

THE Aspa
A UNIQUE ISLAND ESCAPE
GIFT VOUCHERS AVAILABLE
AUCHRANNIE RESORT, BRODICK
01770 303 303
WWW.THEASPA.CO.UK

THE ARRAN BANNER

Arran
ESTATE AGENTS
See all our properties on
s1homes.com
Zoopla.co.uk
Smarter property search
primelocation.com
www.arranestateagents.co.uk
Tel: 01770 302310

Arran's Weekly Newspaper

SATURDAY, 16 NOVEMBER 2013

No 1933 60p

Passenger increases for Arran's two ferry routes

'We need to keep the momentum going and build on the success of this year' -

Sheila Gilmore, VisitArran

REPORT

by JENNIFER LYON
editor@arranbanner.co.uk

More than half a million passengers used the Arran ferries during the 2013 summer season, a significant increase on last year.

The figures show that the Brodick to Ardrossan service remains CalMac's most lucrative sailing.

The news comes in the same week that CalMac has sent its 2014 ferry timetable to the printers, confirming that Arran will keep its two-ferry service between Brodick and Ardrossan next summer.

At a meeting of the Isle of Arran Ferry Committee on Monday night figures were circulated that show 105,089 cars used both the Brodick and Lochranza ferries and the vessels transported 558,539 passengers.

Two sailings

Just more than 78,800 metres of commercial vehicles and 5,661 metres of coaches also used the two sailings.

Speaking after the meeting, Kenneth Gibson Arran MSP said: 'The extra sailings and good weather boosted visitor numbers, a trend the ferry committee and CalMac are

confident will continue, even if good weather cannot be guaranteed.'

Sheila Gilmore, executive director of VisitArran, said: 'It's great that visitor numbers have increased - and whilst some of this can be accredited to the good weather, the underpinning marketing led by VisitArran and partner businesses has definitely played a key part.'

'VisitArran has worked hard on an innovative marketing campaign that has encouraged new visitors to Arran - and from our exit surveys on the ferry, we can see that more than 98 per cent wish to return and recommend our beautiful island as a quality holiday destination - an increase of more than four per cent in the past two years.'

'However, the work is not over yet - we need to keep the momentum going and build on the success of this year, whilst recognising that certain aspects outwith our control can have a negative impact on businesses in specific areas of the island.'

'VisitArran will continue to look at, and develop, marketing methods that we believe will bring most benefit to our partner businesses.'

Other issues discussed at Monday's meeting included a proposal by representatives from Campbeltown to increase the number of summer sailings at the expense of Arran.

'The ferry committee strongly opposed changes that would diminish the additional summer service to Arran in favour of Campbeltown,' said Mr Gibson. 'With RET coming in on schedule next October, we will need all the summer ferry capacity we have, particularly from summer 2015.'

Not change

'I lobbied Transport Scotland and the transport minister to ensure Arran did not lose services and yesterday [Monday] it was announced that the summer timetable will not change other than with a slight improvement.'

'Confirmation of the summer timetable means it will be included in the printed version being produced on 15 November.'

'This was warmly welcomed by the ferry committee as it is the first time that has happened and will allow visitors and the island's tourist industry and others greater certainty and assist forward booking.'



Lesley with the pineapple she has grown in her window. 20_b46pin01

Totally tropical as Arran woman grows pineapple

An Arran woman has grown a pineapple in her front room.

It is the second year in a row Lesley Goodchild, who lives at Merklend Point outside Brodick, has successfully grown the tropical fruit.

Pineapples were grown in Britain for hundreds of years and still exhibited at horticultural shows in the 1900s but demand fell off as the quality of imported fruits improved.

Today it takes a lot of patience to grow your own pineapple and Lesley has had the help of her husband Dennis and son Matthew who are both keen gardeners.

What is all the more remarkable is that the fruit has been grown from ordinary supermarket pineapples.

However there are only very few which will achieve any success as the growers

deliberately remove the centre stalk needed to grow on the fruit.

Lesley said: 'The pineapple we grew last year was full sized and was very nice. This year it is smaller but nearly ripe so we will pick it soon.'

She said it was grown without any great attention. 'It just grew at the window,' she said.

Cultivated

Pineapples are cultivated from a crown cutting which can take at least 20 to 24 months to flower with the plant fruiting in the following six months.

Lesley now checks every pineapple she buys and already has more growing upstairs in her house and is hoping for even more home-grown fruit next year.

'We enjoy the challenge of producing the fruit,' she added.

SKIP HIRE Any Job Large or Small

£120 inc. VAT

Telephone: (01770) 600242

John Thomson Construction Ltd

Building & Civil Engineering Contractors, Joiners & Glaziers

Visit our website for full details of all our products and housing developments **NHBC**

FREE Estimates www.thomsonconstruction.co.uk **constructionline**

Full Design Service	Extensions Alterations	Repairs	Joinery Glazing	Plastering & Roughcasting	Roofing Replacement	Double Glazing	Kitchens	Roads & Bridges Construction	Tarmacadam & Concrete Surfacing	Excavation & Drainage
---------------------	------------------------	---------	-----------------	---------------------------	---------------------	----------------	----------	------------------------------	---------------------------------	-----------------------

Lamlash, Isle of Arran

www.thomsonconstruction.co.uk

Telephone:
01770 600242

Fax: 01770 600714

Answers needed on benefits of new ferry fares

Answers are needed to what new ferry fares will mean for island residents.

It is less than a year until road equivalent tariff (RET) fares will be introduced on to the main Arran ferry route.

And while it is expected to halve fares for visitors just what benefit there will be for residents is not clear.

Now Arran Community Council is to seek answers from the Isle of Arran Ferry Committee.

It also wants to establish better representation on the committee which it is concerned is perceived to operate like a 'little private club'.

Members were concerned at reports that Caledonian MacBrayne staff were suggesting that all concessionary tickets would end under RET - including elderly concessions.

But vice chairman Bill Calderwood said he was confident that elderly concessions would remain.

Kilmory councillor Richard McMaster said: 'We can't say with any certainty that RET will mean any cheaper fares for residents. The difference in cost of multiple tickets will be marginal. There will be no saving they will just be more convenient.'

But it will bring a lot of tourists, far more than we get

now as fares could be cut by as much as half price.'

Earlier reports have suggested that RET fares could be as much as 60% cheaper for cars and 30% for passengers.

Lamlash councillor Brenda Stewart suggested that they contact other community councils on islands where it had already been introduced for their feedback as well as the Islands Association.

Brodick councillor Colin MacKenzie said: 'The questions I am going to be asked is about cheaper fares for students and others.'

Chairman John Inglis said: 'There are clearly a great many questions that we simply can't answer.' And it was agreed that these should be put to the ferry committee.

It was also agreed that the council presses for the principle of sending another member of the community council to ferry committee meetings when their main representative, treasurer Jim Henderson, cannot attend. In the past the council has been unable to send a replacement but hopes to get an agreement that another member can attend in his absence.

'After that has been established we can start to push our transport policy,' Mr Inglis said.



Contestants show off their conkers before the start of the competition. 20_b46conker01

Eddie smashes his way to conker victory

Sixteen contestants ranging from soft-shelled newcomers to seasoned hard nuts gathered at Kilmory Hall on Sunday for this year's annual conker contest.

And with some of the conkers coming from as far away at Lithuania it was sure to be a hard fought contest.

Watched by an anxious crowd, the question was, would the cup be coming home to the south end or would it remain for another year in the hands of the north?

With many a shattered conker and stamping match on the way the contest zeroed on a strong field from Shiskine and beyond. The lively play-off for third place was won by Trefor Goronwy who beat Innis Thorborn despite suffering a 'Pacman' early on.

The final, between last year's champion, Dan Goronwy and contest organiser, Eddie Picken, saw Eddie dramatically



Winner Eddie Picken receives the trophy from beaten finalist Dan Goronwy.

smash Dan's first two conkers right off the string to bring the cup back to grace the bar of the 1934 Club in the hall.

Following his win Eddie explained that conkers had to be imported as, for the past

two years, there had been no conker crop on Arran, and while there have been some this year, they are mostly fairly small.

Maybe next year an Arran conker will win the day.

VisitArran to welcome tourism experts

Two of the most influential figures in the Scottish tourism and hospitality industries will be speaking at VisitArran's annual stakeholder meeting on Wednesday 20 November.

Stephen Leckie, chairman of the Scottish Tourism Alliance, and James Withers the chief executive of Scotland Food and Drink have been invited to discuss their different sectors at the meeting in the Glen Cloy Suite in Auchranne at 2pm.

Alastair Dobson of VisitArran said: 'Both Stephen and James have many years experience working in their different industries and they will be very entertaining speakers. For Arran businesses it will be really interesting to hear them talk about how Arran's tourism model is viewed as such a success by the rest of the country.'

The meeting is to open to all businesses, not just VisitArran members.

To attend please email info@visitarran.com

Banner newsdesk
01770 302142

ARRAN HAULAGE SERVICES LTD
Home Farm, Brodick, Isle of Arran, KA27 8DD
Tel: 01770 302777 Fax: 01770 302500
Email: info@arranhaulage.co.uk

PARCELS Daily mainland collections and deliveries

CALOR Gas GAS DEALER FOR THE ISLAND

ANIMAL FEED

GLASGOW DEPOT Competitive rates for all building materials

Coal merchant TEMPERATURE CONTROLLED

NFU Mutual
Campbeltown call Chris Haran on 01586 552 428 for your insurance needs.
Agent of The National Farmers Union Mutual Insurance Society Limited.



ANDREW GRAY & CO. (FUELS) LTD
PORTLAND DEPOT • LONDON ROAD
KILMARNOCK • KA3 7DD
TEL: 01563 525215 FAX: 01563 541146
Email: andrew@graysfuels.co.uk
www.graysfuels.org.uk
Heating Oil Gas Oil Farm Fuels Derv
'Due to popular demand, we are offering a regular fuel delivery service to Arran'




DIRECT TAXIS
01294 60-2005
8-seater taxis available
Ardrossan Harbour to:
Glasgow Airport £35.00
Prestwick Airport £25.00
Return bookings and other prices on request.



Follow us on facebook
www.facebook.com/arranbanner

HENDRY'S FUNERAL SERVICES LTD
15 Glen Avenue, Brodick
Your Local Independent Funeral Director
SAIF Member
All funeral arrangements
Agents for Golden Charter Funeral Plans and Robertson Memorials
Tel Clair on 01770 302233

It pays to advertise in the Arran Banner

Inconsiderate drivers could lead to new 'no waiting' ban

Inconsiderate parking by car drivers could see double yellow lines painted the length of Market Road in Brodick.

New waiting restrictions are being sought for the road which serves Brodick Pier and a number of industrial and commercial premises.

It follows complaints from operators, who have premises on Market Road, that indiscriminate casual parking means their HGVs are often unable to enter and egress their yards because of the position of parked cars.

A Traffic Regulation Order was made in 2009 which introduced no waiting/no loading restrictions on the part of Market Road which fronts the busy pier area.

Since then, there has been a gradual increase in the number of cars parking on the commercial section of Market Road.

As a result North Ayrshire Council is seeking a new Traffic Regulation Order which would extend the current double yellow lines at the pier for 330 metres, almost the entire length of Market Road.

Initial consultation has taken place with Police Scotland which supports the restriction and would carry out enforcement duties subject to available resources.

Now, if approved by councillors, a statutory consultation process will be carried out and inviting comments from other statutory consultees.

Got a story for The Banner? Call 01770 302142

Remembrance services held on Arran



Services of Remembrance have taken place on Arran this week to remember those killed and wounded in war.

A large crowd gathered at the war memorial in Brodick on Sunday morning for a service taken by church reader Liz Clarke.

As part of the commemoration she read the powerful words of the Ode of Remembrance taken from Laurence Binyon's poem 'For the Fallen'.

She read; 'They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old.

'Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

'At the going down of the sun and in the morning, 'We will remember them.'

Wreaths were laid by local councillor John Bruce, police sergeant Allen Dodds, Brodick Church Sunday school and Alan Milligan of the former Arran branch of the Royal British Legion Scotland which disbanded last year.

Following the service three Royal Navy Lieutenants arrived to pay their respects at Brodick's war memorial.

They had laid wreaths earlier that morning at the Lochranza memorial to the sailors lost in the HMS Vandal sinking in Kilbrannan Sound.



Above: A service of remembrance was held at Brodick war memorial on Sunday.

01_b46rem01

Left: Lt PJ Seabrook, RN and his two colleagues, submariners who are currently serving on the Royal Navy Submarine HMS/m Ambush and based presently at Faslane, are pictured with Alan Milligan of Brodick who is an ex-submariner.

Resilience teams prepare for Exercise Dauntless

There will be limited access to the Ross Road from Lam-lash this Sunday morning as Arran Resilience holds an incident exercise.

Exercise Dauntless will involve responders from nearly all of Arran's emergency teams as they practise working together. Dr David Hogg, Arran Resilience coordinator, said: 'The Ross Road, particularly at the Lam-lash end, will have very limited access from 9am to 1pm.

'Emergency access will be maintained, but we ask that if possible, residents avoid using the Ross Road during this time.

'Police and other services will be involved in regulating access to the road throughout this time.' He added: 'In addition, please do not be alarmed if you witness a number of emergency responses at this time.

'However, during the exercise, no blue lights/sirens will be in operation except perhaps at the incident site - so if you do see an emergency vehicle using lights and sirens, they will be attending a true emergency.'

neil young Joinery and Building Contractor

Joinery

Tel: 01770 600500
Mob: 07855 758978

New Builds, Renovations, Garages, Conservatories, UPVC & Timber Windows, Kitchens, All roof work

www.neilyoungjoineryandbuilding.co.uk

24-hour Service. Free Quotations. Friendly Reliable Service

Email: yneilly@aol.com - Lamlash, Isle of Arran

WEB DESIGN

DO YOU NEED A WEBSITE?

Is your website working for you?

ARRAN BASED

Starter websites
Modern website re-designs
Ecommerce websites
Self managed websites
All optimised for Google Search

Check our website testimonials from Arran businesses www.eyespace.co.uk

CONTACT TOM 01770 600331 10% OFF FOR ARRAN BUSINESSES

THE DOUGLAS
Hotel • Bistro • Bar
www.thedouglashotel.co.uk
Tel: 01770 302968

OPEN ALL DAY
Lunches
Quick Bites
Coffee & Cakes
Cocktails
Wine & Nibbles

TRY OUR DELICIOUS
Daytime Bar Menu
with DAILY SPECIALS

BISTRO OPEN EACH EVENING FROM 6pm

Sat 16th November @ 9PM James Burge

Mmmmm...
SUNDAY ROAST
at the Douglas Hotel
FRESHLY ROASTED EVERY SUNDAY

£9.50
Traditional Sunday Roast with all of the trimmings
Why not book a table?

Served from Noon until 3pm

ARDROSSAN HARBOUR
TO YOUR DESTINATION

Mainland Taxis
07921 998457
01294 463556

Glasgow City Centre	£42
Glasgow Airport	£35
Prestwick Airport	£25
Irvine Central Hospital	£14
Crosshouse Hospital	£20
Ayr Hospital	£32
Troon Harbour	£22
Kilmarnock	£23
Ayr	£28

For other quotes just ask!
Friendly Reliable Service
www.mainland-taxis.co.uk

7 SEATER WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE VEHICLE AVAILABLE

Bilslands AND THE BOOT STORE

STOCKISTS OF:
MUSTO - BERGHAUS - ANIMAL - JOULES - EMRECO - REGATTA - TRESPASS

OPEN 7 DAYS
9AM - 5PM MON - SAT
10AM - 5PM SUNDAYS

* GENTS - LADIES - CHILD*
WALKING BOOTS & SHOES - GAITERS, WALKING POLES & STICKS

DEPENDING ON THE WEATHER WATERPROOF

FLEECE LINED TROUSERS AND JACKETS NOW IN!

SWIMWEAR, TRAINERS AND MUCH MORE...

NOW IN STOCK
MIDGE HATS, MIDGE SPRAY & MIDGE REPELLENTS.

LICENSED CAFE / BAR AND MINI GOLF

It pays to advertise in the Arran Banner

Ladies enjoy candle talk

On Tuesday 15 October there was much fun and laughter with a very interesting and engaging demonstration on candle making presented by Barbara I' Anson at Kildonan SWRI.

Barbara explained about the equipment and materials she had brought along, how to use them and showed that most things can be used as a mould with a candle being made in a teacup that evening.

The competition for a decorated tea light holder was won by Beth Mowatt.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 19 November at 7.30pm in Kildonan village hall with the guest speaker, Callum McNicol talking about his Atlantic rowing adventure.

This is an open meeting where everyone is invited to come along, and there will be light refreshments and home baking served.

A raffle will be held the proceeds of which are being donated to Callum's chosen charity, the Ayrshire Hospice.

Follow us on **facebook**
www.facebook.com/arranbanner

Remembering the fifth of November

There was no forgetting the fifth of November on Arran last week as bonfire parties were held all across the island. Jackie Newman of Arran in Focus took these spectacular pictures of the bonfire and fireworks at Lamash last Monday night.



Co-op abandons dividend scheme

The Co-op, which has three stores on Arran, has unveiled a new rewards scheme after being forced to abandon its usual pre-Christmas dividend for seven million members.

The UK's biggest mutual organisation told delegates at a meeting in Manchester on Saturday that £8m in half-year payments to members could not be justified in light of the near collapse of its banking arm.

The full-year dividend, which last time amounted to more than £100m, is likely to go the same way after the group made a loss of £559m in the first six months of 2013.

Chairman Len Wardle said at the group's half-year meeting: 'Our decision not to pay an interim dividend was not one that was taken lightly.'

'But it was viewed by the board as a necessary one, given the challenges facing the group at this time.'

The Co-op has announced details of a separate rewards scheme that will see members offered 10 per cent vouchers which can be saved and used as a cash equivalent in the group's 2,800 food stores before Christmas Eve.

If a Co-operative member spends £30 they will be given a voucher worth £3. Vouchers can be collected between November 18 and December 15.

Chief executive Euan Sutherland said: 'Technology now allows us to offer these more immediate rewards which we are confident our members will appreciate in the run-up to festive period.'

Arran Banner newsdesk
01770 302142

Campbell Fuel Oils JET DISTRIBUTOR
Your local, family run, oil distributor for prompt and efficient service

We are now operating a weekly top-up service on the Isle of Arran supplying Heating Oil, Tractor Diesel, Derv and a wide range of Lubricants.

Call us on 01563 521925

Hurlford Road, Riccarton, Kilmarnock KA1 3LS
www.campbellfuels.co.uk

WINTER PORTRAIT OFFER
book before xmas
Only £85
Gift Vouchers Available
01770 700275
ANDREW SURRIDGE PHOTOGRAPHY
www.andrewsurridgephotography.com

ART N JOY
BESPOKE PICTURE FRAMERS AND GALLERY

Feel free to visit our large showroom of framed prints, limited edition & originals and check our framing service!

Place a deposit and pay in instalments

30 Years Experience

48 Hamilton Street Saltcoats

www.artnjoy.co.uk
artnjoy@live.co.uk

TELEPHONE
01294 472 222

Livestock sales

United Auctions in Stirling had forward 2,418 store cattle and suckled calves, 146 cast cows and 9,308 store, prime lambs and cast ewes. Springfield (Texel) £72, Springfield (Mule) £71, Springfield (Blackface) £69, Bridge (Blackface) £47.50, Cosyden (Cheviot) £41, Ceither Caoithe (Cross) £54. Ewes: Springfield (Texel) £48.50, Sheddock (Texel) £42.50, Cosyden (Cheviot) £48.50, Mule (Springfield) £50.50, Springfield (Blackface) £34.50, Sheddock (Blackface) £32.50.

MBS BUILDING AND TIMBER SUPPLIES

Gas, BBQ'S, Charcoal, Garden Furniture

SCAFFOLD

Haki quick form scaffold CITB registered

TOOL HIRE

per day, weekend or weekly

Hand Power Tools • Dumper • Loadal • Ladders
Power Barrow • Cement Mixer • Floor Sander • Carpet Cleaner

Petrol, Diesel, JGAS and Key Cutting Service

Spring Bulbs in stock
Daffodils
Tulips
Crocus
Annuals
Iris

Whiting Bay
Tel: 700202 Fax: 700711
mbsbuild@yahoo.co.uk
Open: Mon - Sat
8am - 5pm
NOW CLOSED SUNDAYS

Part of Certas Energy

SCOTTISH FUELS YOUR LOCAL ARRAN BASED FUELS & LUBRICANT DISTRIBUTOR

- Top quality fuels & lubricants
- Local Brodick depot providing fast and reliable deliveries
- Planned delivery & budget payment
- Kerosene, Gas Oil, Diesel and Petrol

Contact Gay or Murray:
01770 302237

E: info@scottishfuels.co.uk www.scottishfuels.co.uk
Scottish Fuels, The Pier, Brodick, Isle of Arran, KA27 8AU
Get ready for the winter season and order your fuel now

Whiting Bay restaurant placed on the market

A beachside restaurant in Whiting Bay is the latest island business to be put on the market.

Coast has been put up for sale by owners Mark Currie and Russell Lee, who established the business four years ago.

They told The Banner that they have made the difficult decision to sell in order to move back to the mainland to pursue other business opportunities.

Since opening the restaurant, they have developed a fantastic reputation for their food, which is locally sourced where possible. They have built up a good regular local custom base which is supplemented by tourist and day trippers, particularly in the summer months and school holidays.

Jonathan Clough, director at Smith and Clough Business Associates, who is handling the sale, said: 'The sale of Coast offers not only a superb lifestyle opportunity, given the breath-taking beachside location on the Isle of Arran, but also a fantastic business opportunity which is reflected in the businesses profitability.'

'The business would ideally suit an owner operator, a couple or a family, and anyone relocating to the Isle of Arran will find an island that offers a wonderful way of life and a wide array of amenities including many shops, restaurants, bars and hotels, both primary and secondary schooling, and no fewer than

- Do you have a story for **The Arran Banner**? Call our reporters on 01770 302142

Businesses step in with nursery funding boost

An island nursery has been given a funding boost which will allow it to stay in its present home.

Brodick Nursery could have had to move to smaller premises because of a shortage of funds.

But now local businesses have stepped in to give the long-established nursery a helping hand.

The nursery is the only voluntary partnership on the island but has been struggling to stay afloat.

Now their finances have been given a boost after Wooleys of Arran agreed to pay their rent for a year in Brodick Hall and The Douglas Hotel raised £780 at a comedy event at the hotel.

This week they handed over the funds to nursery chairwoman Victoria McNicol.

Voluntary group

She said the nursery had operated for more than 40 years, starting as a playgroup and with the closure of Whiting Bay is the now the last voluntary group on the island.

Because of rising costs the nursery had considered moving to smaller premises in Brodick Primary because the rent was cheaper, but this was opposed by the majority of parents.

Numbers at the group fluctuate with people coming to work in Brodick but they will have 15 regular children by Christmas, four more than they had originally thought.

Victoria said: 'We are very grateful to Wooleys for paying our rent which means we



Elaine Campbell and Shona Stewart (centre) hand over The Douglas cheque to the nursery. From left: Victoria McNicol, Matt Keir, from Wooleys, Ann MacKay and nursery manager Vicki Yuill. 20_b46nursery01

can stay in Brodick Hall. I think it is really important to have a nursery in Brodick and it would be very sad to see it go after 40 years.'

The £780 from The Douglas will be used for nursery funds.

Comedy show

Hotel commercial manager Elaine Campbell said the money was raised from the raffle at the Fred MacAuley and Phil Differ comedy show in July.

'We announced that all the money was going to the nurs-

ery and our guests obviously dug deep.

'We are just pleased we can help a local group providing such a vital service.'

Matt Keir from Wooleys said: 'The nursery and Brodick Hall are at the very heart of the community and we are delighted we can offer them financial support when they need it, which will hopefully put them on a more solid financial footing for the future.'

He revealed he has his own personal interest as his daughter Lillian, now at Brodick primary, attended the nursery and his son, Maxwell, will start next year.

The nursery also recently received a donation of £100 from Robyn Keen who raised the money with a collection at the Highland Games dance.

'We are really grateful for the continued support we get from the community,' Victoria added.

Youth unemployment falling fast

Figures released this week have shown a drop of more than a third in the number of North Ayrshire and Arran 16-19-year-olds claiming Job Seekers Allowance over the last year.

From September 2012 to September 2013 the number of 16-19-year-old claimants fell faster here than in any of Scotland's 32 local authority areas, a drop from 560 to 350.

Arran's MSP Kenneth Gibson said: 'These positive figures highlight the significant progress being made to get young people into work.'

'While times remain challenging and there is absolutely no room for complacency a 37.5 per cent drop in the number of 16-19-year-old claimants is a strong indication of progress and stand out against a fall of 25.73 per cent across Scotland.'

Arran Active Outdoor Shop

Winter's Here

Fun Hats from £9.99

The North Face Bodywarmer RRP £130 Now £99

Warm Boots Long Fleecy Coats Lined Trousers

Waterproof Gloves & Hats All at great prices.



Open 7 Days: Mon-Sat 9.30 - 5.00; Sun 10.00 - 5.00
Cladach Visitor Centre, Brodick, Isle of Arran, KA27 8DE.

Tel 01770 302416
Email: Andrew@arranactive.co.uk
Follow us on facebook

County Carpets (Arran) Ltd

Since 1970

◆ FLOORING ◆

KARNDÉAN INTERNATIONAL

DESIGN FLOORCOVERINGS

All leading makes of carpets and flooring supplied and fitted. All contract and domestic work undertaken

◆ BEDS ◆

Sofa Beds - Divans
Bunk Beds - Futons
Metal/Pine Bedsteads - Pillows
Headboards - Duvets

◆ FURNITURE ◆

Bedroom - Dining
Upholstery - Leather
Occasional - Conservatory

◆ BLINDS ◆

VELUX®

Rollers - Roman
Vertical - Pleated
Wooden - Venetian

◆ RUGS ◆

www.countycarpetsarran.co.uk

Tel: 01770 700480 Fax: 01770 700455

Email: admin@countycarpetsarran.co.uk
Whiting Bay Open 6 Days, 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.

Winter Warmer
Homemade Soup
Sandwich / Toasty
Cream Scone
Tea or Coffee
Only £7.95

Xmas Lunches
All December
1 course £7.95
2 courses £9.95
3 courses £11.95
Call for Details..

Home Cooking Every Day from 10 - 4

Bookings being taken for Private Xmas Functions
from £15.00 per person.

Machrie Bay

Tel: 01770 840329

Transport problems for Whiting Bay nursery pupils

Parents of children attending nursery from Whiting Bay still have no transport for their youngsters.

In July this year Whiting Bay Nursery closed its doors and pupils started at Lamlash Nursery after the summer holiday.

But at the moment North Ayrshire Council is still unable to provide funding for a taxi service. Parents are having to drive the children to

Lamlash or use public transport.

Kirsty West from the Whiting Bay Parents Group said: 'We had a meeting on September 24 with NAC representative Francis Rodman, Councillor John Bruce, Sharon Gregg [head of early years learning] for the Lamlash Nursery and head teacher Douglas Auld along with a good turnout of parents.

'There has been no definite

resolution for the transport.

'At this time NAC are unable to provide funding for a taxi service so we are currently looking into alternative options which are proving to be expensive and time consuming. Councillor Bruce raised the idea of a community bus and there are ongoing discussions about this.'

The children have settled in well and are enjoying their new nursery in Lamlash.



MSP Annabel Goldie with Howard Wood and Andrew Binnie at the COAST office in Lamlash. b46coast01NO

Annabel shows her support for COAST

Annabel Goldie MSP recently visited the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) at their office in Lamlash to see at first hand the work that they do.

Ms Goldie, regional member for the West of Scotland, met chairman Howard Wood and marine project officer Andrew Binnie, and told of her support for the trust.

During her visit she heard of their marine conservation work and about the success of the No Take Zone in Lamlash.

Afterwards she said: 'I was delighted to be able to meet Howard and Andrew. I support the aims of COAST and

congratulate all their staff and volunteers.

'The filmed evidence of the improvement to the seabed at Lamlash is striking.

'COAST recognises the wonderful marine biodiversity around Arran and works to protect the area for future generations, by promoting shared responsibility for the protection and restoration of the marine environment.

'COAST aims to protect and improve the waters surrounding Arran, reverse the dramatic decline of local fish stocks, and to educate and encourage us all to strive for healthy seas around Arran and in the Clyde,' she added.

Elderly Forum addresses the cost of care

The Arran Elderly Forum is hoping to address the question surrounding the cost of care at its next meeting.

On Wednesday 20 November, Jill Hargan, a social services manager, will be addressing the meeting and answering questions about going into care and its implications for individuals.

She hopes to dispel some of the myths about the cost of care and elaborate on assistance available to people.

This meeting is open to everyone who is interested but especially to over 55s and carers and is a good opportunity to gain a clearer picture about issues concerning the care of the elderly and what it costs.

Feel free to come along to hear the speaker who will be addressing the meeting at 11am or better still join the Elderly Forum.

The meeting is held in the Ormidale Pavilion at 10.40am - to allow time for a quick cup of tea before an 11am start.

Santa's Sparkle
Arran's Christmas Fair

- Santa's Parade
- Meet Santa
- Christmas Tree Spectacular
- After-Fireworks Party
- Santa's Circus
- Christmas Market
- Fun, games & activities all weekend

Full schedule and lots of info at:
www.glenislehotel.com/santa

Saturday & Sunday
30 November & 1 December
on Lamlash Green

Tel: 01770 600559
enquiries@glenislehotel.com

Presented by
Glenisle
HOTEL | BISTRO

Computer running slow?
Social networking a mystery?
Cams does repairs and offers personal tuition.

Call in at Brodick Post Office or call 303623 to book an appointment.
arrancomputershop.com

REMOVALS
REMOVALS : STORAGE : DISTRIBUTION
Local - Long Distance - Continental - Estimates Free
Contact Hugh McClelland on **840272**

HUGH McCLELLAND + SON Estd. 1886

UNIT 7, CADZOW INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, HAMILTON, ML3 7QU
Tel: (01698) 283314 - 283555.
Fax (01698) 286677

Follow us on facebook
www.facebook.com/arranbanner

Cafe Thyme, Machrie
Open every day 10am - 5pm

Serving teas, coffees, homebaking, delicious lunches, homemade bread and pides (Turkish style pizzas) baked in the wood burning oven, wines, beers, a large selection of loose leaf teas, a cosy place to sit with stunning views and a very warm welcome.

WINTER SPECIAL
Nov & Dec - 2 course lunch and a glass of wine only £12.95

Look out for the sign half a mile north of Machrie golf course. Tel 01770 840608/227
e-mail: lorna@oldbyre.co.uk

Outdoor Centre would be the emergency hub

A major report on the snowstorms which hit Arran in March has said lessons can be learned from the crisis.

But it also recognises that community support was so effective during the crisis that it should be used as a model across not only North Ayrshire but nationally.

The report by North Ayrshire Council outlines a number of measures which have been formed into an action plan, should anything similar ever happen again.

Importantly the Arran Outdoor Education Centre in Lamlash would be used as an emergency control centre, although the report recognises it requires a generator.

Logged

All resources on the island need to be logged and civil contingencies training is needed for all staff, it states.

Because of patchy mobile phone signals there is a need for more air wave radios on the island as it is difficult to

co-ordinate an emergency.

The report also calls for a clearer definition of cost recovery, and consideration of compensation for farmers for fence and hedge damage.

It states that while the temporary catering facilities were helpful, the catering vans did not provide longer term nutritional value.

Reflects

It also reflects that an emergency control centre could have been open at the council headquarters in Irvine during the response stage of the emergency.

While some of these issues will be taken up at national level the council has actioned an improvement plan that its civil contingencies team are pursuing.

The report by chief executive Elma Murray, which was agreed by the council cabinet this week, states: 'The key feature of the Arran emergency was the extent to which the community supported each

other and the public agencies.

A key to the future is to try and support such community resilience, to analyse why it was so effective in Arran and to use this as a model across North Ayrshire and nationally.

'To try and maintain community resilience, the Ayrshire Civil Contingences Team will support Arran Community Council to work on its own resilience plan.

'The work of Arran Resilience continues with an Arran multi-agency plan being drawn up.

Resilience

'Individual community resilience can be encouraged through thinking about issues such as keeping wind-up radios, wood burning stoves, barbecues, and the like.'

The report found that the crisis cost the council a total of £104,336.

This can be broken down to: roads £34,039, social services £54,600, other costs £15,667.



The Arran Banner in concert

'Tonight Bryan Ferry, tomorrow the Arran ferry.'

Those were the words Alice Anderson of Shiskine said to rock legend and Roxy Music front man Bryan Ferry at his concert in the Royal Concert Hall in Glasgow

on Tuesday night.

While getting her picture taken with the star she incredibly managed to remember her copy of The Arran Banner and Mr Ferry seemed very interested in the goings-on of the island.

WINDOWS • DOORS • CONSERVATORIES • EXTENSIONS • ROOFLINE • FLAT ROOFING • KITCHENS

INTRODUCING THE ANDREW WRIGHT PRICE PROMISE...

We will not be beaten on price and will price match* any quote against any like for like product.

*Plus give you a £50 Tesco Voucher on completion of the work.

WINDOWS



DOORS



KITCHENS TRADE & RETAIL

VISIT OUR NEW KITCHEN SHOWROOM AT:
9/11 Telford Place, South Newmoor Industrial Estate, Irvine KA11 4HW
OPEN: MON-FRI 8:30-17:00, SAT: 10:00 - 16:00

0% APR OVER 1, 2 OR 3 YEARS WITH NO DEPOSIT* REPRESENTATIVE

*Conservatories, Orangeries, Sunrooms and Extensions are only available with 12 months 0% APR. **Repayment price illustrated over 36 months. 0% APR. No Deposit. 0% Interest not available for Kitchen products.

FREE online quote at www.andrewwright.co.uk

Andrew Wright
MADE IN SCOTLAND SINCE 1937

34 KYLE STREET, AYR
TEL. 01292 260640

21 TOWNHEAD, IRVINE
TEL. 01294 311078

*Price match promise is available for any like for like product with same warranties, comparison quote must be received with 7 days of original quote. Sales value must be above £1,000 to qualify for Tesco Voucher offer, please ask us for full terms and conditions.

***Terms and conditions apply, ask for full details. †Typical example: Cash price £2,000, Deposit £200, then pay nothing for the first 12 months followed by 84 monthly payments of £42.28.

Kilmac

renewables



Why use biomass?
Save over 50% on fuel costs

The future is green energy, renewable, carbon neutral, energy that offers sustainable Wood-fuelled heating systems, also called biomass systems, burn wood pellets, chips or logs to provide heat for industrial processes, non domestic and domestic heating.

✓ Install ✓ Earn ✓ Save

Kilmac Renewables expertise is in determining the correct boiler specification, selecting the best boiler product based on quality, reliability, performance and fuel type.

We carry out an initial consultation to determine if a Biomass solution is right for you and can answer any question you might have prior to discussing any recommendations.

Tel: 0800 0142 997

www.kilmac.co.uk

Kilmac are now recognised as one of Scotland's leading Civil Engineering & Building Contractors

THE ARRAN BANNER

Fond farewell to the divi!

After more than a century of giving money back to its customers, the much-loved Co-op dividend scheme is coming to an end in what could prove to be a severe blow to shoppers on Arran.

The Co-operative Group very nearly enjoys a grocery monopoly on the island.

With three stores - two in Brodick and one in Lamlash - the majority of the island's population will shop in one of them each week.

The Co-op group has unveiled a new rewards scheme which means instead of dividend payments that can be exchanged for cash, customers get vouchers that must be used in store.

For the UK's biggest mutual organisation the £8m in half-year payments to members could apparently no longer be justified in light of the near collapse of its banking arm.

The idea of co-operative trading revolutionised food retailing in the mid nineteenth century when the 'divi', and the 'divi number' became a staple part of British life.

The way in which co-operative retail societies were run for the benefit, and on behalf of, their members set them apart from many of their modern-day competitors.

The dividend was a financial reward to members based on each member's level of trade with the society.

The distribution of profits on the basis of turnover rather than capital invested is a fundamental difference between a co-operative and most private sector enterprises.

Historically, members' sales would be recorded in ledgers in society's stores and at the end of the collection period a proportional payment would be made to the member.

As the societies grew, and the number of members increased, the method of using ledgers became cumbersome.

As a solution, some societies, including Co-operative Retail Services, issued stamps to members for qualifying transactions.

Members collected stamps on a savings card and, when the card was complete, would use it as payment for goods or deposit into their share account.

For many years on Arran the Christmas dividend has been a lovely little bonus.

Shoppers could decide whether to spend it in the Co-op or exchange it for hard cash which could be spent elsewhere on the island.

But it is to be no more - and the changes will have a profound affect on many of Scotland's most rural places where there is no option for shoppers but to use the co-op.

A sad farewell to a once revolutionary way of shopping.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

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

press policy

WE AT *The Arran Banner* do our utmost to make sure that all our reports are fair, accurate and balanced, but we accept that, on occasion, mistakes can occur in the hectic process of producing a local newspaper.

It is the policy of The Oban Times Group to correct any errors in print. If you find an error of fact on our pages please write to The Editor, *The Arran Banner*, Brodick, Arran giving your day-time telephone number where possible.

This statement of policy will appear on this page every week along with any corrections or clarifications.

The Arran Banner adheres to the Press Complaints' Commission's Code of Conduct. The views expressed in *The Arran Banner* are not necessarily those of the The Oban Times Group.

your letters

THE EDITOR welcomes letters of approximately 200 words in length for publication on this page. The editor also reserves the right to shorten, to amend or to refuse to print them. Names and postal addresses must be supplied, including on e-mails, to indicate good faith. A daytime telephone number is also required for verification. Anonymous letters or those supplied without a contact telephone number will not be printed. Please write or fax to: Letters Page, The Arran Banner, Brodick, Isle of Arran. E-mail editor@arranbanner.co.uk

Letters to the Editor



Great support

Sir,
The Scottish government's Marine Protected Areas consultation ended this week. COAST would like to thank all the individuals and many businesses who took the time to respond positively to the proposed South Arran Marine Protected Area.

At the time of writing the number of responses that we know of is more than 1,200.

This is an incredibly high number and to me once again testifies to the great community spirit on Arran, supported by the many people with close links to the island.

The aims of COAST are to improve the health of the marine environment around Arran and the wider Clyde. Sustainable commercial and recreational fishing, plus a vibrant marine tourism sector will only be possible if we ensure Clyde waters are managed properly.

Because of the demonstrated widespread support for the South Arran MPA, Richard Lochhead, the cabinet secretary for rural affairs and the environment, must designate the Arran MPA as soon as possible. He must also implement COAST's management proposals for the MPA by excluding dredgers and bottom trawlers.

The designation of the Arran MPA will be an important step towards recovering our marine environment for future generations. COAST will be doing all we can to make sure this happens and is very grateful for your support.

Yours,
Howard Wood
Chairman
Community of Arran
Seabed Trust

Incredible response

Sir,
On Tuesday 5 November, my sister and I were shopping at the Co-op in Brodick when one of my children was unfortunately involved in an accident.

It resulted in a trip to the hospital for stitches to his forehead. These stitches have now been removed and the cut is healing well.

I would like to thank all of the staff at the Co-op who were involved with calling an ambulance, taking us into the back office and staying with us, giving initial first aid assistance, treating my other child to some toys to keep him occupied, ensuring all our shopping was put into my car (in the pouring rain) and generally looking after us.

Liz, the manager, and Carol were two of the names I did manage to note but there were many more staff involved.

Thanks also go to Dr Alwin Hoelzl who expertly calmed a frightened toddler by counting his breakfast with a stethoscope, another doctor (female) who happened to be passing but I'm afraid I didn't manage to catch her name, and all the staff at the hospital who treated my son, both on Tuesday when the accident happened and on Saturday when his stitches were removed.

And to Shirley who made him a glove puppet to take his mind off having the stitches put in - he may have seemed underwhelmed at the time, but he's still playing with it.

There were also several people who helped and showed concern when the accident initially happened in the car park, notably Jean Stone and David (I'm afraid I don't know his surname) from Shiskine.

David gave me good advice and ensured that my child was the main priority for which I am extremely grateful.

Jean offered to take our shopping home, as did several Co-op staff, but in the end, this did not prove necessary.

All in all, the way in which people responded when we were in need of help was truly remarkable and we are extremely grateful.

Yours,
Claire Jones
Shiskine

Impressive medical service

Sir,
My husband and I had a very scary situation in the middle of the night recently and were forced to phone for an ambulance to come to Lochranza.

Within minutes not one but two first responders arrived - calming and reassuring and administered their care.

The ambulance arrived in record time and after 36 hours of excellent care and attention, sympathetic and efficient nursing and medical care at Lamlash Hospital, he returned home, thankfully fit and well.

What a hugely impressive service we have here and I feel that the population (particularly the ageing ones) can rest easy, knowing that the medical care in this area is second to none.

Yours,
Ethne Cumming
Kiloran
Lochranza

Support group response

Sir,
On behalf of ACVS and Arran Visual Arts I am happy to say that we have had a strong response for all the activities listed on our proposed new support group questionnaire.

There have also been some new ideas mentioned so we will be working out how to deliver these activities and hope to get started early in the new year.

These were: community garden group, walking group, musical group, arts and crafts workshop and beach cleans.

We are planning to hold a meeting on Wednesday 11 December at 2pm in the Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick to discuss the next steps, in terms of how the group should be structured, and how best to deliver the activities you would like.

We would be happy to see you there, although if you cannot make it, please let us know of anything you would like to be discussed.

The meeting will be minuted and we will be letting you know any outcomes.

Please let us know if you will be able to attend, or wish someone to attend on your behalf, by phoning ACVS on 600611 or e-mailing elaine.parker@arrancvs.org.uk

Yours,
Morag Campbell
ACVS

Successful Christmas fayre for Save the Children

The impressive sum of £1,367 was raised at the Save the Children Christmas Fayre last Saturday.

The dreadful weather did not deter customers from coming to Brodick Hall where a pleasant atmosphere was created by Yvonne Brothers with her delightful piano playing.

Stall holders were kept busy and many people enjoyed refreshments including soup and sandwiches.

Two hampers were raffled and the winners were Irene Rollo from Corriegills and Rachel Phillips from Corrie.

'Find Santa' on a map of Arran was won by Vivienne Haigh.

The winner of the interesting and challenging annual quiz was Mrs Watson from Edinburgh.

Sweat pea talk for garden club

On a blustery October evening the Horticultural Society Garden Club welcomed Mr George Neil from the Scottish National Sweet Pea, Rose and Carnation Society. George, who regularly judges at the society's annual summer flower show, had kindly travelled from Ayrshire to give an illustrated presentation on the art of growing show worthy sweet peas. George has a wealth of experience and encouraged and educated on this fascinating topic.

The talk was enjoyed by all. The club meets again for the last evening of 2013 on Thursday 28 November at 7.30pm in Brodick Castle ranger centre when the AGM will be followed by a winter social.

The club aims to be a meeting place for keen gardeners to share their passion and enjoy a varied programme and new members and visitors are most welcome.

Arran Deliveries

Arran Deliveries
The Parcel Point
Harbour Road,
Ardrossan
North Ayrshire
KA22 8BZ

Open Mon - Fri 9am - 5pm
Daily collection throughout Ayrshire,
Glasgow and surrounding districts

Tel: 01475 676 255
Fax: 01294 469 492

Glasgow Depot
Arran Deliveries
149 Balmoral Street
Glasgow G14 0HB

Open Mon - Fri 8am - 5pm
Accepting goods destined
for the island

*We deliver the goods
not excuses*

Weight Watchers leader dresses for Diabetes UK

Arran's Weight Watchers leader took to the catwalk this week for a fundraising extravaganza in aid of Diabetes UK.

Dawn McKinnon of Blackwaterfoot was one of 19 Scottish Weight Watchers leaders who showcased some very unusual dresses by a pair of talented young designers from Glasgow.

Hundreds

Rather than being crafted from silk or tulle, the glamorous, 1950s inspired dresses were made from hundreds of old Weight Watchers magazines - the very pages that

inspired the models to lose an incredible 56st between them.

As well as modelling the dresses, the leaders from across the Glasgow area have also posed for the camera to create a charity calendar, which was launched at the fashion show.

All proceeds from the show and calendar will go to Diabetes UK.

Dawn said: 'With the link between diabetes and obesity it made sense for me as a Weight Watchers leader to be part of the Calendar Girls project, helping to raise mon-

ey for Diabetes UK while celebrating the personal confidence we've each gained through losing weight.

'The health benefits that losing weight can bring, along with building confidence and being able to believe in yourself again is fantastic.

'Some of our members have almost cleared their symptoms of type 2 diabetes through losing weight with Weight Watchers which is amazing.'

She added: 'I've personally lost more than two stone with Weight Watchers and joined after I spent an expensive trip

to Australia missing out on some of the excursions because of my size. I decided I was fed up of being held back by my weight.

Panicked

'When I moved to Arran in 2011 after marrying the local butcher, I panicked when I realised there wasn't a Weight Watchers group on the island so I decided to set one up myself and I haven't looked back since.

'I now run two successful classes on Arran and I love being a leader and being able to inspire others to lose weight. Seeing them changing as the pounds come off, becoming more confident and learning to like the way they look again is a great feeling.'

Dawn's photograph will appear as the month of May.

To buy a calendar contact Fiona Pediani at FPediani@weight-watchers.co.uk



Dawn McKinnon will feature in the charity calendar.

Pic by Bob Collins/QPCC

Ideas sought for healthy weight strategy

NHS Ayrshire and Arran want your help to develop its local Healthy Weight Strategy.

Obesity is one of the biggest public health issues facing Scotland today and over the last few decades, obesity has risen significantly in both children and adults across Scotland.

In North Ayrshire, there are around 190,000 overweight adults, 87,000 obese adults and 11,600 morbidly obese adults.

Around one in five children are an unhealthy weight by the time they start primary school. These figures are in line with the rest of Scotland.

Ruth Campbell, consultant dietitian in public health nutrition, said: 'Our draft

Healthy Weight Strategy has been produced in partnership with our local authority colleagues. We want to ensure that this strategy reflects the views of the public and that the action plan will meet the needs of local people.'

Draft strategy

Over the next three months, she will be meeting members of the public, local authority staff - including school and nursery staff, and NHS staff to find out what they think about the draft strategy and whether it meets the vision of the healthiest weight possible

for everyone in Ayrshire and Arran.

A copy of the consultation booklet, along with the full draft strategy and action plan, is available on the NHS Ayrshire and Arran website.

Visit www.nhs.uk/nhsaa.net/how-togetinvolved and search under current consultations.

If you would prefer a hard copy of the documents, please write to Sandra Hall, Project Coordinator, Freepost RRRZ-TYRA-LGCT, Eglinton House, Ayr KA6 6AB.

Responses are due in by Friday 31 January.

Lord McConnell to support fundraising efforts

Youngsters from Arran could get the chance to follow in the footsteps of David Livingstone, Scotland's most famous explorer and missionary, thanks to a scheme launched this week by The McConnell International Foundation.

The Livingstone Volunteers will support the fundraising efforts of young Scots who have the chance to volunteer in Africa, but are struggling to meet the full cost because of their personal or family circumstances.

THE DRIFT INN
Turn left at Lamlash Bowling Club

FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER
DJ FROM 9.30PM - CLOSE

SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER
LIVE MUSIC FROM MATT JOHNSTON 9PM - CLOSE

WEDNESDAY 20 NOVEMBER
QUIZ 9PM - CLOSE

FRIDAY 22 NOVEMBER
LIVE MUSIC FROM 9PM

www.driftinnarran.com
Lamlash Tel: 01770 600608

Great Insurance Savings

Save on your Home, Bike and Car Insurance with Adrian Flux



Arran residents can save up to 25% on their insurance compared with similar policies on the mainland

Adrian Flux Insurance Services can arrange tailor-made insurance policies for your home, bike or car, suited to your individual needs. Whether you have a standard car or a highly modified replica, an apartment or a listed property; a scooter or a superbike, we can help save you money. Call today for a free, no obligation quote.



0800 081 8989
adrianflux.co.uk

Authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority

Exhibition ends successful year for art group

Support group Art in Mind is holding an exhibition at the Isle of Arran Distillers Visitor Centre in Lochranza.

The artwork show started last week and will run until February or March next year.

Art in Mind has had another good year and continues to be a real asset to the community of Arran fulfilling a major role in giving support to people with mental health problems or those who may be socially isolated.

The group has had some interesting trips away this year, thanks to its fundraising efforts, including the Impressionist exhibition at the Burrell Collection which members found 'awe inspiring', the Gallery of Modern Art Glasgow and The Art Store.

Felicity Walker, professional artist/teacher, is now working on all that inspiration and helping members create their own 'masterpieces'.

Art in Mind works hard at fundraising to maintain the group and 2013 was kind to it. It had a fantastic result when

it raised £600 when Caledonian MacBrayne allowing the group to collect on the ferry. Members thanked the crew, locals and visitors who gave so generously.

Organiser Sarah Hay said: 'We would like to thank all those who give so generously of their time, helping and supporting members, making sure anyone needing a lift to the class gets one, and adding to a great atmosphere each week. Also to all those who quietly give so generously each month, your kindness is greatly appreciated.'

The group meets every Friday throughout the year in Brodick and the success has been such that there is hope of using the ethos of Art in Mind to start another community group on the island for people with differing needs.

Cards depicting members' work are always available at the visitor centre throughout the year; and their Christmas cards will soon be on sale.

The art exhibition is open from 10.30am to 3.30pm Monday to Saturday.

Arran Riding Club end of another successful year



Eleanor Bone and her daughter Hannah. 01_b46soc01



The riding club's trophy winners for the year show off their prizes.

Members and friends of the Arran Riding Club gathered at the Kinloch Hotel in Blackwaterfoot on Saturday night for the club's annual dinner.

Around 80 people enjoyed an impressive three-course meal before Phyllis Warwick, a long-time supporter of the club, handed out the prizes for the past year.

Club chairman Janis Murchie

said: 'It was a very successful night and on behalf of the club I would like to thank Phyllis Warwick for presenting all the club prizes, the staff at the Kinloch Hotel, DJ on the night Chris Trail and all the businesses which very kindly donated prizes towards the raffle.'

The prize-winners were as follows.

Junior reserve club champi-



Gavin Mutch and Rachel Armitage. 01_b46soc09



Angus and Yolly Campbell. 01_b46soc04



Neil Young and Chris McIlwaine. 01_b46soc05

SUBSCRIBE TO THE ARRAN BANNER
and receive **2 FREE Christmas candles***,
courtesy of The McKelvie Candle Company,
Scotland's favourite candles. www.mckelviecandles.com.

Worth £20

PLUS
A FREE Isle of Arran 2014 Calendar worth £7.50 for every subscriber**.

Call subscriptions on 01631 568000 or visit www.arranbanner.co.uk/shop and quote ABNS1013.

*Terms and conditions apply. Minimum one year subscription. New subscribers only. Cancellation charges apply and no refunds can be given. UK subscribers only. While stocks last. McKelvie candle Argyle stockists: Poppies Garden Centre, Oban, Torrisdale Castle Estate (Carradale), The Ferry Shop (Mull), Scotch Corner Inveraray, Easdale Village Shop, Loch Fyne Galleries, Ben Lorn Café (Benderloch), The Green Welly Stop (Tyndrum), An Acaarsaid (Coll), Ayrshire Stockists: Gilliland & Co (Cummock), Words & Music (Troon), Grassroots Fine Flowers (Irvine).

Designer Knitwear SALE

Pringle, Lyle & Scott, Jaeger
Ladies & Gents fashion from £10
Cashmere from £15

BRODICK HALL
Brodick

Saturday 16th November and
Sunday 17th November
10.30am - 4pm

We sell end of lines, out of season,
over-makes, returns and
bankrupt stocks.

Mr Lowther - 01292 2600054

Arran Social Scene

Round the Rurals

Club celebrate the successful year



ZES. 01_b46soc02

ons: Daisy May McNamara and Georgie, Danielle Mutch and Grants Town Unique.

Junior champions: Emily Armitage and Iorsa Chantilly Lace, Danielle Mutch and Cadlan Valley Double Kiss.

Intermediate reserve club champion: Lori Young and Cleo.

Intermediate club champion: Ellie Miller and Pearl.

Senior reserve club champion: Megan McAlister and Ali.

Senior club champion: Kirsty Macqueen and Calvin Klein.

Junior most improved: Kirsty Morrison and April.

Intermediate most improved: Alyssa Colwell and Summer.

Senior most improved: Janis Murchie and Island Boy and finally helper of the year: Millie Young.



Jackie Caldwell, Sue and Mike Tozer. 01_b46soc03



Ailsa Bar and Kirsty McQueen. 01_b46soc07



Ellie Miller and Hannah Currie. 01_b46soc06



Jenny Lyon and Laura Hemming. 01_b46soc10



Janis Murchie, Rebecca Coulthard and Tara Tatrn. 01_b46soc08



Morven Buckby, Kirsten Picken and Alison Currie. 01_b46soc11

Corrie and Sannox SWRI
The president welcomed all members and guests to the second meeting of the session, and then gave a tribute to Joan Crawley who had died the week before the meeting. Joan had been a member in Lochranza and then in Corrie and Sannox. She had supported the institute throughout her illness, making a card for the community tray this summer which helped win the Petrie trophy.

She was a skilled crafts-woman particularly with cross stitch and it has been suggested that a trophy might be awarded in her memory.

The demonstrator should have been Vicki Milne, however, she had to leave the island suddenly and Elma volunteered to give us a class in tie dying. This was great fun and everyone is looking forward to the finished results with great interest!

members are looking forward to the rally early next month and looking for suggestions for the group's 90th birthday next year.

The competition was won by Rita Salmon with Heather MacLeod and Mhairi Mac-

millan tying for second place. The tea provided by Elma Stevenson and Margaret Logan was much enjoyed.

The meeting was closed with a reminder that the next meeting would be in Corrie and Sannox Village Hall on 14 November (yesterday) when the guest speaker was Phyllis Picken, telling of her life as a farmer's wife.

Lamlash SWRI
Lamlash SWRI held a special meeting to celebrate their 90th birthday on Wednesday 6 November.

A group of 26 ladies, including guests from other local rural institutes, and national chairwoman Isobel Robertson visited the Isle of Arran Distillery in Lochranza where they enjoyed a guided tour, given by Campbell Laming, before tucking into a lovely lunch.

Ms Roberson was presented with an Arran hamper and the meeting ended with a piece of the celebration cake which had been beautifully baked by Toni Armstrong.

The next Lamlash SWRI meeting is on Wednesday 4 December at 7.30pm.

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Auchrannie Road

Starting Friday 29 November

Stallholders please pre-book tables

Tel: 01770 302141

evenings

The Hospital Supporters League

Coffee Morning on Thursday 5 December

Whiting Bay Hall

10.30am to 12.30pm

Win your Christmas cake

Tackle the quiz while enjoying company and chat over coffee and mince pies at the same time as supporting your hospital.

Isle of Arran Music Society

FELL CLARINET QUARTET

One of the most innovative and engaging chamber groups to emerge in recent years.

Saturday 23rd November 7.30pm

In Brodick Hall

Tickets £10 (Students & Children free)

Tickets on door or advance booking:

Inspirations of Arran and www.arranevents.com

Wish your clients a very Merry Christmas with

Personalised Corporate Christmas Cards

Printed full colour with company logo, greeting and signatures

From 37p each

krisp print

Call 01586 554975 (Campbeltown)
01631 568015 (Oban)

email: staff@krispprint.co.uk www.krispprint.co.uk

Musician vows to return after Casa Alianza charity gig at Brodick Hall

Master musicians Martyn Joseph and Willy Porter were at the top of their game for a special benefit concert for the Casa Alianza charity at Brodick Hall.

'Amazing' was the word most used to describe the evening from Willy Porter's dazzling guitar skills to Martyn Joseph's heartfelt and poignant lyrics of 'five sisters' reducing many of the audience to tears.

On leaving the island Martyn posted a picture of Lochranza on his web site with the comment: 'Leaving the Isle of Arran after a wonderful 24 hours and great gig. Beautiful day and thanks Casa Alianza UK for the great work you do. Was great to highlight your work.'

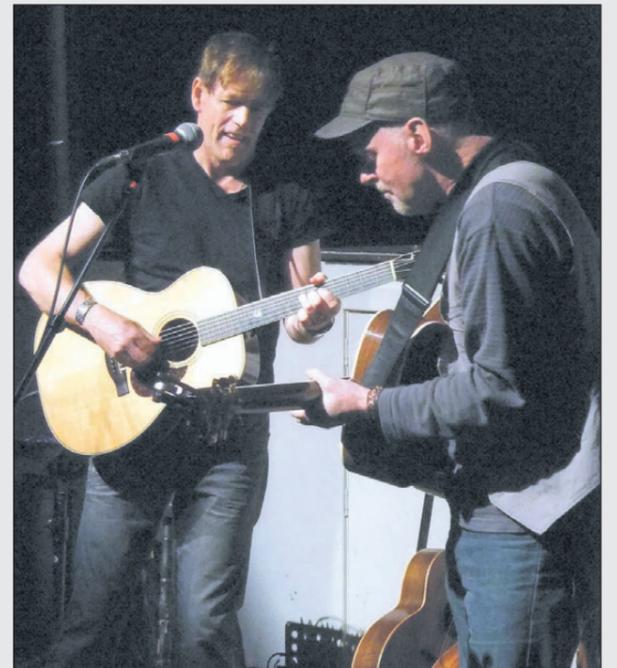
The charity helps more than 10,000 homeless,

abandoned and at-risk children in Latin America each year with an average of 2,000 children in voluntary full time residential programmes.

Martyn, an outstanding social justice activist, has supported Casa Alianza's work for many years.

It may have been the artists' first visit to Arran but it will not be their last as they really enjoyed their time on the island and the warmth of their reception.

Casa Alianza UK founder Fred Shortland of Lochranza expressed grateful thanks to Jon Hollingsworth of Arran Events for organising the event, volunteers Sue Archer, Heather Macleod and Cams Campbell for their support and the many local companies and people who donated raffle prizes.



Martyn Joseph on stage with Willy Porter in Brodick. Photo Mark Dyde.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Published on 14th December

SEND A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MESSAGE TO FRIENDS FOR JUST £20

A	B	C
<p>MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR</p> <p>to all my relatives and friends John Smith, Arran</p>	<p>SEASONS GREETINGS</p> <p>to all my relatives and friends from John Smith, Arran</p>	<p>MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR</p> <p>to all my relatives, friends and neighbours from John Smith, Arran</p>

Simply fill in the coupon below with your special festive message and send or hand in to:-

Arran Banner, Brodick Tel: 01770 302142

ONLY £20 (inc. VAT.) OPTIONS A,B OR C.

PAY BY CHEQUE / PO or

Phone in your message quoting your Access/Visa Number

Deadline Monday 9th December. To appear Saturday 14th December

*NAME.....
ADDRESS.....
.....Tel.....

A **B** **C**

PLEASE TICK A BOX FOR THE TEMPLATE YOU WISH TO USE.

*(NOT FOR PUBLICATION)

20 words maximum
PRIVATE ADVERTISERS ONLY

Rotary Young Leadership Awards

Arran Rotarians enjoyed a great evening with two visiting rotarians recently when they came to tell the club about the Rotary Young Leadership Awards (RYLA).

This exciting new programme is designed to help youth participants do things they never dreamed of, and to work together at team building and taking on roles of responsibility.

President of the Garnock Valley Club, Jimmie Burwood, is the youth service chairperson of the district and also a scout leader.

With him was Gillian Matthew, vice-president of Paisley Callants, who takes a very

active role in organising and teaching students who enrol to take part in some of the large number of courses open to youngsters.

Initially word is spread by Rotary in primary and secondary schools and groups meet after school to begin with and parents are encouraged to come along and find out what leadership courses are all about and to see pictures of the centre at Auchengallon where courses will be held in July during the school holidays.

February is the closing month for applications to be in for those wanting to go to the centre and funding has to

be in place before a youngster can be considered to be accepted.

The hall at the centre holds 38 people so there was a team of seven leaders, kitchen staff, helpers, and some rotary observers and, of course, the 15 participants.

Up at 8am, the young people soon got used to sleeping in dormitories (and daily inspections of the latter) eating different food perhaps than they were used to, being out in all weathers and doing strange things such as abseiling, using the climbing wall, kayaking, pole climbing, raft building and many more.

All the time, they were finding their latest talents out as well as team building, conferring, but above all working together without realising it.

After five days they were assessed as to what they had achieved, and Jimmie said the difference was really amazing.

The 2013 RYLA champion was declared to be Vivek Shrestha and this young man went on stage at the Rotary national conference in Perth a short time later where he was very well applauded.

Lochranza Choir CONCERT

Sunday 17th November 4.15pm
Lochranza Village Hall

Admission £6.00 (Children £1) Including Refreshments
Tickets from Book & Card Shop Brodick

Supporting Beatson Cancer Research & Mary's Meals
OSCR Registered Scottish Charity SCO06106



Downton Abbey chef Lisa Heathcote chats to guests.



Above: Fran chats to charity supporters.

Left: Guests enjoyed a three course meal. b46creel03NO

Seeking views on Scotland's wild land map

People are being asked to give their views on Scotland's wild land as Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) launches a seven-week consultation on a map showing core areas of wild land across the country.

The map is a result of SNH's work to advise the Scottish government and others on the extent and location of the wild land resource in Scotland.

Andrew Bachell, SNH director of operations, said: 'Scotland has a world-wide reputation as a beautiful and impressive country.

'The wildness people can experience and the images of wild places are an incredibly valuable asset which makes an important contribution to our tourism industry.

'Wild land makes a crucial contribution to our quality of life and we know that most people who live in Scotland consider wild

places to be important to them.

'Wild land areas are also valuable to nature and are often home to some of our most remarkable wildlife.

'The map is the result of a systematic and robust study that we carried out and we're keen to hear what others think. We hope that the map will help government, local authorities and developers to take account of wild land in decisions about land use and development.'

Details of the consultation can be found at www.snh.gov.uk/protecting-scotlands-nature/looking-after-landscapes/landscape-policy-and-guidance/wild-land/mapping/

It runs until 20 December 2013. SNH will review all the comments received and prepare further advice to Scottish Ministers on the map, including any proposed changes.

Downton chef helps out at charity day

The chef who creates the authentic food on the hit TV show Downton Abbey isn't normally to be found in the more humble surroundings of the kitchen of an Arran restaurant.

But food economist Lisa Heathcote was lending a helping hand at a special charity day held at Creelers Restaurant in Brodick.

Popped over

Lisa is an old art school friend of owner Fran James who is working on a film in Glasgow and popped over to Arran for the weekend.

Creelers held the one-off charity lunch and dinner on Saturday to raise money for

children suffering as a result of the civil conflict in Syria. The day has already raised £1,578, with a little more money still to come in, which will all go to the Red Cross.

For Lisa the day was a real busman's holiday.

She can usually be found behind the scenes on the set of Downton Abbey producing the food seen on set being prepared by Mrs Patmore and her staff.

All the food is presented just as it would have been in the period, so poultry arrives at the table with its feet on, while a simple pudding of fruit, biscuits and cream looks like an edible masterpiece.

She said: 'They had a finekety way of presenting things to show off their culinary skills - and it's fun, like painting with food.'

But as delicious as the dishes seen on screen may look, you might not want to eat some of her creations given they last through the long hours of filming.

Fran's husband Tim said: 'I would like to thank everyone who donated and all the guests who turned up on the day. We had a great evening and raised a good amount for the suffering children of Syria. Having Lisa there was also an added bonus.'

Must-see live matches Free with BT Broadband

Everton v Liverpool

Tottenham v Man Utd

Get BT Sport for free with BT Broadband.

Some games are just unmissable. Like the Merseyside derby on 23rd November, followed by Tottenham v Manchester Utd on 1st December, both exclusively live on BT Sport.

And the best thing is BT Sport is free if you have BT Broadband. Our broadband starts from just £10 a month for new customers on a 12 month contract, along with monthly line rental of £15.45.

There are lots of ways to watch BT Sport for free, on your TV via the Sky Digital Satellite Platform on Sky Guide Channel 413 and online.

0800 432 0738
bt.com/freesport

£6.95 delivery for Hub.
UK residential broadband customers only. BT Broadband customers can watch BT Sport online at home with a minimum line speed of 400kpbs. To watch BT Sport online elsewhere you need 3G/4G/wi-fi (charges may apply). To watch BT Sport at bt.com you need Microsoft Silverlight. The BT Sport App works on iPhone 3GS and above, iPad iOS 5.1.1 and above and selected Android devices with OS 4.1. Max. 2 devices simultaneously. BT Sport is also available on the Sky Digital Satellite Platform for new and existing BT Broadband customers who sign up for 12 months or have 12 months remaining on their contract; ongoing renewal needed to get discounted BT Sport. Sky box and active viewing card required. E-billing required. Excludes Multiroom. Major League Baseball not available online. Please check bt.com/sport for details. Broadband: £10 a month for 12 months, then £13 a month plus BT line rental of £15.45 a month (changing to £15.99 a month from 4 Jan 2014). New BT Broadband customers only that sign up for a 12-month minimum term. Package includes BT Broadband with a 10Gb usage limit, Unlimited UK* Weekend Calls and a BT Home Hub (unless BT has already provided you with one). You'll need to pay by Direct Debit. Subject to availability. *Calls of up to an hour to 01, 02 and 03 numbers excluding the Channel Islands. Other exclusions apply. Calls to 0871 cost a maximum of 10.2p per minute plus 15p set-up fee; calls to 070 cost no more than 51p per minute, with a maximum set-up charge of 51p. See our terms and conditions at bt.com/terms. Prices may change during contract period. Terms apply.

Rare turtle dove spotted at Sandbraes

This October was three degrees warmer than last year with 10 per cent more rain but this year also had more than twice as much rain as September.

During the month there were plenty of interesting birds to enjoy.

October is arguably the busiest birding month, as summer breeders depart, migrants pass through, winter visitors arrive and there is always a strong chance of something unusual.

That was certainly the case this year when on Friday 11

October there was a report of a turtle dove feeding with collared doves in a garden in Sandbraes and amazingly someone managed to take a photograph.

Turtle dove is an increasingly rare bird in the UK and on Arran it is only an occasional passage migrant.

The last record was again one with a group of collared doves in a garden in Brodick from 25 October to 8 November 2006.

Other occasional passage migrants included: two scaup on the sea off Shannochie be-

tween the 1st and 4th, a great crested grebe in Brodick Bay on the 3rd and five ring ouzel by the Narachan Track on the 11th.

Other more regular birds on migration included: a Sand-erling at Blackwaterfoot on the 2nd, two dunlin at Drumadon Point on the 5th, 32 golden plover at Shannochie also on the 5th, 12 snipe at Machriewater on the 6th, 12 skylark at Bennecarrigan on the 12th and four Great Northern Divers off Pirmill on the 22nd.

On the 9th/10th there was a considerable movement of seabirds through Whiting Bay. For example, 20 gannet were counted in 10 minutes and over a thousand kittiwake in half an hour.

In addition there were widespread reports of wheatear and of wintering thrushes.

The largest groups were: four wheatear at Blackwaterfoot on the 2nd, 300 fieldfare at Glen Shurig on the 28th and 600 redwing on Whiting Bay Golf Course on the 22nd.

There were some 'last sightings' of summer visi-



Bird notes
by Jim Cassels
OCTOBER

First record of a turtle dove in seven years.

tors including: two common sandpiper in Blackwaterfoot on the 2nd, two lesser black-backed gull in Lochranza on the 6th, a chiffchaff in Whiting Bay on the 9th, 12 house martin over Whiting Bay Golf Course on the 19th and a swallow in Lamlash on the 27th.

A possible wintering black-cap was reported at Margnaglish on the 28th.

Finally, wintering wildfowl began to arrive with six wigeon and 15 teal at Cosyden on the 5th, three whooper swan at Sandbraes on the 9th and 20 greylag geese in the Shiskine Valley on the 25th.

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 2012 and visit this website www.arran-birding.co.uk



Whooper swan, one of the first wintering wildfowl to return.



Scaup are an occasional passage migrant.

Photo by Angus Hogg

Our guide to where to stay on the mainland

Winter is here and as we have already found at the weekend the season of cancelled ferries is already underway. There is nothing more frustrating than being stuck on the mainland when the boat fails to sail and nowhere to stay.

But now help is at hand with our guide to some of the best places to stay on the mainland. But why wait till the boat fails to sail. Why not treat yourself to a days Christmas shopping on the mainland and make a day of it with an overnight stay.

The Lauriston
Hotel & Restaurant

GREAT MEAL DEALS @ THE LAURISTON
Hotel and Restaurant, Ardrossan

Know the joy of good food

T: 01294 463771
www.thelauristonhotel.com

Annfield Villas

OFFER - B&B only £30 pp. Including full breakfast and complimentary run to and from train station / ferry terminal

Phone: 01294465922
07779515012
Email: isobellogan@sky.com

DALGARVEN
HOUSE HOTEL

SPECIAL OFFER
DB&B for 2
£75 per room per night (2 course meal from the supper menu)
REF: QUOTE ARRAN

Dalry Road, Kilwinning, Ayrshire
01294 553061
www.dalgarven.co.uk



Christmas Shopping Fagres
Boxing Day Carvery
Orangery Restaurant
Santa's Grotto
Pantomimes

WINTER SALE: KIDS STAY FREE
FREE SHUTTLE BUS FROM TERMINAL
www.seamillhydro.co.uk | info@seamillhydro.co.uk

FERRY CANCELLED?

Stay with us and get our best available rates guaranteed plus a FREE coffee for Arran residents.

01294 822 217

SEAMILL HYDRO HOTEL & RESORT

THE ARRAN

BANNER

TWENTY YEARS AGO

Saturday 16 November, 1993

New ticket office

A new £400,000 ticket office and passenger waiting area has opened at Brodick Pier.

The 64 seat waiting room with its arched roof and cupola has just opened to the public and tickets and ferry information are available at the counter.

Built on schedule by John Corbett Construction Ltd, an average of 20 men, mostly local, have been working on it each day since it started.

Passengers coming off the boat will enter the double doors at the end of the pier and can walk straight through the waiting room to what should become, in time, a bus parking area.

Community workshop

Arran's Council of Voluntary Service is to move into the furniture business.

They have been given £16,075 by Strathclyde Regional Council to set up an Arran Community Workshop to serve Kilmory and other rural areas on Arran.

The organisation's Jan Schofield explained that Kilmory had been chosen as it is number 34 on a list of the '50 most isolated communities in the region' doubling the chance of success of any grant application.

The scheme will see the recycling of old furniture for those who cannot afford to buy it for themselves.

Amenity committee

A small group of people met in Brodick Hall with the aim of forming a civic or amenity committee to act as a 'watchdog' over planning matters.

The nucleus of this group has been in ex-

istence for some time and sees much of the development on Arran, if not harmful at least in bad taste.

The Brodick meeting was held in an effort to enlarge the group and make it a voice to be listened to.

Discussion ranged over a number of topics including, the blandness of kit houses, over-sized coaches, the effectiveness of the community council, the policy on listed buildings and tree preservation orders.

Central heating

Around 60 of the 160 council houses on the island have had electric central heating put in, but for some it is a mixed blessing.

The reason for this is that all the houses are being treated the same way, whether the tenant wants central heating or not.

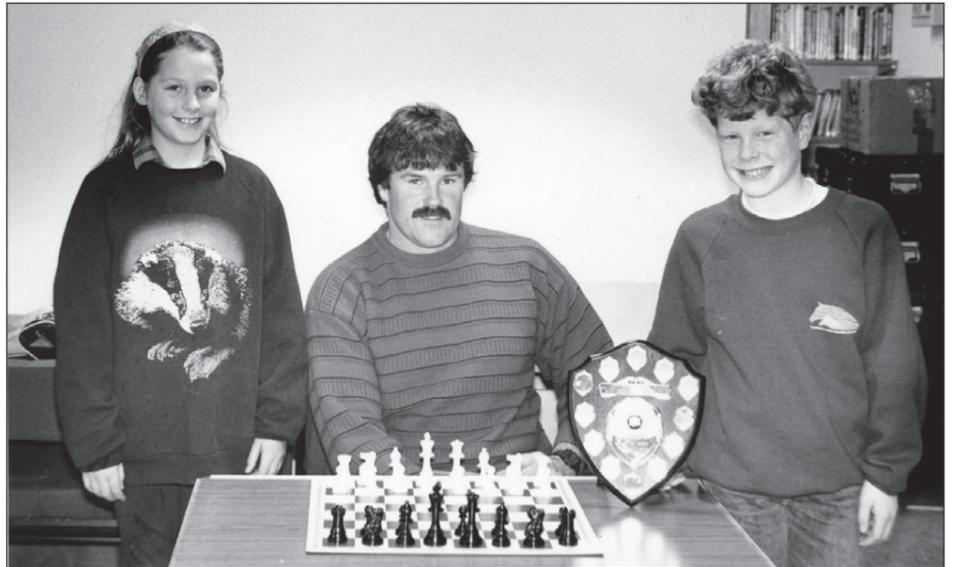
And not everyone is happy with the quality of the work or the need to decorate afterwards.

Cunninghame District Council said there was a £50 allowance to 'touch up areas that had been affected'.

New minister

A new Church of Scotland minister has arrived on the island. Rev Bill MacMillan has been installed as minister to the parishes of Kilmory and Lamlash at an induction ceremony presided over by the Rev Alexander Downie, the Moderator of Ardrrossan Presbytery.

Originally from Johnstone, Mr MacMillan worked as an engineer with Babcock & Wilcox in Renfrew before taking up the ministry in his 40s. He replaces the Rev Douglas Fulton who retired last year.



Euan Kerr of Brodick (right) was the winner of Arran's first chess tournament held in Brodick Library. Over a dozen players took part, mostly members of the junior chess club run by Charles Todd (centre) and Neil Gillies. Runner-up was Lindsay Wheeler from Corrie. b46twe01



Spellbound by storyteller Padraig MacNeil the children of Lamlash Primary School listen to a traditional Scots tale. b46twe02



Natalie Broadis and Teresa Brookes have achieved their Duke of Edinburgh bronze awards and are holding an orienteering event at Brodick Country Park as they near completing their silver awards. b46twe04



Cal Mac staff in the new Brodick Pier ticket office. b46twe03

What's on

in association with Isle of Arran Brewery

www.arranbrewery.com



Everyday

Trout Fly Fishing
Brodick Castle, Garden Open
Arran Brewery

Loch Garbad, Bank fishing
Daily 9am-Dusk
Open Mon & Wed 12.30pm-5pm Tues, Thurs,
Fri & Sat 10am-5pm Sun 12.30pm-4.30pm
2pm

Lawn Bowls (weather permitting)
Food and craft market
Winter bowls
Scottish Country Dancing
Lochranza & Catacol Village Hall AGM
SFA Early Touch Football
Brodick Improvements Committee
Gaelic Society AGM

Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 1.45pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 11am - 4pm
Auchrannie sports hall, 7pm
Brodick Church Hall, 7.30-9.30pm
Village Hall, 7pm
P1-P4s, Arran High School, 6-7pm
Ormidale Pavilion 7.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, Brodick 7.30pm

Saturday 16th November

Army Cadets
Over 21s Disco
Karate
Family Games
Arran Dancers (4yrs & up)
Junior Football
Save the Children Fayre
RNLI Shop
Arran's Gaelic Heritage
Arran High School Christmas Fayre
James Burge
Matt Johnston

Auchrannie Road 11am - 1pm.
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am-12.30pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Arran High School, 10am
P4s and upwards, Arran High School, 11am-12.30pm
Brodick Hall, 10.30am-1.00pm
Lamlash Pier 10.30-12.30pm
Ormidale Pavilion 7.30pm
Arran High School, Lamlash 11am - 2pm
Douglas Hotel, Brodick 9pm
Drift Inn, Lamlash 9pm - close

Wednesday 20th November

Hockey
Tae Kwondo
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Brass Rehearsal
Yogalates
Aquafizz
Music Mayhem Class Parents & Little Ones
Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy service
JogScotland beginners group
Mixed ability running group
Yoga-Arran
Sports Club
Friends of Brodick Castle AGM
Drift Inn Quiz
Arran Theatre & Arts Trust AGM
Arran Elderly Forum

Auchrannie Games Hall, 6.30-7.30pm
Arran High School Kids-6.30-7.30pm Adults-7.30-8.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 8pm
Brodick Church Hall, 7-9pm
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 10.45am
10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30
Auchrannie Spa car park, 5.15pm
Auchrannie Spa car park, 5.30pm
Kinneil, Lamlash, 7-8.30pm
P4-S2s, Arran High School, 6-7.30pm
Castle Tearoom 2.30pm
Drift Inn, Lamlash 9pm - close
Arran Library, Brodick 5pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick 11am

Sunday 17th November

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

Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm
Ormidale sports pavilion, 2pm - 3.30pm
Brodick Church Hall, 4pm - 6pm
Kilmory Hall, 2.30pm
Lochranza Village Hall 4.15pm

Monday 18th November

Quiz
Over 50s Badminton
Badminton
Citizens Advice
Senior Fitness
Table Tennis
Badminton
Arran Junior Football Club
Yoga
Lunch club
Yoga - Arran
Shirley & Sarah fitness class
Wee Blether cafe
Scottish Country Dancing
Bridge Club
Metafit
Arran Fiddle Club AGM

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

Thursday 21st November

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

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

Tuesday 19th November

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

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
Kildonan Hall, 7pm
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 7.15pm
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 1.45-2.30pm
Auchrannie Gym Hall, 4-4.45pm
Auchrannie Gym Hall, 4.45-5.30pm
Auchrannie Gym Hall, 5.30-6.15pm
St Molios Church Hall, 7pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 6-7pm
10am-1pm NTS Ranger Centre

Friday 22nd November

Aqua Fizz
Yogalates
Arran Youth Foundations
Lochranza Kids Badminton
Lochranza Adults Badminton
Disco
Brodick Farmers Market
Active Buggies
Arran Ceilidh Dance Group
Overeaters anonymous
NFU AGM
Live music
Arran Running Coaching

Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am
Church Hall, Brodick 7pm-9pm
Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm
Lochranza Hall, 8pm
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Auchrannie Road, 8am - 6pm
Ormidale Park, 10am
Lamlash Church Hall, 8-10pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick 11.30-1pm
Kinloch Hotel, Blackwaterfoot 8pm
Drift Inn, Lamlash from 9pm
Auchrannie car park 9.30am

www.arranbrewery.com

Public Notices

AGM
Arran Theatre & Arts Trust
Annual General Meeting
 To be held in Brodick Public Library
 At 5pm on Wednesday 20th November
 All are welcome to attend
 Scottish Charity No. SC006027

Gaelic Society AGM
 Tuesday 19th November
 7.30pm
 Ormidale Hotel

PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING 'DROP-IN' EVENT

North Ayrshire Council's Housing Services will be hosting a 'drop in anytime' event at the Ormidale Sports Pavilion, Brodick on Wednesday 27 November 2013 between 11:15am and 3:45pm. The event is targeted at landlords, tenants and anyone who is seeking advice and assistance on private sector housing issues. For more information contact the Private Sector Advice Team on (01294) 324644.

Elma Murray
 Chief Executive
 Cunninghame House
 IRVINE KA12 8EE



Arran Access Trust AGM
 The Fourteenth Annual General Meeting of the Arran Access Trust will be held on Wednesday 11th December 2013 at 7.30pm in the Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick.

ARRAN FIDDLE CLUB
AGM
 Monday
 18th November
 7.30pm
 Brodick Library

BANNER BANNER
 PUBLIC NOTICES PUBLIC NOTICES
BANNER BANNER
 PUBLIC NOTICES PUBLIC NOTICES
BANNER BANNER
 PUBLIC NOTICES PUBLIC NOTICES

Recruitment

carewatch
 supporting independence

We put the care in career.....

We are looking for enthusiastic and dedicated people to join our growing island team providing quality personalised care and support services to people in their own homes on Isle of Arran.

Field Care Supervisor with SVQ3 in Health and Social Care
 This is a full time position but would consider job share.
Salary from £18,000 p/a FTE (Closing date 30th Nov)

Community Alarm Response
 Fixed contracted hours on early/late shift rota
£8 per hour during week, £9 per hour at weekend

Care & Support Workers
 Full and part time positions available, as well as Bank Workers
£8 per hour during week, £9 per hour at weekend

Experience delivering care and support services along with good understanding of National Care Standards is desired however full training and support is provided. Full drivers licence and own transport essential. Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) and references are required. We are an equal opportunities employer.

Call 01294 608222
 or email jobs@inacs.co.uk
www.carewatch.co.uk/jobs



Arran Medical Group
PRACTICE NURSE REQUIRED
32 hours per week (Mon - Thurs)

We are looking for an enthusiastic and motivated practice nurse to join our friendly and innovative team. The post holder will provide nursing services to meet the needs of the practice population including chronic disease management, health promotion, minor surgery and general treatment room work.

Although mainly based in Lamlash Medical Centre and Whiting Bay Surgery, the post holder may occasionally be required to work across other sites.

For further information and informal enquiries, please contact Joyce Beasley, Practice Manager on 01770 600516 or email joycebeasley@nhs.net

Volunteers and Paid Staff needed for Santa's Sparkle

Santa's Sparkle is Arran's premier Christmas festival. We are expecting over 3,000 visitors so it will be a busy and fun weekend. Volunteers and staff are needed for various hours on Saturday 30 November and Sunday 1 December plus a few hours on induction during the previous week.

Volunteer Stewards and Ushers
 Stewards will answer visitors questions, help them in the event of an emergency and manage the crowds for the firework show. Ushers will take tickets for the circus and show people to their seats. Short, medium or long shifts available. It's a great way to be part of this wonderful event.

Staff
 Staff will work on the stalls in the Glenisle marquee including bar, food and novelties. Different shift times are available. Bar staff must be over 18.

Contact the Glenisle Hotel on enquiries@glenislehotel.com or phone **01770 600559**

YOUR LOCAL PAPER

51% of people turn to their local newspaper first when looking for a new job.

The regional press is the best medium to use when looking for local people for local jobs.

Source: Recruitment Check, The Newspaper Society 2005

So, if you're looking for a new job or new staff, use the regional press, the best medium to get results.



Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club
 seeks an **Administrative Assistant** for **10-12hrs per week, by arrangement.**

The successful candidate will be expected to have highly developed interpersonal and communications skills, as well as a sound knowledge of current windows packages and excellent keyboard skills.

In addition an understanding of basic accounting practices and banking procedures will be expected.

For more detailed information please call 860548

BANNER RECRUITMENT
BANNER RECRUITMENT
BANNER RECRUITMENT
BANNER RECRUITMENT
BANNER RECRUITMENT
BANNER RECRUITMENT
BANNER RECRUITMENT

RECRUITMENT RECRUITMENT

LOOKING FOR NEW STAFF?

THE ARRAN BANNER

Tel: 01770 302142
www.arranbanner.co.uk



Drive Times

LANDROVER DEFENDER 90 - TD5 -XS 06 PLATE



Metallic Blue, Sunroof, Alloy wheels, Heated front & rear windows, elect Win, Half leather heated seats, 6 seats, ABS & TC, Tow bar, Spot lights.

Tel: 01770 700742 (Arran)

£12,850 o.n.o.

Property

WANTED FOR LONG TERM LET

Secure Garage/workshop required for private vehicle restoration projects Preferably with power and running water but anything considered.

Contact Darren on:
860 801 or 07956 324546

CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE FOR ADVERTISEMENTS

YOUR attention is drawn to the following terms and conditions which relate to the placing of advertisements in all publications owned by Wyvex Media Limited.

Parties to this agreement are the Publisher, Wyvex Media Limited on the one part and the Advertiser on the other part. The Publisher publishes newspapers, magazines, books and provides advertising space therein or provides for the delivery of advertising materials to the public within these publications.

1 Advertising copy shall be legal, decent, honest and truthful and comply with the British Code of Advertising Practice and all other codes.

2 The Publisher does not guarantee the insertion of any particular advertisement.

3 The Publisher reserves the right to cancel or alter the advertisement by giving reasonable notice.

4 An order for an advertisement shall be deemed to be made on acceptance of the advertisers' order by the Publisher whether placed by telephone, mail, fax or in person.

5 Cancellation of display advertising must be received by the Publisher before the publishing deadline, failing which, the publisher reserves the right to invoice the customer in full for the whole cost of the advertisement.

6 The parties submit to the jurisdiction of the Scottish Courts and Scots Law. In the event of any dispute or action by the Publisher to recover payment from an advertiser, it is agreed that matters will be settled in the Oban, Argyll Sheriff Court or such other Court as the Publisher may choose.

7 The Publisher shall not be liable for any loss or damage occasioned by any total or partial failure (however caused) of publication or distribution of any newspaper or edition in which any advertisement is scheduled to appear. In the event of any error, misprint or omission in the printing of an advertisement or part of an advertisement, the Publisher will either re-insert the advertisement or relevant part of the advertisement, as the case may be, or make reasonable refund or adjustment to the cost. No re-insertion, refund or adjustment will be made where the error, misprint or omission does not materially detract from the advertisement.

8 Errors must be notified to the Publisher in writing within fourteen days of publication. In no circumstances shall the total liability of the Publisher for any error, misprint or omission exceed the amount of a full refund of any price paid to the Publisher for the particular advertisement in connection with which liability arose or the cost of a further or corrective advertisement of a type and standard reasonably comparable to that in connection with which liability arose.

9 The Advertiser/Advertising Agency agrees to indemnify the Publisher in respect of all costs, damages or other charges falling upon the publication as the result of legal actions or threatened legal actions arising from the publication of the advertisement in any one or more of a series of advertisements published in accordance with copy instructions supplied to the publication in pursuance of the Advertiser/Advertising Agency order.

10 Adverts under the value of £75 must be paid on acceptance of order by the Publisher. All advertising on a credit basis must be agreed with the Publisher in advance.

11 Payment of any invoice raised by the Publisher will be due 15 days from the date of invoice or as otherwise directed on the invoice. In the event of non-payment the Publisher may charge late payment interest at a rate of 2% and this is chargeable on a daily basis from the due date until the bill is paid. In addition the Publisher may charge a late payment levy of £10 as an administration fee. In the event of late payment the Publisher reserves the right to disallow any discounts given and to raise an additional invoice for the discount which will be treated as though it has been raised with the original invoice.

12 A request to insert an advertisement assumes acceptance of our conditions.

Trade Classifieds

TREES

Tree & hedge cutting and clearing
Brush Cutting and strimming.
All types of fencing

Call Jamie McKinnon:
01770 810 222 or 07760 247201

PAINTER AND DECORATOR

FULTON
decorators

LAMLASH
TEL/FAX 01770 600705
Est. 1985

DECOR

- All paintwork undertaken
- Any job, large or small
- Paper hanging
- Floor sanding & sealing
- Phone Gavin Fulton for a free estimate

COMPUTING SERVICES

Arran Computer Shop

Speedy computer repairs and upgrades

- Virus removal
- Laptop screen and keyboard replacement
- Operating system reinstallation
- Hard disk replacement
- Data transfer to new PC or hard disk
- Home networking
- Advice on backing up your data
- One-to-one tuition

Located in
 Brodick Post Office
 01770 303623
www.arrancomputershop.co.uk

FURNITURE RESTORATION

JOHN DIVINE

**FURNITURE,
RESTORATION & REPAIR**

FRENCH POLISHING

UPHOLSTERY

Blackwaterfoot –
Isle Of Arran

Mob:
07733 738127

Email: john@
thornbankwoodcraft.co.uk

**INCIDENTALS
ARRAN**

Happy computers on
Arran since 1983

Bill Stewart
T. 830343

**BANNER
CLASSIFIEDS
BANNER
CLASSIFIEDS
BANNER
CLASSIFIEDS**

Personal

'HAPPY 60TH BIRTHDAY JK!!'



Love from all the family xx

Personal

BIRTHDAY

Happy
18th
Mollie

Love from all the family xxx

THANK YOU

THANK YOU

Following her recent illness, Cathie Robertson would like to thank the ambulance crew, Doctors and nurses of Arran War Memorial, Crosshouse and Ayrshire central hospitals. Thanks also to her many family and friends for their kind words, calls, letters and cards.

THANK YOU

To all kind friends
Thank you for all the
kindness shown to me after
the passing away of Corrie.
Mary MacKinlay

Classifieds

OVER £30

Air Arms TX200.22 air rifle, bag, sling, pellets, scope, lifetime guarantee, 2 months old £400 Tel: 600 810 / 07979 416 372

New Tub Chair for sale. Black, red, grey, silver stripe. Offers over £70. Call 600699 to view

Gents bicycle excellent 21 speed, British made 370 Tel: 700542

Kindlers good quality £7.50 per bag or 3 for £20 Tel:302645

Cat Litter, wood-based, large (30 litre) bag unopened, £8. Tel: 870295

US Mail box £25 Tel: 700542

12 new rolls of assorted gift/Christmas paper £12 Tel:870339

Loft Bed (overhead bunk bed) Silver, metal, with ladder £20.00 Tel 302081

WANTED

Boat anchor /mooring anchor, any condition, - telephone Gordon 860726

Long low sofa (210L x 80w x 62h) needs 3 new seat cushions and a throw (or re-upholstering) £20 Tel:302534

UNDER £30

Seagull outboard, was working, now has no spark - £30 - Tel Gordon 860726

Computer chair, £30 Office/computer desk, £30 Tel:600696

FREE TO UPLIFT

Small fridge freezer a bit tatty but working fine Tel:07780670086

Bagged Manure at Oakbank, Lamlash. £1 per bag donation to Arran RDA. Tel 01770 600752

ROUND BAILS HAY FOR SALE

PERFECT FOR HORSES

Can deliver

Tel: 820 256

Co-operative Memorials

- Traditional and modern styles
- Free quotations
- Additional inscriptions • Home visits

Visit our display area at Sorbie Road, Ardrossan, opposite Cemetery Gates or phone

01294 461554



Lamlash Golf Club

Ladies: The ladies of Lamlash golf club gathered for their annual prize giving and dinner on Friday 8 November. Guest of honour was club Captain Jim Stewart.

Jim shared some past golfing experiences with the ladies along with an update on the club's plans. Caterers Holly and Stuart Cree provided an excellent dinner.

The major prize winners were: Sheena Murchie won the New Year Game, Birdie Tree, Fleet Cup, Stroke Quach, Centenary Tray and the Club Championship. Catherine McAdam won the Winter Stableford Cup, Ann Cook Tray, Away Day Trophy and LGU Silver medal. Jo Hastings won the Kilbride Tray and Marella Cup. The progress cup was won by June Richardson. Captain's prize by Rachel Wren. Grace Cannon Trophy won by Catherine McAdam and Jackie Winship. McGill Cup won by Clair Barclay. Red Cross game and Flag Competition Morag Gardner. Thistle Brooch won by Anne McVicar. Ladies Open won by Sandie Lawson and Open Scratch by Val Crawford. The island Mixed Fours was won by Jackie and Alan Winship.

Gents: Thursday 7 November Yellow Medal, SS 61. 1 Billy O'Connor 80-20=60, 2 Adam Burke BIH 74-13=61, 3 Alan Smith 71-10=61. Magic twos Mark Wren at the 16th, Colin Richardson at the 17th. Sunday 10 November, Glenburn Cup, SS 63. 1 Alan Winship 72-12=60, 2 Iain Murchie 65-5=60, 3 Paul Bremner 67-5=62. Magic twos Graham Tinto at the 4th, Alan Winship at the 2nd, Paul Bremner at the 14th, Norrie MacIntyre at the 16th.

Fixtures: Sunday 17 November, Lamlash v Whiting Bay friendly 10.30am for 11am start at Whiting Bay. Thursday 21 November, Yellow Medal, 11am ballot.



The Lamlash Ladies proudly show off their silverware for the past season with club captain Jim Stewart.

Shiskine Golf Club

Gents: Sunday 10 November, Sunday Stableford, 16 played, a great turnout and the weather was lovely. 1 Jimmy Morrison 26 pts, 2 Gator 23 pts BIH, Nearest the pin at the 4th Donald Logan and at the 10th Willie Kelso.

Ladies: Thursday 7 November, Ladies 18 Hole Medal, 13 played, CSS 70. Silver 1 and Scratch J Turnbull 85-15=70, 2 K Genda 87-12=75. Bronze 1 E Henderson 97-31=66, 2 S Brookes 99-23=76. Congratulations Esther on winning and getting that handicap cut!

Brodick Golf Club

Saturday 9 November, Saturday Cup, 17 played, non handicap counter. 1 G Hendry (6)62, 2 D Hendry [12] 63, 3 I Macdonald [8] 67. Scratch G Hendry 68. There were two magic twos.

Sunday 10 November, Brandon 21 played, CSS 65. 1 J Beattie (22)59, 2 I Macdonald (8)61, 3 R McCrae (7)62. Scratch I Macdonald 69 acb.

There were five twos. First class Brandon I Macdonald, second Class Brandon J Beattie.

Wednesday 6 November, 11 played, all got round dry. 1 J Reid 76-15=61, 2 C O'Neill 82-16=66. There were five twos, two for birthday boy John Hartley, one each for D Roxburgh, J Reid and Wolfi.

Fixtures: Sunday 17 November, Clochendichter: Knowe v Village 10am, Alma v Street 10.30am. Sunday 24 November, Winter Cup, open draws 9am and 12noon.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday 10 November, 15 played in glorious conditions in the 2nd round of the Winter Cup. Scoring was very tight with the top three being spilt only after countback. CSS stayed at 63. 1 David Brookes (13) 63 acb, 2 Dave Hackett (13) 63 acb, 3 Bob Hastings (15) 63. Nicol Auld won scratch with 67 and Sandy Pringle had the only magic two of the day, at the 2nd.

Fixtures: Sunday 17 November, friendly with Lamlash at Whiting Bay. Tee-offs between 10.30am and 11am. All welcome - a fun game of golf followed by Whiting Bay Hospitality!

ALGU

Twenty-two ladies took part in the rescheduled first Drumadon of the season. Held at Lamlash, the day threatened heavy rain showers and indeed the beginning was quite wet. Most players, however, got round dry and the sun came out for much of the game.

With ladies going out from two tee positions, it ensured that no-one needed to wait too long for everyone to return to the welcoming warmth of the clubhouse and catering provided by Holly and Stewart - thanks again.

Scores for the day were really quite good with second going to Viv Parks 67(17) on the better inward half from Mary Jo Tod (32) who was pipped to third place. The winner, however, for both net and scratch was Fiona Crawford with a 65(15) and 80 respectively. Well done Fiona!

Fixtures: Saturday 30 November at Machrie. Keep an eye on the website and/or your clubhouse for draw details nearer the time.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday 5 November, Winter Cup. 1 Alastair MacDonald 67, 2 Campbell Laing 68, 3 Elizabeth Ross 70. Scratch Alastair MacDonald 76. Fixtures: Tuesday 19 November, Lochranza Hotel Cup, tee-off 12noon.

Corrie Golf Club

Saturday 9 November, Joe McKenzie Stableford, 13 played. 1 S Beardsley 37 pts, 2 A MacDonald 36 pts, 3 B Sherwood 35 pts. Magic twos J McConnachie (2) and S Beardsley. Monday 11 November, Monday Cup, 10 played. 1 J McGovern 66-7=59 BIH, 2 B Lewis 69-10=59, 3 A Smith 64-4=60. Scratch A Smith 64. Magic twos J McGovern, A MacDonald, D Crawford and J Adams.

Fixtures: Saturday 16 November, Winter Cup, tee-off at 8.30am and 12noon. Magic twos J McConnachie (2) and S Beardsley.

CHURCH NOTICES

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(in full communion with the Church of England)
St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday 17th November
Holy Communion, 11.00 am.
Mrs Janis Gallagher.
Coffee after service.

Wednesday 20th November
Holy Communion, 12.15 pm.
ALL WELCOME

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Parishes of North Arran:
Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza,
Pirmill and Shiskine
Independent but working together

Minister:
Rev Angus Adamson
Parish assistant:
Mrs Jean Hunter:

Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times to which all are invited.

Sunday 17th November
Brodick Church, 10.30am, Morning Worship.
Corrie Church, 12noon, Morning Worship.

A Service of Worship will also be held in Montrose House at 1.30pm

*Lochranza and Pirmill Churches, 9.30am, Morning Worship at Lochranza.
Shiskine Church, 12noon, Morning Worship.

*If road re-opened 10.45am at Lochranza.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Kilmory linked with Lamlash "A faith to proclaim ~ a fellowship to share"

Sunday 17th November
Kilmory 10am
Lamlash 11.30 am
In both Churches:

Mr. Ian Watt
All welcome, including families; children's area
Scottish Charity SC015072

WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(Charity Number: SC014005)
Sunday 17th November

The service will be conducted by Worship Group, 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 the Glasgow City Mission. All welcome.

HOLY CROSS CAJOLIC CHURCH

Sunday morning masses 11am

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev Vince Jennings
Sunday 17th November

11 a.m. Morning Worship in The Ormidale Sports Pavilion, Brodick

Tea & coffee after the service. Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. Home Fellowship Group for Bible Study and Prayer. Contact phone no. 600222. Everyone warmly invited.

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 17th November

Shiskine 10.45am (Church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)

Brodick 7pm (Church behind post office)
Rev Julian Dusenbury

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)

Sunday 17th November

Morning Service 11am
Trust Housing Lounge
Glen Estate, Brodick

Evening Service 6-30 pm
5 Glen Road, Brodick

Prayer Meeting 7pm

Wednesday 20th November

5 Glen Road
All welcome

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS, QUAKERS

Quakers meet every Sunday at 11am. For meeting venue ring - 830622, 820223

SALVATION ARMY

House Group/Bible Study
Mondays 2.30pm.

If you are interested in joining us please ring 810251 for more information.

DEATH

Miller - John Lawrie, 'Ian'

Peacefully at Arran War Memorial Hospital, Lamlash on Saturday 9 November, surrounded by his family. Much loved husband, dad and papa.

Sadly missed. Funeral service at Brodick Parish Church on Friday 15 November at 11.30am, and thereafter at Brodick New Cemetery.

IN MEMORY

BANNATYNE

In memory of my dear husband Jimmy - who died 13th November 1992 and all my family gone before.

'A star appears in heaven, it shines there every night. the star is all my loved ones who come to say goodnight.'

Love you all Sal and family.

GOLDEN WEDDING



Alastair and Brenda Sillars are celebrating 50 years of marriage today. They were married in St. Andrew's Church, Greenock, on Friday 15th November 1963.

AFFORDABLE
Country Kiln
Starting from £299

Woodburning & Multifuel stoves
Nationwide Delivery • Local Installers
01560 483966
www.WoodburningStovesLimited.com

Sport

Arran's Weekly Newspaper

LAMLASH GARAGE
MOT DISCOUNT
Car MOT Fee - £40
24 HOUR RECOVERY
4 WHEEL LASER ALIGNMENT

- ✓ MOTs, repairs, servicing
- ✓ Full body repair service available
- ✓ Panel beating, spray painting

All your vehicle requirements under one roof
Contact Lamlash Garage on 01770 600328

Arran High School Pupils qualify as sports leaders

A number of senior pupils from Arran High School have qualified as sport leaders in the past six months.

Seven pupils qualified for the Mountain Bike Leaders award back in September.

The pupils, along with local volunteers, are now able to run various mountain biking sessions for local children, catering for all ages and abilities, extending the after-school programme considerably.

Last year the programme started in May and was run by Gerard Tattersfield and Tim Allan, the active schools coordinator for Arran.

Scott Macfarlane and Connor Reid undertook a four-day active schools leadership award over the summer break.

This course provides several qualifications and helps the pupils develop the necessary skills required to become sports leaders.

Both boys passed the course and they are now fully qualified first aiders, clubgolf leaders and have gone through the Positive Coaching Scotland workshop.

As well as these Scott has a level one leaders award in football and Connor has level one rugby.

Both will now be heavily involved in delivering after school activities for island children.

Leadership award

Charley Weir, Abbie Jackson and Laura Shaw all took part in a five-day leadership award in dance during the summer holidays.

The girls completed the UK level one award to allow them to help with dance lessons on the island.

And finally Alan Dillon and Emma Shaw have been chosen as this year's Young Ambassadors for Sport.

The young Ambassador programme is run by Sport Scot-

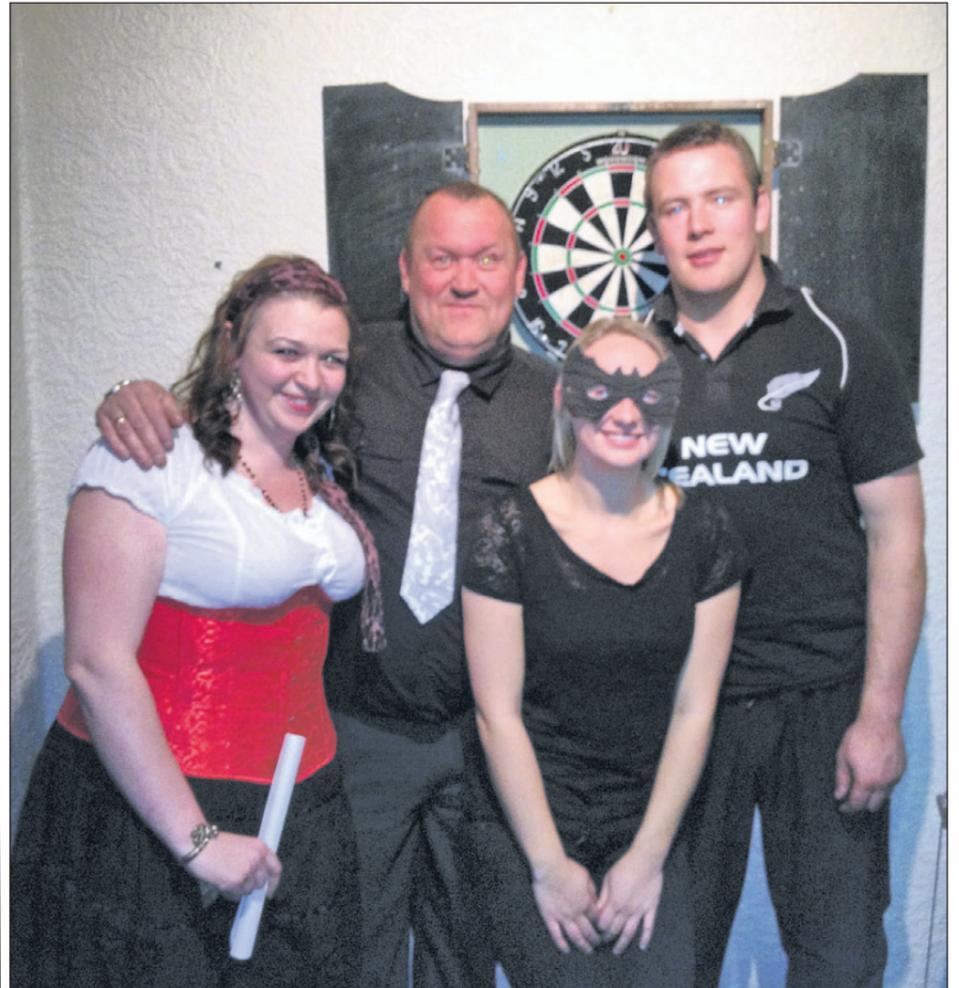
land in conjunction with the Youth Sport Trust and looks to recruit two young people from every secondary school across Scotland to take on the role.

The key aims of the programme are to encourage participation in sport by raising awareness of opportunities and promoting key events such as the Commonwealth Games and the Ryder Cup.

The young ambassadors were invited to attend a conference in September at Tollcross international swimming centre.

However, bad weather saw the ferry cancelled and they missed out on this opportunity.

Sport Scotland partnership manager Barry Fleeing has promised that a mini conference will be held on Arran to ensure that Emma and Alan do not miss out altogether on the chance to develop their leadership skills.



Lindsay Patrick and Stephen Anderson, left, beat Genevieve Pilgreen and Niall McMaster in the final.

Spook-tacular darts tournament

The Catacol Bay Hotel proved that Hallowe'en isn't just for children last week when it held its annual spook-tacular mixed darts competition.

Devils, witches, pirates, gypsies and an unfortunate shark-attack victim from all across the island gathered at the pub for the tournament.

Twenty couples were whittled down to just two and in the final Stephen Anderson and Lindsay Patrick beat Niall McMaster and his partner Genevieve Pilgreen.

The best-dressed prizes went to Peter Milne for his Arabian princess outfit and Jenny Lyon, the only person ever to have been eaten by a shark in Catacol.

Arran looking for win against Paisley

Arran RFC will take on Paisley this afternoon (Saturday) at the Ormidale Park in Brodick.

So far this season Arran have played eight games in the RBS West Division three but have only managed one win against Lanark RFC who are languishing at the bottom of the table.

With just 10 points Arran need a win this weekend to increase their tally in the run up to Christmas.

Uddingston currently top the table with 29 points and Cumnock are in second place with 27.

Paisley enjoyed a comfortable 34-10 victory when they played Arran on the mainland.

Kick-off is at 2.15pm - come along and support the island's team.

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Uddingston	6	2	0	0	29
Cumnock	8	6	0	2	27
Wigtonshire	7	5	0	2	23
Paisley	5	2	0	3	13
Birkmire	7	3	0	4	12
Isle of Arran	8	1	1	6	10
Isle of Mull	7	2	1	4	10
Lanark	6	1	0	5	4

 Follow us on facebook
www.facebook.com/arranbanner

NEWSPAPERS SUPPORT RECYCLING
Recycled paper made up 75.5% of the raw material for UK newspapers in 2004

 9 771742 235098 46>

Published by Wyvex Media, Brodick, Isle of Arran
Tel: 01770 302142 - Fax 01770 302021
E-mail: editor@arranbanner.co.uk



The Arran Banner's circulation is independently audited by the Audit Bureau of Circulations (ABC Ltd) - www.abc.org.uk. The total average weekly net circulation for the 52 issues between 2nd January 2012 and 30th December 2012 for combined print and digital editions was 3,307.

The Arran Banner will continue to be independently audited.