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Major Spa development for Auchrannie Resort

Extra staff recruited

REPORT

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Auchrannie Resort has announced exciting plans to open a brand new spa facility in time for spring 2013.

Work on the new spa is due to start on Monday 19 November. Scheduled to open by Easter 2013, the new 250m² spa will take over the existing spa shop, ground level concourse and a number of offices.

Richard Small, General Manager said: 'We are all very excited by the creation of a new spa here at Auchrannie and we look forward to welcoming the local community as well as visitors to the island to experience what will we believe will be a superb addition to our facilities.'

Champagne

The complex will include five luxury treatment rooms, chill out zone, nail bar, relaxation area and retail unit. Visitors will be able to relax with a glass of champagne and light snacks from a specially created spa menu. Newly built treatment rooms will provide a warm and calm-

ing environment with individually controlled lighting and music.

Afterwards, guests will be able to select their favourite herbal teas and freshly squeezed juices whilst chilling out in one of the relaxation pods. The treatment menu will include detoxifying wraps, indulgent facials, salt scrubs and a wide range of massages, all designed to ensure users experience the best therapeutic benefits.

New customers

Linda Johnston, Group Director said: 'Bringing a destination spa to Arran has been our aim for a number of years and we're glad to finally see this come to fruition. This development will not only benefit existing customers, but hopefully attract new customers to visit Auchrannie and the island.'

Five extra staff/therapists are being recruited, bringing the team total to nine. The existing shop will be reduced in size and relocated adjacent to the main reception area. Although smaller, it will continue to stock a wide range of favourite brands.



Guising on horseback round Whiting Bay

Local ponies April and Beauty took five young ladies around Whiting Bay last Wednesday on a Halloween trek. From left, Bethany Walsh, Daisy May MacNamara, Lucy Walsh, Kirstie Kerr and Rosie MacNamara are pictured guising outside the Royal Hotel. 02_b45roy01

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The bright yellow pick-up promoting Christmas hampers. 02_b45che01

Santa's bright yellow pick-up

Have you noticed the bright yellow pick-up parked on Brodick seafront?

It would be difficult not to notice it.

The vehicle, adorned with a giant cheese and Santa Claus, is advertising Christmas hampers from the Arran Cheese

Shop. Proprietor Gordon Kiniburgh told the Banner: 'I do feel strongly that Arran folk should support local businesses and buy their Christmas gifts here on the island. It's very important that locals keep money on the island that then goes back into the com-

munity. If they don't, Arran will turn into a ghost town.'

The vehicle is a 1997 Vauxhall Frontera bought specifically for this job from Ebay.

Gordon has painted it in the brightest of yellow, orange and red and parks it on the front during the week.

He added: 'I've had stacks of comments about it -and every one positive!'

Encourage

The plan is to put the vehicle away before Christmas then bring it out again for Easter. 'There are as many shops and attractions at Home Farm and Cladach as there are in Brodick,' said Gordon. 'But we only get about 10percent of the day-trippers coming along here. I want to encourage them to visit us.'

His Vauxhall pick-up is certainly brightening up Brodick.

Brodick Golf Club assault case dropped

The case against an Arran man accused of scarring another man for life in an attack at Brodick Golf Club has been dropped.

Neal Tait, 21, from Brodick, had denied seizing Ian Clark before knocking him down and repeatedly punching and kicking his head and body.

Lamlash man David McAllister, also 21, was given 100 hours community service for his part in the incident after admitting throwing a glass towards Mr Clark, which smashed into his face.

Mr Clark, who was left with reduced vision after the fracas on the club patio in October 2011, told Kilmarnock Sheriff Court two men attacked him after he threw a drink over a girl in an argument.

He said: 'Neal Tait put his hands on my shoulders from behind and said, 'What the f***s going on? I asked him to take his hands off me and he punched me.'

Mr Clark said Tait, of Brathwic Place, ended up on top of him and they were rolling around on the floor.

He earlier told police he had thrown a drink over a girl called Kimberley Kane after she kicked him on the shin during an argument, then Neal Tait intervened.

'I told him to f*** off then he punched me in the face and I fell to the ground. As I was crawling away I was getting

booted in the face, body and legs,' he told officers.

Alex Muir, defending Tait, put it to Mr Clark that his client had been trying to calm the situation down.

Mr Muir said: 'I suggest you were very drunk when this happened and you were aggressive when you were out on the patio. That's why you threw your drink over the girl.' Mr Clark denied this.

Dr Amir Awan, a consultant surgeon at Ayr Hospital, said Mr Clark had stitches for a head injury and was bleeding in one eye from damage to his eyeball and retina, which was detaching itself.

Dr Awan said: 'The severity of the injury was quite

intense. He was kept in overnight then followed up.'

Victoria Hart, prosecuting, asked if the injury could have been caused by a punch to the eye. Dr Awan agreed this was possible.

Miss Hart added: 'Could it also be if someone was hit in the face with a glass, causing it to smash?' The medic replied: 'Yes.'

Miss Hart said she would no longer be seeking a conviction against Tait, who had denied assault to severe injury, permanent disfigurement and permanent impairment.

McAllister, of Monamore Place, admitted culpably and recklessly throwing the glass at Mr Clark.

Wood chip boiler helps to reduce carbon footprint

Since 2011 NHS Ayrshire & Arran has saved more than £¼ million and reduced its carbon footprint through its energy saving initiatives.

These include the installation of a small-scale wood chip boiler at Arran War Memorial Hospital in Lamlash, a medium-sized wood pellet boiler at University Hospital, Ayr and a proposal to install a medium-sized wind turbine in the grounds of Ailsa Hospital.

There is also an ongoing programme for replacement of internal and external fluorescent lighting with energy

efficient LED lighting.

As a result of these initiatives the organisation's total energy consumption and CO₂ emissions have been significantly reduced and they have saved approximately £262,000.

John Wright, Director of Information and Clinical Support Services, commented: 'Making these savings not only has environmental benefits, but frees up money that can be redirected to improving services for patients.'

'These savings are just the start and we want to continue to be more energy efficient.'

New Northend association to meet

The newly formed Lochranza and Catacol Villagers Association is meeting on Wednesday 5 December at 7pm.

The meeting is intended to take forward projects of improvement to the environment and amenity of the villages, also to offer a forum for the raising of any concerns or issues within the village communities.

All ages and stages within the villages are welcome.

The venue will be confirmed by leaflet posted through every door in the villages, and posters placed in prominent places around the villages.

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Annual SWRI Rural Rally at Kinloch

The ladies of Arran SWRI held their annual Rally at Kinloch Hotel last Thursday night 1 November.

Fifty-five members attended, and as always, the food and service were great.

Alison Burnett, a Shiskine member, is Treasurer of the ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World) and was guest speaker for the night.

Largest

Federation president Mairi Duff said: 'ACWW is the largest international organisation for rural women and supports rural women and

their families through education, training and community development programmes.

Informative

'Alison gave a very informative and entertaining talk on her life and escapades as she holidayed on Arran as a child, growing up, working in various jobs on the island as the family continued to come here every year.

'Alison continued in this vein by linking her experiences in how she got involved with the Women's Institute in Wales where she currently lives, eventually getting in-

involved with the ACWW.

'As a result of working with the ACWW, Alison told us of her experiences and opportunities that she had been able to be involved in elsewhere in the world.

An excellent evening was had by all who were able to attend, and are already looking forward to next year's rally.

Memories

Federation secretary Jerry Arthur added: 'Alison gave a potted version of her connections with and memories of Arran, going back a long way.

That went down well with some of the older members.

'Alison gave us all a little leaflet and some members took a magazine which gives more information and details of how to become a member, either as a group or an individual.

'The night was ably hosted by our new chairman Mairi Duff.

'Thank you to all the ladies who came along, it was a great night as always, but a shame about the lashing rain when we came out of the hotel.'



Federation office bearers and guest speaker at the Kinloch on Thursday night; they are, Anne Pringle, vice president, Alison Burnett, guest speaker, Marilyn Woods, secretary, Vivienne Haigh, central councillor and Mairi Duff, federation president. 01_b45rur01

Red Cross transport service gets vital boost

Arran's Red Cross transport and escort service has just benefited from a grant of over £72,000.

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) has awarded grants totalling almost £130,000 to vital community transport projects, including

the British Red Cross, it has been announced.

At a meeting of SPT's Operations Committee last Friday, it was agreed that grants would be awarded to the British Red Cross Society, the Getting Better Together health initiative and the Coal-

field Community Transport scheme in East Ayrshire.

SPT Vice Chair, Denis McKenna, said: 'These groups carry out vital work, offering support to a wide spectrum of the community, including the elderly and infirm, the unemployed and young people.

Stay involved

'The projects not only help in access to health care but also help people to be able to stay involved in their local community.

'The benefits of these projects go far beyond mere-

ly getting people to and from their destinations on public transport. They have the power to change lives for the better and I am delighted that SPT is able to support these groups in their hugely worthwhile work.'

The grants awarded included £72,480 to the British Red Cross Society to support a community bus service on Arran and a transport/escort service which provides access to health care for vulnerable groups in North Ayrshire and the surrounding area.



Feathered friend pops into the Co-op

There was an unusual visitor to the Co-op store in Brodick last week.

A little red Robin was spotted flying about the shelves and seemed to be dicing with danger by perching in the cat food aisle.

We only hope that he doesn't become cat food himself!

This photo was taken by Nicola Giacomelli.

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New Machrie defibrillator in place

Machrie now has its own public access defibrillator.

Following the installation of these lifesaving machines at Kildonan Village Hall, Lochranza Distillery and Pirmill Shop, one has been installed at Machrie Bay Village Hall.

Northend First Responder and co-ordinator Fiona Laing said: 'The cabinet is situated on the back of the hall at the southern end, next to the fire exit.

'I will be sorting out signs to inform people where it is – it's a bit exposed to the weather to have it on the front wall.'

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Accompanist Douglas Hamilton at the piano with new members Wendy Freeman, John Wilson, Susanne Alberti, Diana Hamilton (conductor), Ruth McEnaney and Sarah Thomson. b45row01

The Rowan Singers welcome new members

The Rowan Singers welcomed some new members this session and five of them were photographed last week along with the conductor Diana Hamilton and accompanist Douglas Hamilton.

They are not performing a Christmas concert in 2012, but are making their audience wait in anticipation until April 2013.

There are several exciting ideas for 2013 so watch this space.

Even better, why not come along and sample the experience for yourself.

The Rowan Singers welcome everyone who wishes to sing and make friends, whether or not they have experience of being part of a choir.

The repertoire is varied and consists of both serious and fun music, from Mozart to Broadway.

The Singers meet in Lamlash Church Hall on Tuesday evenings, from 7.30 to 9.30pm.

Come along and try us out.

Dog training demonstration for students

Sarah Cowan of Kildonan, with the help of her golden retrievers, Corrie and Dazzle, gave the Intermediate 2 Psychology students at the High School a fascinating demonstration of 'clicker' training last Thursday.

This is a way of shaping animal behaviour using the power of reward.

The clicker noise was paired with a treat several times until the dogs quickly started to associate the click with reward.

Encouraged by Sarah, the dogs learned to try out different actions until they were responding to specific requests such as placing their paws on a stool or a box and keeping them there, holding a pole in place and sitting still in spite of people running close by them.

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This technique evidently gets fast results and is used to shape animal behaviour in the film industry. Sarah explained that it builds the dog's confidence in itself and in the owner as it is so easy and effective.

Clicker training

The students had a chance to try out clicker training on each other in a simple seeking game.

Hopefully the ground-breaking discoveries of Ivan Pavlov in the 1920s and the American behaviourist B F Skinner will now be so much clearer to the Psychology students!



Sarah Cowan and dogs Corrie and Dazzle with the Arran High School Psychology students and teacher Juliette Walsh. 02_b45dog02

Local Conservatives launch fight for the Union

Local Conservative Party members and supporters have launched their Party's campaign to keep Scotland part of the United Kingdom.

At a well-attended meeting in Ardrossan Civic Centre on Monday 29 October, Mark McInnes, Director of the Party in Scotland and Bill Grant, a prominent campaigner from Ayr launched Conservative Friends of the Union in North Ayrshire.

Speaking after the meeting Mr McInnes said: 'Since Ruth Davidson launched the national Conservative Friends of the Union campaign in March this year, almost 50,000 Scots have signed up to support it.

'This issue is the most important to face Scotland in our political lifetime and it is important that everyone who cares about Scotland's continuing place in the United Kingdom, participates in the debate and works to achieve a No vote in the autumn of 2014.

North Ayrshire and Arran Conservative and Unionist Chairman, Richard Wilkinson added: 'The phoney war is now over and an agreement has been reached to hold a referendum in two year's time. This will not be a decision that can be changed as we can change a government every five years. It's for keeps.

If you want Scotland to stay part of the UK, get involved in the campaign and make your voice heard. Contact the Conservative Office in Ardrossan (01294 463131) or visit www.bettertogether.net or www.conservativefriendsoftheunion.com

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Scottish Ballet for all ages

Dancers and teachers from Scottish Ballet were on the island for three days last weekend as part of their 'Find your Feet' project.

Throughout this autumn, Scottish Ballet is visiting seven areas of Scotland, starting in Islay and ending in Fort William and Perth.

The project is designed to bring the company's activities to participants of all ages and abilities.

Friday night saw a performance of First Encounter by Modern Ballet students from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland in the Community Theatre at Arran High School.

On Saturday there were classes for children from three years and up to adults at KA Campus, Lamblash and a social evening in Brodick Hall.

Further classes were held on Sunday in Whiting Bay Hall and Brodick Hall, plus a social participation afternoon beginner's ballet class at Auchrannie.



Energetic Creative Dance class for these Arran youngsters. 02_b45ba101



Sixteen girls from P1 to P3 took part in this class in the dance studio at Arran High School, led by teachers Emma-Jane McHenry and Kara McLaughlin. 02_b45ba102

Wind turbine turned down by council

A planning application for a wind turbine at Auchenhew, to the west of Kildonan, has been refused by North Ayrshire Council.

Among the reasons given are that 'by reason of its scale, design, appearance and isolated siting it would intrude upon an area of relatively open countryside, detracting from its natural appearance and scenic quality and establish an undesirable precedent for further unsuitable wind farm development, thereby detracting from the amenity and appearance of the countryside'.

Injured rugby player to become Paralympics swimmer

Medal hopes for brave Daniel

A rugby player who lost his legs when he was struck by a police van on an emergency call in Brodick hopes to become a Paralympics swimmer — after dreaming he was a fish.

Brave Daniel Gallagher, 22, was in a coma for two weeks after the smash in April and made a miracle recovery but is confined to a wheelchair and will never play rugby again.

But he returned home last week following seven months in hospital — and vowed to become a hit in the pool.

Daniel, from Peterhead in Aberdeenshire, said: 'I absolutely love swimming. The first thing I remember after the accident is dreaming I was a fish.'

'It's what I was most looking forward to doing when I got out of hospital.'

'My main ambition is to make it to the Paralympics in 2016 and win a medal.'

He was out with team-mates from Peterhead RFC offshoot Buchan Broncos in Brodick, Arran, following a seven-a-side tournament when disaster struck in April. The police vehicle was going to an emergency call when it hit him.

Celtic fan Daniel was airlifted to Glasgow's Southern General Hospital with serious head injuries but medics were unable to save his legs.

Mum Ann, 43, a health centre administrator, kept a bedside vigil.

Daniel said: 'I don't remember anything about the

accident at all. I just came to in the hospital and wondered what had happened.'

'I tried not to think about what had happened and did whatever the doctors and nurses asked me to do.'

'It's taken a bit of getting used to the changes and I'll miss things like taking the dog for a walk on the beach. But all I can do is get on with my life.'

Lamblash Improvements 50/50 draw

The winner of the Lamblash Improvements 50/50 draw for October was Francis Steel and for November Alastair Syme.



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Guy Fawkes remembered with bonfires around the island

Bonfire night seemed to extend over several nights on Arran this year.

Some villages such as Catacol elected to hold it on Friday, several on Saturday including Whiting Bay and Lamlash and others such as Brodick, Kilmory and Blackwaterfoot on the actual date, Monday 5 November.

In most cases the weather was kind and children and adults alike enjoyed the spectacular displays of fireworks and roaring bonfires with hot soup and sandwiches to complete the occasion.

Local community councillor Brenda Stewart said: 'Lamlash fireworks night run by Lamlash Improvements

Group would like to thank everyone involved, particularly the volunteers who helped build the fire, Hazel McCully who again made the guy and Cameron Bone for driving the tractor and trailer to collect wood.

'Also those who served the food including soup made and donated by Lamlash Bay Hotel and most of all great thanks go to the local firefighters.'

The custom is still to burn an effigy of Guy Fawkes on top of the bonfire. Poor Guy was the leader of a failed conspiracy plot to blow up the House of Lords with 36 barrels of gunpowder and kill the monarch on 5 November 1605.

To this day, the Yeomen of the Guard still search the cellars of the Palace of Westminster before the monarch enters for the State Opening of Parliament.



Three young ladies tucking into toffee apples and hot soup in Whiting Bay. They are Grace Crichton, Hannah Kemp and Lori Prescott. b45whb02



The assembled crowd in Lamlash enjoying the roaring bonfire on the beach. b45lam02 photo Jackie Newman.



A family group at the Whiting Bay bonfire, celebrating a 40th birthday and keeping warm with Aran knitted hats. b45fire01 photo Andy Surridge.

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One of the spectacular Lamlash fireworks. Photo Jackie Newman.



One of the Whiting Bay fireworks. b45fire02 photo Andy Surridge.



Youngsters enjoyed the fun of lightsticks in Lamlash b45lam04



The stalwart Lamlash firefighters took care of the bonfire and fireworks on the front green. Photo Jackie Newman.

Smoke-free areas around hospitals

From Bonfire Day, Monday 5 November, all NHS Ayrshire and Arran grounds have become smoke-free areas.

The only exception is for designated smoking areas located away from main entrances.

This new Fresh Air policy not only aims to protect people visiting premises from the effects of second-hand smoke but also to encourage people to stop smoking.

It applies to all employees, patients and visitors.

From Monday, anyone wishing to smoke will be directed to the clearly marked smoking shelters located in the grounds.

Dr Maggie Watts, assistant director of public health said: 'The presence of people smoking outside the doors of hospitals is a constant source of complaints from patients, visitors and staff.'

'Our new policy doesn't forbid people who want to smoke from doing so - but it does protect the rights of non-smokers by ensuring smokers use the designated areas away from the main doors.'

To help smokers who want to quit, all patients will receive an assessment and be offered Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) to help them cope with withdrawal symptoms.

New linkspan plans to be revealed

The monthly meeting of the Arran Ferry Committee will be held at Brodick Castle next Monday 12 November.

Committee chairman Ken Thorburn said: 'CalMac managing director Martin Dorchester will be at the meeting and there will be a CMAL presentation of the plans for the new linkspan and causeway at Brodick pier. Hopefully the work will be starting next year.'

Brodick Castle art exhibition

Brodick Castle will be holding the Annual Winter Exhibition of Contemporary Art over four days next week.

The exhibition is open from 11am to 3pm from Thursday 15 November, with exhibits displayed in virtually every room of the castle.

This will be the 15th year of the contemporary art exhibition and last year's event attracted entries from 76 island artists with a total display of over 300 works of art.

Don and Elena highlight fish disease concerns



Elena Edwards and Don Staniford in Lamlash last weekend, overlooking St Molios fish farm, at the start of their tour of western Scotland and Ireland. b45fish01



Uncovered skips of dead fish at Kings Cross photographed on Sunday 30 October 2011. 01_b44fis01

Don Staniford of the Global Alliance Against Industrial Aquaculture (GAAIA) and Elena Edwards of Wild Salmon First, visited Arran last weekend.

The GAAIA is an international network dedicated to advancing environmentally and socially responsible aquaculture.

This was the first stage of their three-week trip to western Scotland and Ireland, highlighting the damage disease is doing to salmon farms and the cost to the environment and wild salmon populations around the coasts.

GAAIA recognises that salmon farming jeopardises sustainable and safe seafood production. By highlighting worst aquaculture practices, GAAIA is involved in leading the fight against standards-setting and certification schemes for farmed salmon and shrimp farming in particular.

The three-week tour, which will take in Oban, Mull, Skye, the Outer Hebrides and western Ireland, started on Arran.

The island was chosen as the start point because of disease problems in the St Molios salmon farm in Lamlash Bay over recent years.

Just a year ago, in October 2011, 279,000 mortalities were reported following Scotland's first reported outbreak of Amoebic Gill Disease (AGD). The Arran Banner reported on the deaths on 25 October 2011 after eyewitness accounts and being shown photographs of several uncovered skips full of dead fish on the site. The paper was also involved in uncovering the problems after the stench of dead fish was noticed on the ferry. The dead fish had to be transported to Widnes in Lancashire for incineration.

At the time Stewart McLeland, chief operating officer of The Scottish Salmon Company, told The Banner: 'The incidence of the rare condition was quickly spotted by site managers and has been monitored throughout by our fish vets.'

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Quality service at Crosshouse Hospital

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More serious emergencies are airlifted there, either by the small helicopter based at Glasgow airport or by Sea King 147 search and rescue helicopter from Prestwick. Other less serious cases go by ambulance or the wonderful British Red Cross transport bus.

As a regular customer of Crosshouse for the past 14 years, I feel qualified to comment on the quality of service delivered by this excellent NHS facility.

I cannot praise it too highly. Over the years I have 'enjoyed' extensive treatment with considerable success. But the over-riding impression you get is of patients around you who are reluctant to co-operate with staff, desperate to be discharged and complaining about the food.

Any hospital has its own daily programme, and you have to fit in to it.

The staff do their best, from the nurses and doctors to the cleaners, but the patients still moan.

Breakfast is early, but what's wrong with that? The days can be long, but read a good book, talk to your fellow inmates, go for a walk if you can, and relax.

Visiting times are highlights. Don't get too upset when your neighbours are visited by ma, pa and the weans while your nearest and dearest is not able to get over from Arran because the ferry is not running. Then when the visitors leave at eight o'clock the atmosphere changes.

The portcullis has come down and the patients who are mobile can go forth. You can walk to the TV room or go down to the shop.

Ask at reception about any other Arran patients. (There are always 5 or 6 Arran folk in there). Go and visit them - they will usually be delighted to see you.

Then it is time to hunker down for the night. OK it is a little early, but you are there for your own good so just fit in to the routine.

I wouldn't be upset never to see Crosshouse again, but if you do have to go there, try and fit in to the system. It's for your own good.

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



That's what I call service

Sir,
At 11.30am last Monday I entered the Scottish Hydro shop in Brodick.

I was served by a very efficient, helpful and friendly lady and purchased a washing machine.

The said washing machine arrived at my house at 1pm and the old one was taken away. Now that's what I call service.

Yours,
**S Brown
Lamlash**

Ghostly figure at Lochranza

Sir,
At this time of year, when the veil between the living and the dead is paper thin, perhaps we should not be too alarmed to see a photograph of a ghostly figure at Lochranza Castle (Banner 3 November).

To quote William Shakespeare: 'There are more things in heaven and earth (Horatio) than are dreamt of in your philosophy' (Hamlet).

Yours,
**David Hilton
Edinburgh**

Yes, level the hills

Sir,
I refer to the letter from Mr David Phillips last week suggesting the levelling of Goatfell and the mountains.

What an excellent idea! Were this to happen, I would be able to look across Brodick Bay to the low Argyll Hills, without Goatfell, Cir Mhor and Beinn Tarsuinn getting in the way to spoil the view.

The resultant surplus rocks could be used by NAC to reinforce beach protection in Brodick to stop the erosion to the Brodick beaches - both Strabane by the Golf Course, and the main former beach (but now white plastic sand-bag) areas.

Perhaps NAC would loan a JCB for the project?

Yours,
**Jim Nicholls
8 Hillview Place
Brodick**

Out of the doghouse

Sir,
While I was pleased to see in last week's edition of The Banner that you featured The Sustainable Inshore Fisheries Trusts (SIFT) media release regarding the appointment of a Clyde Project Coordinator, could you please reassure my dear wife Lesley, who as many locals will confirm, is normally a very caring and loving individual, that your headline of last week 'Woman appointed to regenerate Clyde fish stocks' was the Banner's interpretation and not on the SIFT media release.

I would be very grateful if you could do this as over the past 33 years of happy marriage I have learnt, over the majority of that time, how to keep out of the doghouse.

Yours,
**Howard Wood
Director
SIFT**

Looking for Joseph's history

Sir,
I wish to contact any relatives or friends of Joseph Henry Batho who died 23 October 1943 aged 42 on board HMS Charybdis.

Joseph's rank was Painter 1st Class and he was the son of William and Fanny Batho. His wife was Ellen Reid Patricia Batho, of Lamlash, Isle of Arran.

I am particularly interested in any connection Joseph had with HMS Hood and his career history.

Please contact by email davetrafalgar@hotmail.com

Thank you.
Yours,
**Dave Hampson
14 Maple Rise
Oldbury
Birmingham B68 9BP
Mobile: 07449850935**

Ghosts certainly do exist

Sir,
First, some answers for Gary Scott (Banner 27 Oct). National leaders often go abroad in times of domestic crisis at home. Life abroad is easier for them. Abroad probably

does not know the full pickle they're in at home.

The wheels of justice turn slowly, and have done for centuries. The pendulum always swings and a correction will come in time. If prisons were places of rehabilitation and not merely of being locked up, far fewer offenders would be in them.

Leaving the EU - that depends on when we left it and how.

Second, the matter of ghosts; your report was very full and interesting and shows certain features common to all such.

Ghosts certainly exist - the evidence for them goes back to Roman times at least, but some people are able to see or feel them, others not. It is human nature to shut out, laugh at, or fear the things we cannot control or understand, hence your reporter's fear of Glenrickard's surroundings.

Ghosts were once people and in some sense still are, so they don't take kindly to being hunted or gawped at, nor would you.

I write from experience. In this house is a family of at least four ghosts and their cat, who wish for peace and quiet. They come now and then, and I tell them any news. I have not seen them, apart from the cat, but others have, and I can feel their icy draught. My dog sees them and barks at them.

We get on well together; Penrith has many ghosts.

Yours,
**Jeremy Godwin
15 Drovers Lane
Penrith**

Stop whining and pay up

Sir,
The problem with second homes is that working class people can't afford to live here and those that do find their children have to leave to find housing.

Compare numbers on school registers from 10 years ago if you doubt veracity of my assertion.

This is so that the likes of Clive and company (last week's letters page) can enjoy their second homes.

Stop whining and pay your

tax Clive - if I had my way your second house would be taken into social ownership and you would be compensated on the basis of proven need.

The decision being made by some bloke called Nigel!

Yours,
**Dave Patterson
17 Benlister Terrace
Lamlash**

Rise and rise of fares

Sir,
If it wasn't so earnest I could almost raise a smile at Cal-Mac's selective analysis of the downturn in ferry traffic during the last two summers.

Every likely explanation is offered except, of course, the big one - the rise and rise of fares!

Yours,
**Margie Currie
Eastlands
Shiskine**

Shoebox appeal success

Sir,
I would like to thank most sincerely the members and many friends of all the Arran churches for such a magnificent response to the Blythwood Christmas Shoe Box Appeal 2012.

In total 170 shoeboxes have been sent on their way to the less fortunate people of Eastern Europe and Northern India, together with £530.90 in donations.

A big thank you goes to Valerie Cross and Anne Mitchell for checking and packing the boxes for despatch; an onerous task done with care and much laughter.

I am indebted to Tony Morrow and his staff at Arran Deliveries for the carriage of the boxes to Glasgow - a big thank you for your contribution to the success of this appeal.

Finally, to all those who helped in any way; you have brought much joy and laughter this Christmas to many people less fortunate than ourselves.

Your,
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Duke of Edinburgh award winners' special night

Arran's Duke of Edinburgh award winners had a special presentation night in Brodick Hall on Saturday 27 October. Amanda Hogge, Julie Cannon and all the leaders and volunteers of the Arran Duke of Edinburgh Group would like to thank everyone who

attended the annual award presentation night. It was held in Brodick Hall this year and consisted of an evening buffet with quizzes and games for everyone. One of the highlights of the evening was when small groups of people were asked



Duke of Edinburgh award winners: from left, Tom Beatan, bronze, Iona Flewitt, silver, Michael Macfarlane, bronze, Susie Mowatt, bronze, Scott Macfarlane, bronze, James Mowatt, bronze, Lewis Bennett, bronze, Luke Cannon, silver, Emily Gillson, silver, Liam McNeaney, bronze, Mark Tinto, silver, and Robert Ingham, bronze.
b45duke01



Four of the young ladies with their creations made out of a Bivvy Bag: from left, Iona Flewitt, Kirsty Macleod, Eilidh MacLeod and Eloise McNeaney.
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to make something interesting out of a Bivvy Bag. There were certainly some interesting creations. The night consisted of a number of awards being presented to D of E participants by Jim McHarg (North Ayrshire Council D of E Manager) at Bronze and Silver level.

Section awards were also given out. Special thanks go to Barry Fisher (D of E Award Director for Scotland), Gavin Ferguson (North Ayrshire Council D of E Development Officer) and Kevin Fawcett (D of E

Operations Manager (West) for attending the presentation evening from the mainland. During the evening Barry Fisher presented the group leaders with a certificate of appreciation for the work and support to the D of E participants.

Lunch Club to alternate between Lamlash and Brodick

Following the successful launch of a Lunch Club at McKelvie Road sheltered housing in Lamlash two weeks ago, another one was held at Glen Estate, Brodick last Monday. These get-togethers are for anyone over 65 years old. They do not have to be residents of the sheltered housing developments, and the cost is just £4 for two courses. The next date is next Monday 12 November at 12noon at McKelvie Road. The club will alternate on Mondays between Lamlash and Brodick.

Lochranza and Catacol 200 Club

The winners of the October draw of the Lochranza and Catacol Village Hall 200 Club draw were: 1 Margaret Kerr and 2 Elaine Hartley.

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To celebrate the launch of audio story books featuring Myro, the smallest plane in the world, The Arran Banner has teamed up with publishers Nickrose to offer youngsters the chance to win a prize worth £325. Children in primary one and two are being invited to send us their drawings of Myro or his friends. The child who draws the best picture will receive a set of six Myro audio story books and CDs and a Myro activity pack. They will also win a Myro picture story book for every child in their class and a Myro story sack for their teacher. Three runners up will be awarded a prize worth £99. The books follow the adventures of

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Christmas Fayre at High School

Arran High School is holding a Christmas Craft Fayre and fundraiser next Saturday 17 November. The event will run from 11am to 2pm with soup, burgers and home baking available in the café. As well as local charity stalls, there will be an Arran Cheese stall, jams, chutneys, cup cakes, jewellery, pottery, candles, textiles and soaps for sale.

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More spooky Halloween fun the not-so-young



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In last week's Banner we featured Halloween parties from around the island held at the weekend.

We continue this week with a further selection from All Hallow's Eve itself from Brodick Nursery group, Whiting

Bay, Kilmory, Pirnmill and even the Ormidale Hotel.

Once again, the costumes displayed some amazingly imaginative designs, ranging from traditional witches and skeletons to an impish leprechaun.



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Spooks and ghouls at the Pirnmill Halloween party



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for Arran youngsters and



The children of Kilmory had a wonderfully spooky party in the village hall. 02_b45kil02



Susanna Talbot is a rose among three witches in her nun's habit. b45orm02



Rory Morrison, Leigh Boyd and Abbie Mulholland at the Kilmory party. 02_b45kil01



Lizanne Dixon and Logan park at the Whiting Bay party. b45whb01



Ormidale barman Nigel Walker appears totally unfazed at serving these two elegant witches. b45orm01



The children of Brodick Nursery group at their party in the village hall.

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Over the hills to Kuc with a wheelchair and walking frame

Sue Davidson of Whiting Bay has been in Albania for six weeks now, carrying out charity work on behalf of The Valdete Trust. She gives us a further update on her activities.

The response to my recent Banner article was so positive I thought readers would like to know what happened next.

We wanted to give a wheelchair to Genti, aged 31 and still crawling around like a baby. The physiotherapist agreed with my assessment that Arta, Genti's sister, could walk as long as she had arm supports.

Here was the first hurdle. These pulpit walking frames are not available in Albania, but the physio, Liljana, had been to Italy for training, so she had seen them.

Donation

A local pastor had taken five wheelchairs from us and told his church about our work. They took a donation for us, even though I insisted they

were a gift. He raised 12,000 lek (about £70).

This is a lot to Albanian village people, so I was really touched by his gesture. I knew exactly what to do with this money. It would help to buy Arta's walking frame, but how and where would we find one?

I took a translator, Liljana the physiotherapist and headed into Tirana in search of a frame. We trailed around all the pharmacies we knew that stocked walking sticks and crutches.

Once again we were told we wouldn't find this type of frame anywhere. Liljana decided to ring a friend who works in one of the major hospitals. Her response was surprising. Just the week before she'd spotted one in a store and because they are so unusual, she'd remembered where it was.

We rushed off through the frenetic Tirana rush hour traffic. She'd been right! The shop had closed for the day. Long-suffering and patient, Liljana rang the number on the door and the owner mysteriously appeared.

He'd told Liljana on the phone that the frame was 20,000 lek but the price tag on the frame in the window was 25,000 lek. I heard her telling him about our work

for disabled people and he reduced the price to 20,000 lek. Thanks to the generosity of the pastor, we'd got a frame for only 8,000 lek of our own money.

Early the next morning, eight of us set out on the two-and-a-half hour walk across the hills to Kuc.

We took turns carrying the wheelchair and walking frame. It wasn't too hot, though, only 26 degrees.

The path winds around the hills, so as we approached Kuc we could be seen trudging along with their valuable gifts. Genti and Arta's sister in law spotted us and came running to meet us.

To say she was delighted would not begin to describe her reaction to us. I thought she would never stop kissing me! She ushered us into the house to show everyone what we'd brought.

Worthwhile

When I saw the look on the faces of these two young people, all the effort was worthwhile.

This is why we're in Albania. There are many more people in need, we just have to find them and do what we can for them.

You can help us with this work by taking your cars to Starwash in Brodick on November 17 between 10am and 5pm. John will clean your car and he is donating the day's proceeds. Someone in Albania will benefit from the money raised.



Sue Davidson watches as Arta takes her first steps with her walking frame. b45sue02



Trekking to Kuc with wheelchair and walking frame. b45sue01



Genti with his new wheelchair. b45sue03

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Shirley Curtis-Summers from Bootle said: 'My husband and I were married on Arran a few weeks ago. We have been regular visitors to the island over a number of years and as we love it so much, we decided to get married there.'

'At first I was anxious about organising a wedding away from home but I need not have worried. The people I dealt with were extremely kind, helpful and reassuring.'

'In particular, Mary Bowers at the Lagg Hotel and Susan Barr at Lamlash Registry office went above and beyond to help and advise us on our wedding arrangements.'

'We got married on our 14th year anniversary (better late than never) on 4 October and as Colin and I are both single malt whisky lovers, we decided to toast with the Arran 14-year-old malt whisky. Faye at the Arran distillery even kindly donated a bottle as a wedding gift!'

'We commissioned Carol (Furze) at Kilmory workshop to make us a quach, which is a beautiful keepsake of our special day. The flowers Eleanor made were beautiful and exactly what I had in mind.'

'We couldn't have asked for a better day and the rain even kept at bay. The ceremony began with our guests being piped into the registry office by Iain Clarke of Shiskine. This created a wonderful atmosphere with his emotive music and the beautiful scenery as our backdrop.'

'Then we all piled onto a bus hired from Stagecoach (thanks to Guy and Harry for their help) to the Lagg Hotel. The way Mary and her staff decorated the beautiful dining room took my breath away and it fitted in lovely with our purple colour theme.'

'More photographs were taken in the green and lush hotel garden. Peter Bowers then announced us into the

reception as the new 'Mr & Mrs' and we all had a wonderful day.

'The setting was beautiful, the food was amazing, the staff were so helpful and friendly and the whisky flowed nicely! The night was topped off with a big singsong

on the bus back to Lamlash - what a patient driver!'

'We cannot thank the people enough who helped make our day so memorable. If you're considering having your wedding on Arran, all I can say is go for it! You won't be disappointed.'



Shirley and Colin after their marriage service in Lamlash Register Office. b45wed01



Lochranza Choir in rehearsals. b45choir01

Christmas date for Lochranza Choir

In April this year Lochranza Choir performed two choruses from Handel's Messiah, before a large congregation, as a slightly belated curtain raiser for the Tercentenary of the local St Bride's Church.

For a further, more significant contribution, the Choir's concert on Sunday December 2 has been constructed to provide an appropriate finale to the celebrations.

On this occasion the venue will be Lochranza and Catoch Village Hall starting at 2.30pm. The proceeds will be for the benefit of Church funds.

Apart from a lengthy summer break, during which a sizeable group from the Choir took part in the memorable performance of Haydn's Creation in Lamlash, rehearsals have been in progress since May under the direction of Diana Hamilton.

Delightful works

A varied programme will reflect the approach of Christmas, naturally, and will also contain delightful works by Haydn, Mozart, Bernstein and others before ringing down the celebratory curtain with a more extended excerpt from Messiah.

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Reverend Douglas Fulton led a service of Remembrance at Corrie War Memorial last Sunday. b45twe01



Bonfire night at Butter Hill as young Euan Rogerson enjoys a sparkler and Willie Tod, Neil Cook and Jim Rogerson watch the fireworks. b45twe03

Dream dram

A malt whisky distillery in Lochranza now seems set to get the go ahead following last Friday's public meeting.

The meeting was a surprising one in that the 90-odd people attending appeared to start off the evening dead against the venture but by the end the mood had changed.

When positive points were made about jobs and tourism those who had yet to form an opinion appeared to agree with the plans and the objectors' arguments began to fall flat.

Seal shot

In the letters page a Mr Stuart Brown of Kings Cross claims he saw staff from Marine Harvest shooting dead a seal last Saturday.

We contacted the fishery locally but they would only say that they do have a licence to shoot.

They said that a seal had been shot at 11am last Saturday because 'losses by a seal or seal taking fish through the net were rising'.

New ferry name

We have been told that the new Arran ferry is to be called the Caledonian Isles.

The ship is presently under construction at Richards Shipbuilders in Lowestoft and is due to be launched in July or August next year.

Kildonan house

An extraordinary meeting was held in Kildonan Village Hall on Monday concerning a controversial planning application to build a house next to the hall.

Apathy for Scout Troop

The Arran Scout Troop has been put 'on hold' by leader Iain Lambert due to apathy. Iain is looking for volunteers to come forward to help with the running of the troop.

Auchrannie water polo

A new activity of water polo has been started at Auchrannie pool. It is planned to have competitive games for juniors and seniors on Wednesday evenings.

Theatre plans lodged with Council

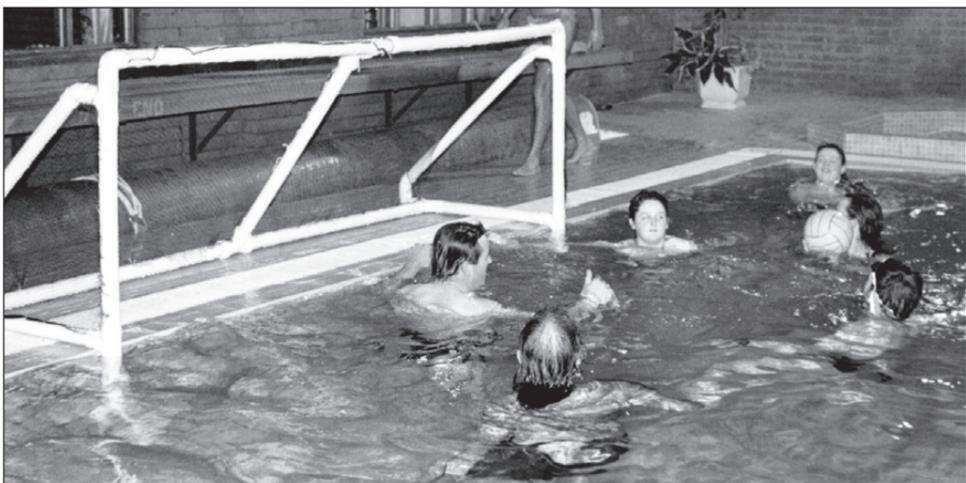
Plans have been lodged with Cunninghame District Council for an ambitious re-development of St George's Church in Lamlash into the Arran Festival Theatre.

The plans, drawn up by Allan and Neil Mochrie, show a seating capacity of 273 and the target is for 175 evening performances a year.

Livestock sales

Auctioneers A & J Wilson sold 48 cattle, one calf and 350 sheep within the pier market on Thursday 12 November.

The Christmas Primestock Show and Sale will be held on Thursday 10 December.



Water polo is a new activity in Auchrannie pool. b45twe02

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Horticultural Society AGM

Brodict hall 10.30am-1.30pm
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Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am-12.30pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Arran High School, 10am
Auchrannie Sports Hall 1-3pm Ages 5-16
Lamlash pier, 10.30 – 12.30pm
Douglas Hotel, 11am-4pm
Brodict Library, 2pm

Sunday 11th November

Alcoholics Anonymous
New Al-Anon Meeting
Family Games
Fun in the pool
Open Mic Session
Conker Cup
Renew Kitchens

Church Hall, Brodict, 4.30pm
Brodict Church Hall, 4.30 – 6 pm.
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 2pm-5pm
Kilmory Hall, 2.30pm
Douglas Hotel, 11am-4pm

Monday 12th November

Over 50s Badminton
Badminton
Ladies Netball
Citizens Advice
Breathe Walk class
Table Tennis
Quiz
Badminton
Lamlash Bridge Club,
Outside Boot Camp
Boot Camp
Volleyball Club
Arran junior football Club
Lunch club
Circuit

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

Tuesday 13th November

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

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

Country Dancing
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Auchrannie Winter Bowls
Healthy Outdoors: Conservation, exercise, well being
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Arran Mountain Festival AGM
Lochranza & Catacol Village Hall AGM
Carewatch

Brodict Hall 7.30pm
Lamlash Church 7.30pm
Auchrannie, 7pm-9pm
10am-1pm NTS Ranger Centre
Auchrannie Sports Hall 7 pm – 9 pm
Ranger Centre, 6.30pm
Lesser Hall. 7.30pm
Douglas Hotel, 10-4pm

Wednesday 14th November

Hockey
Tae Kwondo
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Brass Rehearsal
Senior Badminton
Yogalates
Aquafizz
Music Mayhem Class Parents & little ones
Kids Games
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Arran Absolute Beginners Runners
Arran Advance Beginners Runners
Northend Football Training
Outside Boot Camp
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Arran Riding Club AGM

Auchrannie Games Hall, 6.30-7.30pm
Arran high School – kids, 6.30-7.30pm, Adults, 7.30-8.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30-9.30pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7.15pm
Arran High School, 8-9pm
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am
Auchrannie Dance Studio 10.45am
Playbarn, Auchrannie, 5-6pm
Brodict Church Hall, 4.30-6.30pm
10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30
5.30pm, Auchrannie Spa Car Park.
6pm Auchrannie Spa Car Park
Lochranza, 7pm
Whiting Bay Park 6am
Outside Kinloch Hotel, 6.30pm – 7.30pm
W/Bay Hall, Beginners/Kids 1-2pm. Been before 2.30-3.30pm
Lamlash Fire station, 7.30pm

Thursday 15th November

General Knowledge Quiz
Lochranza Craft Club
Youth Club
General knowledge Quiz
Zumba Fitness Club
Live Country/Folk music
Brodict Embroidery Group
Brodict Bridge Club
Auchrannie Winter Bowls
Ladies Netball Club
Na-h-Arainnis AGM
Lunchbox
Brodict Castle Art Exhibition

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Hall, 2pm
Youth Cabin, Lamlash, 7-9pm
Kinloch Bar, 9pm
Arran high School, 6.30-7.30pm
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay 8.30-10.30pm
Brodict Library 7.30 p.m. – 9.30 pm
Brodict Golf Club, 7 pm for 7.15 pm
Auchrannie, 7pm-9pm
Lamlash sports hall, 7.30-8.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, 7.30pm
Brodict sports pavilion, 12.30 –2.30pm
Brodict Castle, 11-3pm

Friday 16th November

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

Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am
Auchrannie Studio, 10am-11am
Church Hall, Brodict 7pm-9pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 5.30pm
Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm
Lochranza Hall, 8pm
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Whiting Bay Park 6am
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 8pm
Corrie Hall 8 – 10pm
Brodict Castle, 11-3pm

Saturday 17th November

Army Cadets
Over 21s Disco
Karate
Family Games
Arran Dancers (4yrs & up)
Junior Badminton Club
RNLI Shop
Brodict Castle Art Exhibition

Auchrannie Road 11am – 1 pm.
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am-12.30pm
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12/00589/PP; Auchrannie Spa Resort, Brodick, Isle of Arran, KA27 8DA; Proposed staff accommodation units 1, 2 and 3, laundry building, access route and installation of sewage treatment plant.

Elma Murray
Chief Executive
Cunninghame House
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Isle of Arran Horticultural Society on the 10th of November at 2 pm in Brodick library
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Sunday 11th November
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Mrs Janis Gallagher.
Coffee after service.
PLEASE NOTE EARLIER TIME.
Wednesday 14th November
Holy Communion, 12.15 pm.
ALL WELCOME

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 11th November
Remembrance Day
Brodick War Memorial Service at 10am followed by Brodick Church Service at 10.30am
Corrie War Memorial at 12noon followed by the Church Service at 12.15pm.
Lochransa and Pirmill Church service in Pirmill Village Hall at 10.15am followed by a Service at Pirmill War Memorial at 11am.
Shiskine War Memorial Service at 12noon. followed by the Church Service at 12.15pm.
A Service of Worship will also be held in Montrose House at 1.30pm.

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Sunday 11th November
Rev. Gillean Maclean
Remembrance Sunday
Kilmory 10am
Lamlash 11.30am
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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(Charity Number: SC014005)
Sunday 11th November
Worship for Remembrance Sunday will be conducted by Mrs Sharon MacLeod, beginning outside at 10.55am (N.B. change of time) for the laying of the wreath and two minutes silence observed at the War Memorial, followed by a shortened service of remembrance
There will be a retiring offering in aid of the Earl Haig Fund.
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Tea and coffee will be served in the Transept after the service.

There will be a service of Remembrance in the Arran War Memorial Hospital at 1.30pm to which all are welcome.

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Sunday 11th November
Ormidale Sports Pavilion, Brodick
11am Morning worship
Tea/Coffee after the service
Home Fellowship Group meets on Wednesday at 7.30pm
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Brodick 7pm (Church behind post office)
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ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)
Sunday 11th November
Morning Service 11am
Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick
Evening Service 6.30pm
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Wednesday 14th November
Prayer Meeting 7pm
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Whiting Bay Golf Club

Results: Sunday 4 November - Whiting Bay were defeated by three games to one by host club Corrie in the opening fixture of this year's AGA Winter League. (the only way is up!)

Gents Fixtures: Sunday 11 November, Winter Cup second round. Draws at 9am and 10.30am.

Brodick Golf Club

Gents results: Saturday 3 November, Saturday Cup. 11 played.

Winner: Brian Smith (12) 62, runner up: Douglas Robertson (13) 63, 3rd Iain Sillars (13) 64.

Fixtures: Sunday 11 November Brandon & Winter Cup. Class draws at 9am and 12noon

Sunday 18 November, Clochendichter.

Wednesday 31 October. A happy band of nine gentlemen played to a very high standard, despite a wet course.

John Hartley beat Bryce Walker with a better inward half; the score was net 61.

John W/B Dick and Derek Roxburgh with a joint 62, earn nothing other than a mere mention and one stroke off their handicaps, chin up chaps, you get to do it all again next Wednesday. Twos, G Sillars 1 and D Roxburgh 2.

Brodick Ladies results: Our first Winter Bogey was held on Saturday 3 November at 10.30am.

Although the format was new to some of the players they soon learned what was necessary and everyone enjoyed it thoroughly.

The good weather made things even better and the winner and runner-up were: 1 Heather Raeside +5, 2 Yvonne Brothers +1

The next Ladies Saturday Competition will be on Saturday 1 December at 10.30am. Please come and join us if you can and enjoy the golf, company and chat!

Shiskine Golf Club

Men's Arran Challenge 2012: Angus Pollock of Blackwell was the overall winner of the 2012 Arran Challenge out of 130 competitors.

First class (0-7) 1 Angus Pollock, Blackwell (4) 28+26=54pts, 2 Dale McBurnie, Kilbirnie Pl (2) 23+26=49pts (bih), 3 Lee McBurnie, Kilbirnie Pl (2) 23+26=49pts.

Second class (8-15) 1 David Scott, Glenbervie (11) 23+30=53pts, 2 Max Taylor, Sentosa (14) 25+27=52pts (bih), 3 Darren Hall, Fulnoln (11) 27+25=52pts (bih).

Other results: Thursday 1 November 18 played in 12-hole medal. Silver 1 J Turnbull 52-7=45, 2 S Gray 55-9=46.

Bronze 1 L Murray 58-14=44, 2 H Raeside 64-14=50. Best scratch J Turnbull 52.

Fixtures: Saturday 10 November Annual Club Dinner. Sunday 11 November Tri-am, shotgun start at 11am.

Arran Golfers Association
Winter League/Duncan Trophy 2012/2013.

This year's Winter League started at Corrie Golf Club on Sunday 4 November. The weather was dry but overcast and the course was in very good condition for the time of year with deceptively quick greens.

Thanks to Corrie for hosting the event and the girls in the tearoom for the lovely warming soup and sandwiches which were much appreciated by all.

Special thanks to Pablo for getting out on the course at 7am and clearing the surface water from the worst greens.

First out were the hosts, Corrie, against Whiting Bay, as is the norm for this competition. Home advantage really played its part and a strong Corrie team took the match by three games to one.

Second out were Lamlash against Champions Brodick. It was a really close game throughout with Lamlash winning the first two games but losing the third.

It was down to Lee Girbow and Andy Smith to come back from four down to snatch a draw and the match for Lamlash by two-and-a-half games to one-and-a-half.

Final match was Machrie and Shiskine. The Machrie boys proved too strong for Shiskine and although Shiskine won the first game Machrie took the next three tight games to win the match three games to one.

Next month's games will be played at Machrie Bay on Sunday 2 December.

The draw is:

Machrie v Corrie at 8.30am.

Lamlash v Whiting Bay at 9.20am.

Shiskine v Brodick at 11.50am.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Results: Tuesday 30 October Winter Cup 1 Sally Brookes 66, 2 Brian Sherwood 73 (BL6), 3 David Price 73 (bih). Scratch Brian Sherwood 82
Saturday 3 November Lochranza Hotel Cup, 1 David Price 35pts, 2 Elizabeth Kelso 34pts, 3 John Pennington 33pts. Twos David Price. Scratch David Price 79

Fixtures: Tuesday 13 November Winter Cup, tee off 12noon.

Corrie Golf Club

Results: Saturday 3 November Winter Cup 22 played CSS 63. Sweep 1 A Smith 68-8=60, 2 J Adams 69-7-62 (bih), 3 P McKinnon 86-24=62. Best scratch Euan McKinnon 63. Magic twos A Smith 2, T Kerr, J Innes, J McGovern, R Logan, B Rooney.

Sunday 4 November. Well done to Corrie team in beating Whiting Bay by three games to one in the AGA Winter League.

Monday Cup, yellow tees. 21 played. Sweep 1 A McDonald 65-10=55, 2 J Adams 63-7=56, 3 P Moran 75-16=59 (BL6 over H McArthur). Magic twos J Adams, B Lewis, B Rooney, G Crawford, J Henderson, A McDonald, E McKinnon, H Taylor, L Hartley 2.

Fixtures: Saturday 10 November Winter Cup 8.30am and 12noon. Medal tees. Monday 12 November 12noon. Yellow tees.

Lamlash Golf Club

Results: Thursday 1 November. Yellow Medal CSS 61, 1 Andy Smith 77 - 16 = 61, 2 Mark Wren 71 - 9 = 62. Twos, John O'Sullivan at 5th, Ian Bremner at 4th and 16th, Alan Smith at 7th.

Fixtures: Sunday 11 November, Glenburn Cup 9.30am and 12noon starts.

Well done to the Lamlash Team who won 2.5 - 1.5 in the AGA Winter League against Brodick at Corrie.

Arran Bridge results

Lamlash Bridge Club

The results of the tournament played on Monday 5 November were as follows:

N/S 1 Janie McClure and Anne McKelvie +2720, 2 John and Jan Beattie +2530, 3 Pat Adamson and Elizabeth McConnell +2040.

E/W 1 Douglas and Margaret Bruce +510, 2 Eendy McNiven and Janette McBride -240, 3 Peter Thompson and Roddie Thompson -460.

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Thanks also to the Ambulance staff, hospital staff, Jean Hunter and Bennetts funeral directors for their caring services.

21ST BIRTHDAY

Look who is 21!



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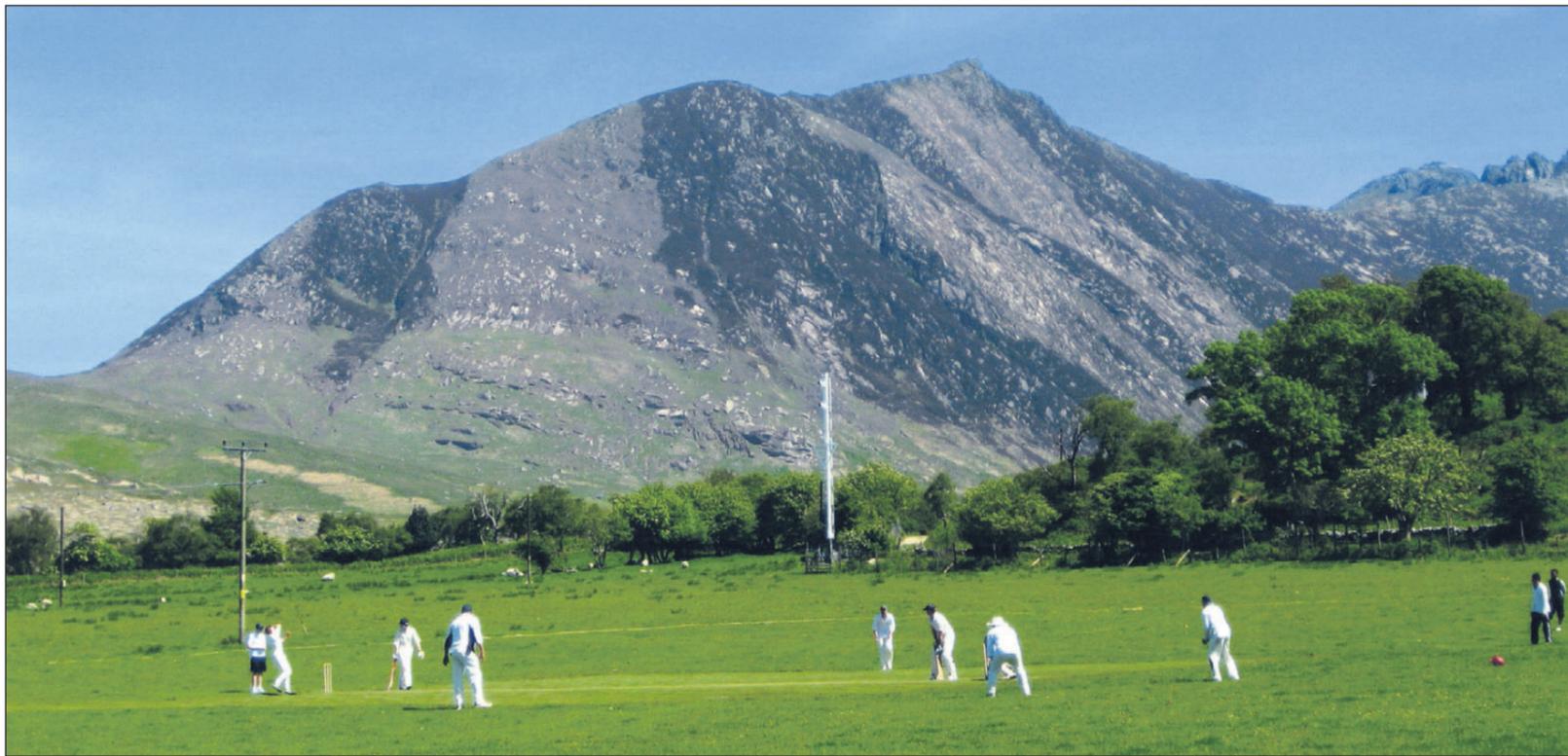
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A classic photo of a match last summer at the Sannox Oval, listed by cricket magazine Wisden as one of the top three picturesque grounds in Britain. b45crk01 Photo Mark Eales

Late match call-off leaves Arran rugby boys in the dark

Arran Rugby Club were due to play a home fixture against Jordanhill Phoenix last Saturday in their last game before the November break, but the match was called off at short notice by the opposition.

Arran's fixture secretary Stuart McMaster said: 'I got a call from Jordanhill at 9am on Saturday to say that they couldn't get a team up.'

'At the moment we have been told that we will be awarded the points, but the league table hasn't changed yet.'

Club president Murray Boal added: 'It was rather short notice to call it off. We had been hoping to get some bonus points from this match but no-one knows what the decision will be.'

'We will have to keep training as usual, but our next competitive fixture isn't until Saturday 1 December at home to Millbrae.'

Stuart agreed: 'Saturday is rugby day and we will keep up with training.'

Glen Tippett, Community Rugby contact for Glasgow South told the Banner: 'I don't know what will happen to the points for this match.'

'The matter is being referred to the West of Scotland League Committee and they will make a decision.'

Indoor cricket for Sannox as winter nets get off to flying start

Following a poor end of season for Sannox Cricket Club, at the AGM it was decided to try to reinstate 'winter nets'.

Local cricketers can meet up throughout the winter to keep supple, hone their skills and play an indoor version of the game.

The initiative is also intended to encourage new young

players and returning players to the team.

The first two sessions have been very successful with good numbers turning up on the Tuesday 16 November and Tuesday 23 November.

Members still hope that more interested parties can be encouraged along.

Another practise is sched-

uled for Tuesday 6 November and yet another 'taster session' next week on the 13th whereby youngsters, new to the game, can come along and experience it free of charge.

Members are always on hand to help give advice or encouragement.

These sessions take place Tuesday evenings in the

Auchrannie games hall starting promptly from 7pm to 9pm.

Club chairman Eric Dunn said: 'We have got indoor equipment; it's the shortage of people that's the problem.'

If you have a child that is interested, or you yourself would like to pick up a bat again, do not hesitate to call

Martin on 700431 or Eric on 303810 for more information.

The club was founded in 1998 and has twice been Argyll League champions in 2009 and 2011.

Sannox CC has its own website with interesting things to see and read. www.sannox-cricketclub.com

Golf Club top the pool league

Whiting Bay Golf Club have a 100 percent record with two wins out of two to take top spot in the Arran Pool League.

They are followed one point behind by the PHT.

Last week's matches saw two 5 - 5 draws between Catacol and Kildonan and between PHT and PT1934 while the Golf Club won 6 - 4 away at Mac's Bar.

Next week's fixtures are: Catacol v PT1934, Mac's Bar v Kildonan and PHT v Drift Inn. Whiting Bay Golf Club have a bye.

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Wbay GC	2	2	0	0	4
PHT	2	1	1	0	3
Mac's	2	1	0	1	2
PT1934	1	0	1	0	1
Kildonan	2	0	1	1	1
Catacol	2	0	1	1	1
Drift	1	0	0	1	0

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