their hum-drum existence, dream of finding success and romance in Paris with hilarious and highly entertaining results. The effect is pure Shakespearian farce, with witty dialogue and lyrics by Demy, a magnificent jazz score by Michel Legrand and an effervescent celebration of life that will captivate and uplift.

If this sounds just what you need to liven up your November, then come to Corrie and Sannox Village Hall this Sunday. Bring a bottle to share if you like.

### Lamlash Bridge Club

The results from Monday 2 November were as follows: N/S 1 P Adamson and E McConnell +2490, 2 E McNiven and E Paul +1220, 3 A Carr and T Martin +880.

E/W 1 I McArthur and E McKellar +380, 2 J and J Beattie +10, 3 J McBride and E Sillars -90.

### Lochranza and Catacol Village Hall 200 Club

The winners of the October draw were: First prize Gillian Langley and second prize Andrew Carpenter.

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# THE ARRAN BANNER

## Bonfire night has lost its sparkle

Arran's MP Katy Clark told The Arran Banner this week that she wants to see a complete ban on the sale of fireworks.

She believes that only those involved in organised displays by specially licensed organisations should be able to buy them to keep them out of reach of children.

While there have already been significant restrictions placed on the sale of fireworks in this country it is still legal for adults over the age of 18 to buy them in the run up to specific events such as Bonfire Night and New Year's Eve.

In order to put her argument across Katy said that more than half of all injuries caused by fireworks happen to children.

She also said that these injuries coupled with the nuisance that setting off fireworks can often cause to neighbours as well the damage that fireworks can cause to wildlife means that it is time for tougher action to be taken.

Is it possible that Bonfire Night could be losing its appeal because of this new legislation banning the sale of fireworks to under-18s? Initial figures show that sales of fireworks are down 73 per cent on last year. That is quite a big drop.

Some manufacturers believe that November 5 celebrations are being muted because more people are putting their energies into Hallowe'en.

The increasing popularity of American-style Hallowe'en celebrations seems to have affected the excitement surrounding the fifth of November.

In Slough the traditional bonfire has been banned from the council's fireworks display because it is not considered environmentally friendly.

Officials claim the smoke produced by burning the fire and an effigy of Guy Fawkes is at odds with their efforts to promote greener policies.

Unbelievably bonfires have already been banned by a number of other councils because of health and safety fears.

Bonfire Night is a unique British celebration embedded in the political history of the country.

Even now, 400 years after the gunpowder plot to blow up the Houses of Parliament was foiled, preparations for every Bonfire Night celebration includes making a dummy of Guy Fawkes to be burned atop the fire. For most of us Bonfire Night is simply the one occasion of the year where we get to stand around a big fire and marvel at the beautiful sparks in the sky.

Here on Arran we have to make sure that politicians don't succeed in taking the fun out of Bonfire Night, so that generations to come will remember the fifth of November.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob." He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war any more.' (Isaiah 2: 3-4)

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## Letters to the Editor



### Monopoly happiness

Sir,  
After reading your story 'Graham takes chance on Arran Monopoly set' in last week's Banner I would like to think that as a whole this would be a good thing.

It would be a great way of advertising businesses and promoting the beautiful and idyllic villages on the island.

Equally it should be used to encourage children and nature lovers to appreciate the wonderful wildlife available on Arran; red squirrels, badgers, deer, seals and of course the eagles at Lochranza as this is also an important part of your island economy.

And can the Banner clarify if there is any truth in the rumour, that instead of going to jail, in the Arran game CalMac will transport you to the colony of Ardrossan as

the punishment.

Yours,  
**Bob McCaw  
Inchinnan**

### Supporting island youth

Sir,  
Yet again you have surpassed yourselves and produced a nice piece of editorial revealing the potential of the young people of this island.

Currently in my role as Business Gateway business advisor I have a growing group of young business start ups with lots of enthusiasm and talent and the will to escape the prison of unemployment.

They are in turn supported by a group of more mature start-ups and existing businesses seeking to launch and improve their business.

Our next networking event is a 'Cheese and Wine' in

the Ormidale Pavilion on November 17 at 7.30pm.

Invitations are in the post.

Thank you for your help and support of Business Gateway and your continued support of the young people of this island.

Yours,  
**Derek Shand  
Managing director  
ArranShand Business Development Services Ltd**

### Save Sannox Church

Sir,  
Has there been any progress to kick-start the Save Sannox Church campaign or is there a complete lack of interest in this activity?

The response, as far as I know, has been painfully sparse.

The Reverend Waters would appear to have thrown in the towel before the fight has

begun!

It would indeed be a pity if we cannot generate action and publicity to try and save such a beautiful and historic church.

Some history is always interesting but the comments from Scott McMurray of Brodick has a positive ring and deserves official discussion, and I hope he can spearhead the birth of a revival of Sannox Church.

Crack on Scott!

Historic roots are highly important for the majority – has there been a response from the Canadians of Megantic County? I am confident of a good outcome and maybe the current three names shown in support will swell to 303 soon.

Yours,  
**Edward Jackson  
71 Buchanan Drive  
Bearsden**



Married in her grandparent's garden at Birchdene Cottage, Kings Cross on September 18 were Laura Beaton, granddaughter of the late David and Christine Thomson of Kings Cross and Chris McColl, son of Hugh and June McColl from Johnstone, Renfrewshire. The couple honeymooned in an old oast house in Kent.

Laura Nicholson and Graeme Hood were married at the Auchrannie Hotel in Brodick on Tuesday 22 September. They live with their son, Theo, in Lamlash.



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Top Gear's Richard Hammond with Andrew Driver at Donnington Brewery. b45ear01no

## Top Gear treat for Arran's Andrew

Arran man Andrew Driver met one of his heroes last week when Top Gear presenter Richard Hammond dropped into his brewery workplace.

Andrew, formerly of Whiting Bay, lives in the Cotswolds and works at Donnington Brewery near Stow on the Wold, described as 'the most picturesque brewery in Britain'. Hammond and the Top Gear team were at the brewery to film road testing of the Paganì Zoda F, one of the fastest supercars in the world.

The car has a 7.3 litre V12 engine with a top speed of

220 miles per hour and can go from 0 to 60 mph in just 3.6 seconds. It also costs a cool £950,000.

### Approachable

Andrew said that the car was brought to the brewery grounds on the back of a low-loader lorry and the team were all very approachable.

However, he was disappointed not to have a shot in the car, but maybe he would have had trouble fitting inside it.

The Top Gear programme featuring the Paganì Zoda will be screened in Spring next year.

## Fairtrade night in Brodick Hall

For a flavour of ethically-produced chocolate and wine, people are urged to come along to Brodick Hall tonight, Friday November 6 at 7.30pm.

Fairtrade Arran is holding a special Christmas exhibition and will be offering a selection of cheese and Fairtrade wine and chocolate.

At the reception there will be a display of produce available on the island. Arran achieved Fairtrade status last year and there are now over 60 outlets and users here. Highlight

of the evening will be a 78-minute film called 'Black Gold' which gives an insight into the world coffee market and the difficulties faced by small producers in Africa and South America.

### Ideas

Organiser Graham Tinto said: 'The idea of this event is to get Arran folk thinking of Christmas and gift ideas. By getting Fairtrade products you can experience a feelgood factor and spread a little benefit at the same time.'

# Arran ferry to promote mouth cancer action

NHS Ayrshire and Arran's Dental Health Promotion Department will be onboard the MV Caledonian Isles today (Friday) to raise awareness of Mouth Cancer Action Month.

The event onboard the ferry will run from 9.15am until 2.40pm during crossings between Brodick and Ardrossan.

Passengers will be able to take part in competitions while learning about oral health issues.

In the UK mouth cancer is

diagnosed in more than 5,000 people annually and leads to the deaths of almost 2,000 people each year – one death every five hours.

### Doubt

The campaign - running during November - features the tagline 'If in doubt, get checked out' which urges the public to visit their dentist for oral screening. Professional check-ups and regular self-examinations are the best way to detect early signs of mouth cancer. Early diag-

nosis saves lives, improving survival chances from just half of cases to more than 90 per cent.

Early warning signs include ulcers that do not heal in three weeks, red and white patches in the mouth and unusual changes in the mouth.

Lynne Thomson, North Ayrshire's senior oral health promoter said: 'We are delighted to get involved in Mouth Cancer Action Month in North Ayrshire. It is vital that people are aware of the risks.'

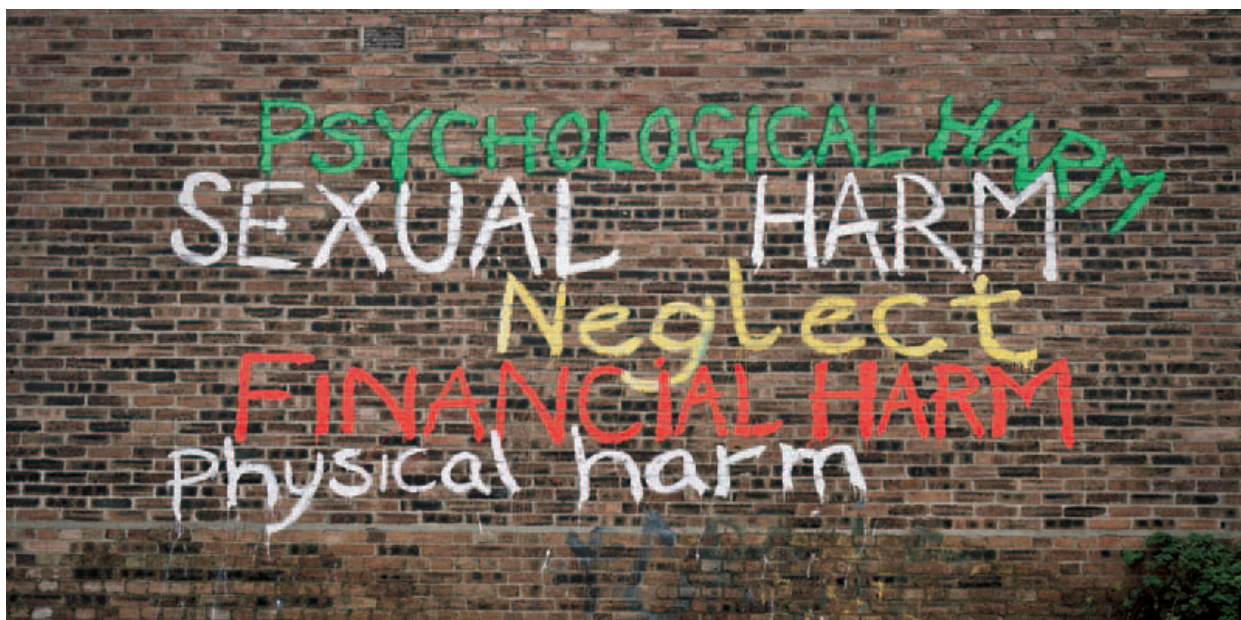
## Hallowe'en lunch success

The annual Red Cross Halloween lunch took place at the Kinloch Hotel in Blackwaterfoot last Thursday.

John Rankin, the organizer from the Ayr office, gave a most interesting account of his work and the guests were amusingly and professionally entertained by three well known ladies from Arran, Margaret Anderson, Jean Bowden, and Sheila Gilmore.

A magnificent sum of £1211.55 was raised.

The Committee would like to thank everyone who participated to make this such a successful event.



## Act against harm

Throughout Scotland, adults are at risk from all kinds of harm. Thankfully, there's now a new law to help and support people who find it hard to protect themselves.

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# A happy Arran Hallowe'en!

Parties all over the island as children, and adults, show off their amazing costumes and get into the spirit of the season

There was some ghoulish going on all around Arran at the weekend as scores of Halloween parties took place on the island.

Children as young as three got into the spirit of the celebration by dressing up and bobbing for apples at nursery school while older kids dressed up and went trick-or-treating on Saturday night.

Adults celebrated Halloween too at parties in the Auchranrie Spa, The Ormidale Hotel and Mac's Bar in Brodick and in the Lamlash Bay Hotel.

On all Hallows Eve itself despite a forecast of heavy showers and gales the weather conditions were perfect.

**Guisers**

The dry, clear, still night brought guisers out onto the village streets in considerable numbers.

Some households reported less ghoulish visitors than usual in Lamlash and Whiting Bay but the Banner came across them in large numbers in Brodick.

Hundreds of youngsters attended the Arran Youth Forum

disco in Brodick Hall and were suitable dressed for the occasion in a colourful array of costumes.

The trend for each village to hold a Halloween party continued this year with gatherings in Kildonan and Kilmory halls and in primary schools across the island.

**Goodies**

But the youngsters still love to go from door to door, giving their ghostly party ditties or poems and receiving simple goodies such as fruit, nuts and sweets.



Courtney Cummings, Alice Aitken and Ellie Wood at the Brodick party on Friday night. 01\_b45ha106



Sarah Simpson and Courtney Taylor. 01\_b45ha112

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Isla McKelvie and Frazer McKinnon at Brodick Nursery's party. 01\_b45ha102



Alfie Robinson, Carter Chappell and Aidan Hewie got all dressed up for the Brodick Nursery Halloween party. 01\_b45ha101



Enjoying the Brodick Primary School Halloween party were Dominic Menzies and Megan McNicol. 01\_b45ha107



Tilly Ford, Sarah Gillingham, Jordan Lyle and Autumn Smythe in their colourful costumes at the Lamlash Hallowe'en party. 01\_b45hal08



Ben Leslie and Reece Currie at the Lamlash party. 01\_b45hal09



In Lamlash Lori Young, Hannah Currie and Hannah Bone joined the fun. 01\_b45hal10



The ghoulish helpers at the Kildonan Hallowe'en party. 01\_b45hal16



Megan Ingham, Julie Allison, Gabrielle Allison and Lina Locatelli enjoying themselves at the party in Lamlash. 01\_b45hal11

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The Kilmory kids enjoyed a fabulous party in the village hall. 01\_b45hal13



Cailean Stewart and Alice Lockhart at the Kildonan Halloween party. 01\_b45hal15



Two pretty little witches in Kildonan, Lori Miller and Lois Ashley. 01\_b45hal17



Megan McGill and Rose McCormack were all dressed up for a night out in Brodick on Saturday night. 01\_b45hal18



Mirin Ashley and Jessica Miller at the Kildonan party. 01\_b45hal19

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Sergeant Bob MacKay with a very ugly looking character on Saturday night. Below the mask was Ian Small of Brodick. 01\_b45pol05

# The Arran Banner 20 years ago

## Saturday, November 4, 1989

### On the rocks again

For the second time in just over a fortnight NATO navies have been left with red faces on Arran's coastline.

When a US Navy commando powerboat ran aground at Dougarie last Tuesday night it was not so public or so spectacular as HMS Brecon's unscheduled visit to the rocks in Brodick bay the week before.

But nevertheless it was sufficiently embarrassing to the US Navy for them to want the evidence removed as soon as possible.

The two-crew men were unable to refloat her so the Arran Coastguard were called.

### Celebrating age

More than 30 exhibits and demonstrations aimed at the over 50s packed the Lamlash Community Centre on Friday under the title 'Celebrating Age'.

Organised by the Arran Information and Advice Service the idea was to demonstrate all options open to people who are not as young as they used to be.

The range went from hobbies, sport and finance to health.

One exhibitor said later that the most frequent expression of praise she heard was: 'I hope they're going to do this every year.'

### New language teacher

Mrs Jennifer Pattenden has joined the modern language department at Arran High School that has been short of a permanent French teacher for some time.

Originally from Ayr, Mrs Pattenden has taught in the south of England for 17 years but has been seeking a post on Arran for the last eight.

### Pool plans reconsidered

Plans to build a swimming pool at Arran High School have gone 'back for reconsideration' after the projected cost doubled.

When first planned a couple of years ago the expected cost was to be around £150,000 but tenders are now in at almost £300,000.

Councillor Fergus Clarkson said he will be pushing for the project to go ahead but added: 'There was never any promise made that the pool would be rebuilt.'

### DJ unhurt

A southend disc jockey and his four passengers escaped injury last Sunday when the car in which they were travelling left the road on a bend a mile south of Whiting Bay and fell down a steep embankment.



Gareth Bremner and Craig Lyndsey dressed up as clowns. b45twe04



Craig and Jamie Sillars of Brodick were dressed as a robber nicked by a policeman. b45twe03



Seeking 'peace man' as two hippies on Hallowe'en night were Haley Paterson and Ashley Dwyer both of Lamlash. b45twe05



Lee Little and Iain Keen dressed as a monkey and a ghost buster for Hallowe'en. b45twe02



Jennifer Pattenden has joined the modern language department at Arran High School. b45twe01

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Last week Archie was sitting outside Drimla Lodge in Kildonan.

Kate and Ronnie of Bearsden said: 'Hey Archie; you're at Drimla Lodge. Go Archie!'

Also correct were Alan and Jack Hollick, Stuart, Judith and Shep, Fiss, Fiona and Sarafan from California. This week he is on the forest track. But which track? 02\_b45arc01



## Quiz winners

Two prizewinners were drawn from the five people who sent in correct solutions to the 2009 RNLI quiz. First prize was won by Fergus Stirling of Cambuslang and second prize by Dick Marshall of Glasgow. The answers will be posted in the RNLI shop in Lamash. The shop will be open on Saturday mornings from 10.30am to 12.30pm in the run up to Christmas.

## Family social nights

The weekly family social nights in Kildonan Village Hall will resume this Tuesday evening at 6.30pm until 8pm.

There will be a variety of activities for all ages such as table tennis, darts, music, board games and thanks to a generous donation from Kildonan Hall there will soon be a pool table. Kids of all ages are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult. The night is free and refreshments will be available to purchase on the night. Call 820314 for further information.

## Arran rotary guests welcomed

Last week Arran's Rotary Club had a visit from two special guests.

They were Anne McGrattan from Ardrossan and Saltcoats, and David Walsh from Largs Rotary Club.

Anne is head of the James McFarlane School, which the Arran Club has been raising funds for. Smudge, Mairi Christie's well-known dog, also did a sponsored swim to add to Arran's contribution making £409 in all.

Anne and David gave a very interesting talk about the work the school did with these seri-

ously disabled children and showed a DVD which illustrated the splendid work being done in the school.

Arran children could also benefit from this school if required. The film included details of the soft room that the donation will help to cover.

The evening was interesting, entertaining and full of hope for these children who start life with more difficulties than most. Anne and David were presented with Arran Rotary banners, one of which will be hung in James McFarlane School.



Rotarians David Walsh and Anne McGrattan, with Mairi Christie, President of the Arran Rotary Club, centre.

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BAR HOURS

12noon until 9pm



Siblings Jon and Kirstie Smith battling for a place in the annual conker championship final in Kilmory Hall last Sunday.

## Cracking competition for conker fans

Conker fanatics went head to head last Sunday for a crack at the 2009 Kilmory Hall Conker Championship title.

The conkers were smashed in hard-fought battles by players of all ages during the fourth annual conker competition in the hall.

Dan Goronwy from Corrie took the overall title after he smashed the conker of opponent Jon Smith with his trusty clogs.

The afternoon began at 2pm when a group of locals, who pride themselves on their conker bashing skills, gathered in the middle of the hall

determined to destroy their opponent.

Arranged on the stage was a pile of conkers ready to be bashed.

When the competition started 10 people battled to win their game.

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

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

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

'The game is over when the conker is rendered unusable in

further competition.'

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

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

### Final

Eventually siblings Kirstie and Jon Smith battled it out for a place in the final.

Mum Maureen said: 'Jon and Kirstie battled it out in a bout that lasted almost 30 minutes, overseen by the extremely impartial umpire, Nick Underdown.'

'So determined were each of them to win the semi-final that Jon shielded himself by keeping his jacket on, whilst Kirstie went all out and suffered multiple bruising to her arms as a result of the battle.'

Despite her valiant effort, Kirstie was narrowly beaten by her older brother who has many more years experience.

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Line up of winners at last Saturday's first winter points of the season at Cairnhouse. 02\_b45hor01

Megan MacAlister and Ally. 02\_b45hor02

# Great turnout for first Cairnhouse winter points

The first Winter Points of the season got under way last Saturday at Cairnhouse stables, Blackwaterfoot.

Twenty-two competitors took part on a nice bright sunny day for a pleasant change.

Fourteen were forward for the Wobblies with 10 clear in the first round, 11 in the second and the following seven earning themselves their first three points on the leader board; Lori Young, Nicola MacAlister, (Sindy), Hazel Ramage, Ailsa McMillan, Nicola (Bing), Isla Yuill and Bethany Walsh.

Hannah Bone rode Lilly round in a fabulous time of 28.71 seconds to pick up the five points on offer for the fastest double clear. Congratulations go to Katie Morrison and Bethany for doing so well at their first winter points. Katie rode a clear round in the first class and just had four faults in the second, while Bethany rode a double clear on Brambles.

Sixteen entered in the novice class. Eleven made it round clear to a jump off against the clock over the raised and shortened course. Katie Banatyne, back riding the love of her life, Owen, was drawn first to go and rode a fantastic clear in 27.38 seconds.

Hannah was not too far away and rode some great turns to come home clear in 28 seconds to collect the blue ribbon.

Hazel, riding Sally Hunt-

er's Fran was a close third on 28.81 seconds and Amie Latona riding the youthful Merlin, who looks fantastic at 20 years young, was fourth in 29.69 seconds.

Lori and her own Dreamer, riding at their first winter points, rode a super clear in 30.13 to pick up two points and Laura Tulloch had a good clear in 34.44 seconds with Summer for a valuable point on the leader board.

Fifteen were entered in the Mini Challenge where the riders have to choose their own course over the fences which have allocated points.

The 100 fence is the most difficult at two feet three inches.

### Whizzed round

Laura was the first rider to successfully jump the 100 both ways and returned with a top score of 310. Hazel was in next and she jumped nine fences in the 30 seconds allowed and came home on 345. Amie was just ten points adrift with a score of 335 that was to give her fourth place.

It was last year's champion Megan MacAlister who came in and whizzed round over a well thought-out course that won the class with a top score of 375 and earned herself the six points on offer.

Emma Hill went into joint second place with Hazel on a score of 345 and Amy Downard picked up a point with Malake ending on a top score of 295.

Out of the 12 forward in

the two feet six inches Clear Round class the following six went round clear for a rosette and three points; Hannah, Amie L, Katie Megan, Amy D and Isla.

The first Duster Badge of the competition went to Emma when she parted company with Summer in spectacular style and landed on her feet.

The last class of the day was the Cairnhouse Challenge with the 100 at three feet three inches. Laura was drawn first to go and came home on a top score of 200 having jumped the 100 one way and four other fences.

Katie and Owen, who look as if they are going to be a

force to be reckoned with this season, flew round by the seat of their pants to come home on a fabulous 360 which was to prove unbeatable.

Megan was very close on her heels and scored 350 with her own Ally to go into second place. Amy D and Malake were third with a score of 340 and poor Emma had another tumble from Summer but still managed to score 230 which put her into fourth spot.

Hannah was having a good day and picked up another point coming sixth with a score of 145. The next show is planned for Sunday November 22, weather permitting.

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## EVERYDAY

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Auchrannie Spa & Gym

## SATURDAY 7th NOVEMBER

Blackwaterfoot Junior Football  
Karate  
Family Games Kids & Adults  
Fun in the Spa Pool  
Over 21s Disco  
Arran Dancers (4 years and up)  
Youth Cafe (High School Pupils)  
Folk session  
Youth Cafe (High School Pupils)  
Saturday Social  
Lamlash Cubs Bag Pack  
Bonfire and Fireworks  
Save The Children Xmas Fayre  
Folk Music  
Cllr Currie Surgery  
RNLI shop open  
Fitzwilliam String Quartet Concert

Coaching, 10.30am - noon  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am - 12.30pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm  
Auchrannie Pool, 4pm - 5pm  
The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
Arran High School, 10am  
Brodict Church Hall, 7pm - 9pm  
Kildonan Hotel, 9pm  
Brodict Church Hall, 7pm - 9pm  
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 6pm - Late  
Brodict Co-Op, 10am - 3pm  
Front Green, Lamlash 6.30pm  
Brodict Hall, 10.30am - 1.30pm  
Kildonan Hotel, 9pm  
Brodict Library, 1.45pm - 2.30pm  
Lamlash Pier 10.30 till 12.30  
Brodict Hall, 7.30pm

## SUNDAY 8th NOVEMBER

Alcoholics Anonymous  
Family Games Kids & Adults  
Folk Session  
Fun in the Spa Pool  
Arran Fiddle Club- Childrens Classes  
Folk Session  
Motocross Practice (Weather Permitting)  
Les Demoiselles de Rochefort (French with English subtitles) Cert. PG

Church Hall, Brodict, 4.30pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm  
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
Auchrannie Pool, 4pm - 5pm  
Library Annexe, 1.45pm  
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
Southbank Farm track, 6pm - 7.30pm  
Corrie Hall, 8pm

## MONDAY 9th NOVEMBER

Senior Fitness  
Over 50's Badminton  
Badminton  
Cardiac Rehab  
Circuit Training  
Citizens Advice  
AB Attack  
Aerobics Class  
Weight Wise  
Ladies Netball  
Arran Junior Football Club Coaching & Games  
Lamlash Bridge Club  
Kickboxing  
Badminton Club

Auchrannie 9.30AM - 10.30am (Gym)  
Lochranza Village Hall 2pm - 4pm  
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm  
Auchrannie Gym 12.30pm - 2pm  
Auchrannie Spa, 6pm - 7.15pm (Gym)  
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KA Leisure, fitness suite 6.30pm - 6.50pm  
KA Leisure, dance studio, 6pm - 7pm  
Hospital Bungalow, 5pm - 5.30pm  
High School Sports Hall - Seniors 8pm - 9pm  
Ormidale Park, 6pm  
Lamlash Golf Clubhouse, 7.15pm  
KA Leisure, dance studio, 7pm - 8.30pm  
Auchrannie Spa, 7.30pm - 9.30pm

## TUESDAY 10th NOVEMBER

Lochranza Swimming Club  
Army Cadets  
Pop Quiz  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
Citizens Advice  
Pulmonary Rehab  
Open Music Session

Kinloch 11am - 12pm  
Auchrannie Road, 7.30pm - 9.30pm  
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
Brodict Church Hall - 2pm  
Open 10am - 2pm 4 - 6pm (Appointment Only)  
Auchrannie Gym 12pm - 1pm (Gym)  
Catacol Bay Hotel, 8.30pm

Indoor Bowling  
Junior Hockey Club  
Brodict Toddler Group  
Body Conditioning Class  
Youth Club  
Senior Fitness  
Step Aerobics  
Rotary Club  
Scottish Country Dancing  
Winter Bowling  
Indoor Bowling  
Family Socail Evening

Auchrannie Hall, 7pm  
Ormidale Pavillion, 6-7pm  
Church Hall, 10am - 12pm  
KA Leisure, dance studio 6pm - 7pm  
Kildonan Hall - 6pm  
Auchrannie, 10am - 11am  
Auchrannie Gym, 7pm - 8pm  
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie 7.15pm  
Brodict Church Hall, 7.30pm  
Auchrannie, 7pm  
Corrie & Sannox Hall, 2pm - 4pm  
Kildonan Hall, 6.30pm - 8pm

## WEDNESDAY 11th NOVEMBER

Hockey  
Jnr Rugby Training  
Aquaflizz  
Circuit Training  
Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy  
Kickboxing  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
Arran Rugby Club Seniors Training  
Arran Brass Rehearsal  
Selt Making Class  
Beavers  
Yogalates  
Pre school Music & Drama Classes  
Corrie & Sannox Wednesday Club - Holy Isle  
Quiz Night

Auchrannie Hall, 7pm - 8pm (Games Hall)  
P4 - S4 Ormidale Park, 6pm - 7.15pm  
Auchrannie Hotel, 9.45am - 10.30am (Hotel Pool)  
Auchrannie, 6pm - 7.15pm (Gym)  
10.30 - 12.30pm & 1.30 - 3.30pm  
KA Leisure, dance studio, 7pm - 8.30pm  
Lamlash Church Hall - 7.30pm - 9pm  
Ormidale Park, 7.30pm  
Whiting Bay Hall 7.15pm  
Shipfield, Lamlash, 10am - 4pm  
High School, Lamlash 6.15pm - 7.15pm  
Auchrannie Gym, 10am - 11am  
Auchrannie Dance Studio, Various Time  
Correi & Sannox Village Hall, 2pm - 4pm  
Eden Lodge Hotel Whiting Bay, 8.30pm

## THURSDAY 12th NOVEMBER

Senior Fitness  
Step Aerobics  
General Knowledge Quiz  
Citizens Advice  
Lochranza Craft Club  
Coffee Morning  
Cardiac Rehab  
Table Tennis  
Legs, Bums & Tums Class  
Indoor Bowling  
Cricket Practice  
Smoking Cessation Group  
Brodict Embroidery Group  
Youth Club  
Cubs  
The Wee Blether  
Brodict Bridge Club  
Junior Scottish Country Dancing (P3 - P7)  
Winter Bowling  
Scouts  
Corrie & Sannox SWRI - Arran Federation Rally  
Quiz

Auchrannie 9.30am - 10.30am  
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Hall, 2pm  
St Molios Church 10.30am - 12pm  
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Kildonan Hall, 3pm - 5pm  
KA Leisure, gameshall, 6.30pm - 7.15pm  
Auchrannie Hall 7pm  
Sannox Oval, 6pm  
Ormidale Pavillion, 11am - 12pm  
Brodict Library 7.30pm - 9.30pm  
Youth Cabin, Lamlash 7-9pm  
Shiskine Hall 6.30-8pm  
Whiting Bay Hall, 11.30am - 1.30pm  
Brodict Golf Clubhouse 7.15pm  
Lamlash Church Hall, 6pm - 7pm  
Auchrannie, 7pm  
Shiskine Hall 8-9.30pm  
Corrie & Sannox Village Hall, 2pm  
Kinloch Hotel, 9pm

## FRIDAY 13th NOVEMBER

Arran Pipe Band Practice  
Aquaflizz  
Citizens Advice  
Quiz  
Over 21's Disco  
Yogalates  
Street Dance  
Seniors Badminton (Over 50s)  
Arran Ceilidh Dance Group  
Lamlash Friday Club  
Foundations at The Cabin  
Open Folk Night  
Arran Quiz Charity Cup

Brodict Hall, 7.30pm  
Auchrannie Pool, 9.45am - 10.30am  
Open 10am - 2pm  
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 9pm  
The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
Auchrannie Gym, 10am - 11am  
Auchrannie Gym, 7pm - 8pm  
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 2pm  
Corrie Hall, 8pm - 10pm  
Lamlash Church Hall, 2pm - 3.30pm  
The Cabin, 7pm - 9pm  
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 9.30pm  
Drift Inn, 8pm

## SATURDAY 14th NOVEMBER

Quiz  
Winter Sale of Work  
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Catacol Bay Hotel, 8.30pm  
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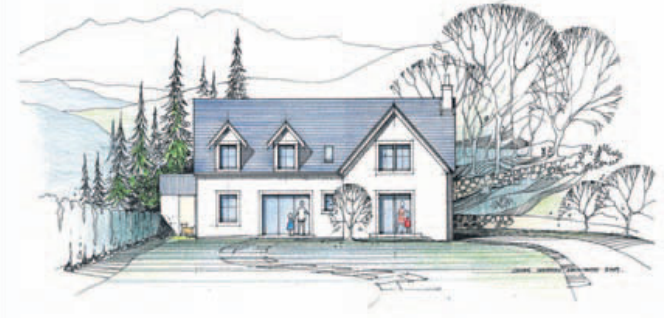
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 A Housing & Property Officer is required to provide a range of housing and related services to Trust's tenants on the Isle of Arran. You will have the ability to manage a wide and diverse workload, including allocations, rent account management, property and estate management and planned maintenance. In addition, you will provide line management supervision and support to staff in sheltered and amenity housing developments on Arran.  
 You will be able to demonstrate excellent written and oral communication skills and be computer literate (MS Word, Excel and Outlook). Knowledge and understanding of Supporting People issues, Housing Benefit and the Care Commission Standards would be useful, but not essential. You will require to be based on Arran during the working week. Assistance with relocation may be considered where necessary.  
 For an informal discussion, please contact Mary Pritchard, Manager, on 01770 303700.  
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**CHURCH NOTICES**

**ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**  
**Sunday 1 November**  
 (Church is on the road between Machrie & Blackwaterfoot) Shiskine 11am  
 Sunday School meets in the Church Hall  
 Brodick 7pm (Church is behind Post Office)  
 Rev David Karoon  
 All welcome

**HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
 Vigil Mass: 7.30pm  
 Sunday Morning Mass 11am

**WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH**  
**Sunday 8 November**  
 Worship for Remembrance Sunday will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson beginning at AWMH at 10.55am where the wreath will be laid and the 2 minute silence observed. There will be a shortened service in the Church immediately afterwards.  
 The Young People can go straight to the Hall to begin their usual activities at 10.55am or join the congregation at the War Memorial. There will be a retiring offering in aid of the Earl Haig Fund. All welcome. Tea and coffee will be served in the Transept from 10.15am and then again after the service.  
 There will be a service of Remembrance in the Arran War Memorial Hospital at 1.30pm to which all are welcome.

**SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
 (in full communion with the Church of England)  
 St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.  
**Sunday 8 November**  
 Remembrance Sunday  
 Holy Communion, 10.55am  
 Mrs Janis Gallagher  
 Coffee after service.  
**Wednesday, 11 November**  
 Holy Communion  
 12.15 pm.  
 All Welcome..

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**  
 Kilmory linked with Lamlash  
 "A faith to proclaim ~ a fellowship to share"  
**Sunday 8 November**  
 Rev. Gillean Maclean  
 Kilmory 10am  
 Lamlash 11.30am  
 In both churches  
 All welcome, including families; children's area

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**ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND (continuing)**  
**Sunday 8 November**  
 7pm  
 Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick  
 Evening Service, 7pm  
 5 Glen Road, Brodick  
 All welcome

**ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH.**  
 Ormidale Pavilion  
 Brodick.  
**Sunday 8 November**  
 10.45am Communion  
 Tea and coffee from 11.10am  
 11.30am For all the family  
 Speaker: Rev Willie Wright  
 Everyone very welcome

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**  
 North Arran: Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirnmill and Shiskine.  
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**Minister**  
 Rev Angus Adamson.  
**Parish Asst**  
 Mrs Jean Hunter.  
 Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times. to which all are invited - Families, young people and children welcome  
**Sunday 8 November**  
 Brodick War Memorial Service of Remembrance 10am  
 Brodick Church Service 10.30am.  
 Corrie War Memorial Service of Remembrance 12pm  
 Corrie Church service 12.15pm.  
 Pirnmill War Memorial Service of Remembrance 10am  
 Church Service Community Hall 10.15am, incorporating 1 Min silence at 11am.  
 Shiskine War Memorial Service of Remembrance 10am  
 Shiskine Church Service 12.15pm.  
 A service of Worship will also be held in Montrose House at 1.30pm

**RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)**  
 Meeting for worship  
**Sunday 8 November**  
 11am  
 Bheinn Ard North Newton Lochranza.  
 Enquiries to Tessa 830622. All very welcome

**MEMORIAMs**

**Gordon Davidson**  
 Passed over 10th November 2004.  
 You are forever in our thoughts.  
 Mum and Dad.

**DEATHS**

**DUNN - Robert Stewart,** formerly of Isle of Arran and Port Appin, died suddenly on Wednesday, October 28, 2009, Bob Dunn most beloved husband of Rhona. Private ceremony at home followed by cremation at Clydebank Crematorium on Tuesday November 10<sup>th</sup>. No flowers please donations if desired to British Heart Foundation.

**DRAKE - Anna S**  
 Alison, Pat and Richard regret to announce that their much loved mother Anna S Drake passed away peacefully on Thursday 29th October 2009. Formally of Letter House Lamlash, she had been an avid Bridge player, a member of Lamlash and Brodick Bridge Clubs since 1988 until 2006 when, due to failing health, had to leave the island to be closer to her daughter. She will be greatly missed. For Funeral details please contact F E J Green & Sons Funeral Directors, Basildon, Essex. 01268-553133. No flowers. Donations to Age Concern.

**MILLER - Thomas** (Windygates)  
 Suddenly but peacefully at Queen Margaret Hospital, Dunfermline on Tuesday 3rd November 2009, Thomas, aged 66 years, beloved husband of Jean Miller, a loving and much loved father of Gail, Andrew, step-father of Scott and Pamela, dear father-in-law of Alasdair, Gayle, Diane and Frank, a devoted grampa to Callum and Matthew. Sadly missed. Funeral service at Kirkcaldy Crematorium on Wednesday 11th November at 11.45am to which all friends are respectfully invited.

**PERSONALS**

**Happy 70th Birthday Sailor!**  
 Love from Sarah B, Rhonda, Billy, Sarah Jane and family. x

**HAPPY 65TH TEDDY**  
 With love from all the family and friends.

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**Isle of Arran Horticultural Society**  
**AGM**  
 Brodick Library  
 Saturday 7th November  
 2.30pm  
*All welcome*

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Written representations may be made to the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Protective Services) at the address below by 27th November 2009. Any representations received will be open to public view.

\*and at The Council Offices, Lamlash

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008**  
 Notice of application to be published under regulation 20(1)  
 Application No: 09/00693/PP Address: Laggian Farm, Blackwaterfoot, Brodick, Isle Of Arran KA27 8EY Proposed Development: Conversion of disused outbuildings to provide annexe to existing farm house  
 Application No: 09/00736/PP Address: Site To South East Of Arran Deliveries Ltd, Market Road, Brodick Isle Of Arran Proposed Development: Excavation of sloped land to create a level site, creation of new embankment and change of use of land to industrial  
 Application No: 09/00732/PP Address: Corriegills Farm, Corriegills, Brodick, Isle Of Arran KA27 8BL Proposed Development: Erection of 2 one and a half storey semi-detached dwelling houses including demolition of existing farm buildings  
 Application No: 09/00739/PP Address: Lochdean, Lochranza, Brodick, Isle Of Arran KA27 8HJ Proposed Development: Removal of existing annexe including erection of extension to rear of detached dwelling house

Elma Murray  
 Chief Executive  
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**NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**Kinloch Hotel**  
**Saturday 7th November**  
 Due to a wedding taking place on the grounds, the Kinloch Hotel and Leisure Club will be closed all day.  
 No food will be served.  
 The Public bar will remain open for drinks only from 11.30am- Midnight.  
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*Arran Torch Players*  
 Members are reminded that the **Annual General Meeting** will be held on Monday, 16th November, at 7.30pm in Shiskine Church Hall.  
*Please attend if at all possible.*

**SHISKINE HALL**  
**AGM**  
**Wednesday**  
**November 18th**  
 7.30pm in the hall  
*All welcome*

Riding for the Disabled (Arran Group)  
**AGM**  
 Will be held in Brodick Library on Tuesday 17th November 2009 at 7pm.  
 All welcome.  
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*Mandy would like to thank everyone for the lovely cards and presents. Mum and Janice for the surprise party and all the staff at Eilean Mor.*

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## Promotion drive still on

### West Division Two Arran 10 McLaren 3

Arran have moved up the ranks once again in the second division of the Hydro Electric West League after a dogged win over McLaren RFC on Saturday.

Captain Murray Picken hailed the efforts of his players as they crept to third place in the league below Uddingston and Moffat.

'It wasn't great conditions for rugby but I think we coped really well and can be thoroughly proud of our efforts today,' he said.

Playing at their home ground at the Ormidale Park in Brodick, Arran started the game well with the strong wind blowing behind them.

Stand-off Frazer Barr's long lofty kicks gifted the home team some much needed territory in the first minutes of the game.

Arran were the first to grip possession and begin to build phases but it was mistakes

from McLaren that gave them their first points. As the game progressed there were debilitating calls at the breakdown as McLaren players fumbled at the ruck, and this gifted Arran the opportunity to rattle up a 3-0 lead by half-time.

McLaren should have gained points before the break but two uncertain kicks denied them crucial points from penalties.

The second half was an equally tight affair and despite the rain letting up and the game being played in glorious sunshine the wet pitch still hampered both sides' attempts to play running rugby.

#### Stormed

Arran stormed into the second half with a fantastic breakaway try from George De Mendonca.

Converted by Frazer Barr Arran were clearly becoming more confident in the game.

The Arran backs did look dangerous with ball in hand and probably had the better of the second half chances



A dogged display from Arran resulted in a crucial win over McLaren RFC at the weekend.

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but a mixture of some uncompromising McLaren defence and Arran's inability to find that final pass meant the scoresheet remained 10-0.

McLaren's only score of

the game came when Arran conceded on their own 10-metre line but then threw the ball away and the award was marched 10 metres further forward to give McLaren's

marksman a simpler kick which he duly landed.

Arran play away this weekend in a crucial game against Jordanhill who are just behind them in the league.

thanks are due to Whiting Bay for the courtesy of the course, to Susan for her organisation and delicious soup and to Jean Davidson for the sandwiches and for looking after us so well.

1 Ellie Jones 80-14=66 BIH, 2 Lynn Walker 86-20=66, scratch Ellie Jones 80 BIH from Sheena Murchie

**Fixtures:** The next Drumadon is due to be played over Shiskine on the 21 November.

**Whiting Bay Golf Club**  
The AGA Winter League fixture at Machrie Bay was postponed and will now be played on Saturday 7 November. Sunday 8 November, Winter Cup Round 2. Sunday 15 November, friendly match with Lamlash at Whiting Bay.

**Lamlash Golf Club**  
Thursday 29 October, first

of the 15 hole medals, 10 played. 1 W O'Connor 62-16=46, 2 D Wales 57-7=5. The weekend games were washed out again.

**Fixtures:** Every Thursday, 15 hole medal. Sunday 8 November, Stableford at 11am.

**Brodick Golf Club**  
Wednesday Cup: 12 played on another dry

Wednesday with four winners of the roll over magic twos these were Derek Roxburgh, Jim Green, Gordon Sillars and Charlie O'Neill.

The German had a day off away playing some fancy golf course allowing another bandit to emerge - more about that later.

It had been reported from a reliable source that David Reid had taken an intensive course of golf lessons during the summer, the fruits of which are coming through as David scored a creditable net 61 in the sweep. Unfor-

tunately for David this was not good enough to win any money, better luck next time David.

Winning the sweep was Ken Barclay 81-22=59, second was Dougie Robertson 75-15=60 and in third place was Jim Green 80-19=61 on the better inward half from David Reid.

**Corrie Golf Club**  
Saturday October 31, Joe McKenzie. 1 Roy Welford 41, 2 A Smith 40, 3 J McGovern 38.

**Fixtures:** Saturday 6 November, rearranged Winter League match at Machrie. Monday 8 November, Mon-

## Arran Pool League underway

The Arran Pool League has begun for the winter season and already there have been some interesting results.

On Thursday 22 October the results were as follows: PT1934 10 Kildonan 2, Drift 5 teamGoil 7, PHT 5 Catacol 7, Bar Eden 7 Mac's Bar 5.

The results of the matches on Thursday 29 October were: teamGoil 5 PT1934 7, Catacol 5 Drift 7, Kildonan 4 Bar Eden 8, Mac's Bar 2 PHT 10.

#### Meeting

This Sunday there will be a special meeting of the Pool league in the PHT at 2pm.

All subscriptions (£25) for team registrations should be paid on this date.

Also could players please ensure that they bring both names and money for the singles and doubles entrants.

This Thursday (November 12) Mac's Bar play the Drift, Catacol play PT1934, teamGoil take on Bar Eden and Kildonan play the PHT.

day Cup, 12pm start. Saturday 13 November, Winter Cup 12pm start.

**Machrie Bay Golf Club**  
Tuesday 27 October, Winter Cup played from yellow tees. 1 David Price 66, 2 Brian Sherwood 69, 3 Denise Sherwood 71. Scratch David Price 75.

**Fixtures:** Owing to the cancellation of the Winter League last Sunday which is now being played on Saturday 7 November, the Lochranza Hotel Cup will now be played on Saturday 14 November tee-off 12pm. Tuesday 10 November, Winter Cup tee-off 12pm.



### Arran Golfers Association

Saturday 7 November, Rescheduled Winter League/Duncan Trophy at Machrie Bay Golf Club. Draw: Machrie v Lamlash at 8.30am, Whiting Bay v Brodick at 9.20am,

Corrie v Shiskine at 11.50am.

The Arran Grouse will now be played on Saturday 21 November with the first tee off at 12pm. The draw remains the same: 12pm Lamlash A/Corrie B, 12.10pm, Whiting Bay A/Brodick B, 12.20pm Corrie A/Brodick A, 12.30pm Lamlash B/Whiting Bay B, 12.40pm Shiskine A/Machrie

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