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# Family's grief as road death accused walks free

The grieving family of a cyclist who died on Arran last August spoke of their disappointment after the driver charged with causing her death walked free from court.

Elspeth Kelman, 59, was struck by a van driven by Nick Underdown, 28, who was cleared on a not proven verdict of causing death by careless driving.

Mrs Kelman, a widow, had been on a cycling trip around the island in memory of her late husband, Ronald.

Two of her sons were on the trip with her. The college lecturer's family condemned the verdict and insisted the tragedy could have been avoided.

Frances Downie, Mrs Kelman's sister, said: 'The shocking and violent nature of her death caused horror, anger and agitation.'

'We were very disappointed with the jury's verdict and feel that Elspeth's death was a tragedy which could have been avoided.'

Mrs Kelman, a mother-of-three from Glasgow, was on an annual cycle ride to honour her husband Ronald, who died from cancer in 1994.

Fellow members of the congregation at Wellington Church in the city's West End were with her on the ride.

The church's retired minister, Rev Leith Fisher, 67, was also badly hurt in the crash on the A841 Brodick to Corrie coast road near Cladach in August

2008. He has since died of natural causes.

Mr Underdown had just rounded a bend when his Seat Inca ploughed into the cyclists before plunging down an embankment. Mrs Kelman was pronounced dead at the scene.

The road – part of the Sustans national cycle network – was slightly damp but light and weather conditions were good, Kilmarnock Sheriff Court heard.

Mr Underdown of Corrie, a former reporter for the Arran Voice newspaper, was off-duty at the time. He denied the charge.

PC Euan Thomson, a crash investigator, said the van had mounted the verge then spun onto the opposite carriageway before hitting the cyclists.

The jury later returned a majority verdict of not proven and Mr Underdown was acquitted.

The case was the first in Scotland where a driver stood trial under recent legislation of causing death by careless driving.

Mrs Downie said the loss of her sister should not be in vain and urged motorists to drive more carefully.

She added: 'The consequences of a road death for the bereaved and we believe for the driver are devastating, widespread and long lasting.'

'The sudden loss of Elspeth – mother, daughter, sister and friend – has had a huge impact upon our lives and this will continue as we live through new experiences, new joys,



Alan Reid, centre, sounded the Last Post at Brodick War Memorial with Rev Angus Adamson, Father Noel Colford, piper Ally Hume, Councillor Margie Currie and cadets Jonathan Kane, Mark Leetham and Connor Reid. 02\_b46rem01

## Brodick Remembrance Service

Remembrance Services were held at war memorials around the island last Sunday.

A small crowd gathered at the memorial opposite Ormidale Park in Brodick at 10am.

Police stopped traffic for a few quiet minutes as the crowd were invited to move forward into the road

by Rev Angus Adamson.

He conducted a short memorial service, assisted by Father Noel Colford and concluded by a two-minute silence.

Alan Reid sounded the Last Post on his bugle and piper Ally Hume played a moving lament. Cadet Jonathan Kane carried the colours, escorted by Mark

Leetham and Connor Reid.

Sergeant Dawn Burke laid a wreath, followed by Councillor Margie Currie and David Bingham, chairman of the Arran branch of the Royal British Legion. Many of the crowd made their way down the Knowe Road to Brodick Church, following Ally Hume and the cadet detachment.

new difficulties without her love, support and energy.'

Alan Beasley, 57, of Corrie, attended the trial and said he was devastated at the verdict.

Mr Beasley, a member of the road safety campaign group SCID whose 14-year-old son

Sam died after being struck by a car while cycling on the same road six years ago, said figures revealed eight people had been killed on the roads in Arran since 2003.

He added: 'The local police and other agencies on the is-

land have been working very hard to prevent loss of life and serious injury on the road.'

'This verdict could send out the signal that to skid on a wet road through inappropriate speed is acceptable by the courts. Motorists should be

driving to local conditions.

'There is a complacency on Arran that this place is unique but it is not – and the law is the same as anywhere else in the UK.'

Mr Underdown was unavailable for comment.

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# Auchrannie staff praised for finding missing child

When a young mum from Lochranza realised that her two-year-old daughter had seemingly vanished from the Auchrannie Spa, panic understandably set in.

But thanks to the quick thinking of staff and members of the public little Daisy was found alive and well last Saturday.

Kirsty told *The Banner* that after enjoying lunch at the Cruise Bar the family were getting ready to leave when they realised Daisy was not there.

'She had clearly decided to get a headstart,' said Kirsty. 'She must have grabbed her shoes and headed straight out the door.'

### Panic

'After searching inside we realised that she must have escaped and panic set in.'

Kirsty asked various passers by if they had seen her child and a number said she had been wondering across the car park to the Auchrannie Country House Hotel.

'Her route must have taken her through the car park to the hotel and down the driveway and along the road because she was eventually found near the main road,' said Kirsty.

'If it had not been for the quick help given by members of staff and the public the outcome could have been very different and for that I will always be grateful.'

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# Cadet force take part in Remembrance Service

Arran Cadet Force attended the Remembrance Service at Ormidale Park last Sunday and later marched from the Brodick War Memorial led by piper Ally Hume. 02\_b46rem02

# Mary takes top homes post

Isle of Arran Homes announced the appointment of a new manager this week.

Mary Pritchard has taken over from Andy Martin who retired at the end of the summer after eight years in the role.

Mary has been a member of staff at Isle of Arran Homes since 2005 and before her new appointment was the association's housing and property officer.

Mary said: 'I'm delighted to have taken over the role of manager. Isle of Arran Homes has an essential role in delivering good housing on the island for the people we serve.'

'I look forward to continuing the excellent work undertaken by Andy Martin over several years and to the challenge ahead.'

Isle of Arran Homes is part of national housing provider Trust Housing Association that owns homes across the country. The island housing association was set up in 2001 when it acquired the housing stock of North Ayrshire Council.

The most recent purchase of homes was at Laigh Letter Row in Lamplash earlier this year. Mary has considerable experience in housing having worked in England in a number of roles before coming to Arran in 2005.

Announcing Mary's appointment, Trust Housing Association's chief executive Bob McDougall said: 'We are delighted to welcome Mary to the role of manager of Isle of Arran Homes.'

'Isle of Arran Homes is an integral part of Trust Housing Association and we look forward to the important contribution Mary will make along with our team in Brodick.'



Mary Pritchard is the new manager of Isle of Arran Homes.

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## Coffee cabin for weary travellers

The new cafeteria at Ardsosan ferry terminal opened this week.

Originally operated by John Copperwheat, it closed in August and has re-opened under the name of the Coffee Cabin.

Caledonian MacBrayne area manager Robbie Brown said: 'All the fittings are new and it will be run by CalMac with local staff.'

'It should be open from 8am to 6pm and I'm sure it will be welcomed by the travelling public.'

## Enter the Golden Dragon

The Golden Dragon Chinese restaurant re-opens tonight (Friday) in Brodick.

The popular restaurant closed in Whiting Bay four weeks ago and has since been looking for a new home. Diane Armstrong who lived in the Cameronia flat above the restaurant suggested that chef Jason and his family approach Billy and Janie McLaren.

### Amazing

An agreement has been reached and Billy told the Banner: 'The Golden Dragon will be operating in the McLaren Hotel and will continue with the same high standards that it had at the Cameronia. Jason will still be doing his amazing vegetable sculptures.'

'We are also going to look at home deliveries.'

There will be a sit-in and take-away service with the same menu as before.



Guests at the fundraising event in Brambles last Friday. From left; Claire Richardson, Penny Brass, Bob Brass, Gordon Hay, Richard Small, Fiona Mackay, Hazel, and Sheila Sams. 02\_b46ric01

# Arran turns out in style for Richard's fundraiser

## Auchrannie general manager shines at charity event

The general manager of Auchrannie Hotel proved to be the host with the most last week when he raised more than £4,000 in a single night for impoverished children.

Guests were encouraged to 'dress to impress' and they certainly came out in style. Richard Small's fundraising dinner for 105 people in Brambles Seafood + Grill at Auchrannie Resort on November 6 was a prelude to an epic bike ride the 35-year-old is planning next year to raise money for Dr Graham's Children's homes. Next February Richard intends to pedal 700 km from Kolkata to Kalimpong, camping under canvas most

nights, in a bid to help the homes that have cared for more than 8,000 children in the last 109 years since the Rev Dr. John Anderson Graham founded the charity.

The challenge is being organised by Rev John Webster of Kings Cross, who has arranged many fundraising activities for Dr Graham's Homes over recent years. The recent fundraising dinner at Auchrannie, which included a number of high profile auction prizes such as the Penthouse Suite at the Gailes Hotel Irvine and luxury breaks at Blair Castle and Turnberry, turned out to be a highly successful curtain raiser.

Quite a few island businesses pledged their support and donated their goods and services to the cause while most of the Auchrannie's waiting and kitchen staff donated their time free of charge to serve up a menu of smoked duck, chicken supreme and chocolate tart.

### Entertained

The diners were entertained by Douglas Cameron, the comedy magician who succeeded in convincing one guest to shuffle an invisible pack of cards and then managed to rescue a chosen playing card from inside a sealed pork sausage. Richard, who has a similar fundraiser planned for Glas-

gow (date to be announced) hopes to raise a similar sum for the charity started by the Scottish missionary in 1900.

'It does make you realise how the generosity of people can change things dramatically,' said Richard of last Friday's event.

'I am humbled by all the support I have received and this island has responded to the call in style. People travelled from all over Scotland for the evening and major donors such as St James's Place, Hilton Group, Venture Telecom and of course the board of Auchrannie, helped enormously to make it a major success.'

## Fish farm go ahead

A salmon fish farm in the Kilbrannan Sound could save the village of Carradale from 'dying'.

The Kintyre village of Carradale sits directly opposite the Arran hamlet of Imachar.

For generations there have been close links between the northend of Arran and Carradale, the closest part of mainland Scotland to the island.

Community councillor She-lagh Cameron spoke as a consultee at a public hearing last Friday and told the councillors and officials making the decision: 'We in Carradale have witnessed a slow economic decline over the last 15 years. We need to bring employment to the area to revitalise the village, we need jobs to let young people stay in the community. Our village is dying.'

The public hearing was called at a recent Planning, Protective Services and Licensing Committee meeting to allow local residents to have their say; planning officials recommended the application be granted.

Objectors had expressed concern at the effect on marine life and the major impact on the coastline and wild salmon stocks.

The development will create four full-time and two part-time jobs. As well as the 14-cages there will be food storage and a service barge installed on site, serviced at Carradale Harbour.

## Poppy collection

The collection for the Poppy Scotland appeal in Shiskine, Blackwaterfoot and Machrie amounted to £735.41. Thanks go to all who collected and contributed.

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# Arran jewel features in new church history

## Tale of fearless Arran preacher published

A fearless Arran-born minister touched by a religious revolution in mid-Argyll is the subject of a new book published in aid of a care home and hospice on Lewis.

The new book *One of Heaven's Jewels* by Campbeltown author Norman Campbell, tells how people in the northern and western Highlands can still recall hearing anecdotes of preaching by the Reverend Archie Cook (1788-1865) that were passed down the generations.

Cook, born on Auchereoch farm near Kilmory had a regular attendance of 1,000 people at his church on Chapel Street, Inverness, but he owed his basic ideas to the Argyllshire Baptists.

In the early 1800s, Baptists in Bellanoch, Lochgilhead and Cowal took the evangelical message of forgiveness of sins to Arran and religious revival soon broke out.

### Townships

Cooperating with a Congregationalist minister in Sannox, men like Dugald Sinclair toured the farming townships around Arran and moved on to Kintyre, Islay and Jura then onwards to other Argyll-shire islands.

Norman Campbell said 'Our home looked out over Campbeltown Loch towards the south end of Arran. Cook and his generation are fascinating, and telling his story is really a key to understanding an important part of our history in

the Highlands and Islands.' The Rev Cook opposed the clearances and was loved by the ordinary people for his straight-talking style.

He refused to completely drop his Arran accent in either Gaelic or English and had a special concern for animals and the environment.

He helped bring the evangelical message to the west Highlands through the vast numbers of west-coast fishermen and herring women who heard him preach at the Gaelic services he set up for them during the herring seasons in Wick in the 1820s.

All profits from the paperback will go to the Bethesda Care Home and Hospice in Stornoway.



Representatives from various organisations involved in setting up the no-take zone in Lamlash bay met with Howard Wood (in red) of the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) recently.

## Campaigners see Arran no-take zone in action

The organisations involved with the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) in setting up the no-take zone in Lamlash bay, met in the village recently to see their hard work in action.

Representatives from Marine Scotland (Scottish Government), Clyde Fishermen's Association, Scottish Natural Heritage, Clyde Forum and Clyde Inshore Fisheries Group, visited Lamlash to

see the conservation work for themselves.

The passing of the law last September was the final phase in a 15-year campaign by islanders to conserve Arran's marine heritage.

### Revival

It is hoped that the no-take zone in Lamlash Bay will lead to the revival of species such as corals and anemones which have been in danger of being lost to the area, and will

help to boost shellfish stocks, benefiting commercial fishing. The group viewed the no take zone from Kerrs Port, along Shore Road and at the slip in Lamlash.

Following the visit the group met to discuss future plans for new leaflets and interpretation boards for the bay and on Holy Isle. They also want to introduce lines of markers to show the boundaries of the fishing ban.

## Arran celebrates Bonfire Night in style

Hundreds of people across Arran turned out to watch fireworks light up the sky at Bonfire Night events last week.

Spectacular firework displays were held in Whiting

Bay, Shiskine, Kildonan, Kilmory, Brodick, Pirnmill and Catacol as islanders commemorated the November 5 Gunpowder Plot more than 400 years ago.

Brodick Fire Crew wish to

thank Armitage Groundworks, Arran Aromatics, Arran Brewery, Arran Oils, Book and Card Centre, Brodick Co-op, Brodick Golf Club, Brodick Improvements Committee, Cladach Sawmills, Alan McNicol and Wooleys for their help and contributions.

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## Christmas show for Fairtrade Arran

Fairtrade Arran held a special Christmas exhibition in Brodick Hall last Friday night.

A film called Black Gold was shown on a large screen and the audience were given an insight into the world coffee market and the difficulties faced by small producers trying to earn a living from one of the world's most popular commodities.

The film told the story of Tadesse Meskela and his struggle to keep his co-operative

of 74,000 Ethiopian coffee farmers free from western exploitation.

There were stalls around the hall offering Fairtrade products, Traidcraft and Co-operative Community. There was also a display on climate change by Father Noel Colford and Shelagh Collins of the Arran Justice and Peace group.

Organised Graham Tinto said: 'It is important for people to remember that when the credit crunch is hurting, then

the third world and developing countries are hit the hardest. By getting Fairtrade products you can experience a feelgood factor and spread a little benefit at the same time. Fairtrade Arran thanks Liz Armstrong, Island Cheese Company and local businesses Arran Asia, The Pillar Box and Island Treasure for making the event a success.' Anyone wanting to see the Black Gold film can contact Graham on 600517 to borrow a copy.



Some of the helpers at the Fairtrade Arran exhibition in Brodick Hall on Friday night. They are, from left, Liz Armstrong, Co-op membership, Graham Tinto, Su Francis, Janet Redfearn, Pat Eyres and Jan Atkins. 02\_b46far01



Neil McLean, president of Arran Horticultural Society. b46gar01

### Lamlash WRI

At the meeting of the Lamlash WRI on Wednesday 4 November Mrs Vivienne Haigh presented a wonderful cookery demonstration, ably

assisted by Morag Campbell and Carol Davies.

Vivienne made a cake, a pie, quiche, savoury gateaux and chocolate truffles, which were then all devoured at the tea break.

Morag Campbell proposed a vote of thanks for a super evening.

The competition was won by Emma Ingham and the exhibition by Joan Preston.

## Horticultural show agrees date switch Gardeners save the day for farmers and rural ladies

As reported in last week's Banner, the Arran Show and SWRI Rural Industries Show will both be held in Lamlash on Wednesday August 11 next year.

The show had been due to take place in Shiskine, but after the success of the 2009 show at Glenkiln it was decided to revert to Lamlash. This change would also mean that the rural ladies could maintain their long association with the Farmers Show and have their big day in the High School in Lamlash on the same day, there being no venue in Shiskine suitable for them.

But the relief of the rural ladies was short-lived. When Rural president Morag Gardner contacted the high school to book the community theatre for the three days of 9, 10 and 11 August she was told that the Horticultural Society had already booked it for the

same days.

The summer flower and vegetable show was held in Lamlash Community Centre the week after the Arran Farmers Show for as long as anyone can remember until the centre closed and it moved to the new high school.

When Horticultural Society president Neil McLean went some weeks ago to book the school for August 17, 2010, he found that the new autumn term would have already started by then.

So understandably, he booked the previous Tuesday, August 10.

Morag contacted Farmers Society secretary Christine McBride who liaised with her chairman Neil Henderson. They quickly decided to phone their committee members and move both the farmers and rural shows back one week to August 4. Christine made a number of

telephone calls to check that the marquees and portable loos she had booked for 11<sup>th</sup> would be available a week earlier.

But Neil McLean came to the rescue and agreed to move the horticultural show to August 4, two weeks earlier than usual.

He said: 'The Horticultural Society wants to make this goodwill gesture towards the rural. By us going another week earlier it will accommodate everyone. We must all work together for the good of the island.'

Christine said: 'That's great. I'll phone and re-book the marquees for the 11<sup>th</sup>.'

SWRI secretary Jerry Arthur added: 'We are grateful to the Horticultural Society for changing again. Perhaps we should all get together as soon as we know the school term dates to avoid confusion again.'



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## Body Shop's Janine pays a visit

At the meeting of Shiskine SWRI on Wednesday 4 November their was a very good attendance of members to enjoy the guest for the evening, Janine Crisp a Body Shop Consultant.

Janine gave Alice Anderson a foot spa treatment and Jenni Turnbull a facial, both of whom seemed to relish the experience.

The ladies then had a chance to try out some of the products, which they did with much enjoyment.

Janine then held a game of bingo and the lucky winner Elinor Kinnaird was given two Body Shop products.

After the usual delicious supper and business the evening came to a close.

Competition winners - home made cosmetic bag Marian Brambles, exhibition scent bottle Liz Dale, raffle Elinor Kinnaird.



Twenty-eight senior pupils at Arran High School received their Heartstart life-saving first aid certificates this week.

## Heartstart awards for senior pupils

Pupils at Arran High School have completed their life-saving lessons in first aid this week gaining their Heartstart certificates.

Local Heartstart instructors taught 28 fifth year pupils in a programme of hands-on accident tuition that may prove to be vital in an emergency situation.

The Heartstart training is organised by the British Heart Foundation.

Sharon MacLeod, a teacher at the high school and a qualified Heartstart trainer, said: 'We have an instructor, Brenda Gemmill, who comes across once a year to teach the trainers.'

'Yollie Campbell, also a

trainer, comes into school for about six weeks to work with the staff and pupils using a DVD, question and answer and also manikins that are kept at the school.

'All S5 pupils are offered the opportunity to take this lifesaving training and at the end of it the pupils receive a certificate.'

Brenda Gemmill will be also attending two after school sessions this month to train senior pupils as youth facilitators as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme.

Once trained these pupils could work with adults to train younger pupils both in the secondary and primary schools.

## Ken gives 'missing link' talk to society

Last month's talk to the Arran Antiquarians Society was given by David Atchison, who stood in at very short notice for Ken Currie, who was unfortunately unwell.

David told the group of his experiences as a cognitive archaeologist - not one who digs holes but one who is especially interested in pre-history.

David described pre-history as 'everything that happened to humans before Greece and Rome'.

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We started as cells and very gradually developed into our present form with all the changes the result of 'mistakes' in reproduction.

Archaeologists wanted to know the connection between animals and man - the 'missing link'.

### Split

About eight million years ago there was a split between monkeys and humans.

About five million years ago man began to walk upright and scavenge and by three million years ago he started making tools from stones.

Animals also divided into birds and fish but man developed slowly with at least 20 different types of animals before 'modern' homo-sapiens appeared.

It is thought these changes happened at times of climate change.

David received a warm vote of thanks from the group for giving such an interesting and informative talk at such short notice.

The next meeting of the Arran Antiquarians will be on Monday 16 November at 2pm in Brodick Hall when Erland Clouston of Edinburgh will talk on 'The Dead Cities of Syria'. All welcome.

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## Guys and Dolls rehearsals begin

Last Thursday wasn't only Bonfire Night it was also the first rehearsal for the Arran Music and Drama Society's production of 'Guys and Dolls'.

Spirits were high as members were told that a (part time) rehearsal pianist has finally been found for the club.

Some new members also joined the enthusiastic ranks from former shows performed by the group.

Producer Maureen Smith decided to do a 'read through' of the lines for those not familiar

with Damon Runyan famous story and characters.

Of course, most people are familiar with the songs such as 'Luck be a lady', 'Sit down you're rocking the boat', 'If I were a bell', and 'A Bushel and a Peck'.

### Production

The Society last performed 'Guys and Dolls' in 1994 and Arran High School pupils also put on a very successful production of it in later years.

This has ensured that it is a very popular play among islanders.

Special social events planned by the Music and Drama Society in upcoming months include the Christmas Dinner and Party night, a group outing to the pantomime in Lamlash and the annual Jumble Sale with several events to interest all age groups.

So come along to Brodick Hall every Thursday at 7.30pm where a welcome awaits all potential members for both front and back stage!

The auditions for the principal roles will be held on December 17.

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## Jazz Café welcomes new faces

When a small combo loses one, let alone two, of its talented line-up, there is always a lurking fear that it is a blow from which the group can never recover.

Fans of the Jazz Café have, perhaps, been worrying about this since Stef and Sheena Holmer announced their departure earlier this year.

A collective sigh of relief could be heard in Whiting Bay Hall last Friday night as the Jazz Café, with a line-up of familiar faces and new ones, combined to give instant satisfaction in an evening of entertainment for their appreciative audience.

Two new faces have appeared – Steph Hill on trumpet and flugel added a new richness to the harmonies and fresh colours to the tone palette of the melody lines, and Tom Buchan, rhythm guitar, provided rock-steady backing with the rhythm regulars Malcolm Kerr on drums and John Tilbury on bass.

The familiar faces have taken up new roles with gusto, too. Biff Simpson's singing voice was a delight, and while we have heard John Gibson sing before, this night we were also treated to Malcolm Kerr in a charmingly diffident reprise of an old Jazz Café standard, The Sheik of Araby, and John Tilbury adding cheeky vocal harmonies to John Gibson's rendition of Nuts. The material was a mixture of the familiar and the new, too, Alison Prince's poignant rendition of Autumn Leaves and other old favourites intermingled with new repertoire.

While Stef and Sheena will obviously be missed, it is good to know that the Jazz Café will continue to enchant and enthrall its audience, and entice them onto the dance floor in its new guise. SP

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## MSP grilled by pupils

Ross Finnie the west of Scotland Liberal Democrat MSP visited Corrie Primary School last week.

During his visit he met with pupils and teachers from Corrie and he was asked a number of questions about his role as an MSP and the issues that face the community of Arran.

Mr Finnie visited the school in January last year as part of the campaign to stop its closure.

Speaking after the visit the MSP said: 'I always enjoy visiting schools in my constituency, I find it very rewarding being able to interact with young pupils.'

'The pupils of Corrie had prepared a number of questions on my role as an MSP and my party's plans to tackle the needs of Arran. The grilling I received from the pupils was much tougher than the questions I usually face in the parliament.'

While on the island he also visited the Arran Brewery at



Ross Finnie, the west of Scotland Liberal Democrat MSP, answers questions from pupils at Corrie Primary School last week.

Cladach. 'This was my first visit to the brewery since it was bought over last year and in spite of the recent financial crisis it seems to be going from strength to strength,'

said Mr Finnie. 'I am very hopeful that the brewery will continue to develop its role in the community and become a major stimulator to Arran's economy.'

## Black grouse released

The Arran Black Grouse Group released 42 black grouse into the wild last week.

In the released group there are 32 males and 10 females.

Five of each gender have been fitted with radio tracking devices and a postgraduate student from the University of Glasgow is working with the Arran Black

Grouse Group to monitor the movement of the birds.

Arran's bird recorder Jim Cassels said: 'This is part of work to try to re-establish a breeding population of black grouse on the island. Please report all sightings of Black Grouse to the Rangers Centre at Brodick Country Park.'

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# THE ARRAN BANNER

## Christmas is here already

It's Christmas.

Yes, it's official; the Co-op put up Christmas decorations this week and other shops will soon follow suit. And the leaves are still on the trees in many parts of Arran.

Some may say 'Bah Humbug', but shelves are already groaning with selection boxes, tins of sweeties and other festive fare. Special offers abound and the vegetable section shows a marked increase in the space devoted to Brussels sprouts.

The canny housewife knows it is never too soon to get those sprouts on the boil ready for the family Christmas Day dinner.

Other manifestations of the festive season will be appearing all over the island. Houses and gardens will be decked in lights. Bernie Jackson of Whiting Bay is heading for his 17th year of adorning the outside of his Montrose Terrace house with increasingly spectacular lights. Neighbours' children are already eager with anticipation to see what his latest display will be.

The lampposts along Brodick seafront will be festooned with sparkling lights to bring an air of Christmas to the village.

But surveys show that Christmas can be the most stressful time of year. Families come together in a pressure-cooker environment, feeling forced to enjoy themselves and put aside petty differences. Perhaps the only way to avoid domestic disputes is to have meticulous preparation.

Now is the time to prepare the household for a temporary but complete change of character. Clear away the ornaments, trinkets and photo frames to make way for the Christmas cards that will be dropping through the letterbox any day now. Defrost the freezer and clear out the fridge ready for the massive influx of exotic food, a lot of which will never be eaten. Prepare the spare room for guests and clean all the windows.

Then that most agonising of decisions; will it be a real tree or an artificial tree this year?

And then ask yourself: 'Is it all worth it. Or have we lost sight of the real meaning of Christmas?'

The real meaning of Christmas should be found in the school nativity plays already being rehearsed around the island, the carol services, the Lamlash pantomime and the purchase of modest gifts for nearest and dearest. But the commercial steamroller of Christmas consumerism will probably be unstoppable.

Never mind; in six weeks time it will be all over for another year.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'The entire law is summed up in a single command: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'" (Galatians 5:14)

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## Letters to the Editor



### Tricks are no treat

Sir,  
I was surprised to find your editorial referring to Hallowe'en as trick-or-treating.

In previous Banners the editor always stressed that guising was alive and well in Arran, and had no threatening overtones too often found in trick-or-treaters.

Guising with turnip lanterns (which take more than two hours to hollow out) has been largely supplanted by trick-or-treat, an American custom with pumpkin lanterns (far softer to hollow out and sooner to make) in the past decade or so in mainland Britain.

The costumes are standardised items bought off-the-peg, not many and varied and homemade.

In some places, children throw eggs by way of trick, a conduct viewed by the police

as criminal damage. Long may guising continue in its proper spirit.

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

### Thank you for the music

Sir,  
I would like to thank the mystery person who plays whistle somewhere near Kings Cross.

Your music drifts across the sea to the south end of Holy Isle where we love listening to you.

Yours,  
**Alice Maxwell**  
Holy Isle

### Bathing boxes

Sir,  
I read with interest your item

concerning possible reinstatement of bathing boxes in Brodick.

I am in Yorkshire and often visit Filey on the East Coast of Yorkshire. Filey has a magnificent row of brightly coloured bathing boxes which people can rent out on a weekly or daily basis. I think new bathing boxes in Brodick will enhance the place, and will, I am sure, attract much attention and be very popular. My next holiday to Arran is in July 2010. Can't wait to get back.

Yours,  
**Gerry Woodgate**  
Yorkshire

### Avoid big financial heartache

Sir,  
I thought you might like to warn people of a bogus community tax rebate phone call doing the rounds of the country.

I have just received one from a withheld number and a male voice told me that the council was giving me a rebate for the overcharge due to incorrect banding in my community charges and this would be up to £2,000 for the past 12 years.

He had all my personal details but not my bankcard details, which was all he required.

I had applied for a reduction in my banding more than a year ago but was turned down, so at first thought this may be legitimate but alarm bells started ringing.

He was very polite but insisted that he required these details from me to proceed.

I realised that £2,000 would come nowhere near the past 12 years of overcharge, so when I told him I did not wish to continue the conversation and would contact my local council he beat a hasty retreat.

People less suspicious may well be taken in and give over their details asked for.

Beware - this is a big telephone scam and they will clean out your bank account and more.

I went on the Internet and Googled in the details and came up with exactly the same, so it is a scam for certain.

I was also called last week from BT making me an offer but was again very wary of this.

My motto is if I want it I'll ask for it and if an offer seems too good to be true it usually is.

Please never give out your details to anyone over the telephone unless you have called them and even then be very careful.

I hope that The Arran Banner can help fight this despicable type of crime

Yours,  
**Maureen Smith**  
Lamlash

### Toast to the Arran Brewery

Sir,  
Gerald Michaluk, managing director of the Arran Brewery, is to be congratulated in setting up a £4 million bottling plant for Arran beer.

This must be a bold and highly-skilled achievement in bringing more industry and jobs for the island and Kilmarnock area.

An injection of this magnitude is of great pride to Arran and deserves best wishes for a successful outcome.

We can all play our part in drinking a toast to Gerald, with Arran beer, coupled with the name of Kevin Dewar whose skill in brewing makes it all happen.

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

### Commando information

Sir,  
I am looking for information about commando training on Arran?

My great uncle died in 1942 while training there but I can't find any local information about it.

His name was KG Hellyer and he was a private in Four Commando D troop. I would love to get some more information about him.

Yours,  
**Erika Garratt**  
111 Swindon Road  
Wroughton  
Swindon



Lorna Margaret Basford, daughter of Mandy Barnett of Brodick and Robert Basford of Strachur, and Keith Andrew Thomson, son of Ian and Aileen Thomson of Kintore, Aberdeenshire were married in the gardens of Auchrannie House Hotel in Brodick on Saturday, September 12.

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Margaret Marriott with granddaughter Carolanne.

## A wonderful wife, mother and gran

Jane Marriott has sent us this tribute to her mother Margaret Marriott who died last year.

Margaret was a warm and loving person who cherished many things in life, above all her family.

Margaret and Alan, along with their children, Jim, Chris, Sally, Jane and Nick moved to Arran in the spring of 1974 into Springhill House, Whiting Bay.

She started her own hair-dressing business along with her late friend Margaret Goatley and for many years they ran a successful local salon.

People would always find a warm welcome in the salon with a cup of coffee and scone.

### Embraced

Margaret embraced community life and was a great supporter of all village activities and was well known for starting the Yorkhill Hospital yearly fundraising event.

She had many passions in life, one of which was singing and she was a member of the Rowan Singers for many years.

She enjoyed performing in their concerts, even travelling to Italy with them to sing.

She was also an honorary member of the WRI.

Family was her biggest love; she herself came from a family of five brothers.

She believed in laughter and taught us all to put things

in perspective. She loved spending time with her seven grandchildren; Sam Claire, Carolanne, Elizabeth, Sophie, Eve and Alfie, whether it was teaching them to bake or playing hide and seek in the sanctuary of Springhill House.

She was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother and a true friend to all who knew her.

### Renowned

Margaret loved nothing better than having the house full of people and was renowned for her Hogmanay parties at Springhill where she would lay on her famous buffets always ensuring the first footers went out with full bellies.

Margaret always made time for others and was generous in many ways, making donations to various charities throughout her life.

When first diagnosed with cancer she said: 'Well I have been blessed with a good life.' This was typical of her humility.

Throughout her illness she was gracious, courageous and showed amazing spirit.

She was an inspiration to us all.

It is now a year since she passed away and although our lives will not be the same without her, as her granddaughter Claire recently said: 'I can still hear her laughter as though it was yesterday.'

A fitting tribute to a woman who brought love and laughter to all our lives.

## Chance to find out who, or what, is a Baha'i?

Next week those with an enquiring mind will be able to find out more about the Baha'i faith at a special exhibition at Brodick Library.

Mary Davies of Brodick said: 'As Baha'is encourage everyone to seek truth with an enquiring mind and without prejudice, the curious enquirer will find out more information at the library from November 14 to 21.'

'Faithful Baha'is are still being persecuted in Iran but

**'Baha'is encourage everyone to seek truth with an enquiring mind and without prejudice'**

thanks to the wealth of original writings of Bahauallah and others and to improved communications, the message is now widely acknowledged as a universal faith for today.'

The Baha'i Faith is a religion founded by Bahauallah

in 19th century Persia. There are around six million Baha'is in more than 200 countries around the world.

For centuries they have suffered persecution in Iran and other Islamic countries, and an unknown number of them have been killed, prosecuted and discriminated against in those countries.

If you would like to learn more about the faith please come along to the event at the library.

## Castle prepares 12th art show

Staff at Brodick Castle are preparing for the property's 12th annual art show.

Arran's art lovers will be able to view and buy a wide variety of pieces by local artists.

Visitors will see paintings, sculptures and woodwork from over 60 local artists that ranges from the amateur to the professional.

Last year's show proved to be one of the most successful with over 800 people visiting the exhibition and nearly £12,000 of sales.

The exhibition begins on November 12 and will be open from 12pm to 4pm.

# Financial harm - one of the many faces of harm

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Baby chicks at Aucheleffan.



Lamlash pupils help feed the lambs at Aucheleffan.



Plant identification with Jo Totty, National Trust for Scotland Ranger.



One of the pigs at Aucheleffan.

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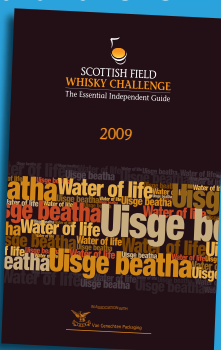
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## Arran livestock sales

Charolais cross heifers £605, 190p Moor.

**Store cattle:** Charolais cross bullocks £785, 182p Craighdu; Limousin cross bullocks £680, 187p Glenree.

Charolais heifers £670, 166p Craighdu; Limousin cross heifers £600, 172p Glenree. Cast Cows £545 Clachaig, £515 Craighdu.

**Sheep:** Texel cross lambs Craighdu £67.50, Cnoc £57.80, Moor £68.50, Drumla £56.50, Auchenhew £52.80, Kilpatrick £51.80, Sheddock £52, Cosyden £51, Seaview £47, Ceithar Gaoithe £46.

Cheviot cross lambs Cosyden £44.50; Suffolk cross lambs Moor £57.80, Sheddock £54.20, South Feorline £45.50.

Mule lambs Drumnaghinier £50, Sheddock £44.

Blackface lambs Drumnaghinier £46; Blackface riggs Ceithar Gaoithe £33.80.

Texel cross ewes Drumla £67; Cheviot ewes Cosyden £51.

Mule ewes Cosyden £53, Drumnaghinier £52, Ceithar Gaoithe £49, Kilpatrick £41.50.

Blackface ewes Drumnaghinier £41, Cosyden £25.50, Ceithar Gaoithe £24.50.

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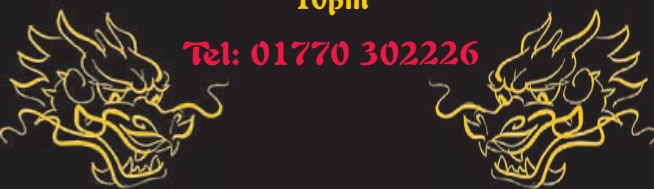
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# Life down on the farm for Arran youngsters

Pupils from four Arran primary schools have been learning about the land and expressing their new-found knowledge in an art form.

Children from Lamlash, Whiting Bay, Kilmory and Shiskine schools have spent several months on a project to help promote their understanding of the outdoors as both a working and a wild environment.

The Arran Schools Farming project was co-ordinated by Sarah Cook, Josephine Broekhuizen and Ed O'Donnelly of the Arran Arts Resource and administered by Ian Watt of the Arran Theatre and Arts Trust.

As well as class work and research, the pupils have enjoyed outdoor visits with Colin and Laura Currie at Bridge Farm, Shiskine, Charlie and Jane McAllister at Four Winds Farm, David and Rosemary Glister at Aucheleffan, Robin Gray at his Kings Cross organic market garden, George Nicholson at Lighthouse Caledonia Lamlash Bay salmon farm and the National Trust for Scotland rangers at Brodick Castle.

The arts-based project explored the link between the diversity of the island's farming and the environment.

Ed O'Donnelly said: 'The

children were able to see the ways in which farming and the environment co-exist.

'At Bridge Farm they saw a traditional mixed farm complete with a retail farm shop, at Aucheleffan they learned about an intensive smallholding with pigs and three different kinds of sheep and at Robin Gray's they saw crops such as beetroot and blackcurrants are cultivated.'

The project ran from May to October and the children expressed the experiences of the outdoor visits through a display of arts and a drama presentation at Arran High School.



Above:  
Rosemary Glister explains about sheep husbandry. b46far07no

Robin Gray shows the children how his organic market garden works. b46far01no



## Grand night out

If you're in the mood for something a bit different this Saturday night head to the Ormidale Hotel in Brodick where a unique Belgian band are headlining the evening.

Stereo Grand are based on the continent but band member Rodger Hughes is Scottish.

'I live in Irvine and I play guitar for Stereo Grand,' said Rodger. 'Our record company wanted to emphasise the Scottish element of the band in the promotional campaign for our new recording, so they have booked the band, plus a photography and film team to accompany us to our chosen location - Arran.'

As part of their tour of Arran the band will play a special gig in the Ormidale glasshouse on Saturday night.

'I'm sure this will be a great night in Brodick if we can have an audience,' said Rodger.

The gig will begin at 10pm.

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# Lochranza community rallies around Filipino family

The people of Lochranza united in a remarkable example of community spirit to help a young couple last Wednesday.

Raffy and Beverley Lising came to Arran 18 months ago with their young daughter Bea who has been attending Pirmill Primary School.

Raffy has been working in the distillery restaurant and Bev has been housekeeper at Butt Lodge. But two months ago they lost all their belongings when their home in the Philippines was devastated by floodwaters in the September typhoon. Their house in Cainta in the province of Rizal was flooded to roof level.

The distillery laid on a fund-raising

evening and more than 200 people turned up. Kitchen and waiting staff worked for no charge and a three-course meal with Scottish and Filipino cuisine was consumed eagerly.

An envelope at each place setting was available for donations and a raffle added to the fund. In the end, almost £2,000 was raised to help the young family head back to the Philippines to repair the damage.

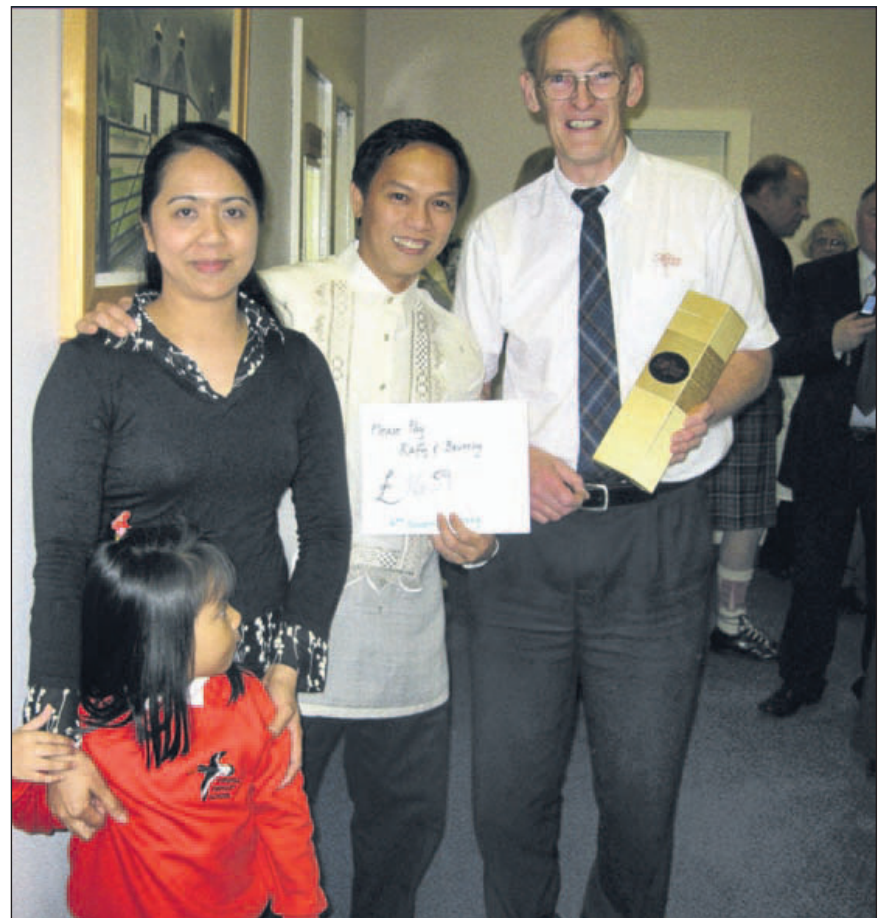
Entertainment was provided by the Lochranza Choir, Pirmill primary pupils, the Jug Band, Archie Cummings and Lorna Haliburton, but one guest said that the highlight of the evening was Father Noel Colford singing a Filipino lovesong, in Filipino.



The Lochranza Choir.



Pirmill Primary School pupils.



Bev and Raffy Lising, daughter Bea and visitor centre manager Robin Bell.



Alan and Dorothy Mitchell.



Above: Richard and Judy Powell-Jones with Jim Jacks and Marion Gentleman.



Eileen McAllister and Aileen Wright.



Brian and Pam Wood.



Colin and Mary Strang and Jimmy MacMillan.



Father Noel Colford singing a Filipino lovesong.

# Arran's Social Scene

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**Pictured this week are some of the colourful costumes spotted at Hallowe'en parties.**

Pictured left, A group of children visited 89-year-old Ena Arnold's home in Whiting Bay. Pictured with Ena are Joe McHugh and front right Ben McHugh; granny at the back with glasses is Emily Armitage; on her right and in front of Jim is Lizanne Dixon; on Emily's left with trident, mask and horns is Danielle Mutch; on her left, with cheek transfer, is Carlie Miller; leaving Ellie MacPherson, with headband and flame-red cape-front.



Winner of the senior guising competition in Shiskine Hall was Adam Brown as a Legoman with runner-up Cailean Robertson as King of Pop.



Lochranza guisers visiting Clisham in Pirnmill.



Keir Robertson tells young Beth McCarthy how to dook for apples in Shiskine Hall.



Winner of the junior guising competition at Shiskine's Halloween party was Lewis Campbell as a Salt 'n' Shake crisp packet. The runner up was Alice Kinniburgh as Queen of Hearts.



Junior guisers in Shiskine Hall telling the chief witch who they're dressed up as.

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Last week was a tough one. Archie was on the forest track to Dun Fionn and the Clachland Hills. Doug Chase asked: 'Could your handsomest hound be above Glenashdale.' Kate Russell thought he was there too. But old friend Fleck was first correct and said that she had been staying at Auntie Joyce's recently. Judith and Stuart were also right and said that Shep wanted to go to Clachlands with Archie. This week he is on the steps, but where? 02\_b46arc01



### Brodict Bridge Club

The first round of the Boyd Trophy was played on Thursday 29 October. The results were as follows: 1 Douglas Brice and David Storrie 65.77 per cent, 2 Trish Martin and Douglas Hamilton 63.69 per cent, 3 Helen Boyd and Liz Paul 61.61 per cent.

The results of the weekly competition on Thursday 5 November were: N/S 1 Trish Martin and Douglas Hamilton +351, 2 Jean Barclay and Morag Gardner +3360, 3 John and Jan Beattie +2810. E/W 1 Douglas Bruce and David Storrie -890, 2 Janie McClure and Anne McKelvie -2100, 3 Jennifer Wales and Ellie Jones -2420.

Brodict Bridge Club will meet as usual in the Ormidale Pavilion for the next few weeks.

### Lamlash Bridge Club

The results from Monday 9 November were as follows: N/S 1 J Maclure and A McKelvie +1340, 2 J McBride and E Sillars +680, 3 I McArthur and E McKellar + 600. E/W 1 P Adamson and E McConnell +1070, 2 E McNiven and E Paul +830, 3 D and M Bruce +750.

# Hedgerows give birds plenty to feed on

By JIM CASSELS

October was mild. While the early part of the month had dry settled days, the latter part of the month was very wet and wild at times.

The September bird notes finished with a request for the last sighting of Swallows departing south and the first sighting of greylag geese arriving from the north.

The latest reports for summer visitors in October were: five juvenile swallows in Kilmory on the 8<sup>th</sup> and two wheatears in Kildonan on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

The first report of greylags was seven in Sliderry on the 17<sup>th</sup> and the first report from the Shiskine Valley was of 'teens' on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

In October migration continued. Other reports, as well as the greylag geese included: two brent geese briefly off Kildonan shore on 23 September; a grey plover on Blackwaterfoot shore on 6 October (first record since October 2007); 30 skylark on Cleats Shore on the 10<sup>th</sup>; a goldeneye at Loch na Leirg on the 12<sup>th</sup>; three rook in the Shiskine Valley on the 14<sup>th</sup>; and a great skua in Brodict Bay on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

On the very wild 25<sup>th</sup> there was a huge movement of seabirds off Pladda including counts of 300 gannets per hour, 900 kittiwakes per hour and



3,000 guillemots per hour.

Also, from the 8<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> October there were groups of whooper swans passing through including five in Kilmory on the 8<sup>th</sup>, four in Blackwaterfoot on the 10<sup>th</sup>, 40 over Balnacool on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, 20 over Sandbraes also on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and six over Shannochie on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

With the hedgerows heavy with haws and other berries, the wintering thrushes, the redwings and fieldfares, from the north have plenty to feed on.

There were widespread reports, with the largest mixed groups being two hundred in Lochranza on the 17<sup>th</sup>, 300 on Lamlash Golf Course on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, 300 on the Heights on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 200 in Shiskine on the 31<sup>st</sup>.

Other sightings included: a snow bunting on Beinn Bhreac on the 5<sup>th</sup>; 25 Canada geese in Brodict Bay also on the 5<sup>th</sup>; and a moorhen at Port-na-Lochan on the 6<sup>th</sup> (first Arran report this year).

Great spotted woodpeckers continue to spread with reports from Lamlash and Lochranza on the 10<sup>th</sup> and Catacol on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

There were also two reports of merlin, one at Drumadoon on the 8<sup>th</sup> and one at Glenashdale burn mouth on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

This small falcon will feature in a future 'Bird Notes'.

**With the hedgerows heavy with haws and other berries redwings have plenty to feed on.**

Enjoy your birding. Please send any bird notes with "what, when, where" to me at Kilpatrick Kennels, Kil-



Fieldfares migrate from the north for the winter.

patrick, Blackwaterfoot, KA27 8EY, or e mail me at james.cassels@virgin.net. I look forward to hearing from you. For more information on birding on Arran purchase the Arran Bird Report 2008 and visit this website www.arranbirding.co.uk



Lamlash pupils, staff and parents on a sponsored walk in aid of the CLIC Sargent Fund. b46cle01

### Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church of Scotland Winter Sale of Work

Whiting Bay Village Hall  
Saturday 14th November  
11.30am - 2pm

Toys, Baking, Jewellery, Christmas Gifts, Bottle Tombola, Face Painting, Soup and Sandwich Lunch and lots more.

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## Lamlash countryside walk for charity

The children of Lamlash Primary School and Nursery Class took part in a sponsored walk in aid of the CLIC Sargent cancer charity fund recently.

Head teacher Janice McGunnigle said: 'Pupils, staff and parents walked from the school, round Benlister and back to the school via the Arran Provisions factory.'

'We are grateful to everyone who sponsored the children. A grand total of £1,841 has been raised.'

### WHITING BAY & KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND Music from 5 different centuries

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### Passengers left behind

On Sunday 100 passengers were left standing frustrated on Brodick pier after the only sailing of the day left without them.

Due to the heavy demand for the service the passengers were left behind but the ferry returned two hours later to pick them up.

The incident underlines the need for CalMac to reconsider their policy of one Sunday sailing.

The Isle of Arran has a winter quota of 447 passengers and if the car deck is full then the ship cannot take more passengers.

### Animals at risk?

Holy Isle, deserted now for several months, is becoming an animal graveyard.

The untended herds of Eriskay ponies and Highland cattle are multiplying and with nobody there an injured beast is simply left to die.

Three dead Highland cows have been reported this week alone in one small part of the island.

They may have fallen from steep cliffs.

When the island was owned by UFAW the warden, Howard Walker, would visit two or three times a week.

'Last time I was on the island I saw three dead cows,' said Howard. 'Without someone checking them regularly the animals are dying from injuries and some are starving to death. Something must be done about it.'

### Celebrated in death

The Arran Banner has been informed that two island characters have recently passed away.

Mr Finlay Murchie of Lochranza died three weeks ago and left a little joke after his death by having accumulated a 'wake case' under his bed so mourners could celebrate his life rather joyfully.

Then on October 22 Mrs Ann Hutchison, Arran's oldest resident, died in Montrose House.

She would have been 103 at the end of this month.

### Island's first Indian restaurant

Arran is to get its first genuine Indian restaurant – even if it is only for one night a week.

Ravi Khosla of The Douglas Hotel, Brodick is Indian himself and will be doing the cooking.

He is planning special Friday nights offering more than two hours of 'luxurious Indian eating'.

### Treasurer retires

James Irvine of Brodick retired on Tuesday as the treasurer to the Arran Arthritis and Rheumatic Council.

Tom Barr of Whiting Bay succeeds Mr Irvine, a former Brodick bank manager.

Mr Irvine said: 'Not everyone has arthritis in the group but most of the members have joined to help.'

### New bus timetable

Arran Coaches are adding two bus trips to the present winter timetable in response to complaints about the paucity of services throughout the day.

The 10am and 1pm from Whiting Bay to Brodick on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays will now run on Tuesday and Thursdays as well.

### Starry eyes

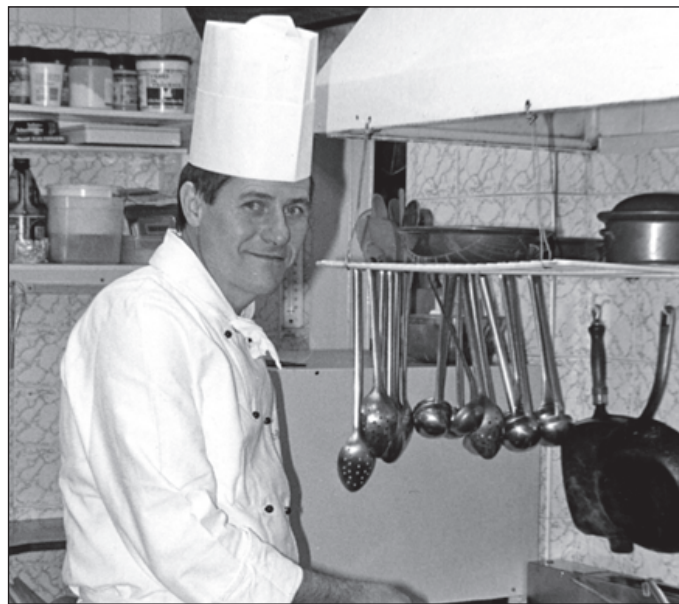
Wendy Robertson of Brodick left Arran High School a couple of years ago to pursue her dream of an acting career.



Arran's rugby team are pictured in their new strips. Keith Brewood of Arran Provisions – the new team sponsor – formally presented the strips to the players. b46twe01

And now the 20-year-old has fulfilled her ambition and is preparing to star in a four-week run on the London stage.

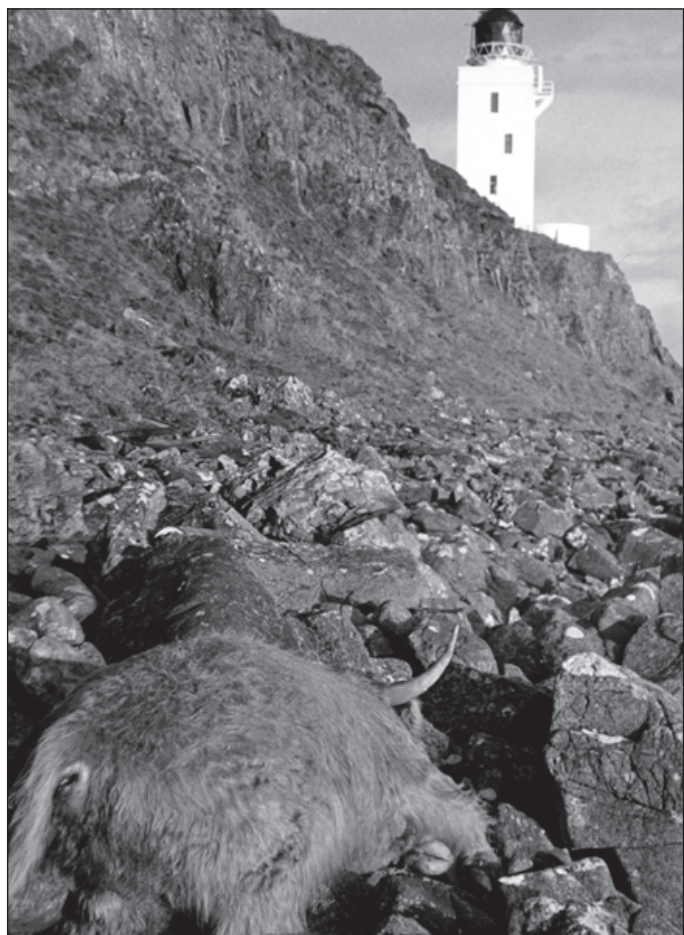
True, it may not be the West End, but Wendy's college graduation play 'One of the Road' has been chosen to play in the Duke's Head in Richmond.



Chef Peter Albrich in his kitchen at the Carraig Mhor in Lamlash. He has just won a medal at the 'Le Salon Culinaire International de Londres' – the equivalent of the cooking Olympics. b46twe04



The new pedestrian footpath beside the Arranton bridge in Lamlash was lowered into place on Wednesday. b46twe03



Taken on Thursday morning, our photograph shows a Highland cow that has been dead for about a week lying below the Holy Isle lighthouse. b46twe02

Fancy Dress Charity Disco for Children in Need

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Tuesday - Pop Quiz (suits all ages) - 10pm  
Wednesday - Country/ Blues Session - 9.30pm  
Thursday - General Knowledge quiz - 10pm  
Saturday - Live Music Stereo Grand - 10pm

Real Ale (Recommended CAMRA Good Beer Guide)

# Whats On

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## EVERYDAY

Trout fishing  
Hawk Walks  
Fitness Assessments, Gym Induction, Personal Training

Loch Garbad, Bank  
Lamlash  
Auchrannie Spa & Gym

## SATURDAY 14th NOVEMBER

Blackwaterfoot Junior Football  
Karate  
Family Games Kids & Adults  
Fun in the Spa Pool  
Live Music - Stereo Grand  
Arran Dancers (4 years and up)  
Youth Cafe (High School Pupils)  
Folk session  
Youth Cafe (High School Pupils)  
Saturday Social  
Folk Music  
RNLI shop open  
Quiz  
Winter Sale of Work  
Robyn & Amie & Acoustic Butterfly  
Open Music Session

Coaching, 10.30am - noon  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am - 12.30pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm  
Auchrannie Pool, 4pm - 5pm  
The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
Arran High School, 10am  
Brodict Church Hall, 7pm - 9pm  
Kildonan Hotel, 9pm  
Brodict Church Hall, 7pm - 9pm  
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 6pm - Late  
Kildonan Hotel, 9pm  
Lamlash Pier 10.30 till 12.30  
Catacol Bay Hotel, 8.30pm  
Whiting Bay Village Hall, 11.30am - 2pm  
Brodict Hall, 7.30pm  
Pirmill Hall, 8pm

## SUNDAY 15th NOVEMBER

Alcoholics Anonymous  
Family Games Kids & Adults  
Folk Session  
Fun in the Spa Pool  
Arran Fiddle Club- Childrens Classes  
Folk Session  
Motocross Practice (Weather Permitting)  
Open Darts Tournament

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

## MONDAY 16th NOVEMBER

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

Auchrannie 9.30AM - 10.30am (Gym)  
Lochranza Village Hall 2pm - 4pm  
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm  
Auchrannie Gym 12.30pm - 2pm  
Auchrannie Spa, 6pm - 7.15pm (Gym)  
Open 10am - 2pm  
KA Leisure, fitness suite 6.30pm - 6.50pm  
KA Leisure, dance studio, 6pm - 7pm  
Hospital Bungalow, 5pm - 5.30pm  
High School Sports Hall - Seniors 8pm - 9pm  
Ormidale Park, 6pm  
Lamlash Golf Clubhouse, 7.15pm  
KA Leisure, dance studio, 7pm - 8.30pm  
Auchrannie Spa, 7.30pm - 9.30pm  
Shiskine Church Hall, 7.30pm

## TUESDAY 17th NOVEMBER

Lochranza Swimming Club  
Army Cadets  
Pop Quiz  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
Citizens Advice

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



Pulmonary Rehab  
Open Music Session  
Indoor Bowling  
Junior Hockey Club  
Brodict Toddler Group  
Body Conditioning Class  
Youth Club  
Senior Fitness  
Step Aerobics  
Rotary Club  
Scottish Country Dancing  
Winter Bowling  
Indoor Bowling  
Riding for the Disabled AGM  
Cricket Indoor Nets

Auchrannie Gym 12pm - 1pm (Gym)  
Catacol Bay Hotel, 8.30pm  
Auchrannie Hall, 7pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, 6-7pm  
Church Hall, 10am - 12pm  
KA Leisure, dance studio 6pm - 7pm  
Kildonan Hall - 6pm  
Auchrannie, 10am - 11am  
Auchrannie Gym, 7pm - 8pm  
Glenclay Suite, Auchrannie 7.15pm  
Brodict Church Hall, 7.30pm  
Auchrannie, 7pm  
Corrie & Sannox Hall, 2pm - 4pm  
Brodict Library, 7pm  
High School Gym, 6.30pm - 8.30pm

## WEDNESDAY 18th NOVEMBER

Hockey  
Jnr Rugby Training  
AquaFizz  
Circuit Training  
Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy  
Kickboxing  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
Arran Rugby Club Seniors Training  
Arran Brass Rehearsal  
Selt Making Class  
Beavers  
Yogalates  
Pre school Music & Drama Classes  
Quiz Night  
Friends of Brodict Castle AGM  
Learn to Salza  
Shiskine Hall AGM

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

## THURSDAY 19th NOVEMBER

Senior Fitness  
General Knowledge Quiz  
Citizens Advice  
Lochranza Craft Club  
Coffee Morning  
Cardiac Rehab  
Table Tennis  
Legs, Bums & Tums Class  
Indoor Bowling  
Smoking Cessation Group  
Brodict Embroidery Group  
Youth Club  
Cubs  
The Wee Blether  
Winter Bowling  
Scouts  
Guys & Dolls rehearsals  
Quiz  
Corrie & Sannox SWRI

Auchrannie 9.30am - 10.30am  
The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
Open 10am - 2pm  
Hall, 2pm  
St Molios Church 10.30am - 12pm  
Auchrannie Gym 2pm - 3pm  
Kildonan Hall, 3pm - 5pm  
KA Leisure, gameshall, 6.30pm - 7.15pm  
Auchrannie Hall 7pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, 11am - 12pm  
Brodict Library 7.30pm - 9.30pm  
Youth Cabin, Lamlash 7-9pm  
Shiskine Hall 6.30-8pm  
Whiting Bay Hall, 11.30am - 1.30pm  
Auchrannie, 7pm  
Shiskine Hall 8-9.30pm  
Brodict Hall, 7.30pm  
Kinloch Hotel, 9pm  
Village Hall, 2pm

## FRIDAY 20th NOVEMBER

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

Brodict Hall, 7.30pm  
Auchrannie Pool, 9.45am - 10.30am  
Open 10am - 2pm  
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 9pm  
The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
Auchrannie Gym, 10am - 11am  
Auchrannie Gym, 7pm - 8pm  
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 2pm  
Lamlash Church Hall, 8pm - 10pm  
Lamlash Church Hall, 2pm - 3.30pm  
The Cabin, 7pm - 9pm  
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 9.30pm  
Brodict Golf Club, 6pm

## SATURDAY 21st NOVEMBER

Lamlash Bowling Club Prizegiving


Lamlash Golf Club, 7pm

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*Saturday 14th November*

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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008**

Notice of application to be published under regulation 20(1)

Application No: 09/00756/PP Address: Auchnamara, Lochranza, Brodick, Isle Of Arran KA27 8HN Proposed Development: Amendment to planning permission no. N/09/00320/PP to reposition 6.5 kw wind turbine on increased height mast of 15.0m

Application No: 09/00753/PP Address: The Old Coastguard Station, Kildonan, Brodick, Isle Of Arran Proposed Development: Erection of 3 one and a half storey dwelling houses

Application No: 09/00752/PP Address: Auchnamara, Lochranza, Brodick, Isle Of Arran KA27 8HN Proposed Development: Demolition of existing backhouse and erection of double garage with 1 no bedroomed flat above including formation of new access

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**ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

**Sunday 15 November**  
(Church is on the road between Machrie & Blackwaterfoot)  
Shiskine 11am  
Sunday School meets in the Church Hall  
Brodict 7pm (Church is behind Post Office)  
Mr David Gregg  
All welcome

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

**WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH**  
**Sunday 15 November**  
Worship will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson at 10.30am.

Tea and coffee will be served in the Transept after the service. There will be a sale of Traidcraft goods and Traidcraft Christmas Cards. There will also be a Wesley Owen Bookstall with great Christmas ideas. At 6.30pm in the Transept, there will be an informal service of praise, prayer and discussion.  
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**Sunday 15 November**  
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Mr John Roberts  
Coffee after service.

**Wednesday, 18 November**  
Holy Communion  
12.15 pm.  
All Welcome..

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**  
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**Sunday 15 November**  
Rev. Gillean Maclean  
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Lamlash 11.30am  
In both churches  
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**Sunday 15 November**

7pm  
Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodict  
Evening Service, 7pm  
Prayer meeting  
**Wednesday 18 November**  
7pm  
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Brodict Church, 10.30am.  
Corrie Church, 12.15pm.  
Lochranza 10.15am, Sacrament of the Lords's Supper  
Shiskine Church, 12.15pm.  
Sacrament of the Lords's Supper  
A service of Worship will also be held in Montrose House at 1.30pm

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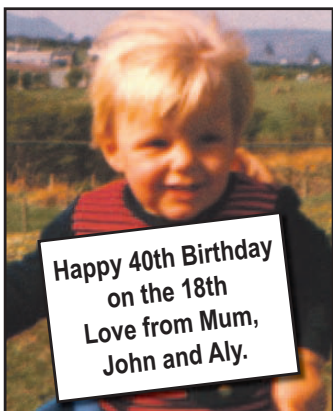
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Sorely missed and always in my heart.  
Eleanor

**PERSONALS**



**Brodict Golf Club**

Sunday 8 November, Brandon and Winter Cup, 25 played, CSS 64.

1 A Hume (10)61 BIH, 2 I MacDonald (8)61 BIH, 3 D Rudge (16)61. Scratch E McKinnon 67.

There were eight twos, Ewan McKinnon and Russell Duncan got two each, A Dobson, T Raeside, I MacDonald and A Hume each got one.

First class Brandon: A Hume, Second class Brandon: D Rudge.

Wednesday 4 November, sixth round of the Wednesday Winter Cup.

There have been a number of Bandits coming out of the woodwork almost on a weekly basis and this week looked as if it was going to continue the trend.

Captain Walker had returned from the high seas and looked as if he was going to pirate away with loot however he was scuppered when Derek Roxburgh shot the best round of the competition so far this year to win the sweep.

There were four magic twos with Derek Roxburgh getting two and Don Rudge and Dougie Robertson getting one each.

The sweep was won by Derek Roxburgh with a 61-6=55, second was Captain Bryce Walker 76-18=58 and third was John Hartley 84-21=63.

Under the handicap system ruling for the competition Derek Roxburgh's handicap has been savagely cut by nine strokes and he will be playing off +3 next time out, thankfully for Derek his club handicap is not affected.

**Fixtures:** Saturday 14 November, Saturday Cup, make up your own games or open draw at 12pm. Sunday 15 November, Clochendichter.

**Whiting Bay Golf Club**

Sunday 8 November, second round of the Winter Cup, 16 played.

The early pace was set by Gordon Provan and Jim Hainey with two good scores under their belt.

In a low scoring round CSS dropped to 62.

1 Gordon Provan (10)60 BIH, 2 Eddie hope (15)60, 3 Jamie MacPherson (4)62 BIH. There were magic twos from Andy Martin, Jamie MacPherson and two from Gordon Provan.

Nicol Auld won scratch on the better inward six.

**Fixtures:** Sunday 15 November, friendly with Lamlash at Whiting Bay, tee-off between 10.30am and 11am.

Sunday 22 November, Wolfi Kroner stableford.



**Arran Golfers Association**

The Arran Grouse will be played at Machrie Bay Golf Club on Saturday 21 November.

The draw as follows: 12pm Lamlash A v Corrie B, 12.10pm Whiting Bay A v Brodict B, 12.20pm Corrie A v Brodict A, 12.30pm Lamlash B v Whiting Bay B, 12.40pm Shiskine A v Machrie B, 12.50pm Lochranza B v Machrie Bay A, 1pm Lochranza A v Shiskine B.

**Corrie Golf Club**

Monday 2 November, 1 A Cumming 51, 2 J McGovern 56, 3 G Welford 58, Best Scratch J McGovern 60.

Monday 9 November, 1 B Sherwood 55, 2 W Paul 61, 3 A Smith 62, Best Scratch J McGovern 64.

Fixtures: Saturday 14 November, Winter Cup 12pm tee-off. Monday 16 November, tee-off 12pm.

**Lamlash Golf Club**

Thursday 5 November, 15-hole medal played in changeable conditions, seven played on the day.

One magic two by Colin Richardson. 1 Colin Richardson 63-14=49 BIH, 2 D Wales 56-7=49. Saturday 7 November, delayed AGA Winter League at Machrie Bay.

The Lamlash team managed a draw with the hosts Machrie Bay.

Sunday 8 November, Winter stableford competition, 12 played in excellent conditions.

Three magic twos from A Smith, D Wales and G Tinto. Scratch Ian Bremner with a 69.

1 I Bremner 39, 2 G Tinto 36, 3 Allan Winship 34.

**Fixtures:** Every Thursday 15 hole competition. Sunday 15 November Lamlash v Whiting Bay at Whiting Bay, 10.30am for 11am start.

**Shiskine Golf Club**

Thursday 5 November, Ladies 12 hole Medal.

Silver 1 Carole Stewart 53-10=43, 2 Jenni Turnbull 56-10=46, 3 Pat Adamson 57-10=47.

Bronze 1 Esther Henderson 74-24=50, 2 Leslie Murray 67-16=51, 3 Jessie Hutton 70-18=52. Best Scratch Carole Stewart 53.

Results of the Gents Arran Challenge: First Class 1 Paul McNea, Kirkhill 93-14=79, 2 David Hume, Ardeer 93-12=81, 3 Hamish Bannatyne, Machrie Bay 89-6=83.

Second Class: 1 Terry Young, Ravens Park 97-22=75, 2 Ian Douglas, Ravens Park 101-22=79, 3 Craig Jackson, Kirkhill 106-24=82. Best Scratch Hamish Bannatyne, Machrie Bay 89.

**Fixtures:** Saturday 14 November, Shiskine and Brodict Golf Club's Dinner.

Sunday 15 November, Six Club Texas Scramble. Thursday 19 November, Ladies 18 hole Medal. Sunday 22 November, 12 hole Medal and Winter Cup.

**Machrie Bay Golf Club**

Tuesday 3 November, Winter Cup played off the yellow tees.

1 Brian Sherwood 70, 2 David Price 73, 3 Donald Campbell 78.

Scratch Brian Sherwood 80. **Fixtures:** Saturday 14 November, Lochranza Hotel Cup 12pm tee-off.

Tuesday 17 November, Lochranza Hotel Cup 12pm tee-off.



**Dorothy Rudge Trophy has new champions**

Don Rudge is pictured presenting the Dorothy Rudge Trophy to Aileen Latona and Gareth McNicol (right) at the recent Autumn Scramble event in Brodict Clubhouse. A few years ago Don Rudge gifted the trophy to Brodict Golf Club in memory of his late wife Dorothy, who loved playing mixed foursomes. Aileen and Gareth were the unlikely winners of the knockout competition, beating previous winners Jean Glen and Iain Sillars in the final.

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## Flying start for Brodick golfers

Winter league underway with first round at Machrie Bay

Brodick Golf Club got off to a flying start in the Arran Golfers Association Winter League on Saturday with a decisive victory over Whiting Bay.

The first round was played at Machrie Bay Golf Club and saw teams from all of the island's clubs – apart from Lochranza – taking part.

The last match of the day was between defending champions Brodick and last year's runner-up Whiting Bay.

Despite playing a strong team from Whiting Bay, Brodick took the tie by the superb score of four matches to nil.

'Brodick have certainly set the standard for everyone to match in the upcoming games,' said Dougie Macfarlane, secretary of the AGA. 'It looks as though Brodick certainly don't intend to let go of the trophy without a fight.'

First game out saw home club Machrie against Lam-lash.

With Lam-lash winning two of the first three games it came down to Brian Sherwood to make a great second shot to the last and bag an easy par to take the final game and earn Machrie a deserved draw.

Second out was Shiskine against Corrie.

Shiskine struggled to get a team for the rearranged date and only seven players turned up which meant that poor Wil-

lie Kelso had to take on Drew and John himself in the first game but despite a courageous effort just lost out by a couple of holes.

Shiskine managed one win in the remaining three games but lost the match by three games to one overall which is a great start for Corrie.

### Tricky

Dougie Macfarlane said: 'Fortunately the weather was a little kinder on the day although showers dotted throughout the day along with the very wet ground underfoot made conditions to play golf tricky to say the least.'

'Thanks to Machrie for the superb condition of the course considering how wet it has been and for the very welcome soup and sandwiches gladly received by all.'

'Many of the island's clubs struggled to get players for the rearranged fixture on Saturday but with the weather getting wetter each year it is something everyone needs to be aware of. So try and keep the following Saturday free if possible just in case.'

Next up for the Association are the second round matches next month at Shiskine on Sunday 6 December.

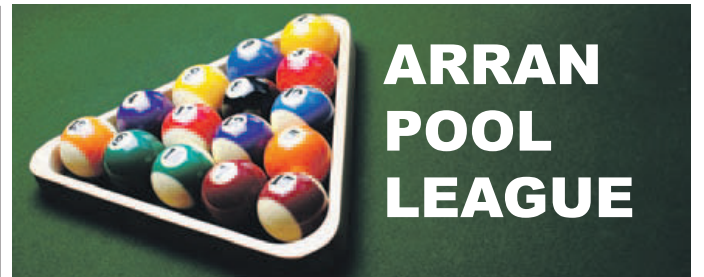
Draw: Shiskine v Brodick at 10am, Machrie v Whiting Bay at 10.50am, Corrie v Lam-lash at 11.40am.



## Mud, mud not so glorious for keeper Nelson

Northend goalkeeper Mark Nelson is overcome by the muddy water as he tries to deflect an attempt at goal by an Ardrossan City player last Sunday.

The Arran team played the mainland squad in a friendly match last week and true to form they were defeated 5-1. Photo courtesy of Chris Hogge.



The results of the Arran Pool League from Thursday 5 November were as follows:

Bar Eden 7 Catacol 5, PHT 8 teamGoil 4, Drift 6 Kildonan 6, PT1934 9 Mac's Bar 3.

PT1934 have retained their

place at the top of the league with Bar Eden in second place and the PHT in third.

This Thursday (November 19) Bar Eden play the PHT, Drift play PT1934, Mac's Bar take on Catacol and teamGoil are playing Kildonan.

## Ladies celebrate as darts league continues

Arran's Ladies Darts League is looking forward to the new season with the announcement that there will be four teams taking part this year.

There had been fears that there would not be enough players this year and that the league would have to be disbanded.

But teams have been put forward from Catacol, Drift Inn, Mac's Bar and Kildonan.

According to league secretary Susan Logan this is fantastic news for the continuation of the sport on the island.

'Last year we just managed to keep it going with three teams but it was horrible when one team had a bye every week,' said Susan. 'The season always seemed to take so much longer to end that way and it really wasn't surprising that people lost interest in the league.'

In a bid to get more Arran residents involved in the darts

league a number of special mixed doubles competitions have been organised to take place throughout the winter.

The first will take place in the Drift Inn on Saturday 27 November to raise money for Parkinsons charities.

Players should be there at 7.30pm, as names will be drawn from a hat.

See next week's Banner for the full list of upcoming mixed competitions.

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