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Globetrotter Jack is back for SWRI rally

In a room full of chattering women at the Kinloch Hotel on Friday night there was just one solitary man to be seen – former First Minister Jack McConnell.

Members of the six institutes that form the Arran Federation of the Scottish Women's Rural Institute came together for their annual rally at the Blackwaterfoot hotel.

Lord McConnell of Glen-scorrodale had been asked to attend as speaker for the evening and he was accompanied by his mother, Mrs Elizabeth McConnell, SWRI member and former president of Lamlash SWRI.

The 60 women and one man gathered to hear their chairperson, Morag Gardner, welcome SWRI members and their special guests to this rally.

Before the rally, Lord McConnell, former First Minister, declared: 'So, after President Clinton's dinner at the New York Public Library, a transatlantic flight to the Club of Madrid Conference and a day around the United Nations, I'm off on the boat to Arran to speak at the annual rally of the SWRI in Kinloch Hotel. You couldn't make this up!'

After the serving of the usual

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delicious meal by the Kinloch staff, members gave a delighted welcome to Jack McConnell.

In introducing Jack, Morag gave an insight into his work across the world including that as adviser to the Clinton Hunter Development Initiative in Malawi and Rwanda, board member of the UK-Japan 21st Century Group, a non-governmental forum bringing together politicians, businessmen, scholars and others with a keen interest in developing UK-Japan relations, and, nearer to home, chair of Radio Clyde Cash for Kids.

Jack entertained and informed his audience, many of whom were Arran friends, some from his school days.

He paid a great compliment to the Isle of Arran and its people, by speaking of the three things he had learned as a young person on Arran; the importance of community, the importance of education at all levels, and the importance of adventure and travel.

These had impacted on his life as a teacher and politician



Rural Rally speaker Jack McConnell at the Kinloch Hotel on Friday night, with his mother Elizabeth, and from left, Margaret Stewart, Kildonan, Eleanor McKinnon, Kilmory, Jerry Arthur, Shiskine, Morag Gardner, Federation chair, Ann Pringle, Corrie, Janet Mair, Whiting Bay and Margaret Gray, Lamlash. 02_b46ur01

and, now, he is using all this experience in the organisations in which he is involved. Alongside serious themes on celebrating 'difference' and combating discrimination, Jack and his audience shared tales from his time on Arran, which made the Kinloch ring

with laughter!
The vote of thanks was led by May MacDonald of Kilmory Institute, and was loudly and enthusiastically supported by one and all. Everyone agreed that it had been a wonderful evening.

Afterwards Jack said: 'I had

a great night speaking at the SWRI annual dinner and rally. 'Great laughs, old friends, (or at least old friends' mums) and happy memories of this wonderful island.

'Now back to Dubrovnik, Croatia for more guest lectures.'

Road closure at Kildonan

The C147 Coast Road at Kildonan will be closed to allow repairs to a collapsed culvert from Monday.

The closure will begin on Monday 21 November and will last until Friday 25 November.

In order to ensure the safety of road users and workers, the road must be closed for the duration of the roadworks.

A diversion route will be put in place.

North Ayrshire Council would like to apologise in advance for any disruption these works may cause.

Boat ran aground

The Ardrossan Coastguard Team and Troon lifeboats were called out to the fishing vessel Lady Isle after they ran aground on Campbell Rock at the entrance to Ardrossan Harbour on Tuesday.

The vessel was refloated unaided and was escorted into Ardrossan Harbour.

Flashing light

Clyde Coastguard received a call from a member of the public reporting that a flashing light was partially submerged on the beach at Lamlash last Thursday night.

The Arran Coastguard Rescue Team was asked to investigate and it turned out to be nothing more than a dog collar which was fitted with a flashing light.

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Corrie Hall committee members John and Jan Inglis, Rachael Phillips and Margo Wheeler with the new energy efficient heating system. 01_b46cor01

Eco-work at Corrie Hall

With thick new insulation in the roof, pumps feeding an energy efficient heating system and new wooden cladding, Corrie Village Hall must be one of the most energy efficient in the country.

However, managing an ambitious project like this wasn't cheap and it has taken a lot of money to get the hall running so economically.

The whole renovation project has taken over a month and cost £30,000.

The hall was assessed through the Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES) for its energy upgrade and air source heat pumps were suggested as the new technology most suitable for Corrie Hall.

Margo Wheeler of the Corrie and Sannox Village Hall committee said: 'Bob Rooney did an excellent job on an energy saving survey and suggested energy efficient lighting and removing the

cladding from the outside of the hall and inserting insulation then re-cladding.'

She added: 'There are three pumps in the hall - in the doctors room, doctors waiting room and the main hall - which also act as air conditioners so cool in summer.'

Margo explained that the heat pumps and lighting were part of the grant scheme and they got £12,000 from CARES which was match funded by £12,000 raised by

the local community.

The re-cladding was not eligible for this scheme so the community have been raising funds over the summer, which will go towards this.

The Christmas Fete that is to be held on December 3 is also part of this fundraising scheme, as a further £6,000 is needed. Hall committee member Jan Inglis said that the entire community were delighted with the new heating system.

Warm welcome for NAC opposition to power station plan

Local politicians have expressed their delight this week at North Ayrshire Council's decision to oppose a new coal plant at Hunterston.

The island's MSP Kenneth Gibson told The Banner he was delighted by NAC's decision to reject this 'unwanted and unnecessary' application.

He added: 'The best possible outcome now would be for Ayrshire Power to withdraw their application.'

'They have neither the money nor the technical knowledge to deliver on their plans, even if they were to be approved.'

'By withdrawing now, they will cut their losses and save everyone from a long, costly and drawn out Public Inquiry prior to a decision by Scottish Ministers.'

Katy Clark MP who has voiced her concerns in the past about the plans has also welcomed the decision made

by local councillors on November 9.

'I have said from day one that any new build Coal Plant should have full workable carbon capture and storage installed from the outset,' said Ms Clark.

'If it doesn't it will have a grave impact on our local environment and damage our countries ability to meet our climate change targets.'

She added: 'The fact is that Ayrshire Power's plans for a Coal Plant at Hunterston have been made weaker by the removal of funding from the CCS project at Longannet because the technology at the heart of their plans was to be tested at Longannet.'

'I now call on Scottish Ministers to do the right thing and allow an independent public inquiry into the application to commence.'

'I am taking up the funding issues with the Department of Energy and Climate Change.'

Underage drinking

Police have become aware that a number of underage drinkers are congregating at a site close the Arran Brewery at Cladach.

They will be monitoring this area in future and anyone caught with alcohol will be charged.

'No insurance' - claim

A 31-year-old Lamlash man was caught allegedly driving without insurance on Sunday afternoon.

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Disappointed lifeboat crew trainees on Lamlash pier on Sunday; Carole Johnson, Claire Marriott and Dawn Ulivi. 01_b46lif01



Helm Mark Nelson took the Boys Brigade lifeboat out for a spin in the bay last Sunday. 01_b46lif02

Helicopter no-show mars RNLI training

A SCHEDULED visit to Lamlash Bay by a Sea King helicopter from HMS Gannet never materialised last Sunday.

The helicopter was taking part in a fly-past at the Remembrance Service in Irvine and was then due to head over to Arran for a training exercise. At 11am, new trainee lifeboat crew Claire Marriott, Dawn Ulivi and Carole Johnson were all kitted up and the Boys Brigade lifeboat

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was in the water ready for the exercise. The three girls were expected to be hoisted up from the moving lifeboat into the Sea King as part of their training for dealing with an emergency at sea.

But at 11.30am local Lifeboat Operations Manager Geoff Norris declared that he had been in touch with

HMS Gannet, and someone had forgotten to note down the Arran exercise in the Day Book, so the helicopter would not be coming. He said: 'We arranged all this at the Arran Resilience exercise last week, but someone has forgotten to write it down.'

Nineteen-year-old Claire was particularly disappointed. She said: 'I had been so looking forward to this.'

Geoff added that with the new recruits they were up to

numbers for lifeboat crew, but short of drivers for the tractor that tows the lifeboat into the water. He said: 'If anyone is interested in tractor driving they should contact me on 600420.'

Geoff hopes to rearrange the helicopter exercise for the disappointed trainees in the next week or two.

Fayre raises £1,620 for Save the Children

The Save the Children Christmas Fayre held in Brodick Hall on Saturday 5 November raised an incredible £1,620 for the charity.

The proceeds will go towards designated Scottish projects funded by the charity. Mrs Bessie Sillars of Brodick won the food

hamper and the toiletries hamper went to Mrs Eileen Johnston of Shiskine.

Thanks once again to Yvonne Brothers for the delightful background music.

All support was greatly appreciated by the committee.

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NAC council leader quizzed online

Senior North Ayrshire Council officials put themselves 'on the line' to answer questions as part of the local authority's innovative Straight Talking sessions on Monday evening.

Council Leader, David O'Neill and chief executive Elma Murray took questions from residents across North Ayrshire. And 75 people joined the online discussions, which focussed on two of the council's four key ob-

jectives - Regenerating Our Communities and Increasing Employment, and Raising Educational Attainment.

Councillor O'Neill and Mrs Murray answered questions on subjects such as library provision, schools and what the council is doing to create jobs. Afterwards, Councillor O'Neill said: 'I am delighted that so many local people took part in our first online Straight Talking session. These live sessions are

part of an ongoing dialogue between the council and residents, so I would encourage more people to log on and take part.'

These pioneering live blogs aim to complement the face-to-face Straight Talking sessions which took place in Ardrossan on Monday, November 7, when more than 100 representatives from 54 local community organisations met to discuss the future of council services.



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Microsoft scam warning

Lucy Cartledge of Lamlash contacted The Banner this week to warn our readers of another telephone scam doing the rounds.

She said: 'It might be an idea to warn the public of bogus callers pretending to ring at the instruction of Microsoft.'

'I have just received a convincing call by an engineer, supposedly from Microsoft, who informed me that he was ringing, because my computer had sent them a number of error messages.'

She added; 'After some discussion, I agreed to switch my computer on and check some information with him, by writing 'eventsvwr' into my run box.'

'This disclosed information on errors etc that had gone through my machine, to which he said was the proof of the problem.'

'I was then asked to link to a website to sort it, at which point I felt uneasy and hung up.'

An island computer engineer has since confirmed that Microsoft never rings people up and that this was in fact an attempt to put a Trojan Horse onto my computer.'

Cameron commended in Education Oscars

Selecting finalists in each category was very difficult

Former pupils of Arran High School and Marr College in Troon have been congratulated at this year's 'Education Oscars', the Scottish Qualifications Authority Star Awards.

Cameron Flewitt who attends Arran High School and Jemma Brown, former pupil of Marr College, were highly commended in the Academic Excellence and School Candidate of the Year categories respectively at the SQA Star Awards, which were held at Anniesland College in Glasgow on Friday 4 November.

The Star Awards celebrate the achievements and commitment of learners, teachers, lecturers, schools, colleges, training providers and businesses across Scotland and around the world. Cameron has been described as an exceptional student, excelling in languages, creative

subjects and the sciences.

As a school prefect he has shown excellent leadership qualities and encouraged younger students to achieve their goals. He now aims to secure a place studying Life Sciences at Cambridge University.

Impressed

Throughout her career at Marr College, Jemma impressed the judges with determination, diligence and ability. Not only did she have excellent exam results, she was also awarded Dux in S4 and S5 and has since gone on to earn a place at Oxford.

SQA Chief Executive, Dr Janet Brown, said: 'Scottish education and training is full of inspirational stories and magnificent achievements from students and centres.'

'The response to our invitation for nominations was phenomenal – selecting finalists in each category was very difficult.'



Cameron Flewitt with his Scottish Qualifications Authority Star Award in Anniesland College. b46cam01

pride in their achievements.'

Cabinet Secretary for Culture and External Affairs, Fiona Hyslop MSP added: 'May I extend my congratulations to all the winners and those who have been highly commended in the SQA Star Awards this year. 'They can all be immensely

proud of their achievements. It's great to be involved in an event that recognises the skills and qualities of the people who have excelled and made such a worthwhile and positive impact on Scottish education.' The ceremony was hosted by broadcaster and journalist Kaye Adams.

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From a total sale of 602 store cattle, the Arran cattle achieved top price in the heifer calf category.

Five Charolais calves at 300kg from The Moor averaged 185p to 200p per kilo and £690 gross for a 400kilo Charolais heifer.

Licence application for Auchencar café

A licence application has been lodged for a new restaurant at Auchencar, Machrie.

Hamza Gunaydi has applied for the 'grant of a provisional premises licence' for Café Thyme - a coffee shop serving teas, coffee, lunches and homebaking.

The application is for on-sales only and the opening hours will be from 12pm to 5pm Sunday to Thursday and from 12pm until 10pm on Saturday and Sunday.

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Piper Nicol Hume, Father Noel Colford, Mrs Jean Hunter and bugler Biff Simpson at Brodick War Memorial on Sunday. 02_b46rem02



Sergeant Dawn Burke of the Arran Cadet Force paid her respects at Brodick War Memorial. 02_b46rem03

Arran remembers

Last Sunday, services of Remembrance were held at war memorials around the island, ranging from Pirmill to Shiskine, Corrie, Whiting Bay, Brodick, Lamlash and Arran War Memorial Hospital.

Local cadets and scouts attended the service at the Ormidale Park in Brodick at 10am on Sunday.

The short service was conducted by Father Noel Colford and Mrs Jean Hunter.

Biff Simpson played the Last Post on her bugle, and after two minutes silence, Nicol Hume played The Flowers of the Forest lament on the bagpipes.

Police held up traffic for about 15 minutes and the company

then marched along to Brodick Church for worship.

On Friday, Armistice Day, at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, a short ceremony took place at Brodick War Memorial opposite Ormidale Park.

Alan Reid played The Last Post on his bugle. Then after two minutes silence, he played The Infantry Reveille, and the crowd, all three of them, dispersed.

People drove past and walked past utterly oblivious to the occasion. But the tills in the Co-op were silent for two minutes on Friday while folk paid their respects to the dead and wounded from two world wars and from numerous other battles.

Scottish Parliament investigates broadband provision in rural areas

A short, targeted inquiry by the Scottish Parliament's Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee is to be carried out to identify the work required to significantly expand Scotland's digital broadband infrastructure. In many rural places like Arran the broadband coverage is very poor and as a result the internet speed is far below the UK standard.

The committee wants to assess the coverage, availabil-

ity and uptake of broadband across Scotland and to consider what work is required by the Scottish Government, internet providers and others to increase the provision of broadband areas like Arran.

Limited

Convenor of the Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee Maureen Watt MSP said: 'We have areas of Scotland where access to broadband is limited and other areas where there is no

problem with access but take-up rates lag well behind the rest of the UK.

'We will, of course, look at the poor coverage in rural areas but also examine why, in our largest city Glasgow, broadband take up is only 51 per cent, well below the UK average.

'We want to highlight what needs to be done to ensure that Scotland does not fall behind in digital provision.'

The committee will hear

oral evidence on this inquiry throughout November and December 2011 and report in the New Year.

It follows a call for evidence to a wide range of interested groups throughout Scotland.

There will be four days of oral evidence given to the committee from key people and providers including academics and experts, community based groups, large broadband providers and the Scottish Government.



Alan Reid played The Last Post in Brodick on Armistice Day, to a crowd of just three people. 02_b46rem01

Poppy Scotland funds raised

The Shiskine, Blackwaterfoot and Machrie collection for Poppy Scotland this year totalled £731.72.

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Auchrannie recognised as an 'Investor in Education'

The Auchrannie Resort has scooped the 'Investors In Education' prize at this year's Ayrshire Business Awards held in the Menzies Hotel in Irvine.

The awards recognises businesses that have invested time and resource with schools and youth groups in their local area.

Auchrannie has been working with schools across Arran both at primary and secondary levels stimulating an interest in the industry and

demonstrating how exciting and diverse a career in hospitality can be.

Linda Johnston, owner of the Auchrannie, said: 'We think it's really important to work alongside the young people on Arran to stimulate an interest in the hospitality industry.'

'We've been involved in the Enterprise Day which involves all of first year and we will continue to be involved again next year.'

Speaking on receipt of the

award, Richard Small, general manager said: 'Auchrannie's on-going work with the schools and youth groups on Arran ensures that children of all ages are getting exposure to how real business functions.'

'We are proud to be able to use the Auchrannie management teams many years of experience to help Arran's youth develop a passion for business and hopefully an entrepreneurial spirit in many of them.'



The High School's winning Enterprise Team are photographed with Linda Johnston and Auchrannie staff Joanne Miller and Danni Wally with the Investors In Education trophy. 01_b46auc01

National Trust appeals for help in fighting for the future of our past

Letters will be arriving at hundreds of households across Arran today as conservation charity the National Trust for Scotland launches its latest appeal.

Trust members and all others interested in protecting the nation's heritage are being asked to find £15 to donate towards the charity's 'I'm in it for the Future' Fund.

The appeal aims to raise vital funds – at least £110,000 is required – which the trust needs if it is to continue its work of maintaining, conserving and restoring some of Scotland's most precious buildings, gardens and landscapes, ensuring they survive to be appreciated and treasured by future generations.

The Trust's chief executive, Kate Mavor said: 'Places like Brodick Castle are part of the

fabric of the nation, and each in its own way tells the stories of how we in Scotland came to be who we are now.'

'For that reason, we cannot afford to take any of this rich heritage for granted and assume someone else will always take responsibility for it.'

She added: 'In my letter I have painted a nightmare scenario in which the Castle is allowed to fall into disrepair and eventually crumbles to a graffiti-ridden hulk, the memories, history and shared culture it represents lost forever.'

'That has happened all too often in the past to all sorts of heritage properties. Even a small donation can prevent this prospect from becoming a reality.'

The costs incurred in looking after Scotland's heritage

are immense: £600,000 annually just to comply with legislation on routine jobs like boiler checks and fire alarm checks; £400,000 a year to buy basic tools, plants and pest controls to protect collections – all before undertaking any major restoration projects.

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Share your views at Tenants and Residents' Conference

North Ayrshire Council tenants on Arran are being invited to a popular residents' conference to hear about local housing services.

North Ayrshire Tenants' Conference, which will take place on Saturday 19 November at Ardrossan Civic Centre, will give local authority tenants the chance to hear about the Council's housing services and plans for the future.

Presentations

The conference will have a community safety theme, with presentations from a va-

riety of council services and partner agencies.

Residents will hear from Strathclyde Police and Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, as well as the Council's Road Safety, Antisocial Behaviour and Community Safety Teams.

An Information Zone will provide those in attendance with an opportunity to ask questions about a range of council services.

North Ayrshire Council Leader, David O'Neill, and Chief Executive Elma Murray will also take the oppor-

tunity to update tenants on the Council's Straight Talking consultation events taking place this month.

Limited Spaces

The North Ayrshire Council event will take place from 9.30am until 2pm and while entry is free, spaces are limited and booking is essential.

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British Legion hold AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Arran Branch of the Royal British Legion will take place at 2pm on Thursday 24 November in the MacLaren Hotel, all members are urged to attend.

RNLI visitor to Lamlash Bay

The new Portpatrick lifeboat was spotted moored in Lamlash Bay on Friday.

The John Buchanan Barr, a Tamar class RNLI lifeboat, was undergoing crew training and familiarization before becoming operational.

It is fitting that the boat, the RNLI's most technologically advanced, is named after the distinguished GP who died in 2003 at the age of 93 for Dr Barr saved lives during the Second World War – he was a major in the Royal Army Medical Corps and was awarded the MBE for distinguished service in North Africa.

Dr Barr and his wife Catherine, who lived in Bearsden, Glasgow, had no children. They struck up a bond with the RNLI after they started visiting Portpatrick in Wigtownshire and Catherine, who died in 2008 at the age of 98, requested that a legacy gift should be left to the charity for a new lifeboat named



The John Buchanan Barr, a Tamar class RNLI lifeboat, was undergoing crew training in Lamlash Bay on Friday.

after her husband.

Linda Aitken, the RNLI's senior legacy manager, said today, 'It is fitting in this month of remembrance that the new Tamar named after John Buchanan Barr has arrived home at Portpatrick.

'I am certain that Mrs Cath-

erine Barr and her husband were inspired by the courage of our volunteer crews. On their visits to Portpatrick they may have seen the crew at work.

'Now, through Mrs Barr's generosity, the RNLI values will live on.'

Garden club welcomes expert

Mr Jimmy McMaster, chairman of the Delphinium Society, Scotland, kindly travelled from Ayrshire to be the excellent guest speaker at the Garden Club evening in October.

Members seemed enthused by Jimmy's passion for these beautiful plants and he educated them in the best way to cultivate delphiniums from seed to maturity.

The vast ranges of colours that are now available were a delight to see.

The club's members also learnt useful tips on presenting delphiniums in a flower show situation.

The evening was greatly enjoyed and finished with refreshments, including a tasty sample of soup of the month

- roast pumpkin and bramley apple!

There was also some good advice on how to grow the shrub viburnum before the raffle.

The Garden Club's last evening for 2011 will be on Thursday 24 November at 7.30pm in the Ranger Centre at Brodick Castle.

The AGM will be followed by Christine Nicholson speaking on 'Growing Orchids' and festive refreshments. New members and visitors are always welcome.

SWRI focuses on photography

Everyone at Lamlash WRI enjoyed a great evening when David Wedge gave a talk and presentation on digital photography - a good turnout by all members as well as new faces.

David was warmly thanked by Mary Adams on behalf of all members. During refreshments the competition and exhibits were judged and the winners were Morag Campbell and Carol Davis.

Our next meeting will take place at the Fire Station on Wednesday 7 December at 7.30pm where Assja Baumgartner will talk and demonstrate her 'passion for beads'. All members and visitors are welcome.

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Spanish class bids despidida to Fernando

The language class at the Learning Centre in Lamlash bade farewell to their special tutor last Wednesday.

For the last couple of months, the students in the Spanish class have had the benefit of a 'real' Spanish teacher.

Learning Centre manager Liz Sloan has been assisted by Fernando Villulas de la Pena, and she declared that the 12 mature students had gained a lot in their understanding of the language from Fernando.

He has been in Britain as part of a project connected with learning different languages and cultures.

As well as the night classes at Argyll College at the High School, Fernando has also been involved in video conferencing with students in Rothesay and Campbeltown, and has visited five of Arran's primary schools.

And in his spare time he has



Learning Centre manager Liz Sloan, left, with her Spanish class and special tutor Fernando Villulas de la Pena at his farewell party. 02_b46spa01

enjoyed playing football with the school staff and pupils.

Not a teacher himself, his regular job is in a water treatment plant at Palencia in the north-west of Spain, but his aptitude in conversational Spanish was a great help to the class.

When asked why they were learning Spanish, they all chorused: 'To use on holiday!'

Fernando is now helping language students at Argyll College in Oban before returning to his normal job back home.

THE ARRAN BANNER

Hunterston already provided years of carbon-free power

Protestors on Arran and in the wider region were celebrating last week after North Ayrshire Council took the decision to oppose a new coal plant at Hunterston.

Arran's residents may live some distance from the proposed site, but there have been concerns voiced for some time about pollution and contamination reaching our spoilt island. The decision by the council goes against the current policy of the Scottish Government and puts into sharp focus the many contradictions of Scotland's energy.

While WWF, the RSPB and a range of groups concerned with social justice rejoice at the decision, little is said about the potential consequences.

Since thermal energy is to be used by the proposed plant, only a compact coastal site is required.

If onshore wind farms were to provide the equivalent energy output, would the RSPB be content to see a large tract of the Scottish landscape disturbed by the sprawl of industrial wind farms?

For WWF, concerned with the efficient use of natural resources, would they be content with intermittent wind farms which require significantly more steel and concrete than compact thermal plants?

And for all who opposed the plan and claim that renewable energy can fill the gap, thermal plants will in any case be required somewhere to provide back-up generation while wind farms lie idle.

The Scottish Government is already under fire for its over-reliance on wind power, which requires back-up from conventional sources.

The new plans for a power station at Hunterston employing as yet untested carbon-capture technology received 21,000 written objections, the highest figure on record.

Chief among the reasons for throwing out the plans were that the plant would not produce 100 per cent emission-free coal from 'day one' and would contribute to climate change; that it was against the local plan for the area; and that there was a lack of benefit to the community when weighed against the impact it would have on the environment.

Of course the real absurdity of the Hunterston situation is that a compact nuclear plant, which has provided many years of carbon-free power, is to be replaced with a coal plant.

While WWF, the RSPB and others rightly argue for a low-carbon Scotland, let's not forget that the Hunterston site has been delivering on low carbon since before climate change became a political issue.

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



No care concerns

Sir,
We would like to take this opportunity to scotch rumours, which appear to be circulating around the island about Craigielea Care Home in Whiting Bay.

We hold the proprietors, Mr and Mrs Eddie Waterland, the manager, Mr Bill Gardiner and all the staff in the highest regard for the care they provide in this delightful family orientated little care home.

We have no concerns whatsoever about the care delivered by this dedicated and committed team.

As family, we are frequent visitors to the home and would be the first to notice any drop in standards of care.

Our mothers are well looked after and are happy and settled in these homely surroundings.

Craigielea has always had our full support.

Yours,
Harry Davidson
Norma Davidson
Gill Gregory
Fran Hadden
Alastair Neill
Peter Neill

Tall Tales for Small People

Sir,
I have just come back from watching 'Tall Tales for Small People' at Arran High School (Sunday 6 November) staged and brilliantly performed by the National Theatre of Scotland!

I took my eight-year-old daughter who sat enthralled by the stories and the way they were acted out, all the way through both halves of a 90-minute performance.

There was live music with fiddle, banjo, harp, saxophone, drum, whistle and more.

Using simple props the company wove a magical spell over the audience making us laugh out loud at the animals antics and gasp at the portrayal of the swan; just beautiful!

Living on an island we often get to miss out on professional theatre/music etc, so when something like this comes

along surely we should all be rushing to see it, yet the auditorium was half full, such a shame.

Next time lets put the word out and then everyone, especially children, can enjoy the magic and brilliance together!

Yours,
Nickey Summer
By e-mail

Dispute resolved

Below is a copy of a letter to Sir Nicholas Young, chief executive of the British Red Cross.

Dear Sir Nicholas,
Your Chef de Cabinet writes that you wish to be kept informed.

After numerous volunteer resignations, including the entire fundraising committee, a meeting between your local director and group of remaining volunteers was held on November 8.

During very full discussions it was accepted that, contrary to previous statements, 'health and safety' does not require volunteer drivers to wear full uniform, CQC regulations do not apply and nor is it a legal requirement.

Threat of dismissal for not complying was withdrawn.

Throughout the meeting value for money was stressed.

Surely it is incumbent upon the Red Cross to spend as much as possible of voluntary donations on charitable causes and to minimise operational costs.

I suggest that you circulate the outcome of this dispute throughout your organisation so that managers in other areas are not tempted to mis-apply or misquote well-meaning regulations for top show or uniformity.

Bureaucracy should be minimised.

This dispute has been well covered in the local newspaper.

So that your donors are aware of the successful outcome, I am copying this letter to The Arran banner.

Yours,
Victor Iutz
Harbour House
Blackwaterfoot

Wrecked caravans

Sir,
Further to your recent article on travelling folk, I have just noticed that the group that habitually visit the north end, between Pirmill and The Craw, have abandoned two wrecked caravans for our hard pressed council to dispose of.

Yours,
Paddy Oram
By e-mail

Remembrance Sunday

Sir,
I have contacted the Time Commission, Greenwich, London to ask them to recognise the International Date Line that appears to happen between Brodick and the rest of the world. Whilst yesterday's two minutes silence was observed by everyone else at 11am, Brodick appeared to be on GMT-1 when their observance was at 10am. I would suggest a date line marked at the top of Lamlash/Brodick Hill.

Yours,
Alan Reid
10 Springbank Terrace
Brodick

Roll of honour

Sir,
I would much appreciate if you could bring the following message to your readers.

Early in June of this year the Arran Heritage Museum and the Royal British Legion Arran Branch were seeking names of Second World War men and women who left the island to serve their country in many varied capacities, and survived the war.

So far the list is growing and it is hoped that the Roll of Honour can soon be commenced and prepared for display in the museum.

Although the Roll of Honour will be open ended, and can be added to in the future, we are sure that there may be some that people have not submitted yet, or missed our previous message.

When submitting to the Museum, Royal British Legion Arran Branch or to the Arran

Banner office please remember which village they came from, their full name Rank and unit etc.

Yours,
Alan Milligan
Chairman
Arran Branch
Royal British Legion

Backpack Challenge

Sir,
The Machrie Ladies' fundraising craft group wish to thank all those kind folk who attended their coffee morning, on Tuesday 8 November, at St Molios church hall.

Their generosity, plus all the donations that continue to arrive from faithful supporters of our group, will enable us to provide for the Backpack Challenge run by the charity - Mary's Meals.

This event raised £247.15p and with all the further donations we hope to reach our target of £400. The money will allow us to buy school items such as pens, pencils, notebooks etc and other personal items.

We have approached two primary schools for help in rescuing second-hand backpacks that are still in good condition along with items of clothing such as shorts, skirts and T-shirts for both boys and girls aged between four and 12 years old. If anyone in the community could help in this respect, we would be so grateful.

The aim is to fill between 30 to 40 backpacks and these will be distributed via the Mary's Meals network to children all over the world, equipping them to attend school where they will be sure of receiving a meal and an opportunity to escape from poverty.

If you think you can help please contact Mary Kirkwood on telephone number 860352 or Sylvia Money on telephone number 840341.

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Principal prices – Store

Cattle: Stots (per head): Luing: £1,095, £950 Altgolaith, Charolais: £1,047 Bellevue, £1,000 Braehead, £895 Bellevue. Aberdeen Angus: £960 Cairnhouse, £945, £850, £770 Tigheanfraoch, £940 Creagraineach, Shorthorn: £910 Auchenhew, Limousin: £905, £900 Auchenhew, Simmental: £900 Clachaig, Hereford: £850 Altgolaith, Blackface: £570, £550 Knowe, Highland: £460 Glensherrairg

Stots (per kilo): Charolais: 196p Braehead, Limousin: 190.3p Cairnhouse, 186.6p Auchenhew, Aberdeen Angus: 182.2p Cairnhouse, 184.3p Creagraineach.

Heifers (per head): Luing: £1,010, £925, £870 Altgolaith, Charolais: £925, £905, £830 Cairnhouse, Limousin: £980 Cairnhouse, £715 Auchenhew, Aberdeen Angus: £940 Cairnhouse, 750, £665 Braehead, Simmental: £950 Bellevue.

Heifers (per kilo): Charolais: 186p Cairnhouse, Aberdeen Angus: 190p Brae-

head, 183.3p Tigheanfraoch. Suckled Calves:

Stots (per head): Charolais: £790, £730 Creagraineach, £660, £630 Springfield, £585 Torylenn, £555, £530 Ceithir Gaoithe, Simmental: £860 Creagraineach, £650, £600 Springfield, £810, £580 Bellview, £790, £680 Clachaig, Aberdeen Angus: £625 Braehead

Stots (per kilo): Charolais: 241.3p, 234p Springfield, 241.5p Torylenn, 239.8p Ceithir Gaoithe, 227p Creagraineach, Simmental: 223.7p, 211.2p Clachaig,

221.8p Springfield, 212.9p, 207.9p Bellview, Aberdeen Angus: 189.3p Braehead.

Heifers (per head): Simmental: £790, £710, £680, £600 Clachaig, £510 Springfield, Charolais: £745 Creagraineach, £580 Torylenn, £505 Ceithir Gaoithe.

Heifers (per kilo): Simmental: 208.8p, 203.6p Clachaig, 203.2p Springfield, Charolais: 231.5p, 213.2p Torylenn 223.4p Ceithir Gaoithe.

Cast Cows (per head): Saler: £970 Braehead, Ab-

erdeen Angus: £890, £790 Moor, £700 Drumaghinier. Simmental: £1,090, £950, £900, £880 Clachaig, £980 Torylenn, £980, £780, £770 Bellview, Limousin: £990, £800, £740 Auchenhew, Charolais: £710 Torylenn, Shorthorn: £680 Ceithir Gaoithe, £640 Springfield, Holstein: £640 Clachlands.

Cast Bulls (per head): Simmental: £1,000 Clachaig, Charolais: £1,160 Ceithir Gaoithe

Cow with calf at foot (per head): Saler: £1,180 Braehead.

Prices at Stirling

United Auctions had forward 2,936 store cattle and suckled calves, 281 cast cows, bulls and 8,962 prime and store sheep forward at their Stirling Agricultural Centre last Wednesday.

Cattle prices: Charolais cross bullock calves £860, 230p/kg Moor, Charolais cross heifer calves £705, 217p/kg Moor, Aberdeen Angus cross bullocks £890, 183p/kg Ceithir Gaoithe, Charolais cross

heifer stirks £580, 178p/kg Ceithir Gaoithe, Cast Aberdeen Angus bull £975, 115p/kg Glenkiln.

Sheep prices: Suffolk cross lambs £57 Sheddock, Cross ewes £49 Margenaish, Cheviot ewes £66.50 Cosyden, £64.50 Margenaish, Mule ewes £63.50 Bridge, Blackface ewes £59.50 Sheddock, £54.50 Bridge, £50 Margenaish, Cheviot cast rams £85.50 Cosyden.



The Jazz Café Band have a busy few weeks ahead of them.

Jazz Café Band hit the road again

Following a busy summer and after a bit of a break, the Jazz Cafe Band hits the road again with two appearances lined up during November.

On Wednesday night (7.30pm at Whiting Bay Hall) they shared the platform with Arran Brass.

Tickets were £4 at the door with proceeds going to the South End First Responders.

The jazz band will then be playing a longer set at the lighting of the Lamlash Christmas lights on Saturday 26 November, probably starting around 6.30pm.

One or two further ideas are in the pipeline for December - details to follow.

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Exhibition of Contemporary



In the music room; Tambour work by Irene Barnes (not for sale), Corrie, oil, by Sheila Findlay at £400 and Cir Mhor, acrylic, by Jim MacKintosh at £320. 02_b46art03

Glittering exhibition of work shows Arran's artists at their best

With its glorious history and sumptuous rooms decorated in the finest way Brodick Castle is always a wonderful place to visit.

But last weekend there was an added attraction as the 14th Annual Winter Exhibition of Contemporary Art took place.

Held each year to exhibit the work of some of Arran's

most talented local artists, this year's exhibition attracted entries from 76 island exhibitors and a total display of over 300 works of art, including items from half a dozen new exhibitors.

As usual, the arrangement of these works in the stately surroundings of the castle rooms added to the sense of occasion.

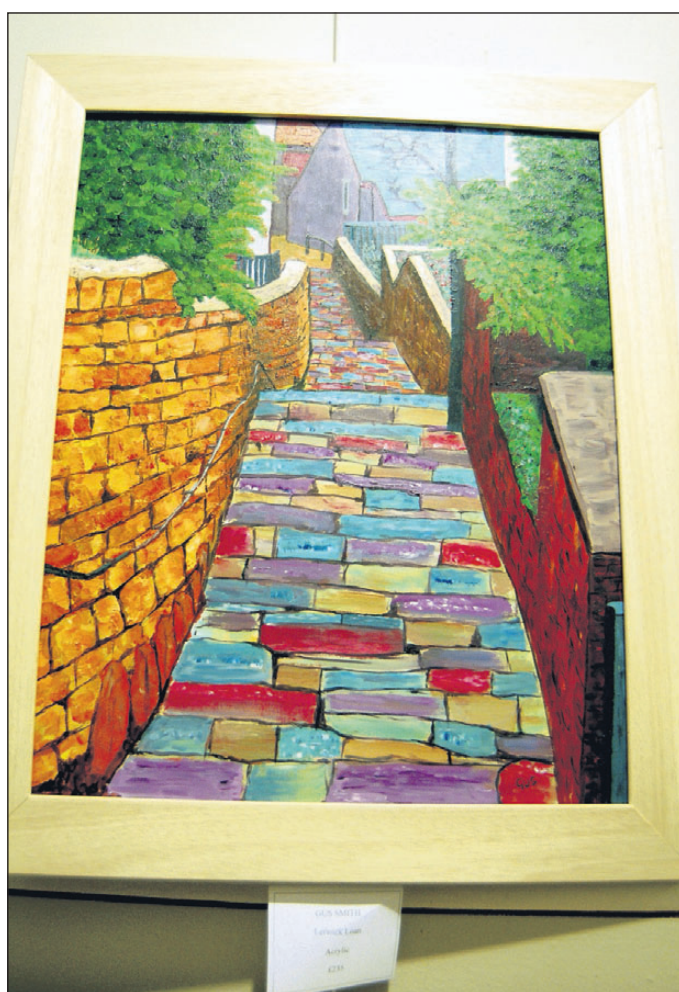
Most items were for sale, with prices ranging from £15 for a watercolour from Miss G Harris of Lamlash to £1,750 for a splendid oak dining table by David Samuels of South Bank Workshop.

After the preview evening last Wednesday, the exhibition was open to the public from Thursday to Sunday.



Ford Escort, oil on MDF, by John Inglis for £300.

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Lerwick Loan in acrylic by Gus Smith for £235. 01_b46art09



The displays in the castle kitchen. 01_b46art07



Dunskey Castle, photo on canvas by Andy Surridge for £145. 01_b46art12

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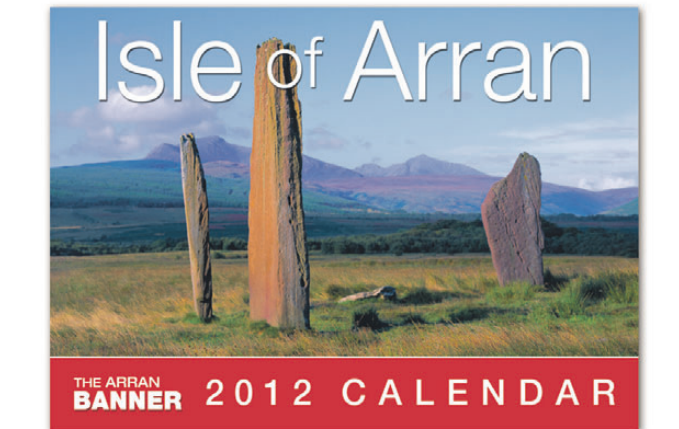
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Donations for home baking and tombola stalls gratefully accepted from 12 noon in the hall.
Come and enjoy the afternoon and support your hospital at the same time.

Art held at Brodick Castle



Lady Jean's garden tunnel, Strabane, oils, by Michael C Grant de Longueuil for £340. 01_b46art08



Exhibits in the castle entrance hall, including a sawmill beam table from Andy Surridge for £420 and a castle yew and etched glass underlit table by Marvin Elliott and Richard Leclerc for £1,500. 02_b46art01



Hydrangeas, oil, by Jean Fforde at £205. 02_b46art04



Shaker rocking chair and ash armchair at £495 and £395 from David Samuels and handwoven mixed fibre cushions at £45 from Tessa Smith. 02_b46art02



Brodick Bay in mixed media by Angela Elliot-Walker for £400. 01_b46art10



Winter Flock, oils, by Audrey Allan for £95. 01_b46art13



Elvis, watercolour, by Les McIlwraith for £175. 01_b46art14



Eye on the Time by Heather MacLeod for £250. 02_b46art06



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The island's forgotten heroes

A million horses were sent to fight in the Great War - only 62,000 came back

In a grainy black and white photograph a great horse rears amid the flash and boom of bombardment; careers in terror from the path of an advancing tank and struggles to free itself from treacherous swirls of barbed wire.



James Currie worked with horses during the First World War moving supplies and ammunition to the front line, including the major supply to Vimy Ridge.

The fear in its eyes is a haunting image of man's exploitation of animals carried to bloody extremity amid the horrors of the First World War.

Last week as she sat reading the story in The Banner about the young men from Shiskine who fought in the First World War, Maureen Farquharson of Corrie, couldn't help but also think of the horses used in the battle.

Important

'I don't want to take away in any way from the heroic men who fought alongside these animals but I think it is important to remember the horses that were sacrificed in battle too,' explained Maureen.

She brought with her into The Banner office a poignant photograph of Arran horses being shipped off the island bound for France.

She said: 'I can't help think how terribly sad it would be for an Arran lad to come



This picture from the Arran heritage Museum shows horses being shipped from Arran to serve at the front during the First World War.

across an old friend in the field of battle.'

When the war broke out in Western Europe in August 1914, both Britain and Germany had a cavalry force that each numbered about 100,000 men.

Such a number of men would have needed a significant number of horses but probably all senior military personnel at this time believed in the supremacy of the cavalry attack.

Contemplated

In August 1914, no one could have contemplated the horrors of trench warfare - hence why the cavalry regiments reigned supreme.

However, the cavalry charge seen near Mons was practically the last seen in

the war. Trench warfare made such charges not only impractical but impossible.

James Currie, the grandfather of Charles Currie who wrote the article in last week's paper, completed training as a cold farrier in 1916 before being sent to France with the British Expeditionary Force.

For the next year he worked with horses moving supplies and ammunition to the front line, including the major supply to Vimy Ridge.

We know that the Great War killed some ten million fighting men, almost 800,000 of them British.

Much less known is the fate of a million hapless horses, sent to France between 1914 and 1918.

Only 62,000 returned.

Man has been exploiting animals for centuries.

But there is a great sadness about the plight of horses conscripted to suffer in conflicts which they, unlike their riders, lack any means of understanding.

Animal Aid has issued a purple poppy, which can be worn alongside the traditional red one, as a reminder that both humans and animals have been - and continue to be - victims of war.

Conflicts

During human conflicts, animals have been used as messengers, for detection, scouting and rescue, as beasts of burden and on the frontline.

They have been used for companionship in the trenches and continue to be subjected to horrific warfare experiments in laboratories.

Perhaps next year people on Arran will wear a purple poppy alongside the red and help to raise awareness of these forgotten victims.



Men pictured moving supplies to the front line as James Currie would have done.

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Councillors Tom Barr, Pat McPhee, Jim Montgomerie and Ruby Kirkwood visited the main depot outside Kilwinning last week to meet some of the team who worked around the clock last winter and see the service's final preparations for winter.

Arran's gritters prepare for another cold winter snap

North Ayrshire Council has been working around the clock to make sure it is prepared for another severe winter – doubling its salt stocks and putting contingency plans to the test.

Improvements in communications and planning last winter meant that North Ayrshire coped well with some of the worst weather in living memory.

Key to this success were the efforts of staff who worked morning, noon and night to make sure that key routes were kept open.

Now the council has worked to ensure that it is even better prepared, learning lessons from last year.

This includes increasing salt reserves from 5,500 tonnes in 2010 to around 10,000 this year.

This will allow the local authority to make sure that the area's 340 miles of priority one roads are well treated throughout the.

A total of 17 gritting vehicles are now on 24-hour stand-by through until April 2012.

A total of 350 grit bins are available throughout North Ayrshire.

Grit is available to members of the public at North Ayrshire's Household Waste Recycling Centres and amenity sites in Irvine, Kilbirnie,

Largs, Dreghorn, Beith, West Kilbride, Skelmorlie, Saltcoats, Ardrossan, Stevenston, Fairlie and Dalry.

Grit bins can also be requested from the council website or through the Contact Centre on 0845 603 0590.

The council's roads team makes use of advanced technology to make sure it has all the information needed to keep North Ayrshire's roads safe.

This includes detailed advanced weather forecasting software and vehicle trackers that let staff know exactly how much grit is being used.

Staff are able to use the advanced technology to ensure priority routes are being treated and that salt stocks are being used effectively.

This equipment, together with the skill and dedication of staff who often work in terrible weather throughout the night, means that North Ayrshire is prepared for a severe winter.

Vital information relating to road closures, severe weather and the status of council offices and schools will once again be available on the Council website, social networking sites and on special Council helplines.

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winning last week to meet some of the team who worked around the clock last winter and see the service's final preparations for winter.

As well as viewing the council's gritting fleet as it moved into action, the councillors were able to witness first-hand how the operation of the vehicles is monitored.

Councillor Tom Barr, spokesperson for the environment, said: 'Last year we faced some terrible weather, but thanks to the plans we had in place and the hard work of our staff, we were able to cope. I would like to thank them for their efforts.'

'That said, we are always ready to learn lessons and this year we will be better prepared, with almost double the level of salt stocks and clear action plans.'

'We are confident that our own preparations will serve us well, but there is also a role for local people. Members of the public do play their part, clearing and gritting pavements outside their homes, helping neighbours who may be less able to get out and about.'

'We are providing more grit stocks and grit bins for local people so we can all be prepared if the severe weather arrives. I am confident that, by working together, we will be well prepared this year.'

THE ARRAN BANNER

- on holiday . . .

For three years 'The Banner on Holiday' feature has been running in the pages of The Arran Banner and it is proving to be as popular as ever.

We have been absolutely overwhelmed by the number of fantastic photographs of our readers that keep coming through the doors.

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

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

It could be from Trafalgar Square or Tiananmen Square, it really doesn't matter; we would love to see your photographs.

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

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Right: Jennifer Emsley of Whiting Bay reading her Banner at L'Aiguillette Des Posettes, 2,201 metres up in the Alps with the Mont Blanc range in the background.



Lorna McAllister from Brodick found time to catch up on the news from Arran while at the Katy Perry concert at the SECC in Glasgow.



Ruth Quinn from Huddersfield is pictured checking up on Archie's whereabouts while on holiday in St Moritz.

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White-tailed Eagle

Bird Notes by Jim Cassels

Britain's largest bird of prey, the White-tailed Eagle or sea eagle, is a magnificent, if rare, sight in the wilder reaches of western Scotland.

This massive bird, the world's fourth largest eagle, with a wingspan stretching eight feet across, was shot to extinction in Britain in 1918.

In the latter half of the 20th century there were two formal reintroductions into Scotland from birds of Norwegian stock.

A total of 140 birds were released in two areas one on Rum from 1975 to 1985 and the other in Wester Ross from 1993 to 1998.

These released birds first successfully bred in Scotland in 1983 and have gone on to establish a population of over 50 breeding pairs on the west coast of Scotland. Historically J A Gibson 'The Birds of the Island of Arran' (1956) and R. Gray 'The Birds of Arran' (1872) report breeding in Glen Catacol up to 1870.

After these recent Scottish reintroductions, the nearest breeding pair is on Jura.

Over the last few years there have been a few records of this species on Arran.

In 2010 there were three

records, in 2009 there were two records, in 2008 again there were two records, in 2007 none and in 2006 there was one record.

These have mainly been of immature birds.

While breeding adults tend to stay close to their territory throughout the year, immature and non-breeding birds may range quite widely to find sufficient food.

In October this year, there were at least two immature birds on Arran - one was photographed just north of Dougarie on 12 October and another with a visible red wing tag was first photographed at Shannochie on 30 October.

These were the first time this species has been photographed on Arran.

In addition the tagged bird hung around for four days. Again this was a 'first', all previous reports have been of fleeting visits.

The red tagged bird was one released this year in Fife.

The East Scotland Sea Eagle project started in 2007.

Again using Norwegian stock, it is hoped to establish a breeding population in the east of Scotland.

The information from the

tags is that this red tagged bird is a first-year male brought from Norway to a secret location in Fife in the spring by the RSPB and released from there in late August.

The photograph was taken on the release day.

White-tailed eagles normally breed at five to six years of age.

In Scotland, they spend the winter in courtship and nest building, and eggs are laid in March.

Females normally lay one or two eggs, which are incubated for about 38 days. Exceptionally, three young are raised from successful nests each year.

Young birds remain in the nest for 10 - 13 weeks before fledging.

Although they are capable of taking care of themselves about 30 days after leaving the nest, they will continue to beg for food from the adults for several months.

The young eagle will then spend about five years in non-breeding areas, often in the company of other non-breeders.

In birds of prey generally, around 60 to 70% of all young that leave the nests will not



Two immature White Tailed Eagles were photographed for the first time on Arran in October.

survive their first winter.

This figure is probably significantly lower for large raptors such as the White-tailed Eagle, but a young eagle still faces a life or death struggle through its first winter. After surviving that first year, a young eagle may well then live for more than 20 years.

Fish, sea birds and ducks are among the most important items in the White-tailed Eagles' diet in most of their world range.

When hunting for fish, the White-tailed Eagles prefer to watch from a suitable perch then swoop and pluck the fish from the surface of the water without getting wet.

The eagles also scavenge, scouring the shoreline for washed-up fish and often stealing food from other birds, such as osprey and animals, such as otter.

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Enjoy your birding. Please send any bird notes with "what, when, where" to me at Kilpatrick Kennels, Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot, KA27 8EY, or e mail me at james.cassels@virgin.net. I look forward to hearing from you. For more information on birding on Arran purchase the 'Arran Bird Report 2010' and visit this website www.arranbirding.co.uk

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So if you are interested in birds, wildlife or conservation why not join up now to keep up to date with this interesting project.

To sign up go to www.arran-blackgrouse.com/blog/

Plea for drivers to watch out for wildlife

A male otter found badly injured on the road between Blackwaterfoot and Kilpatrick on Sunday has died.

He was taken to Hessilhead Wildlife Rescue Trust where they tried to save him but sadly he later died from his injuries.

Lucy Wallace, who assisted with the rescue, said: 'This was an adult male cut down in the prime of his life and very sad to see.'

She urged drivers to take extra care of wildlife caught out on Arran's roads.

'With the nights drawing in, Arran's wildlife has to take its chances on dark roads that are busy with people driving to and from work,' she said.

Hessilhead Trust is based in Beith and cares for injured and orphaned wild animals from all over Scotland.

Members of the public who find a distressed animal they think might need help can contact the Trust for advice on 01505 502415.



The male otter had been hit by a car and sadly died from his injuries.

The Arran Banner 20 years ago

Saturday, November 23, 1991

Back to life

Holy Isle has been sold this week to the Samye Ling Buddhist Centre of Eskdalemuir.

Missives were exchanged on Thursday although the Buddhists will not take possession until April of next year.

Following that the Lama Yeshi Lotsal, leader of the group, estimates that within two years they will have built a retreat and meditation centre.

Holy Isle is about to come alive again.

Teething problems

The Auchrannie swimming pool closes tomorrow for essential repair work.

We reported some months ago that some of the tilework was coming away underwater in the new pool.

Now, the visitors away, this is just one of the teething problems being tackled.

End in sight?

The future of the Royal Bank in Whiting Bay looks very doubtful.

Closed since early October due to a fire, residents have been anxious lest the village should be left without a bank.

We spoke to the bank's regional manager Mr John Paton who did not say it would close but gave the impression it will never reopen as a bank.

Under pressure

Problems with water pressure in Lochranza should be resolved soon, MP Brian Wilson has assured us.

He raised the issue with Strathclyde's director of water, Ernest Chambers.

Now Mr Wilson has been told that 'partial chokages' have been to blame and that 'remedial work will be carried out in due course'.

Bin lorry fire

Brodick and Lamlash Fire Brigades were called out on Tuesday morning when the Blackwaterfoot dustbin lorry caught fire.

The Lamlash crew, not unreasonably, drove straight to Blackwaterfoot only to dis-

cover when they got there that the lorry was at the Brodick Coup.

Luckily Brodick were given better information and went straight to the coup.

It is thought the fire was caused by hot ashes.

Break-in

The Eden Lodge Hotel in Whiting Bay was broken into early on Wednesday morning and a sum of money in the region of £500 stolen.

Interestingly the back door was broken open and then all doors leading to the accommodation broken open where the thieves entered a locked wardrobe in a locked bedroom to take a case of two day's takings.

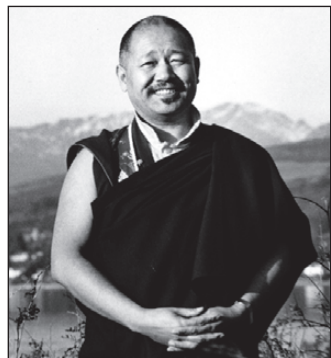
Suspended

Three boys in the third year of Arran High were suspended from school for two days this week after coming into class drunk.

It is understood that, during the break period, they had been drinking vodka and Glenfiddich whisky.



Nancy Cunninghame retired on Friday after 20 years of organising the meals on wheels service in Lamlash and all the volunteer drivers met to give her a good send off. b46twe01



Lama Yeshi Lotsal pictured this week on Holy Isle which has been purchased by the Buddhists of Eskdalemuir. b46twe03



Mrs Betty McCormack of Whiting Bay gets some tuition on the computer at Arran High School. b46twe04



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Last week Archie was sitting on the new forest track at the Lamlash end of the Ross Road. First correct answers came from Diane Stanley, Robert Nixon and Karen Kelly. This week he is sitting at the top of some steps, but what is that building behind him?

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Shiskine Golf Club

Thursday 10 November, Ladies 18 Hole Medal, 8 played. 1 and Scratch Jenni Turnbull 86-15=71, 2 Sheila Gray 89-16=73 BIH, 3 S Hill 99-26=73.

After a very successful charity dinner on Saturday Night there was a TriAm played on the Sunday which Jane Adamson, John Culpan and Ian Rae won with a very impressive 36 (including three twos).

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday 8 November, Winter Cup. 1 Steph Hill 61, 2 Brian Sherwood 67, 3 Alastair MacDonald 70 BIH. Scratch Brian Sherwood 73.

Fixtures: Tuesday 22 November, Winter Cup tee-off at 12pm.

Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday 2 November, 16 played, three twos, one each for J Dick, B Walker and C O'Neil. 1 Don Rudge 60, 2 John Dick (Whitley Bay) 61 BIH, 3 Bill Paul 61. Wednesday 9 November was very wet so rather than be criticised for not having a life, seven individuals played on the Thursday.

As I have received complaints that this was against the rules, I am making the following retrospective executive decision.

Effective November 9 2011, if the course is unplayable on the Wednesday or nobody plays on the Wednesday due to climatic condi-

tions, then if there are enough interested parties to play on the Thursday i.e. a minimum of two, then that days play will be included in results for the Wednesday and occasionally Thursday cup. If the course is unplayable on the Thursday then that week's competition will be cancelled. Thursday 10 November results: 1 W Kroner 59, 2 D Robertson 62, 3 G Sillars 68. No twos.

Sunday 13 November, Brandon and Winter Cup, 27 played, CSS 64. 1 I MacDonald (8)60, 2 D McKinnie (9)63, 3 H Tait (18)63. Scratch I MacDonald 68. There were seven twos, D Hendry and H Tait both got two, R Duncan, C Duncan and T Raeside got the rest. First Class Brandon Iain MacDonald. Second Class Brandon Henry Tait.

A very good turnout on a beautiful day and a great round from the Captain on his birthday!

Fixtures: Sunday 20 November, Clochendichter. Sunday 27 November, Winter Cup.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Ladies: We had a beautiful day on Sunday 13 - perfect conditions for golf, albeit a little 'heavy' underfoot. Although the conditions resulted in average play for many of us, thankfully handicaps were deemed reductions only!

Second place went to Ge Ge Kroner with a 70(23). First and scratch went to Lynn Walker with a 68(19).

Gents: Sunday 13 November. A small, but elite, field of 10 players competed in the second round of this year's Winter Cup. Scoring was very good and the CSS dropped one shot to 62. 1 David Brookens (13)60 BIH, 2 Tam Young (24)60, 3



The winning ladies of Lamlash Golf Club with their prizes for the 2011 season.

Michel Augier (16)62. David Brookens had the only magic two of the day and also won scratch with 73.

Fixtures: Sunday 20 November, friendly with Lamlash at Whiting Bay. Tee-offs between 10.30am and 11am. Open to all gents - just turn up to get paired up.

Corrie Golf Club

Saturday 12 November, Winter Stableford, 20 played, CSS 37. 1 A MacDonald 41 points, 2 P Bremner 39 BIH, 3 A Smith 39. Magic twos from J McGovern and D Logan.

Monday 14 November, Monday Cup from yellow tees, 17 played. 1 D Wilkinson 69-13=56, 2 D Crawford 71-14=57, 3 S Beardsley 67-6=58

BIH over H McArthur. Magic twos from D Wilkinson (3), J McGovern (2) and S Beardsley.

Fixtures: Saturday 19 November, Winter Cup tee-off at 8.30am and 12pm. Monday 21 November, Monday Cup, tee-off at 11.45am for 12pm. Please be prompt as 11.45am is the final registration.

Lamlash Golf Club

Gents: Thursday 10 November, 15 Hole Medal. 1 Drew Wales 53-5=48 (35 pts), 2 Stan Brothers 57-8=49 (34pts), 3 Ian Bremner 56-5= 51 (31pts). Twos from Ian Bremner at the 2nd and Mark Wren at the 14th.

Sunday 13 November, Glenburn Cup, 16 played. 1 Drew

Wales 64-6=58, 2 Stuart Cree 76-16=60 BIH, 3 Alan Smith 69-9=60. Best Scratch Drew Wales 64.

Fixtures: Sunday 20 November, Winter Friendly Lamlash v Whiting Bay, 10.30am for 11am start. Thursday 23 November, 15 Hole Medal - make up own groups.

Ladies: On Friday 11 November, Lamlash Ladies and their guests celebrated at the annual prize giving dinner.

After an excellent meal provided by Janie and her staff at Fairways Restaurant, the prizes were presented by special guest Liz Paul.

Prizewinners: New Year Game, Sheena Murchie; Winter Stableford, Catherine Robertson; Kilbride Tray, Cather-

ine Robertson; MacGill Cup, Jo Hastings; Grace Cannon, Gay McKay and Rachel Wren; Ann Cook Tray, Catherine McAdam; Red Cross Game, Ellie Jones; Flag Competition, Gay McKay; Thistle Brooch, Gay McKay; Away Day, Rachel Wren; LGU Breakthrough Brooch, Jean Barclay; Marella Cup, Ellie Jones; Red Cross Eclectic, June Richardson; Birdie Tree, Yvonne Brothers; LGU Silver Medal, Jean Barclay; LGU Bronze Medal, Jackie Winship; Progress Cup, Rachel Wren; Fleet Cup, Rachel Wren; Stroke Quaich, Sheena Murchie; Centenary Tray, Ellie Jones; Glenkiln Rosebowl, Rachel Wren; Club Championship, Sheena Murchie.

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Don't let flu turn on you – get vaccinated

NHS Ayrshire and Arran is encouraging people who are especially vulnerable to the effects of flu to have the seasonal flu vaccination to protect them against the virus.

The Scottish Government has launched the seasonal flu campaign focussing on the theme - Don't let flu turn on you - to raise awareness of the seriousness of flu, and remind at-risk groups across Scotland to get their free flu jab now, before flu starts circulating more widely.

GP practices across Arran are offering the vaccination to their eligible patients.

Last year almost half of people aged under 65 in Ayrshire and Arran who were entitled to get the flu jab didn't take up the offer.

Flu can be extremely serious - even for younger people if they have a long-term illness and are in an at-risk group.

People in the at-risk groups

who are aged under 65 are being encouraged to protect themselves this year by getting vaccinated.

Other eligible groups are also being urged to take up the offer of free flu vaccination. This includes pregnant women, who are at greater risk of complications if they catch flu.

Protects

The vaccination is safe to use at any stage of pregnancy and also protects the unborn baby from the flu virus.

Studies have shown that vaccination during pregnancy can continue to provide protection against flu to babies after they are born and in the first few months of life.

Who is eligible for flu vaccination?

- Those aged 65 years and over
- Those of any age with a medical condition which puts them in an at-risk group

- Pregnant women
- NHS health care staff
- Unpaid carers

Dr Gill Hawkins, consultant in Public Health Medicine and local flu immunisation co-ordinator for NHS Ayrshire and Arran, said: 'I strongly urge all pregnant women and anyone who is in one of the at-risk groups to make an appoint-

ment with their GP to get the free vaccination.

'It only takes a few minutes to be vaccinated but will give you protection against the flu for around a year.'

The virus changes every year so it is necessary for people to have a vaccination every year to provide protection against that season's viruses.



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Fun In The Pool
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Arran Dancers (4 years and up)
Teddy Bears Picnic
Kids Family Quiz
RNLI shop open
Bingo Night
Live Music "G G Buckweed"

Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am - 12.30pm
Auchrannie Games Hall 3pm - 4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool 4pm - 5pm
The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Arran High School, 10am
The Playbarn, Auchrannie, 2pm - 3pm
The Playbarn, Auchrannie, 5pm - 6pm
Lamlash Pier 10.30am - 12.30pm
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 7pm
The Douglas Hotel, 9pm

SUNDAY 20th NOVEMBER

Alcoholics Anonymous
Live Music Folk / Rock / Blues
Family Games
Fun In The Pool
Teddy Bears Picnic
Open Mic Session
Lochranza Choir in concert - "Music From Many Lands"

Church Hall, Brodict, 4.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Auchrannie Games Hall 3pm - 4pm
4pm to 5pm Auchrannie Spa Pool
The Playbarn, Auchrannie, 2pm - 3pm
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 2pm - 5pm
Whiting Bay Church, 2.30pm

MONDAY 21st NOVEMBER

Over 50's Badminton
Badminton
Weight Wise
Ladies Netball
Citizens Advice
BreathWalk Class
Table Tennis
Hatha Yoga
Lamlash Bridge
Activity Time
Come Dance with Me - LeRoc Modern Jive
Scottish Country Dancing for Beginners and Improvers
Yoga
Arran Junior Football
Circuit Training
Arran Antiquarians - Norma Davidson "Flanders Fields visited"

Lochranza Village Hall 2pm - 4pm
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Hospital Bungalow, 5pm - 5.30pm
High School Sports Hall - Seniors 7.30pm - 9pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 10am - 2pm
Kinneil, Lamlash 5.15pm
Corrie Hall, 6.30pm
Arran High School, 6pm - 7.30pm
Lamlash Golf Clubhouse, 7pm
The Playbarn, Auchrannie 1pm - 2pm (toddlers) 5pm - 6pm (school kids)
Whiting Bay Hall, 7.30pm
Corrie Hall, 2pm - 4pm
High School, 6pm
Ormidale Park, 6pm - 7.30pm
Auchrannie Spa Gym, 6pm - 7pm
Brodict Hall, 2pm

TUESDAY 22nd NOVEMBER

Lochranza Swimming Club
Army Cadets
Pop Quiz
Alcoholics Anonymous
Citizens Advice
Youth Club
Rotary Club
Junior Hockey Club - 8 yrs up
Melody Movement. Ballet Class - 2½ yrs up
Dudes & Divas Funky Dance Class - 2½ yrs up
Youth Club
Scottish Country Dancing
Winter Bowls

Kinloch 11am - 12pm
Auchrannie Road, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Brodict Church Hall - 2pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 10am - 2pm
Kildonan Hall - 7pm - 8.30pm
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie 7.15pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 6pm - 7pm
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 1.30pm
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 2pm
Brodict Hall, 6.30pm - 8pm
Brodict Church Hall, 7.30pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7pm - 9pm

WEDNESDAY 23rd NOVEMBER

Hockey
Tae Kwondo
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Brass Rehearsal
Selt Making Class
Senior Badminton
Museum, Archives & Geneology Service
Yogalates
Live Coutry Music
Aquafizz
Musical Mayhem Class Parents & Little Ones
Kids Games
Circuit Training

Auchrannie Hall, 7pm - 8pm Games Hall
KA Leisure, Kids 6.30 - 7.30pm. Adults 7.30 - 8.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall - 7.30pm- 9pm
Whiting Bay Hall 7.15pm
Shipfield, Lamlash, 10am - 4pm
High School Games Hall, 8pm - 9pm
10.30am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 3.30pm
9.30am to 10.30am Auchrannie Studio
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45am - 10.30am
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 10.45am
The Playbarn, Auchrannie, 5pm - 6pm
Auchrannie Spa Games Hall 6pm - 7pm

THURSDAY 24th NOVEMBER

General Knowledge Quiz
Lochranza Craft Club
Coffee Morning
Youth Club
General Knowledge Quiz
Brodict Embroidery Club
Brodict Bridge Club
The Wee Blether
Arran Music & Drama Rehearsals
Winter Bowls

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Hall, 2pm
St Molios Church 10.30am - 12pm
Youth Cabin, Lamlash 7-9pm
Kinloch Bar, 9pm
Brodict Library, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Brodict Golf Club, 7pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 11.45am - 1.30pm
Brodict Hall, 7.30pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7pm - 9pm

FRIDAY 25th NOVEMBER

Quiz
Aquafizz
Yogalates
Rock Disco
Arran Youth Foundations
Kids Party Games
Senior Badminton
Arran Ceilidh Group
Quiz Night
Coffee Morning

Whiting Bay Golf Club, 9pm
Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45am to 10.30am
Auchrannie Studio 10am - 11am
The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Church Hall, Brodict, 7pm - 9pm
The Playbarn, Auchrannie, 5 - 6pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 2pm
Corrie Hall, 8pm - 10pm
Catacol Bay Hotel, 9pm
Corrie & Sannox Hall, from 10.30am

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Sunday 20 November
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 Sunday School in the Church Hall (Church is between Machrie & Blackwaterfoot)
 Brodick 7pm
 All welcome

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 (in full communion with the Church of England)
 St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday 20 November
 Holy Communion, 11am.
 Mrs Janis Gallagher.
 Coffee after service.
 All welcome

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND (SCO15072)
 Kilmory linked with Lamlash
 "A faith to proclaim ~ a fellowship to share"
Sunday 20 November
 Mr Tony Butcher
 Kilmory 10am
 Lamlash 11.30am
 In both churches
 All welcome, including families; children's area.

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND (continuing)
Sunday 20 November
 Morning Service 11am
 Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick
 Evening Service 7pm
 13 Glen Avenue, Brodick
 Rev J J Murray
 All welcome
 Prayer Meeting
 Wednesday 23 November 7pm
 5 Glen Road
 Rev.D N Macleod
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Sunday 20 November
 Brodick Church, 10.30am
 Corrie Church, 12 pm
 Lochranza/Pirmill 10.15am at Lochranza
 Shiskine Church 12pm
 A service of worship will also be held in Montrose House at 1.30pm.

WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND (SC014005)
Sunday 20 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. Also, the Church Christmas Card, to be sent to all members, will be available to be signed, and all proceeds will go to Al Shurooq School nr Bethlehem.

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH
 Sunday Mass 11am

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday 20 November
 Ormidale Pavilion
 Brodick
 11am - Morning Worship
 Tea/Coffee after service
 Home Fellowship Group meets on Wednesdays at 7.30 pm.
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RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)
Sunday 20 November
 Brodick Library
 11am - short meeting for worship then discussion.
 Enquiries to Jeny 302779

DEATHS

MARJ DUNCAN - Of Whiting Bay, caring South African lady with the laughing blue eyes, died peacefully on Tuesday 15th November 2011. Cremation private. Celebratory memorial service on Monday 21st November at 4.30pm at Whiting Bay & Kildonan Church of Scotland, Sandbraes. Friends invited to join the family afterwards for a blether. Special thanks to all the staff at Arran War Memorial Hospital who gave so much more than was their duty to Marj and the family.
 Marj will be sadly missed by Anne, family and friends.
 Donations in lieu of flowers to ArCas and Hospital Supporters League.

MEMORIAMS

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 Sal, Sheena, Greta and Alistair and all the family in Skye and Australia.
 Love xxxx

BIRTHS

PEARCEY
 Brodie, Jacqui and big brother Jay are delighted to announce the birth of Lucas John Pearcey, born 16th October.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Barry & Mary Boughton would like to express their sincere thanks to their friends on Arran for the many messages of sympathy and condolence at the sudden and tragic death of their granddaughter Lucy. They have been of great support and comfort to us at a difficult time.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Shiskine Hall
AGM
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 7.30pm
 at the Hall
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BANNER PUBLIC NOTICES

AGM
Arran Theatre & Arts Trust
Annual General Meeting
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30th November
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NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL AUDITED ACCOUNTS - YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2011

Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with Section 6(2) of the Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 1985, copies of the Annual Accounts of the Council for the year ended 31st March 2011, duly made up, balanced and certified by Auditors are available for public inspection at the office of the Corporate Director (Finance and Infrastructure) in Cunninghame House, Irvine, between 9am and 4.30pm on any weekday. Copies of the Audited Accounts are also available on the Council's website or on application to the undersigned.
 Laura Friel, Corporate Director (Finance and Infrastructure),
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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

Applications listed below together with the plans and other documents may be examined at Corporate Services, Cunninghame House, Irvine, between 9am - 4.45pm weekdays (4.30pm Fridays) or at www.eplanning.north-ayrshire.gov.uk and at The Council Offices, Lamlash. Written representations may be made to the Solicitor to the Council (Corporate Services) at the above address or emailed to eplanning@north-ayrshire.gov.uk by 09.12.11. Any representations received will be open to public view.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008 REGULATION 20(1)

Format: Application No; Address; Proposed Development
 11/00742/PP; Arran War Memorial Hospital, Hospital Road, Lamlash, Brodick; Erection of extension to form medical gas cylinder store and formation of access ramp.
 11/00756/PP; 16 Benlister Terrace, Lamlash, Brodick, Isle of Arran; Erection of extension to rear of semi-detached dwelling house.

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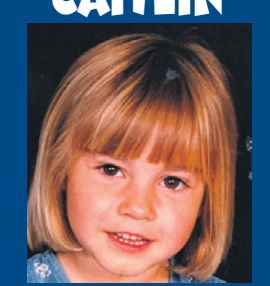


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Sport

Arran's Weekly Newspaper

Hyndland have no answer to rampant Arran

Arran 44 Hyndland 0
Arran's rugby team added another significant win to their haul on Saturday with a 44-0 victory over Hyndland RFC.

With eight tries and two conversions to nil, it was a superb home win for the Arran side at the Ormidale Park.

With six games now played, Arran are still second in the

West Division Four League with 21 points.

Lanark RFC remain in the top spot with 24 points.

No Points

A spokesman for the club said: 'Arran have had a fantastic run of wins in the past few weeks which have seen the opposing teams score no points whatsoever.'

'This just proves how incredible both our defense and attacking game is and why we deserve our spot near the top of the table.'

This weekend Arran are playing at home again, this time against Braidholm.

Kick off is at 2pm, please come along and support the team.



Lachlan Jones storms down the wing for one of Arran's eight tries on Saturday.
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That's ma boy!

Sir,
I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate my son Danny on a marvelous individual try for the Arran Rugby Club.

I've never aligned myself with the concept of pushing your children in certain directions merely because of your own strengths.

However, I think secretly I occasionally wondered if my own sporting and athletic prowess would ever manifest itself in the next generation; well it's been a while coming but keep up the good work lad!

Yours,
Marc Head
Whiting Bay

PT1934 are top of Arran Pool League

PT1934 have jumped to the top of the Arran Pool League after an impressive 8-2 victory over Mac's Bar last Thursday night.

The Kilmory team snatched the top spot from Bar Eden who drew 5-5 with Catacol, pushing Catacol into third place.

The Drift Inn beat Kildonan 6-4 and Whiting Bay Golf Club beat PHT 7-3.

Full results: Bar Eden (G) 5 Catacol 5, PHT (G) 3 Whiting Bay Golf Club 7, Drift (G) 6 Kildonan 4 and PT1934 (G) 8 Mac's Bar 2. The draws have now been made in the first rounds of the singles and doubles competitions.

The singles preliminary round to be played on or by Sunday 4 December:

D Thomson (Eden) v G Lyle (Mac's) at PHT, D Brobson (PHT) v D Prescott (WGC) at Bar Eden, J Ainsworth (WGC) v A Turner (Cat) at Mac's Bar, N McMaster (1934) v S Tattersfield (Drift) at Bar Eden, I Roberts (PHT) v A Nimmo (PHT) at PHT, J Picken (1934) and K Hogg (PHT) at Bar Eden, B McLaren (Mac's) v C Duncan (Drift) at PHT, R Buchan (Mac's) v B McCallum (Cat) at Drift, A Pattison (Cat) v J Copperwheat (Drift) at Mac's, I Clark (Mac's) v K Jackson (Eden) at Drift, S Scott (Drift) v A Picken (1934) at Bar Eden, D Head (WGC) v S Kilpatrick (1934) at Kildonan, T Dolan

(Mac's) v I McDonald (Mac's) at Mac's, L Wilson (Drift) v C Traill (Cat) at Mac's, L Logan (Cat) v N Lemmon (Mac's) at Drift, B Lewis (Cat) v D Heaney (Drift) at Mac's.

The first round of the doubles to be played on or by Sunday 11 December:

K Jackson/B Hamilton (Eden) v Bye, C Duncan/L Wilson (Drift) v J Copperwheat/S Scott (Drift) at the Drift, D Heaney/M Brobson (Drift) v B and S Tattersfield (Drift) at the Drift, B Lewis/D Bell (Cat) v Bye, J Duncan/C Cunningham (Drift) v I Clark/R Buchan (Mac's) at PHT, S and R Butchard (WGC) v P Stewart/R Thomson (PHT) at the Drift, D Hackett/G McLeod (WGC) v J Simmons/M Pennycott (WGC) at Whit-

ing Bay Golf Club, I Roberts/S Sowdon (PHT) v K Hogg/J McEnaney (PHT) at PHT, J Ainsworth/D Prescott (WGC) v F Dunn/G Lyle (Mac's) at PHT, P McKinnon/S Weir (Cat) v A Turner/S Lawson (Cat) at Catacol, T Mulholland/S Kilpatrick (1934) v L and S Logan (Cat) at Mac's, B McCallum/A Pattison (Cat) v D Head/F Barr (WGC) at Mac's, D Smith/E Picken (1934) v J Picken/N McMaster (1934) at PT1934, A Jeffrey/C Traill (Cat) v D Thomson/G Borland (Eden) at Mac's, B McLaren/T Dolan (Mac's) v A McDonald/S Kelso (1934) at PHT and I McDonald/E Rutherford (Mac's) v M Worthington, A Picken (1934) at Drift.

Results of all games should be phoned to the PHT on 600418.

Arran Bridge results

Brodick Bridge Club

The results for Thursday 10 November were as follows:

N/S 1 Evelyn Sillars and Eendy McNiven +5520, 2 Liz Paul and Helen Boyd +4480, 3 Trisha Martin and Douglas Hamilton +3070.

E/W 1 Mary and John Dick -2140, 2 Janie McLure and Ann McKelvie -2580, 3 Brenda Livingstone and Jean Murchie -2640.

Lamlash Bridge Club

The results from Monday 14 November were as follows:

N/S 1 T Martin and A Bilsland +3020, 2 P and R Thompson +1670, 3 J McLure and A McKelvie +1460.

E/W 1 J Murchie and H Boyd +400, 2 B Livingstone and M Gardiner -550, 3 E McNiven and L Paul -1000.

Darts doubles for charity

A mixed doubles darts competition to raise money for Parkinsons Research will be held at the Drift Inn on Saturday 26 November at 7.30pm.

Names will be entered into a draw on the night.

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Danny Head reaches high to win another line-out for Arran. 01_b46rug02

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