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# Police target school speeders in illegal driving crackdown

Police carry out speed checks outside Whiting Bay Primary School. 20\_b45lights01



## Demand for faulty sign to be fixed

**REPORT**  
 by HUGH BOAG  
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Police are cracking down on drivers flouting the flashing 20mph signs outside the island's primary schools. As the darker winter days approach concerns have been raised that drivers are going too fast and ignoring the speed limits which are imposed when the school is starting and at the end of the classes. As a result Arran officers from Police Scotland have

been carrying out speed spot checks outside Whiting Bay and Brodick primary schools where there have been complaints. When the lights are flashing the 20mph speed limit is mandatory. But the problem has been exacerbated in Whiting Bay where one of the flashing light signs has been out of operation for some time. That led to a near miss involving a primary two pupil last week. The faulty light is the one coming from the south ap-

proaching the school. As a result the matter has been taken up by Arran MSP Kenneth Gibson but so far without success. He told The Banner: 'There have been numerous promises and attempts to fix the lights, with difficulties ranging from 'lack of a spare part' to a 'transmission fault' to the fact that only one person in North Ayrshire appears able to fix it and he is otherwise engaged. 'I will continue to press it until the repairs are com-

pleted given how important it is to ensure safety, particularly during the increasingly shorter winter days.' A spokesman for North Ayrshire Council said: 'We are in the process of addressing the problem. 'The sign has been inspected and we are waiting for an electrician to assess the fault.' Police have been carrying out speed checks outside the schools at start and finishing times. As a result a number of drivers have been warned and several

issued with fixed penalty tickets. The crackdown is part of Operation Handbrake which this week is targeting illegal drivers. Sergeant Allen Dodds of Police Scotland on Arran said: 'This latest road safety campaign focuses on tackling illegal driving. 'We are acutely aware that driving offences such as drink/drugs driving and unlicensed, including disqualified, and uninsured driving pose a significant risk to all road users and pedestrians.

'As a service we vigorously pursue any criminal/offender who chooses to drive illegally, endangering their own life and the lives of other road users.' The initiative follows a call from Chief Constable Sir Stephen House for more emphasis to be placed on road safety. In a recent speech he said: 'Local communities consistently tell us that road safety is one of their top concerns and we have listened to that in shaping our policing response.'

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## Property prices on the rise

Arran's property values have taken a dramatic upward surge in 2013, it was revealed this week.

According to leading online agency Zoopla, the average value of homes has rocketed by more than £18,000 over the past six months - a rise of almost nine per cent.

The hike has been sparked by a sudden spate of house sales on the island.

Zoopla figures indicate that in the year up to this week, 47 deals were completed at an average price of £169,586.

And while the news is bound to be welcomed by existing owners and potential vendors, there will be more gloom for those in search of properties with affordable tags.

Zoopla's calculations for the KA27 postcode area suggest that average values in the last 12 months have risen by £15,869 (7.31 per cent).

The figure for the last six months is a whopping £18,619 (8.69 per cent) - and for the past three months it has been up £4,529 (1.98 per cent).

The highest price paid for a home on Arran in 2013 was £380,000 for a property in Brodick.

Zoopla say the average asking price is almost £233,000, with the average private monthly rental rate pitched at £503.

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# Council at last agrees to sell schoolhouses

## Kilmory to be kept to attract teachers

Two more schoolhouses are to be sold-off on Arran in a bid to raise up to £350,000 for council coffers.

The houses in Shiskine and Whiting Bay are to be put on the open market for sale.

Another in Kilmory is to be retained by North Ayrshire Council to provide accommodation for new teaching staff moving to the island.

The houses have been the subject of concern for

some time with some of them lying empty for several years.

Now councillors have backed a proposal to sell Ardow House in Whiting Bay, which has been empty for 18 months, and the vacant house in Shiskine in their present condition, as both will require a considerable amount of work to make them habitable.

The current market value of the houses estimated by the council's estates section is in the region of

£175,000 to £200,000 for Ardow, and £125,000 to £150,000 for Shiskine. Neither house has been marketed before.

Laura Friel, corporate director (financial and corporate support) reported to the council cabinet: 'These are considered achievable prices taking into account the condition of both properties and current market conditions on Arran.'

'It is proposed to take Kilmory off the market and spend the necessary investment to bring it up to standard. This would allow the council to allocate this property to council staff on a temporary basis and enable them to become established on the island.'

The three-bedroomed house, which is currently occupied by a teacher on a short term let, has been marketed by Arran Property for about three years at offers over £195,000, and although it has attracted some interest no formal



The schoolhouse at Shiskine has not been marketed before. 20\_b27sch01

offer has been received.

The let for Kilmory will be for a maximum of six months in order to prevent a secured tenancy being created, as has happened elsewhere on the island.

Demand for the property will be reviewed on an ongoing basis to identify if there are further housing accommodation needs for teaching staff.

In September The Banner revealed that the former schoolhouse Prospect House in Whiting Bay had been sold for the knock-down price of just £125,000.

The remaining six schoolhouses on the island, which have traditionally been used as an incentive to attract teachers to Arran, were the subject of a detailed report by council chiefs.

The report found a number of teachers have remained in the houses allocated to them and through the tenancy regulations have secured a Scottish Secure

tenancy over the properties like those in Brodick and Pirmill.

The house in Corrie is vacant but there are plans to use it to replace the school annex facilities.

Both Brodick and Corrie houses are within the curtilage of the school and are an integral part of the school building. The remainder all stand alone in their own grounds.

The council is to spend £52,000 upgrading the properties in Brodick and Pirmill and £5,700 on Kilmory.

The report states: 'This strategy will allow the council to seek the correct balance in ensuring that appropriate accommodation is available for council staff moving to work on the island and releasing excess properties back onto the Arran market. It will also ensure that the existing two tenanted properties at Brodick and Pirmill are brought up to SHQS standards by 2015.'



Ardow House in Whiting Bay is being put up for sale. 20\_b44sch02

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# Dog warning after lambs are attacked in field

A warning has been issued to dog owners after two lambs were attacked in a field in Lamlash.

In the space of 24 hours two seven-month-old Black Face hogs were attacked. One was killed outright and the other was left seriously injured and may yet die as it has been badly bitten around the neck.

The attacks took place at Glenkiln Farm in a field next to the housing estate and now the farm owner Kenny Bone has been forced to move the sheep amid fears the dog may return. Now Mr Bone has warned irresponsible dog owners that their dogs risk being shot if he or shepherd Wullie Stevenson catches an animal worrying the sheep.

Mr Bone, who has reported the attacks to the police, said: 'I have been told I am well within my rights to dispatch any dog I catch attacking my sheep.'

There are signs at each end of the track leading to the farm warning dog owners to keep their dogs on a lead.

'I can say 99 per cent of people do that, but there is the odd irresponsible owner who lets their dogs run off the lead. We also get the odd stray dog as well. At the end of the day it is not the dog which is to blame if something happens, it is the owner.'

The farm had another incident with a dog in a field just after the lambing season in April, but it did not do any harm.

Now the lambs have been moved nearer the farm buildings in an effort to keep them safe.

Police on the island confirmed they are investigating the incident.

In a separate incident a teenage girl in Lamlash was almost dismounted from her horse after being chased by a dog in the village. It is the third time this has happened to the teenager.

Another rider, who has also been chased by a dog, said: 'Dog owners should be more responsible and know they should keep their dogs on a lead around horses.'



Alison Prince, Jan MacGregor, Sarah Cook, Heather Gough and Ian Watt are responsible for nominating Arran for the award. 20\_b45art01

## Arran's creativity recognised with award nomination

Arran could soon be in line to receive a £100,000 creative arts windfall if a nomination for a national award is successful.

The island is one of nine Scottish communities to have been shortlisted for the 2014 Creative Place Awards, it was revealed this week.

Nominees have been selected for the wide involvement of the whole community as well as the track record of their existing creative programmes.

The nomination was submitted by members of various groups on the island that included the Arran Theatre and Arts Trust, Arran Music Society, Arran Visual Arts and Arran Arts Resource.

Heather Gough of the Arran Theatre and Arts Trust said: 'We are thrilled and honoured to have been considered for the shortlist.'

'The application was very much a team effort and the result of a great deal of hard work.'

'No matter what happens now, the result of the arts groups on the island working together collaboratively to submit the application has been an extremely positive experience which we can carry forward into the future, confident that work already achieved is worthwhile.'

'Thank you so much Creative Scotland for giving us the opportunity.'

Arran falls into the under 10,000 residents category and the other two nominees are Peebles and the area covering Cove, Kilcreggan, Rosneath, Clynder, Garelochhead.

The winner of this category will receive £100,000.

The award would be used to engage professional arts practitioners to work with individuals and groups on the island, improve access to the arts for all sectors of the community, improve marketing skills and to nurture excellence by providing support for those with exceptional talent.

## Arran livestock sales

United Auctions in Stirling had forward 252 cast cows, 1,686 suckled calves, 1,721 store cattle, 4,776 prime lambs, 4,561 store lambs and 1,930 cast ewes last week. Charloais cross bullock calves, Moor £1,000, 291p. Charloais cross heifer calves, Moor £770, 252p. Belgian Blue cross cast cow, Kilpatrick £975, 125p. Limousine cross, Springfield £655, 109p.

Lambs: Brandon (Texel) £69, Brodick Home Farm (Texel) £63, Whin (Texel) £55, Brodick Home Farm (Suffolk) £67, Sheddock (Suffolk) £60.50, Sheddock (Mule) £59, Ceither Gaoithe (Easy Care) £49.50.

Ewes: Kilpatrick (Texel) £63.50, Burican (Mule) £55.50, Cosyden (Cheviot) £48.50, Whin (Blackface) £33.50, Sheddock (Blackface) £29.50.

Cast Tups: Burican (Texel) £120.

## Money found in Bodick

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## Island-wide journey for Children in Need teddy



Cara McCabe and Hollie Watkins sent this teddy bear on his educational travels around Arran this week as part of their Children in Need fundraising.

The child care class at the Argyll College campus in Lamlash came up with the idea to raise money for the nationwide charity appeal.

So look out for the teddy in the coming weeks as he makes his way around the island.

## Overeaters anonymous launches

A new support group for people with eating disorders is starting this week.

Do you worry about the way you eat? Does food rule your life? Overeaters anonymous can help.

There are no fees or weigh-ins, just a friendly, supportive group of people here to talk and listen.

Come along to the Ormidale Pavilion in Brodick on Friday 15 November from 11.30am until 1pm to find out more.

# New deli planned for Whiting Bay shop

A new deli is to open in Whiting Bay by next Easter.

The Village Shop is to be extended to form a delicatessen and sandwich bar selling hot food.

Owner Kate Armstrong has applied for planning permission to extend the existing shop to the side and to the rear which will double its size.

The expansion will also create up to three jobs and it is hoped to have the new-look shop up and running by Easter.

The deli will stock a wide range of local products and will be ecologically friendly using plastic containers as little as possible.

'It will be a shop for the future,' Mrs Armstrong said.

She said the expansion would allow more retail space in the shop.

'We have a wide market to

cater for from visitors looking for essentials to locals who may want a bigger shop.

'We also realised there was a market for hot food both during the day but also for people coming home from work and tying in with the later ferries,' she added.

As a result the shop will have longer opening times requiring the need for more staff. The shop will be run as a co-operative meaning that 'staff will share in the profits we make,' Mrs Armstrong said.

It is hoped planning permission can be secured from North Ayrshire Council before the end of the year, with work starting early in the new year.

Despite fairly extensive works, including a new heating and cooling system, Mrs Armstrong hopes to keep the



Manager Sheena McDonald where the extension to the shop will be. 20\_b45del101

shop open for the vast majority of the time.

She has also made some contingency arrangements with neighbouring shops.

Shop manager Sheena McDonald added: 'The new shop will be a real benefit to the whole village.'

Arran Community Council has also intimated its support telling planners: 'The community council discussed this application at our recent meeting and we are aware of local support for the proposal.

'It is considered the propos-

al will add an important, and much needed, facility to the village. We therefore advise of our support for the application.'

The council's environmental health department and Scottish Water have no objections to the plans.

## Learn of Arran's Gaelic heritage

Those with an interest in the island's past can hear about Arran's Gaelic heritage at a public talk to be held in Brodick next Saturday.

Doug Clement, who was on the staff of the School of Scottish Studies in Edinburgh for 20 years, is coming at the invitation of Na h-Arainnich, Arran's Gaelic club.

### Reassured

But those attending can be reassured that the talk will be in English - and no knowledge of Gaelic is required.

David, who is currently living in Dalry in his native Ayr-

shire, has a background as a linguist. He studied modern languages at Cambridge and taught in Germany and Romania, before settling back in Scotland.

He has been studying Gaelic for 50 years and while at the School of Scottish Studies travelled all over the Highlands and Islands making recordings as part of the Linguistic Service of Scotland. He apparently even had an allowance for whisky, which one German radio station refused to believe!

While on the island, he usu-

ally stayed with Donald Craig of Pirnmill and his wife, after they retired from farming at Druid, Machrie. Donald was one of the very last speakers of Arran Gaelic and his daughter Liz Dale continues the tradition with her interest in Gaelic song.

### Intriguing details

There will be information about people and places and island traditions, including some intriguing details about local place names as David was a colleague in Edinburgh of Ian Fraser, who published what is regarded as the best book on Arran place names.

The talk will be held in the Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick on Saturday 16 November at 7.30pm.

## Man drove after drinking all day

An Arran man has been banned from driving for 12 months after pleading guilty to drink driving.

Robert Earle, 24, of Kilmory was found to be unsteady on his feet when he was stopped by police after leaving the Douglas Hotel in Brodick on July 20.

Kilmarnock Sheriff Court heard witnesses called the police after Mr Earle was seen to get in his van outside the hotel at 9.30pm where he had been drinking for most of the day.

Thirty minutes later police officers saw him driving in Dyemill Road, Lamlash and stopped him.

He admitted he had been drinking alcohol all day and failed a breath test.

A blood test later showed he had 148ml of alcohol per 100ml of blood. The legal limit is 80ml.

He was fined a total of £350 and banned from driving for 12 months, which can be reduced to nine months on completion of the Vernon Manfield scheme which helps drivers learn about the dangers of drinking whilst under the influence of alcohol.

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## £200 donation from Mackerel Lottery

The Mackerel Lottery which is operated by the Kinloch Hotel in Blackwaterfoot has raised a further sum for a local charity.

A donation of £200 was made to the Shiskine Valley Community Christmas Project.

Thank you to everyone for taking part in this continuing fundraising scheme.

## Santa's circus line-up announced

The Charles Chipperfield Circus is bringing some of the UK's top circus acts to Arran this Christmas as part of the Santa's Sparkle in Lamlash.

It will be setting up their big top on Lamlash Green and all the excitement of the circus will be there – both in the air and on the ground with aerial acts, juggling and acrobatics, a contortionist, the hilarious Mexican Clown, a balancing act, a hula hoop act and a glamorous ring mistress.

There will only be four performances on Sunday 1 December and seats are limited so it's no wonder that people are rushing to book while they still have time.

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Geoffrey Dallamore of the Glenisle Hotel, which sponsors Santa's Sparkle, said: 'We were thrilled that a circus of the calibre of Chipperfield's wanted to be part of Santa's Sparkle.'

'It's going to be a fabulous weekend and the perfect way to kick off the Christmas season on Arran.'

Santa's Sparkle will run over the weekend of 30 November and 1 December in and around the Glenisle Hotel and on Lamlash Green.

Saturday 30 November will feature a visit from Santa and the spectacular lighting of the Glenisle Christmas tree followed by a party with food and drink as well as live music from Matt Johnson.

Sunday 1 December will feature Chipperfield's circus and throughout the weekend there will be fabulous Christmas food and drink, a whole range of games and events plus market stalls selling the best of Arran.

It should prove to be the perfect beginning to the island Christmas season.

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Arran High School head teacher Douglas Auld with the Lamlash Primary School pupil council at the burial of the time capsule. 20\_b45time01

# Time capsule buried at new housing development

Youngsters from Lamlash Primary School donned their hard hats and hi-vis vests when they buried a time capsule at a new housing development. The capsule has been buried at the site of the new St Molios Park homes in the village.

The ceremony rounded off the official opening of the homes by Scottish Housing and Welfare Minister Margaret Burgess before a large contingent of invited guests including politicians, housing officials and representatives of the building firms.

The time capsule was buried by members of the pupil council but every class at the school contributed an item for inclusion in the pod.

Among the items buried is a school uniform, a picture of the school and details of life on Arran, including the snowstorms last March.

### TV programmes

There is also more general information about the 2012 London Olympics, a study on the current price of sweets

and electronic items and favourite TV programmes.

During the opening ceremony Ms Burgess spoke of her delight at seeing the completion of the first phase of the 56 home development in just 12 months. She said she was sure the new tenants would have much pleasure in their new homes and said she was confident the shared equity scheme, still available to purchase some of the houses, would be a success.



Housing minister Margaret Burgess (centre) and other dignitaries with the Lamlash pupils at the plaque commemorating the official opening. 20\_b45time03

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## Island art on show

The annual Winter Art Exhibition at Brodick Castle is set to be the biggest and best yet.

Now in its 16th year, the exhibition has become the biggest event of its kind on the island, with more than 70 local artists presenting their work.

Chris Mills, senior assistant at the castle, who organises the exhibition, said: 'When Marvin Elliot, Jim Gorman and John Connelly first approached the castle back in 1998 looking for some space to hold a small local exhibition, it is fair to say no one expected the show to grow to the size it is today.'

'It is a lot of work, with a large number of volunteers and staff involved, but it has now become part of our year and it is great fun as well as a boost to our funds in the form of commission on works sold.'

The exhibition runs from Thursday 14 to Sunday 17 November, 11am to 3pm.

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## St Molios housing development open day

Irvine Housing is holding an open day at the new St Molios housing development in Lamlash this Saturday to officially launch the development to prospective buyers and the local community.

The open day will take place between 10am and 5pm, and will allow any islanders interested in purchasing a property at St Molios Park to meet and chat with advisors from Irvine Housing and view the properties.

These are available to purchase using the New Supply Shared Equity (NSSE) from the Scottish government.

Paul Hillard, managing director of Irvine Housing Association, said: 'We are looking forward to welcoming many islanders to view the development.'

'A lot of hard work and effort has gone into the St Molios development and it will be great to hear feedback from the public on the development.'

'We are already seeing the first tenants of the properties starting to move in to their new homes and hopefully at the open day we will have many islanders that are also keen to move into a home at the fantastic St Molios development.'

# Tories Euro candidate visits Arran

A former Scottish Fishermen's Federation official has been chosen as lead Tory candidate to fight next year's European Parliament elections.

Ian Duncan has been working at the Scottish parliament's office in Brussels and last Friday he visited Arran.

Accompanied by former island regional councillor, Richard Wilkinson, Ian met Veronica Michaluk and staff at the Arran Brewery and spent time learning about the brewing process and the success of this Arran company.

Ian then met a number of islanders at a 'drop-in' session at the Douglas Hotel, before departing on the ferry for an evening Question Time event with Annabel Goldie MSP in West Kilbride.

Ian told The Banner that it was always a pleasure to return to Arran.

He said: 'As a geologist I always enjoyed leading groups of students into the hills. This time no peaks were scaled, but it was good to

hear about how well the Arran Brewery is doing directly from Ms Michaluk, and of course to stock up on beer.'

'Meeting with residents and hearing of their concerns regarding the ferry service, the importance of broadband for the island and the quality of Arran's roads was also instructive.'

'I look forward to my next visit. Good people, good beer, good geology. What more could a European candidate ask for.'

The next elections to the European Parliament will take place at the end of May 2014.

The UK has 73 MEPs who are voted for within 12 electoral regions.

Mr Duncan is hoping to replace Struan Stevenson, the present conservative MEP who is standing down after 15 years in the job.

Mr Duncan said it was a 'tremendous honour' to have been selected at the top of the list.

He said: 'Struan will be a hard act to follow and his support will be invaluable in the coming months.'



Ian Duncan is hoping to replace Struan Stevenson MEP at the next European elections. 20\_b45mep01

## Youth Foundation prepares for second premier

*The club has completed a short film on Arran High School in the hope of showcasing the school and attracting new teachers to the island.*

Production has wrapped on

the latest movie by the young members of Arran Youth Foundations - and the local community is invited to the film's premiere on Friday 15 November.

The group's Wednesday film-making club has completed a short film on Arran High School in the hope of showcasing the school and possibly even attracting new teachers to the island.

The red carpet premiere will be the public's first chance to view the 10-minute feature, as well as a number of other movies produced by the youngsters, when it takes

place next Friday at St Bride's church hall, Brodick.

The charity's youth work project manager, Graeme Johnston, said: 'We were approached by Douglas Auld, the head teacher, about making a film on the high school in the hope of increasing applications from prospective teachers.'

### Cheeky humour

'I did warn him that there would no doubt be a lot of cheeky humour in it and while that's the case, the affection held for the school by both the pupils and teachers featured really shines through.'

'From the purchase of our first camera a couple of years ago, the film-making club has really grown arms and legs.'

'We now have four HD cameras, high-tech editing software, our own YouTube channel and we've just received funding to purchase a professional audio setup, with the boom mic on a pole that you'd see on a Hollywood set.'

'The young people have slowly become adept at their craft and the quality of this latest film focused on their school is really impressive for a small group of any age, never mind pupils from S1 through S4 simply working for a couple of hours after school every Wednesday.'

The movie's premiere will start at 7pm on Friday 15 November in Brodick church hall with an entry fee of £2, and Graeme promises that there will be lots on offer for anyone who comes along. He added: 'In addition to the films being showcased, we'll also have some photography taken by the young people on display and the first edition of our new magazine for sale.'

### Fanzine

'This is a small fanzine-style booklet that the young people have produced all by themselves with everything from poetry, photography, quizzes and comic strips.'

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## Drama club's dwindling membership could be saved by Whisky Galore

The Arran Music and Drama Club has been struggling to maintain membership numbers over the last few years but it remains upbeat about the future. The club intends to move forward and rebuild after the success of this year's production of *The Steamie*.

Thankfully a unique opportunity has arisen for the club to present a production of the musical version of Sir Compton Mackenzie's *Whisky Galore*.

This classic tale is based upon the real-life 1941 shipwreck of the SS *Politician* near the island of Eriskay in the Western Isles and the unauthorized taking of its cargo of whisky.

The production is intended to be staged for six nights during the traditional Whit week at the end of May next year. The initial rehearsal meeting for the production is due to take place on Thursday 14 November at 7.30pm in Brodick Community Hall.

Old, existing and prospective new members are invited to attend. Following this meeting a final decision will be made on the club's ability to successfully bring this production to the stage.

Everyone is welcome and if you don't see yourself as a budding thespian don't despair, there are numerous back stage and front of house supporting rolls that may take your fancy.

Should this be your 'tipple' but you are unable to attend please contact Lynda Davidson on 601225.

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# Disappointment but islanders show their backing for MPA

Arran's residents made it clear to Marine Scotland they are right behind the proposed Marine Protection Area for the south of the island.

Nearly 50 people turned up to a presentation in Brodick Hall last week which was held to hear about Marine Scotland's consultation 'Planning Scotland's Seas'.

The consultation is seeking views on a National Marine Plan, Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and Offshore Renewables.

The event was led by David Palmer, the head of marine planning and policy at the Scottish government directorate responsible for managing Scotland's seas.

But not everyone was happy with the presentation.

At a community council meeting later the same night Lamlash member Brenda Stewart said: 'They projected exactly what is in the literature. Do they think we can't read? And they had no microphones on so you couldn't hear them. It was dreadful.'

Secretary Hazel Gardiner agreed when she said: 'There was not a great deal new at the meeting.'



Arran residents show their support for the Arran MPA at the Brodick presentation. 20\_b45mpa01

The Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) had encouraged islanders to attend the presentation to show support for the south Arran MPA.

Marine project officer of COAST Andrew Binnie said: 'I was disappointed there was not more about the Arran MPA in the presentation but I was impressed by the quality and diversity of the questions the public asked at the meeting.'

Earlier a drop-in event had been held during the day with Marine Scotland staff on hand to provide information and hear the views of islanders.

Michael McLeod from Ma-

rine Scotland said there had been a steady stream of visitors all day and said the turnout at the presentation was one of the best he had seen out of 10 events he had been to across the country.

Meanwhile, more than 750 people have now given their

backing to the Arran MPA, and COAST hopes to get to the magic 1000 mark before the consultation ends.

The public have until 13 November to register their support and full details are available on the COAST website. [www.arrancoast.com](http://www.arrancoast.com)



Gordon Kinniburgh learns about the Arran MPA from Eamon Murphy of Marine Scotland. 20\_b45mpa03

Left: Howard Wood and Andrew Binnie of COAST discuss the Arran MPA with Michael McLeod of Marine Scotland.

20\_b45mpa02

## Corrie Film Club's November offering

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## The etiquette of poppy wearing

Tomorrow is Remembrance Sunday and red paper poppies have been on sale to raise money for Poppy Scotland all across Arran for weeks now. Worn to remember the nation's war dead, the red poppy is a widely recognised emblem.

Millions of poppies were sold last year and the appeal raised £30m nationwide for the Royal British Legion's charitable work.

But what is the etiquette of wearing one? Should you even wear one?

The poppy commemorates those who have died in war. The tradition was started by American teacher Moina Bell Michael, who sold silk poppies to friends to raise money for the ex-service community.

In 1920 the poppy was proclaimed the national emblem of remembrance in America, and in the UK the first poppy day was in 1921. Last year Britons bought 26 million poppies, but some choose not to.

What colour to wear - red, white or purple? Red is most popular, but the lesser-seen white poppy dates from 1933, when the Women's Co-operative Guild wanted a lasting symbol for peace and an end to all wars.

But the Royal British Legion refused to be associated with their manufacture, and so the Co-operative Wholesale Society took on production.

The intention was not to offend the memory of those who died in the Great War, but many veterans felt white poppies undermined their contribution and the lasting meaning of the red poppy.

There are also purple poppies, worn to remember the animal victims of war and sold by animal charities.

When to start wearing one? It's a hotly debated question. Many people think poppies should be worn from 1 November until Armistice Day on 11 November.

Others pin one on only in the week running up to Remembrance Sunday - 10 November this year.

Where to pin your poppy - left or right? Some people say left, as it's worn over the heart. It is also where military medals are worn. Others say only the Queen and royal family are allowed to wear a poppy on the right, which isn't true.

The Royal British Legion says there is no right or wrong side 'other than to wear it with pride' which hopefully is what everyone on Arran will be doing on Sunday.

### 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

### No excuses

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**Peter Milne  
Taobhnamara  
Lochranza**

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Sir,

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Although there was not much cash and no bank cards in my purse, it had my return car and passengers ferry tickets.

Best wishes and thanks to everyone involved.

I will donate to this year's poppy appeal to thank you all.

It could only happen on Arran.

Yours,  
**P Gillies  
Bearsden  
Glasgow**

### Greens optional

Sir,

I notice that in this week's issue that an establishment, ad-

vertising Sunday lunch, has made greens optional for the children's menu.

What sort of example is this?

Yours,  
**Mary Kirkwood  
Beinn Nuis  
Blackwaterfoot**

### Family research

Sir,

I am researching the life and background of my dear departed parents, who would both be 105 if alive today.

They met in the mid 1930s at Lochranza Golf Course at a friendly mixed doubles competition - I believe someone at the club did a bit of match-making that proved to last a lifetime.

I am hoping that some of your readers may have some living memories of that time - it must be very healthy living on Arran, I hear you have some centenarians? I would like to know any details of life on Arran in the 1930s. My parents, Charles Williamson and Alice Cochran, both

from Glasgow, holidayed separately on Arran in the summertime.

Lochranza was always their favourite place. They were keen golfers and dancers. Would anyone recall if there were dances every night at each of the towns? Would these be in village halls? How many golf courses would there be on the island in the 1930s? How many hotels? Does anyone have any pictures of Lochranza at that time?

I would also love some information about the holiday lifestyle on Arran back then? My mum rented a holiday cottage on the hillside above Brodick that was pretty frugal, sharing this with four other girls.

It had no running water, probably a luxury rental these days!

I look forward to hearing from your readers.

Yours,  
**Fiona Pearson  
Tadcaster Road  
York**



## Remembrance services to be held

Arran's MSP Kenneth Gibson is pictured with Lieutenant Colonel Peter Bates at the launch of PoppyScotland 2013 at the Scottish Parliament last week.

On Sunday services of remembrance will be held across the island to commemorate those lost in war and to reinforce the on-going importance and relevance of Armistice Day to local communities.

A parade and service of remembrance will be held at the war

memorial in the centre of Brodick at 10.45am and wreaths will be laid by armed forces veterans and members of the community.

A spokesman for the Arran branch of the Royal British Legion said: 'The Act of Remembrance continues to be of great significance to many of us on Arran.'

'It is important that we continue to remember those who lost their lives in the defence of this country.'

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# Ghoulish goings on for



The long-dead 10th Duke of Hamilton was found wailing in the castle library. 01\_b45cas02



The grim reaper stalking his victims at Brodick Castle. 01\_b45cas06



The P3-4 class at Brodick Primary School had a fantastic time c

Things went bump in the night all over Arran at Halloween.

Parties were held across the island and a huge amount of effort was put in by parents, grandparents and the children themselves to produce some outstanding costumes.

Some of the best were at Shiskine where the party night really went with a swing includ-

ing fancy dress contests and games galore with adults also joining in.

#### Wide array

While at the southend a party was held for children from Primary 3 to Primary 7 at Kilmory School. They also proved creative with a wide array of costumes from the goulish to the dandy.

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Elaine Davidge, Daisy Amsing and Erin Mullholland make a scary trio. 20\_b45hallo01



Fright night with a severed arm and the grim reaper exposed. 20\_b45hallo02



Twins Abbie and Erin Mullholland with their pumpkins. 20\_b45hallo03



Twins Isaac and Eoin Jones are Thing 1 and Thing 2. 20\_b45hallo15



The gang's all here. A scary sight in Shiskine Hall. 20\_b45hallo28



# Hallowe'en celebrations



**Dressing up for Hallowe'en.** 20\_b44hallo40

The following day it was the turn of children at Brodick Primary School who had some time out from classes to enjoy some Hallowe'en fun and games.

The youngsters in Whiting Bay and Lamlash enjoyed parties on Friday night.

On Hallowe'en itself a large number of brave souls dared to attend Brodick Castle's 'Feast

of the Dead' where ghostly apparitions and spirits of long dead inhabitants guided visitors through the building and the castle grounds.

The evening ended with sacrificial cups of 'blood' (mulled wine) and 'eyeballs' (marshmallows) around a roaring fire inside the replica Bronze Age roundhouse.



**A ghostly apparition photographed at the castle.**

01\_b45cas04



**Fancy dress judges Kayleigh Jeffrey and Rachel McKinnon with vampire Rosie McKelvie.** 20\_b45hallo04



**Now you see us now you don't. Brothers Severin and Keir Riddle.** 20\_b45hallo09 and 20\_b45hallo10 (above).



**Abbie Mullholland loses her head next to Isabel Buckby.**

20\_b45hallo07



**Little Cara Henderson with her shocking pink hair.**

20\_b45hallo22



**Jordan Rogers is a scary Grim Reaper.** 20\_b45hallo14

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# 'Frightful' fun at Arran



Hallowe'en fun in Lamlash. 20\_b45hallo36



Lisa Henderson, Erin McNiven, Lela Webster and Beth McCarthy show their disguises. 20\_b45hallo26



Finlay Elliot is underneath K9 as Archie Gunaydi presses his buttons. 20\_b45hallo25



The gruesome gathering at Kilmory Hall with organiser Isobel

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A minion and a zombie at the Whiting Bay party. 20\_b45hallo31



George Andrew, Emma Henderson and Morgan Bell strike a pose. 20\_b45hallo23



A colourful line up of costumes at Shiskine. 20\_b45hallo18



Primary 1 and 2 dressed up at Brodick Primary. 20\_b45hallo39



Ghoulish goes on at WI



# n's Hallowe'en parties



Mullholland. 20\_b45hallo06



Witches and skeletons at the Lamlash party. 20\_b45hallo34



Emma Henderson as a colourful punk. 20\_b45hallo24



One of the best costumes on show in Whiting Bay - a cowgirl with her calf. 20\_b45hallo35



From a weather girl to the Black Eyed Peas, the costumes were all inventive. 20\_b45hallo29



Dorothy is Olivia McNeice with Rhea Webster as the wicked witch. 20\_b45hallo21



At Whiting Bay parents got into the Hallowe'en spirit. 20\_b45hallo32



Whiting Bay. 20\_b45hallo33



Primary 5, 6 and 7 show their creative side at Brodick Primary. 20\_b45hallo41

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# Natural History Society wins national award

The Arran Natural History Society has been awarded a prestigious prize for its work recording bird populations on the island.

The Marsh Local Ornithology Award was presented to Dr Jim Cassels of Kilpatrick at a ceremony in London this week.

Dr Cassels, who writes the Bird Notes column for The Banner, was presented with the award by Ian Newton, chairman of the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO), and Jo Winyard and Professor Bill Sutherland, on behalf of The Marsh Christian Trust.

In nominating Arran Natural History Society for the award, Dawn Balmer, the UK coordinator for Bird Atlas 2007-11, reflected upon the commitment of the Arran Natural History Society and Dr Cassels' personal drive.

**Delighted**

Dr Cassels said: 'I was delighted to accept this award on behalf of the Arran Natural History Society.'

'It was a most unexpected yet welcome accolade, a fitting tribute to all who have contributed to this work.'

The Marsh Local Ornithology Award is given to a bird club or group that publishes a book, completes a study or

conducts any other exceptional activity that advances knowledge about birds.

Dr Andy Clements from the British Trust for Ornithology said: 'We have been delighted to work with local birdwatching groups during the Bird Atlas 2007-11 project.'

'The achievements of the Arran Natural History Society, and Jim Cassels in particular, should not be underestimated.'

**Inspired**

'This is tough terrain in which to look for birds and we are inspired by the coverage that has been achieved.'

During the early stages of the national Bird Atlas project, Jim Cassels persuaded the society to attempt a more detailed local breeding and wintering atlas of the birds of Arran, despite having only a handful of keen bird surveyors available to support the work.

To complete the project, he and the Arran Natural History Society engaged the whole community on the island, encouraging people to submit records for the atlas.

They did this by writing regular articles for The Banner, giving talks and building special atlas pages on the Arran birding website.



Jo Winyard of The Marsh Christian Trust presents Dr Jim Cassels with the award which recognises the commitment of the Arran Natural History Society to recording bird populations.

Visitors to the island were persuaded to contribute records.

Bird walks were organised to give local people valuable fieldwork experience and to build their confidence levels.

Nearly 700 people submitted more than 36,000 records on 177 species of bird for the Arran atlas.

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**Quiz results**

There was a big entry for the Kilmory Parish Church annual quiz.

For those who took part, the answers were all girls' or boys' names and were as follows: 1 Sally, 2 Emily, 3 Irene, 4 Beth, 5 Carla, 6 Mollie, 7 Matilda, 8 Shelley, 9 Megan, 10 Ellie, 11, Natasha, 12 Gillian, 13 Hillary, 14 May, 15 Eve, 16, Lewis, 17 Daniel, 18 Hamish, 19 Peter, 20 Findlay, 21 Ben, 22 Ethan, 23 Bruce, 24 Matthew, 25 Robbie, 26 Jason, 27 Jacob, 28 David, 29 Ross, 30 Luke.

The organisers would like to thank all those who took part and for everyone who sold the quiz sheets. All money raised will go to church funds.

**Lamlash SWRI**

The next meeting of the Lamlash SWRI will be held on Wednesday 6 November.

To celebrate the 90th birthday of the Lamlash rural, ladies are asked to meet at the Lamlash Fire Station at 10.20am to allow time for the journey to the Lochranza distillery for lunch.

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# Final performance for Lochranza Choir

The final performance of Lochranza Choir as an individual group will take place later on this month.

After Christmas it will amalgamate with the Lamlash-based Rowan Singers to form an all-island choir, similar to the old-established Arran Chorus that many people took part in.

The combination of voices from the two groups worked very well in practice sessions, giving more strength

to the male voices and providing an exhilarating 'gutsiness' to the whole ensemble.

For more than a decade choral music has been alive and well in the north end of Arran with concerts, often two, each year.

Lochranza Choir was founded and conducted by Betty Buchanan, and then more recently by Diana Hamilton.

The concert on Sunday 17 Novem-

ber in Lochranza Village Hall promises to be a highly enjoyable one, with a mixture of composers and styles that should have something for everyone.

Because of ongoing roadworks between Pirmill and Lochranza, the concert will have the unusual starting time of 4.15pm to allow people using that route to pass the road gates in daylight.

The matchless team of Douglas and

Diana Hamilton as accompanist and conductor, will work their joint magic to produce singing that is always good to listen to and has moments of sheer inspiration.

Don't miss the final appearance of this deservedly well-loved choir.

Come early to be sure of a seat - Lochranza Hall is likely to be very full. You may even get a chance to help the saints along as they 'Go Marching In'.

## Golden eagle soars high as Scotland's number one

The majestic golden eagle that can often be seen soaring above the hills of Arran has been voted the country's favourite.

The golden eagle has overwhelmingly topped the vote in a campaign to find the country's favourite wild animal.

The impressive bird of prey was competing against the red deer, red squirrel, harbour seal and otter - all of which can be found on Arran.

Thousands of votes were recorded online following the campaign launch in spring and with almost 40 per cent of the vote, the eagle was well ahead of its counterparts.

The next closest was the red squirrel with 20 percent, then the red deer and the otter, with the harbour seal in last place.

The campaign was run jointly by Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) and VisitScotland as part of the Year of Natural Scotland 2013 celebrations.

Environment and climate change minister Paul Wheelhouse said: 'While we can be enormously proud of all our native wildlife, it is fitting that the magnificent golden eagle has topped this poll of Scotland's 'Big 5' species.'

'At present Scotland is home to all of the UK's breeding pairs of golden eagles, and the species has done well to recover after almost being wiped out in the last two centuries.'

## Arran brewery secures place in Aldi's winter beer festival

National supermarket Aldi has selected Arran Brewery to take part in its winter beer festival.

The festival will take place in stores throughout Scotland to showcase some of the country's finest dark ales, and this year will feature Arran Dark.

Worth at least £96,000 to Scottish breweries, this year's winter beer festival builds on the success of Aldi's previous festivals which were worth a combined £190,000 to the breweries involved and saw more than

105,000 bottles of ale sold.

Gerald Michaluk, managing director of Arran Brewery, said: 'We are very grateful for the opportunity to take part in Aldi's third beer festival alongside other well-known Scottish breweries.'

'We are excited to see what kind of reception our ale receives and hope it's something that we can do again in the future.'

Aldi's Scottish Beer Festival is currently taking place across all of Aldi's 49 Scottish stores for five weeks (or until stocks last).



Sal Bannatyne, centre, and her daughter Greta, right, enjoy lunch on Monday with their Salvation Army 'befriender' Mary Lindsay. 20\_b45sa101

## Salvation Army keen to attract more diners

Organisers are desperate to attract more diners to the weekly Salvation Army lunch club held in Brodick or Lamlash.

Each Monday at 12.30pm the lunch club opens its doors to a large number of people in either the Lamlash sheltered housing at McKelvie Road or at Glen Place in Brodick.

But organiser Lexie Andrade, commanding officer of the Irvine and Arran Salvation Army, said the club is open to anyone 60 years of age or more.

'I think some people have the misconception that it's only here for residents of the sheltered housing,' she told The Banner. 'But that's not the case. The club is here for anyone over 60 to come along and enjoy a delicious two-course lunch in a friendly and sociable place.'

For £4 diners get a two course lunch followed by tea/coffee and biscuits and the opportunity to meet and chat with other people.

On Monday the lunch club will be at McKelvie Road and

on the menu there is leek and potato soup and mince and potatoes with vegetables.

## Harvest Supper celebrated at Corrie church

The sound of music and laughter filled Corrie Church at the annual Harvest Supper this week.

Friends from Brodick joined the congregation for a sumptuous buffet meal, for which they thanked Creelers and The Arran Butcher, along with everyone who brought and donated to the table.

Sheila Gilmore recited from Robert McLellan's works in her own inimitable way; Fraser Blain delighted with both violin and saxophone and Lorna Buchanan accompanied him skilfully and also her daughter Ellie, who sang with a freshness and vivacity

Harvest Sunday followed and it saw the church decorated with beautiful flowers, a plaited loaf and food, all of which was distributed round the villages to the sick and to the Arran Food Bank.

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## OBITUARY

# Sandy Mutch 1927 – 2013

Some might have described Sandy Mutch, who died peacefully at home in Brodick on Sunday 27 October, as a difficult man.

Others, those who knew him better, would have said that his strong work ethic, his firmly held views, his refusal to bend with the wind or follow the crowd and his integrity were the things that marked him as such an outstanding character.

Not least in his final years, dogged by ill health, he bore many tribulations stoically, determined to continue his life as if fully fit and remaining as active as a much younger man.

Just two days before his death he was making plans for next year's planting though he knew he would not see those plants grow.

Sandy had a tough upbringing. Born Alexander Fraser Mutch, the eldest of four children, into farming stock near Rhynie in rural Aberdeenshire in 1927, he was expected to work in the fields as a boy but determined he would not spend his life on a farm.

An aptitude for maths saw him getting an auctioneer's

job in Aberdeen after leaving Inverurie Academy, but with the war just ending he joined up hoping to see some action in the Black Watch.

Instead he was posted to the pay corps in Glasgow issuing demob payments. Demobbed himself in 1947 he chose to join the Metropolitan Police (being too short for entry into the City of Glasgow Police despite the small stature of men in that city) and it was in London as a young policeman that he met a trainee teacher, Gwen, who became his wife.

#### Working

After marriage Gwen could only find a job in her home town of Leicester and they found themselves apart. As a result Sandy left the police and began working in his father-in-law's shop.

But he had an independent nature and was not temperamentally inclined towards working for others, so soon he was supplying that same shop from a nursery he had started. Before long he had his own small market garden, growing principally tomatoes.

In Leicester he became friends with Chris Smith, who was to inherit a former

dowager duchess's house, Auchrannie in Brodick, from his uncle. Chris invited Sandy to join him on Arran and, ever open to adventure, they and their wives moved here in 1970, not exactly sure how they would earn their living.

Chris ran the house as a modest guest house but Sandy, who had been thinking of starting a caravan park, hit on the idea of The Arran Ranchettes.

Although a little primitive by today's standards of self catering, they were very advanced for their time. Wooden cabins, simply equipped offering inexpensive accommodation for family holidays, they foresaw the huge rise in self catering which was to come accompanying the relative demise of the family hotel. Meanwhile Sandy and Gwen had become well known on Arran and were active in the Arran Tourist Board. It was about 1983 when, at the AGM of the tourist board, hoteliers and self caterers were agonising about poor bookings, that Sandy, the canny Aberdonian, stood up and put a sum of £100 on the table and challenged the others to do likewise so that they might initiate an Arran promotion campaign.

#### Kilted

The Arran Tourist Bus had been on the road for a couple of years, with a kilted Sandy on board at several locations, but it was felt that more was needed. Several offered, yet nobody matched Sandy's contribution.

They had five children and had bought an area of land along what is now Auchrannie Road and self-built themselves a large and comfortable home, Gushetneuk. Later Sandy would self-build another house there. He could turn his hand to almost anything.

Scrupulously honest he did not necessarily follow the rules if he did not respect them. Younger son Gavin recalls a night when he was walking home from the cubs in the dark and, coming round the corner of Auchrannie Road, found his father and a friend engaged in lifting a large salmon from the Cloy Burn. Just then a police van pulled up and Gavin called out a warning to his dad. There was some movement and the friend fell into the



Sandy Mutch, pictured with his wife Gwen, on their golden wedding anniversary.

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burn but Sandy was nowhere to be seen. A short while later he turned up at home no worse for wear although, sad to say, the salmon had escaped.

Freemasonry was a large part of Sandy's life and he was made a Right Worshipful Master in Lodge St Molios 774. He spoke often of the good which masons did and was at pains to dispel the negative view held of Freemasonry in some quarters. Sandy held several opinions which had become rather unfashionable in the age of political correctness and had no fear of expressing them. When I arrived on Arran in 1980 he quickly made himself known to me and announced bluntly that he had given up on The Banner and that he would give me just six months.

Whatever I managed to do, within six months I would have counted him as a friend. And he made frequent use of The Banner to express many of these opinions on any number of local topics in a forthright and pithy manner. Two which stand out were when a highly regarded local person had lampooned our MP John Corrie and the Scottish Conservative chairman Lord Goold, who had been speaking on Arran, after their pictures appeared in The Banner.

Sandy vigorously attacked,

not the criticism, but the manner of it, thus creating a correspondence which went on for weeks. Interestingly, and a revelation to myself, I noted that almost all the letters were against Sandy and in support of his well-regarded protagonist, yet the street view was in entirely in Sandy's favour.

People were just too scared to support somebody who was not taking the establishment line.

When he and Gwen did sell the Ranchettes to what is now The Auchrannie Hotel they bought a house in Cyprus with the intention of wintering there and summering on Arran. After a few years however they decided that Arran was the better place to live and sold that house. Sandy also tended his finances in retirement, having long been fascinated by the stock market, quite often even challenging The Banner's financial correspondent David Henderson.

#### Advised

He was not always right and many years ago it was Sandy who advised me to place my pension in the care of Equitable Life, a matter which cost us both dearly, although we later laughed about it.

Yet he could 'take a view' on things and was willing to take a risk if it offered some additional fun. Like buying the home of J M Barrie

in Dumfries, where he had written Peter Pan, although the connection here was that daughter Heather was selling a hotel nearby and thinking of starting a guest house in Dumfries.

A number of years ago Sandy was diagnosed with a form of cancer and had to undergo a series of surgical procedures on his face and head which meant many visits to Crosshouse.

As well as being very visible he must have been both anxious and in pain. Yet it was that same courage which kept him going, and had kept him going in a life in which he had often found himself swimming against the tide. Even more distressing was daughter Fiona's illness, from which she did seem to make a recovery, but then died only a few months ago.

Sandy Mutch is survived by his wife Gwen and children Alistair, Heather, Isabel and Gavin and several grandchildren. A strong character who lived a remarkably full and independent life, he regretted not having fought with the Black Watch. With this in mind, minister Angus Adamson took off his robes at the end of Sandy's funeral last Friday, and piped out the coffin to the tune of the 42nd Highlanders, the Black Watch tune.

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# Karen to create an ice age sculpture of Arran

## Keep up to date with progress on artist's blog

A visual artist is creating a model for a major art work which will be on display at Brodick Castle next summer.

The sculpture will depict Arran as it was in the ice age and is throwing up some huge challenges for Karen Renn, who is an artist in residence with the National Trust for Scotland, currently working on Arran.

With a model of her work due to go on display next week, she is hard at work in her workshop within the castle grounds putting the concept into the form of a model.

The artist has used inspiration from many facets of the island to create the work.

Now islanders can join in the process by following her work in a new blog she has created for the project titled Nature for Change.

### Signature projects

Brodick Castle was chosen along with Inverewe Garden in Wester Ross for artists to work as they are the National Trust for Scotland signature projects which will see significant changes to the properties in the coming months and years.

So the work of the artists

should reflect that change.

Karen found her inspiration leaving the island one day.

She said: 'Geologically there is so much going on and I just marvel at the granite upthrust which formed Goatfell.

'I had an abiding image just looking back at it and that is when I began to think about what it must have looked like in the ice age. An altered island in a sea of dark.'

While Karen accepts that it is pretty 'conceptual' she insists people can engage with her work at a visual level.

The concept was developed in a two-week 'recce' Karen had to the island in August - her first ever visit to Arran.

She returned last month to begin work on her model and found inspiration for her materials from the natural elements available on the island.

First charcoal deposits from the burning of Rhododendron bushes in the estate, which she hopes to use to form the black sea.

And from the granite, barytes, onced mined at Glen Sannox, and other rocks which she hopes will shape her Arran. But she admits granite is a tough medium to work in.

Her model will go on show outside the art exhibition which starts on Thursday 14 November at the castle.

Karen said: 'Once people have seen it I would be delighted to see their comments on my blog and am open to any advice or suggestions people may have.

'On the blog they can see the thought process of my ideas and can see where I am coming from.'

### First blog

Karen tried her first blog when she was working on an art project in Gairloch and it was such a success she now plans to do the same for her Arran project.

Once the model is complete Karen will leave the island returning in the spring of next year to complete the full size sculpture which will be sited within the castle grounds next summer.

Karen, who has been staying at the castle, said: 'Everyone has been so friendly and welcoming and it has been really good to be right at the heart of where my work is taking shape.'

The Nature for Change blog can be found on Karen's website at [www.karenrann.co.uk](http://www.karenrann.co.uk).



Karen Renn, who is producing a blog of the progress of her work. 20\_b45artist01



Karen in her workshop with a piece of charcoal which has new life sprouting from it.

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Star mum Louise Haggarty with daughter Julie and Colin Turbett with children Conor and Poppy Haggarty and Alaister Gold. b45twe01



Peter Mackay (left) with Margaret and Chris Keenan. b45twe02



Firework events were held across the island and in Shiskine little Scott Campbell is only interested in his sparkler. b45twe03

## Retreat refused

Outline planning permission for a proposed Buddhist retreat centre on Holy Isle has been refused by the Cunninghame District Council planning committee.

'We half expected this because of the reception given to us by CDC,' said Samye Ling administrator Thom McCarthy, who feels the planners have been hostile, at least uncooperative, towards them since the start.

Mr McCarthy added: 'I've talked to the Lama Yeshe and we'll take it all the way to the Secretary of State.'

Council planners say the application is far to wide and want a more clearly defined area, where the retreat is to be built, and more details on the infrastructure.

## Star mum

Louise Haggarty of Brodick has been mum to 36 children.

With three daughters of her own and one foster child, for the past six years Louise has been taking in children on a short term fostering basis.

And in the eyes of the social work department she is Arran's star mum.

Louise has the right attitude. She takes each child as he or she is and she has the sort of personality that, if she were a schoolteacher, no pupil, nor teacher, nor rector, would cross.

But no matter how much Louise and husband Colin help them out the department still need other mums to look after children on a short term basis, said social worker Colin Turbett.

## Driving school

Arran has a new driving school. Chris Keenan his wife Margaret and Peter Mackay from

Corrie have formed a team which they hope can improve driving standards.

'The standard of driving is poor on the island,' said Chris and cited selfish parking and that people from the mainland think they can be less careful once they drive off the ferry.

The new driving school won't just cater for teenagers. Older people often find they need to learn to drive.

They are planning to offer intensive courses too at 30 hours in one week, and they have agreements with some guest houses about offering them as a package holiday.

## Fare dodging

Shore ticketing is on the cards and although communities and individuals are busily listing the possible disadvantages, one aspect, perhaps the most important to Cal Mac, is being missed, fare dodging.

Overall the problem, as the ferry operators see it, is that tickets are not being checked properly.

Seamen find it very difficult checking all these tickets on the car deck, says operations manager Ted Sangster.

'On the gangway there may be hundreds of people pressing to get off.

'It's quite a brave person that can actually say 'come on this is the wrong ticket' with everybody pressing behind,' he said.

## JCB theft

A local man has been charged with drinking and driving after a JCB earth mover was taken from within the grounds of the Auchranie Hotel on Sunday night.

The man, with an unusual taste in vehicles to steal, came to a halt when a wheel fell off and he crashed at the foot of The String road. Police enquiries are continuing.



A roaring bonfire at Shiskine. b45twe04

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Save the Children Fayre  
International Polish Day  
RNLI Shop  
Arran Riding Club Dinner dance  
Stella & Dot

Auchrannie Road 11am -1 pm.  
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am-12.30pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm  
Arran High School, 10am  
P4s and upwards, Arran High School, 11am-12.30pm  
Brodict Hall, 10.30am-1.00pm  
Whiting Bay Hall, 11am,-4pm  
Lamlash Pier 10.30-12.30pm  
Kinloch Hotel, 7.30pm  
Douglas Hotel, 2-6pm

## Sunday 10th November

Family Games  
Fun in the pool  
Cocaine Anonymous (& all other drugs)  
AA Meeting  
Conker Cup

Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm  
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm  
Ormidale sports pavilion, 2pm - 3.30pm  
Brodict Church Hall, 4pm - 6pm  
Kilmory Hall, 2.30pm

## Monday 11th November

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Lunch club  
Yoga - Arran  
Shirley & Sarah fitness class  
Wee Blether cafe  
Scottish Country Dancing  
Bridge Club  
Metafit

Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 8.30pm  
Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm  
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30-1.30pm  
Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am  
Corrie Hall, 6.30pm  
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm  
Ormidale Park, 6-7.30pm  
Corrie Village Hall, 11am - 12noon  
Lamlash Sheltered Housing, 12.00 noon  
Kinneil, Lamlash, 3-4.30pm  
Lamlash High School, 6.30-7.30pm  
Whiting Bay Hall, 11.30-1.30pm  
Beginners & improvers Corrie Hall, 2-4pm  
Lamlash Golf Clubhouse 7pm  
Shiskine Hall, 5.15 -5.45pm

## Tuesday 12th November

Pop Quiz  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
Youth Club  
Rotary club  
Streetly Dance pre school  
Streetly Dancing minis P1-3  
Streetly Dancing Juniors P4-7  
Streetly Dancing Seniors  
Youth Club  
Weight Watchers

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
Brodict Church Hall, 2pm  
Kildonan Hall, 7pm  
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 7.15pm  
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 1.45-2.30pm  
Auchrannie Gym Hall, 4-4.45pm  
Auchrannie Gym Hall, 4.45-5.30pm  
Auchrannie Gym Hall, 5.30-6.15pm  
Brodict Hall, 6.30 - 8pm  
St Molios Church Hall, 7pm

Junior Hockey Club  
Healthy Outdoors  
Lawn Bowls (weather permitting)  
Food and craft market  
Winter bowls  
Scottish Country Dancing  
Metafit  
Lochranza & Catacol Village Hall AGM  
SFA Early Touch Football

Auchrannie Sports Hall, 6-7pm  
10am-1pm NTS Ranger Centre  
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 1.45pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, 11am - 4pm  
Auchrannie sports hall, 7pm  
Brodict Church Hall, 7.30-9.30pm  
Arran High School, 6-6.30pm & 6.30-7pm  
Village Hall, 7pm  
P1-P4s, Arran High School, 6-7pm

## Wednesday 13th November

Hockey  
Tae Kwondo  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
Arran Brass Rehearsal  
Yogalates  
Aquafizz  
Music Mayhem Class Parents & Little Ones  
Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy service  
Whiting Bay Bowling Rink Games  
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Auchrannie Games Hall, 6.30-7.30pm  
Arran high School Kids-6.30-7.30pm Adults-7.30-8.30pm  
Lamlash Church Hall, 8pm  
Brodict Church Hall, 7-9pm  
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am  
Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am  
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 10.45am  
10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30  
Whiting Bay Bowling Club 7pm  
Auchrannie Spa car park, 5.15pm  
Auchrannie Spa car park, 6pm  
Kinneil, Lamlash, 7-8.30pm  
P4-S2s, Arran High School, 6-7.30pm

## Thursday 14th November

Senior Fitness  
General Knowledge Quiz  
Lochranza Craft Club  
Live music  
Weight Watchers  
Yoga  
Shirley & Sarah fitness class  
Brodict Embroidery Group  
Quilt Arran  
Winter bowls  
Metafit  
Bridge Club  
Arran Drama & Music Rehearsal  
Lunchbox

Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am  
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
Lochranza Hall, 2pm  
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay 8.30-11.00pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, 5.30pm  
Corrie Village Hall, 6pm - 7pm  
Lamlash High School, 6.30-7.30pm  
Brodict Library, 7.30pm  
Lamlash Fire Station, 2pm-4.30pm  
Auchrannie sports hall, 7pm  
Auchrannie sports hall, 6-6.30pm  
Brodict Golf Clubhouse, 7pm  
Brodict Hall, 7.30pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict 12.30-2.30pm

## Friday 15th November

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Yogalates  
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Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am  
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am  
Church Hall, Brodict 7pm-9pm  
Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm  
Lochranza Hall, 8pm  
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
Auchrannie Road, 8am - 6pm  
Ormidale Park, 10am  
Corrie Hall, 8-10pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict 11.30-1pm



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Lamlash ACVS	15.00-16.00
<b>Monday 09 December</b>	
Whiting Bay Village Hall	11.15-12.15
Kilmory Village Hall	13.00-14.00
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**Wednesday 13th November**  
 Holy Communion, 12.15 pm.  
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 Corrie Church, 12noon Corrie War Memorial service.  
 12.15pm Remembrance Day service.  
 A Remembrance Day Service will also be held in Montrose House at 1.30pm  
 Lochranza Church, 9.30am Remembrance Day service.  
 Pirmill Church, 10am Remembrance Day service in Village Hall.  
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There will be a retiring offering in aid of the Earl Haig Fund.  
 All welcome.

Tea and coffee will be served in the Transept before and 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 morning mass 11am

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**Sunday 10th November**  
 Shiskine 10.45am (Church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)  
 Brodick 7pm (Church behind post office)  
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**ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

(continuing)  
**Sunday 10th November**  
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**DEATH**

**CRAIG**

Peacefully at Crosshouse Hospital on Monday 4th November 2013, Duncan McAlister Craig, loving brother and uncle to the family. "Will be sadly missed by all". Funeral service will be held on Tuesday 12th November at Holmsford Bridge Crematorium, Dreghorn at 1.00pm



**Shiskine Golf Club**

Thursday 31 October, Ladies 18 Hole Medal, CSS 70 RO, 11 played. 1 and Scratch Kema Genda 86-12=74 BIH, 2 Sally Brookes 97-23=74, 3 Fiona Crawford 90-15=75 BIH.

Men's Arran Challenge, 2013 results. 147 men played. First class (0-7): 1 Peter Dockerty, Fulneck (7) 23+27=50pts BIH, 2 Colin Allison, Mortonhall (4) 24+26=50pts BIH, 3 Edmund English, Cardross (7) 24+26=50pts BIH.

Second class (8-15): 1 Daniel Hazell, Fulneck (10)

28+27=55pts Winner, 2 Scott Martin, Glasgow (10) 25+28=53pts, 3 Jamie Mclean, Fulneck (11) 26+26=52pts.

Congratulations Daniel Hazell the overall winner.

Fixtures: Thursday 14 November, Ladies 12 Hole Medal Ladies. Sunday 17 November, Gents 12 Hole Medal and Winter Cup.

**Machrie Bay Golf Club**

Tuesday 29 October Winter Cup. 1 Hamish Bannatyne 66, 2 Alastair MacDonald 68 BIH, 3 Brian Sherwood 68. Scratch Hamish Bannatyne 71. Magic twos Brian Sherwood (2).

Fixtures: Tuesday 12 November Winter Cup tee off 12.30pm.

**Brodick Golf Club**

Sunday 3 November, Sweep. 1 J Reid (15)64, 2 R McCrae (7)67.

Fixtures: Saturday 9 November, Saturday Cup. Re-scheduled from last week. Arrange own times or join open draw at 12noon. Sunday 10 November, Brandon and Winter Cup. Class draws at 9am and 12noon. Sunday 17 November, Clochendichter.

**Whiting Bay Golf Club**

Sunday 3 November, Whiting Bay got off to a good start to this year's Winter League for the Duncan Trophy by beating Shiskine at Brodick. In very wet underfoot conditions Whiting Bay won by three

games to one. The next round of matches will be played at Corrie on Sunday 1 December when Whiting Bay will play Brodick.

Fixtures: Sunday 10 November, Winter Cup round two, draws at 9am and 10.30pm.

**Corrie Golf Club**

Monday 4 November Monday Cup. 1 A Smith 64-10=54, 2 A MacDonald 64-9=55, 3 B Lewis 70-11=59. Magic twos A MacDonald, A Smith, D Crawford, B Lewis and J McGovern.

Fixtures: Saturday 9 November, Joe McKenzie Stableford 12.30pm shotgun start. Monday 11 November Monday Cup, 12noon start.

**Lamlash Golf Club**

Thursday 31 October, Yellow Medal S 61 (non-qualifying for handicap). 1 Ian Taylor 80-19=61, 2 Ian Bremner 66-5=61, Magic twos from Mark Wren at the 12th, Ian Bremner at the 4th and 16th, Adam Burke at the 17th, Andy Smith at the 16th.

Result of Winter League Game at Brodick - Brodick 2 Lamlash 2.

Fixtures: Sunday 10 November, Glenburn Cup 9.30am and 12noon starts.

Thursday 14 November, Yellow Medal, 11am start.

**Arran Golfers Association**  
 The Winter League/Duncan Trophy first round started on Sunday 3 November at Brodick Golf Course.

The club did great getting the course ready considering the deluge the day before, and with only one or two showers during the day overall everyone enjoyed the day.

First out were Lamlash against host club Brodick, despite winning the first two games Brodick then won the next two to tie the match and share the points.

Next out were Corrie and Machrie, this followed the same as the previous match with Corrie winning the first two and Machrie then winning the next two to tie the match and points.

Final game was Whiting Bay against Shiskine, a strong performance by Whiting Bay saw them take three games to Shiskine's one and win the match and head straight to the top of the league. Thanks to Brodick, to Trish for the drinks and soup and sandwiches and to James in the shop for starting the matches.

Fixtures: Sunday 1 December at Corrie.

**Pool league begins for another season**

The fixtures have been drawn up for the 2013/14 Arran Pool League which has seven teams taking part.

The first games took place last Thursday and it will run throughout the winter until the middle of March.

The seven teams participating are Kildonan, Catacol, PT1934, Whiting Bay Golf Club, Mac's Bar and the Drift Inn which has two teams.

There will be a pool meeting on Sunday 17 November at 2pm in the Drift Inn and team captains are asked to be there with £25 team registration, and names and money for both doubles and singles competition.

The singles is £3 per person and the doubles is £6 per each pair.

Arran pool league fixtures for the first half of the season are as follows.

Thursday 14 November: Whiting Bay GC v PT1934, Mac's Bar v Drift A, Kildonan v Catacol, Drift B bye.

Thursday 21 November: Drift B v Kildonan, PT1934 v Drift A, Whiting Bay GC v Mac's Bar, Catacol bye.

Thursday 28 November: Drift A v Whiting Bay GC, Catacol v Drift B, Mac's v PT1934, Kildonan bye.

Thursday 5 December: Drift

B v PT1934, Whiting Bay GC v Kildonan, Catacol v Drift A, Mac's Bar bye.

Thursday 12 December: first round and first leg of the shield - Kildonan v Mac's Bar, Drift B v Catacol, PT1934 v Drift A, Whiting Bay GC bye.

Thursday 19 December: first round and second leg of shield - Mac's Bar v Kildonan, Catacol v Drift B, Drift A v PT1934, Whiting Bay GC bye.

**Bridge results**

The results of the Arran Bridge Club held on Monday 28 October were: N/S

1 Tricia Martin and Alison Bilsland, 2 Pat Adamson and Elizabeth McConnell, 3 John and Mary Dick.

E/W 1 Janie Maclure and Anne McKelvie, 2 Jennifer Wales and David Campbell, 3 Helen Boyd and Jean Murchie.

The results from Thursday 24 October were: N/S 1

Libby Alexander and Jenny Macintyre, 2 Fiona Crawford and David Henderson, 3 Elaine Duncan and Alison Bilsland. E/W 1 Tricia Martin and Douglas Hamilton,

2 Helen Boyd and Jean Murchie, 3 John and Mary Dick.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**MUTCH**

Gwen and family wish to thank friends for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards and flowers on the occasion of Sandy's death.

Thank you to all the doctors and nurses on Arran, at Crosshouse, The Beatson and the indispensable ARCAS drivers for their care of Sandy.

Thanks also to Rev. Angus Adamson and Jean Hunter for the most appropriate service and to David and Clair Hendry for the funeral arrangements.

**LITTLE**  
 In loving memory of Alison  
 who passed away 7 November 2012  
 'now as free as a butterfly'  
 Loved you once, Love you still  
 Always loved you, Always will  
*From the family*

**WEDDING**



**Alasdair and Leanne Kelly, both of Whiting Bay, were married on the 19th July at Gales Hotel. All enjoyed the glorious sunshine and had a wonderful day**

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# Rain fails to wash away Arran's success

Arran 9 Wigtownshire 5

Torrential rain, hail and thunder didn't stop Arran securing a win. 20\_b45rug02



Wigtownshire RFC were greeted with hail, torrential rain, thunder and lightning when they returned to the island on Saturday to play Arran for the second time in a week.

Ormidale Park was overflowing with water and after a referee inspection it was agreed that the game would be played with uncontested scrums.

The game started over an hour after its scheduled time with the home side kicking off but the ball did not reach the 10-metre line and stuck in the water.

Wigtownshire elected to play on and slid in to retrieve and recycle the ball. They charged up the park, spinning the ball out along backs but Arran regrouped and halted the attack.

'Shire charged down the clearance kick and gathered the ball but were stopped short of scoring but possession was recycled and the ball came out to the winger who sprinted forward and dived over for an unconverted try.

From the restart 'Shire took the ball upfield again but this time the home side managed to prevent any score and work their way into the visitors' half for the first time, through a penalty awarded for offside.

Another penalty for a high tackle gave the home side their first scoring opportunity but Iain 'Keeno' Keen's kick failed to cross the bar.

Arran were back on the attack and putting the visitors under pressure. Fine

footballing skills by winger Ben Tattersfield saw the ball played up the park and earned them a scrum and 'Shire had to carry the ball over their line and touch down to prevent a score.

Arran were eventually awarded a penalty closer to the 'Shire posts and Keeno's kick was good.

'Shire's discipline was letting them down and allowing Arran into the game.

Six minutes later they converted another penalty, following an offside decision, to give them a one-point lead.

Arran had another chance four minutes later when the referee judged that 'Shire collapsed a maul. On this occasion the conditions conspired to prevent the score and left it 6-5 at half time.

Arran's captain Niall McMaster fielded the kick at the start of the second half, running straight and hard, back towards advancing visitors. He got well into 'Shire territory before they could halt his charge.

The 'Shire were having difficulties with the referee's instructions regarding the laws and the penalty count began to rise again.

Arran were proving difficult to play against, with infringements resulting in good possession for the home team.

Kicking was more difficult for Arran in this half, but it did keep the pressure on. 'Shire, however, managed to break out from the restart and make it into the Arran half. It was 'Shire now who applied pressure

and were rewarded with a penalty but the attempt slipped wide.

Arran did get another kick at goal from a penalty, which they converted and added three points to their tally.

With the light fading and rain still falling the game was brought to a close, to loud cheers from the home side and their drenched supporters.

This was a hard-fought contest and the conditions

were incredibly difficult.

Both the travelling supporters from 'Shire and the hardy Arran followers commented how worth watching the game had been despite the conditions.

Both sides managed to make use of the backs on a day when it would normally have been forward led.

Arran have now secured a place in the Bowl competition final against Uddingston on Saturday 7 December on the mainland.

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