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Scottish government 'failing no take zone'

Campaigners from the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) have attacked the Scottish government this week for failing to protect the no take zone in Lamlash Bay.

Howard Wood, chairman of COAST, said they have been forced to 'stand and watch helplessly from the shore as scallop dredgers with their identities hidden enter the area in the dark and dredge in the bay'.

'We have attempted to report this illegal activity, but we have been met with a wall of silence and inaction from both the Scottish Fisheries Protection Agency and the Scottish government,' said Mr Wood.

Rogue

'We are slowly but surely seeing 15 years worth of hard work being unpicked by a handful of rogue scallop dredgers, and we don't seem to be able to get anyone in government to do anything about it. We are being completely failed in this regard.' MSPs from the Scottish Green Party joined COAST in berating the SNP administration for failing to establish the wider marine protected area (MPA) in the bay more than a year after the government promised it.

It was hoped that the no take zone in Lamlash Bay would lead to the revival of species such as corals and anemones which have been in danger of being lost to the area, and would help to boost shellfish

By JENNIFER LYON

stocks, benefiting commercial fishing.

During last Thursday's parliamentary question time at Holyrood, Green MSP Patrick Harvie questioned Richard Lochhead, the cabinet secretary for rural affairs and the environment, about the viability of the no take zone, and what progress had been made with the wider marine protection area.

Mr Lochhead responded that it was too early to say whether the no take zone was meeting its objectives, and that progress was being made with the wider goals. When questioned regarding the illegal scallop dredging within the forbidden area, the cabinet secretary was unable to answer, stating that he would have to check with his officials. Patrick Harvie MSP said: 'There is now clear evidence that the no take zone in Lamlash Bay is still being dredged for scallops, despite its protected status and the banning of dredging in that area.'

Failure

'There has been a clear failure to enforce the law by the Scottish government, and intransigence on the part of the minister and his officials has meant that no progress has been made with the Marine Protected Area.'

In response Richard Lochhead MSP paid tribute to the community campaigners from COAST who have spent the past 15 years campaigning for



Howard Wood, left, chairman of COAST with fellow campaigners Don McNeish, centre, and Tom Vella-Boyle. 01_b47mar01

the no take zone in Lamlash Bay.

Mr Wood said: 'We are no nearer having the marine protected area than we were a year ago, and this is largely due to stonewalling, inactivity and intransigence on the part of the cabinet secretary and his officials.'

'It is particularly galling to have Richard Lochhead pay tribute to our community campaign, as he and his fishermen friends have done little but sideline and ignore us for

the past year since the no take zone and marine protected area were announced.'

Marine Scotland, the Scottish government's marine management organisation told *The Banner* that there have been no recent complaints to them about illegal activity in the bay.

A spokesman for the organisation said: 'The most recent complaint at the end of August related to recreational angling in the area rather than commercial fishing activity - that

isolated incident was fully investigated.'

'Marine Scotland has been monitoring compliance with the prohibition on fishing since its introduction and has found no evidence that there have been any breaches of the restrictions by commercial fishing vessels.'

If anyone does have any information or would like to report any suspicious activity in the bay then they can contact Marine Scotland by calling 0845 2703990.

Moustache challenge for charity

In a bid to change the face of men's health, four young guys from Arran have thrown away their razors and are growing bushy moustaches for charity.

Frazer Barr, Duncan Yates, Alec McDonald and John Thomson are taking part in Movember - an international month-long celebration of the moustache to highlight men's health issues, specifically prostate cancer and depression in men.

Calling themselves the Arran Mo Bros, the four men will be trying to grow the perfect moustache throughout the month of November.

Risks

Mandy McDonald, Alec's mum, said: 'Movember is a moustache growing charity event held during November each year that raises funds to help change habits and attitudes and make men more aware of the risks they face thereby increasing early detection, diagnosis and effective treatment.'

'If you would like to support John, Duncan, Alec and Frazer with their endeavours to grow the perfect 'tash please log onto www.movember.com and make a donation towards a charity that supports one of the most common forms of cancer that affects men.' Movember has raised £30 million globally for the fight against prostate cancer and depression in men. More importantly, as a direct result of Movember, male awareness of health issues has improved, thereby increasing early detection, diagnosis and effective treatment.'



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Feasibility study for Corrie path

A full-blown feasibility study is the next step in a campaign for a safe path between Brodick and Corrie.

The multi-user trail group held a further meeting at the Brodick Forestry Commission office last Tuesday. At the meeting were Crawford Forsyth of North Ayrshire Council roads department, Louise Kirk, NAC access officer, local councillor Margie Currie, Graeme Walker SNH, Gerard Tattersfield, bike club, Kate Sampson, Access Trust, Neil Bulger, Corrie village and Harry Davidson, Brodick village.

Margie Currie said afterwards: 'This is quite a big step forward. The campaign is unlikely to secure funding without a feasibility study.'

'This study will cover a safety audit and consultation with landowners. A bid for funding would have to come from a partnership of interested bodies.'

'The link between Brodick and Corrie might have to be done incrementally as money becomes available.'

No decision has yet been made over which side of the road the path should be.

Rare Arran whisky sells at auction

Two lots of Founders Reserve whisky from the Isle of Arran Distillery were sold for £192 at Bonhams auction house in Edinburgh on Wednesday afternoon.

Lot 45, six bottles of Arran Founders Reserve was put in for sale with an estimate of £150-£180.

The second lot of seven bottles had an estimate of £170 - £200.

In 1993 bonds were sold to help fund the building of the distillery in Lochranza. These bonds, which were priced at £450 each and entitled the bearer to receive 72 bottles of Lochranza blend and 72 bottles of Arran single malt in 2001.

Only a small number of these bottles of single malt, which often appeal to Arran enthusiasts, have been sold at auction.

Lamlash Bridge Club

The results from Monday 16 November were as follows: N/S 1 M Jones and L Trickett 60, 2 M Gardner and B Livingstone 550, 3 E McNiven and R Thompson 650. E/W 1 J McBride and E Sillars +3080, 2 D and M Bruce +2790, 3 T Martin and M Deas +2410.

Karen digs deep for African women's charity

The owner of an Arran gift shop is donating an incredible £400 worth of jewellery to help women in Africa, after being inspired by a magazine article.

Karen Ward, the owner of the Island Treasure shop at Balmichael, Shiskine, read about the charity Jireh Women and decided she had to do something to help.

'I was so moved by the stories of these incredible women,' said Karen. 'It really shamed me when I thought about how selfish we are in this country that we take so much for granted.'

The Lancashire based charity asks women to donate their unwanted wedding dresses so that women in Uganda can use them.

For African women marriage is still very important but many can't afford to buy dresses for their big day.

'Because I don't have a

wedding dress to donate - my kids ruined it years ago playing dress-up - I decided that I would donate some wedding jewellery,' said Karen. 'I wanted to do something to help and this made sense.'

Carol Halton, founder of the charity Jireh Women, said: 'It is wonderful that Karen, and others, who have a heart for helping those who have nothing, have a burning passion to care for the needs of these ladies.'

'Through email and telephone conversations we exchanged comments and ideas and inspirations. We feel truly privileged that the Isle of Arran is working with us knowing how much they support fair trade.'

Karen is also going to be selling a range of Fairtrade jewellery in her shop made by WOW (Women of Worth) who turn colourful recycled magazines into beautiful necklaces.

Would you be willing to donate your wedding dress to help African brides have a very special day?

Karen is planning a trip to Lancashire in the next few

months and she hopes to be able to deliver the dresses to Carol herself.

If you would be interested in donating your dress call Karen on 700421.



Karen Ward is donating £400 worth of jewellery from her shop at Balmichael to a charity which specialises in helping African women. 01_b46kar01

Buddhist monument for Glenscorrodale

Plans have been lodged with North Ayrshire Council for the erection of a 21-foot high monument at Glenscorrodale on the Ross Road.

The applicant is Lama Yeshe Losal of the Rokpa Trust based at Eskdalemuir in Dumfriesshire. The traditional ornamental Buddhist monument known as a stupa will sit on an 11-foot square plinth and be sited in the field in front of the retreat centre.

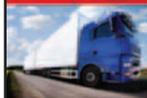
Traditionally stupas are structures for Buddhist worship and typically contain the remains of a Buddha or saint.

The Rokpa Trust acquired the former steading of Glenscorrodale in 1995 and after demolishing the farmhouse, built a long-term retreat centre for 21 men in 2004.

A six-foot high naga or water spirit shrine was built in the same field in 1997.

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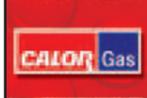
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Royal shotguns go under the hammer

A pair of shotguns from Arran that were hand-made for King Edward VII are being sold at auction on December 17.

The guns were originally commissioned by Queen Victoria for her son Albert Edward and are expected to fetch £70,000. The guns left royal ownership after Edward exchanged them with his good friend the 12th Duke of Hamilton.

A spokesman for the auctioneers said: 'Many of Prince Edward's friends were drawn from the aristocracy of the day, which included the Duke of Hamilton. The two friends shared a love of field sports and Edward visited the Duke's Arran estate many times.'

Shooting

'It was on one of these shooting trips with the Duke that Edward was said to be unhappy with the way he was shooting.'

'The story goes that the Duke offered his own guns for His Royal Highness to try out and he was so delighted by the improvement in his performance that they agreed a permanent exchange.'

The royal shotguns stayed in the Duke's family ever since and are being sold on the open market for the first time. One is inscribed with the message 'Albert Edward Novr 9th 1870' surrounding the crest of the Prince of Wales. Lady Jean Ffordre said: 'We've had them in the family for years but my son has decided to sell them.'

The antique 16 bore guns are being sold at Holt's Auctioneers winter sale at Princess Louise House, London.

Lamlash artist nets big church commission



Tim Pomeroy of Lamlash has been commissioned to undertake a major new project for St Andrew's Roman Catholic Cathedral in Glasgow. b47tim01NO

Lamlash sculptor Tim Pomeroy is to design and build a new baptismal font for St Andrew's Roman Catholic Cathedral in Glasgow.

Although the negotiations for the commission began early in the year, it is only now that the design has been approved by the Archdiocese and the contract architects.

In 1995 Tim carved all the granite art works for St Nicholas's Garden at the Provand's Lordship, popularly known as the oldest house in Glasgow.

The archbishop and his advisers became aware of this and directed the architects to approach Tim for ideas.

The design that has been put forward is for a Carrara marble font 'from the same family' as the Provand's Lordship font.

'The marble for the font will come from Michelangelo's quarry in Italy,' said Tim. 'I'm hoping to visit it very soon to choose the block.'

'The rough stone will weigh in at a whopping 3.8 tons and will be shipped to St Andrews where it will be roughly shaped and where I might have to finish it.'

The frieze on the cathedral font will depict John the Baptist baptising in the River Jordan and will feature many characters from the gospels.

An inscription will be carved on one of the legs of the font and the Jordan, which will be a 'see-through' river, as in the painting by Leonardo Da Vinci, will feature little gilded fish to add an accent of colour to the white marble.

'My forklift truck will only take two tons so it might mean weeks working in St Andrews,' said Tim. 'I would rather make the finishing artworks here on Arran but I have a good relationship with the stonemasons there which will help with living away from home, if it comes to that.'

Other artists commissioned to do work in the cathedral include Glasgow artist Peter Howson who is painting a vast mural in one of the side chapels depicting the martyrdom of John Ogilvie at Glasgow cross.

Jack Sloan, who designed the gates around Provand's Lordship and has several major sculptures around Glasgow, has been commissioned to make new bronze doors in the other side chapel and Netta Ewing a talented textile designer is designing the interior colour scheme and fabric pieces for the church.

It is hoped that the Pope, who will visit Scotland next year, will see the newly opened cathedral with all its new art works.

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Arran's only guide dog owner won't let blindness hold her back

Catherine McLuskey walks through the early morning cool on her way to the Brodick Co-op.

Poppy, Catherine's yellow Labrador, walks by her side sniffing the air as she moves.

For Catherine, having Poppy by her side is not just for pleasure; it is a necessity because she is blind.

At the moment Poppy is Arran's only registered guide dog.

Poppy will stop abruptly at road junctions and wait until it is safe for her owner to cross.

Depending on the hazards ahead, as the pair walk through Brodick it is Poppy's job to keep Catherine safe.

Moving to Brodick six weeks ago to be closer to her son has been a daunting step for Catherine but thanks to Poppy

she is able to navigate her way through this unfamiliar place.

'It has been difficult,' said Catherine. 'For example it will take me a long time to get used to the layout of the Co-op but I feel more confident when Poppy is by my side.'

Nine years ago the 64-year-old began to lose her sight and she is now registered blind.

Darkness

'I have gone from living in a sighted world into darkness and it was a huge shock,' said Catherine. 'It really was a terrible blow and it was terrifying when I had to go to the shops at first.'

For years Catherine used a rolling cane to help her navigate the streets but four years ago she was given Poppy by the National Guide Dog Association.

'Having Poppy has made such a huge difference to my life,' said Catherine. 'Without her I used to often walk into lampposts and really hurt myself.'

'Poppy's job is to take me around all these obstacles and keep me safe.'

'She has given me back some independence and she allows me to live as normal a life as possible.'

With her recent move to the island Catherine is keen to make new friends on Arran.

'It is difficult for me to meet new people but once you get to know me I can guarantee I am a lovely person,' said Catherine.

She is also keen to visit Arran's schools to talk the children about living with blindness.

If anyone would like to get in touch with Catherine please contact The Arran Banner for her details.



Catherine McLuskey with her guide dog Poppy.
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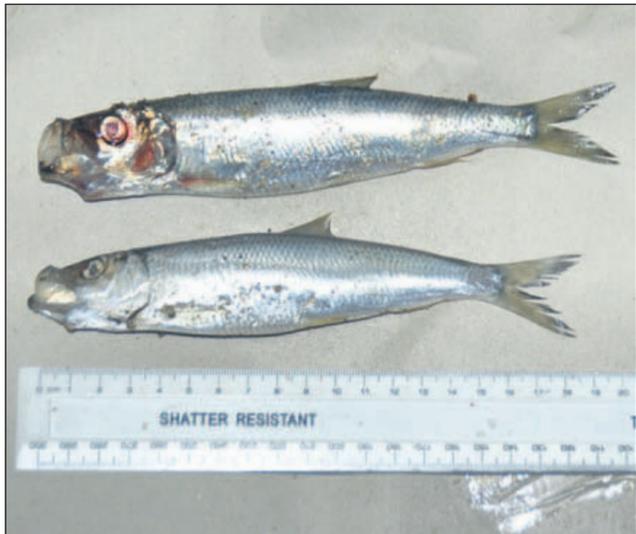
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Dead fish discovered on Brodick beach



Samples of herring washed up on Brodick beach.
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Hundreds of dead fish were found washed up on the beach at Cladach in Brodick on Thursday and thousands more were discovered in the bay.

Staff from Brodick Castle made the discovery at the mouth of the Cladach burn in the afternoon after they had spotted hundreds of gulls flocking above the sea.

Scientists are working to determine the cause of the deaths.

Fergus Watt, investigating officer for the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA), said: 'We received a call to our pollution hotline on Thursday 12 November to report dead fish on the beach

at Brodick Bay.

'On investigating it became clear that a large number of herring had been washed up, but there were no other fish species or invertebrates.

'This indicates that the fish were not killed by a pollution incident but were dumped at sea by a trawler and ended up on the beach due to currents and tidal movement.'

SEPA thanked those that brought the incident to their attention and said they wanted to remind people to inform them as soon as they feel there may have been a pollution incident giving us as many details as possible.

'Getting details quickly will mean we can begin investigations early and take effective action as necessary,' said Fergus. 'SEPA has a 24 hour report line on 0800 80 70 60, or during office hours you can contact our Ayr office on 01292 294000. All contact can be treated as confidential.'



Fergus Watt from SEPA and Carrina Goeckert of Brodick Castle Rangers Centre with samples of the dead fish.
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Schoolhouses to go on the market

Five of Arran's seven schoolhouses are to be sold.

A meeting of North Ayrshire Council Education Executive on Tuesday heard that none of the seven houses are currently likely to meet Scottish Housing Quality Standards.

The houses have been let out to teachers over the years as an incentive to fill vacant posts. However, some of teachers have remained in the house allocated to them for a number of years, and some have remained in the house after they retire from teaching.

A retired teacher occupies one of the seven houses with a Scottish Secure Tenancy. This property could succeed twice on the death of the current tenancy holder.

Another two are occupied respectively by a teacher who owns another property on the island and a long-standing tenant, and both are deemed

to have Scottish Secure Tenancies.

Carol Kirk, corporate director educational services, said: 'It is proposed that consideration be given to selling of the available schoolhouses in their current condition. Any proposed sale would not apply to the two houses at Brodick and Corrie that are attached to the school building.

'This could be achieved by either offering to the current tenant where there is one or selling them on the open market.'

The five houses to be sold are in Shiskine, Kilmory, Pirmill and two in Whiting Bay.

The current market value of the schoolhouses ranges from £210,000 to £335,000.

The income from the sale of these properties could be used to purchase alternative accommodation for short-term housing for any new teachers

on the island. Teachers taking up tenancy of any new accommodation would have a condition of service in their contract setting out the timescale for occupancy.

This would typically be a limited period of two or three years to enable the teacher to become established on the island.

Local councillor Margie Currie said: 'There is no need now for a head teacher to be living next to the school. The need has changed from long-term accommodation for head teachers to temporary ones for probationary and new teachers. Head teachers are on a salary scale where private housing is within their budget.

'Any new temporary housing for teachers could possibly be either purpose-built or leased from Isle of Arran Homes.'

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In a recent poll, Cinderella was the most popular panto in Britain, just topping Aladdin and Jack and the Beanstalk.

Producer Maureen Smith said: 'This will be our first panto in the high school. We've missed the last two years but are determined to get back on track this year.'

'The theatre at the school is a great facility but it is quite a transition from the old community centre.'

Difficult

'The ceiling is so much higher that backcloth and scenery is going to be difficult but we will cope.'

'We are fortunate to have been offered the loan of backcloth from the Arran Torch Players that they used in their last drama production at the school.'

'There are a few new faces this year, and plenty of regulars. Alison Howie is playing Cinderella; it's a world apart from her last appearance in



A mobile Cinderella panto touring on the mainland. b47pan01no

May as a tart in The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas! Campbell Seaton and Colin MacDonald are the Ugly Sisters and Cathy Davidson is the Fairy Godmother.'

Regular performer Helen Macfarlane said: 'At least the school is warm and cosy for rehearsals; we won't have to huddle round radiators like in the community centre.'

It is 10 years since Lamlash

Drama Club put on Cinderella as their pantomime.

Helen is hoping there won't be a repeat of her unfortunate accident in 1999. On the opening night she was playing Devilla, the Wicked Stepmother and during Act One she tripped backstage, fell heavily and broke her left arm. The cry went up: 'Is there a doctor in the house?'

Within minutes Helen was

treated by local GP Graham Tinto who luckily happened to be in the audience. And being a real trouper, she carried on with her part in the second act. This time she is playing a gnome and will be watching her step.

First Class

Maureen Smith said: 'It's a great stage with great seating and this should be first class family entertainment.'

You shall go to the ball, Cinderella!'

A recent survey found that because of the credit crunch, many people were less likely this year to go out to a theatre to see a pantomime. A mainland company has come up with the idea of a mobile panto coming to a street near you. But this will not be available on Arran, so get your tickets and head for the high school.

Advertising Feature

Help us stop adults being harmed in North Ayrshire

Vulnerable adults across North Ayrshire are exposed to abuse in all forms – we all have a duty to protect them.

Following the introduction of the Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007, North Ayrshire Council now has a duty to protect adults who are exposed to neglect, physical, psychological, financial and sexual harm.

Under the new Act, council staff can make inquiries, investigate and can visit any adult if it is known or believed that the adult may be at risk of or subject to harm. They can also apply to the Courts for protection orders if it is believed that further action is required to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the adult.

Council officials will also have the power to investigate cases where adults who are capable of making their own choices about the need for support and protection are not free to do so, possibly because someone else is influencing or intimidating them. Members of the public can also help, by contacting Social Services or speaking to a healthcare professional if they suspect someone is being harmed.

Information on what constitutes harm and how to act are available on the Council's website - www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk - and information leaflets are available in local Council offices, community centres and health centres.

To implement the changes under the terms of the Act and ensure the changes are effective, the North Ayrshire Adult Protection Committee (NAAPC) has been created and

will work closely with NHS Ayrshire and Arran, Strathclyde Police, the Care Commission and other agencies.

NAAPC is providing multi-agency training in adult support and protection. Further, procedures are now established to guide staff who conduct investigations and put in place protective measures. The Council is working closely with the other agencies to develop strategies that will be needed to better protect adults who may be at risk of harm.

North Ayrshire Council's Director of Social Services, Bernadette Docherty, said: "Since the inception of the Act, we have already investigated a number of cases which involve physical, emotional, sexual and financial harm and have taken appropriate steps to protect those involved."

"By working closely with our partners, and members of the community, we are able to identify cases where it is suspected an adult is being harmed. These new powers will primarily help us better protect North Ayrshire's at risk adults but they also send a strong message to abusers that they will no longer be able to hide what they are doing."

The Act defines adults at risk as being 'adults who are unable to safeguard their own well-being, property, rights or other interests, are at risk of harm and because of being affected by disability, mental disorder, illness or physical or mental infirmity, are more vulnerable to being harmed than adults who are not so affected.' An adult is also considered to be at risk of harm if another person's conduct is causing or likely to cause harm or the adult is engaging or is likely to engage in conduct which causes self-harm.

Physical harm - one of the many faces of harm

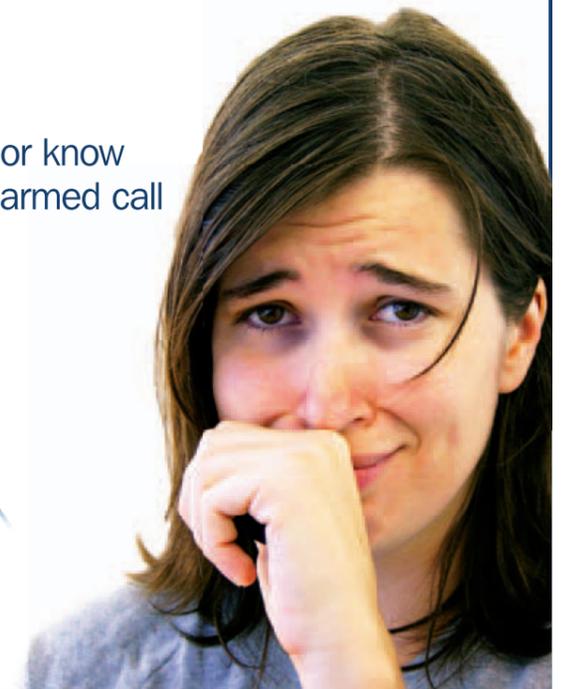
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NORTH AYRSHIRE





Jim and Angela Cassels enjoying the sun in Queensland, Australia. They will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary on Saturday.

Forty happy years for Jim and Angela

November 22 is a very important date for Arran's bird recorder Jim Cassels, who regularly contributes his Bird Notes column to the Banner.

On Saturday he and his wife Angela from Kilpatrick Kennels, Kilpatrick, will celebrate their Ruby Wedding Anniversary.

On November 22, 1969 Angela and Jim were married in St Gabriel's Church in Sunderland, five years after meeting at a holiday camp in Morecambe.

The couple, with their young family, took their first holiday at the Stanford Guest House in Whiting Bay in 1976.

They continued to enjoy frequent holidays to Arran before purchasing Kilpatrick Kennels in 2000 and calling Arran home.

Angela and Jim definitely enjoy island life and both participate and help in a number of island activities, including the Isle of Arran Wildlife Festival.

Jim is Arran's bird recorder and writes the Bird Notes column for The Banner.

Angela and Jim will be celebrating their ruby wedding anniversary with two of their daughters and their families in Suffolk, before heading to the Gold Coast, Australia to continue the celebrations with their eldest daughter and her family.

Serial bride celebrates eighth marriage on Arran

A serial bride has got married for the eighth time in a secret ceremony on Arran.

Sandra McNab, 52, was married to new husband James Beggs on the island after a whirlwind romance.

The pair tried to keep the event from friends and family - and even denied they were planning to marry.

But the couple were married at the registry office in Lam-lash last Tuesday.

Sandra was dubbed 'The Liz

Taylor of Clydebank' after walking down the aisle seven times with six different men.

Her first wedding was to Joseph Mullen in 1973 but they parted in 1981.

She'd been single since divorcing George Pollock for a second time in 2007.

But pub landlady Sandra moved into James' flat in Kilbirnie, Ayrshire, two months ago - just 48 hours after meeting him on an online dating site.

Ayrshire and Arran health heroes scoop top award

Two compassionate healthcare professionals from NHS Ayrshire and Arran were recognised for their hard work and dedication to Scotland's health service last Wednesday night, as they picked up a coveted honour at the Scottish Health Awards 2009.

Janet McKay, a consultant nurse, and the Cardiac Liaison Team, who work throughout Ayrshire and Arran, were amongst the winners at the exclusive ceremony held in the Edinburgh Corn Exchange.

The Cardiac Liaison Team collected the top team award for going beyond the call of duty to deliver expert patient care.

The heart care team, consisting of 20 nurses, physiotherapists and secretarial staff, have also been recognised by the British Heart Foundation through the allocation of two large grants, which will help the team's continuous efforts to improve local health services.

The Cardiac Liaison Team approach patient treatment with professionalism and commit-

ment, and were judged worthy winners of a Scottish Health Award 2009.

Janet McKay, cardiac rehab nurse at Crosshouse Hospital, happily collected the Heart Care Award for her vision and commitment in improving the lives of individuals with heart disease.

Janet's work has been instrumental to the development of cardiac rehab and heart failure services within Ayrshire and Arran.

Special Contribution

Scottish health secretary Nicola Sturgeon said: 'The winners of this year's Scottish Health Awards have been recognised for making a special contribution to healthcare.'

'I would like to congratulate the winners and the runners up for their enthusiasm and commitment to improving patient care in Scotland.'

All the finalists received a donation to their nominated charity, with more than £30,000 being donated on the night.

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Support your village hall

Arran's village halls should be the hubs of the community.

In many cases they are just that, but they need to be used by the villagers to keep them viable and to pay for their upkeep.

Maintenance costs are always rising and hall committees are eager to see these great community facilities used as much as possible.

Dorothy Harris of Whiting Bay is concerned about the well-being of her village hall. She contacted the Banner to say that a few people in the village are working hard, especially the committee, to raise funds for the hall.

It has recently been refurbished by volunteers but she feels that it needs more publicity so that people use it as a venue more often.

Dorothy suggests that people could write in to the Banner with memories and anecdotes of past events in the hall. She also feels that this could apply to other village halls around the island.

Dorothy mentions celebrities that have graced the Whiting Bay stage in days gone by, such as Evelyn Glennie, Barbara Dickson and John Cairney. It has been the venue for wedding receptions, music festivals, sales of work, Halloween parties, memorial services and New Year dances.

The difficulties facing village halls are not new. Thirty-two years ago in 1977 David Pendrigh wrote in the Banner that 'the problem facing village halls is peculiar to rural communities.

'This rests entirely with the villagers. Do they really support their hall as they should?'

David pointed out that Whiting Bay's is the only auditorium on the island in which full-length plays can be presented to audiences of around 400 comfortably seated.

Shiskine is one of the busiest halls on the island and Kilmory folk seem to use their hall on a regular basis. Pirmill has music sessions and is used by the school. The community in Lochranza worked together to get a new hall in 2001. Corrie and Sannox hall has many local events. Kildonan has an energetic hall committee. Brodick's hall is owned by the local authority but run by a local committee. And, of course, Lamdash lost its hall when the much-loved but rather run-down community centre closed two years ago.

The message is simple. Your village hall is there to be used. Hard-working committees have fought to build and maintain it, so do your best to support it.

The Banner would be pleased to hear of any anecdotes or memories from islanders relating to the rich history of Arran's village halls.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"You are forgiving and good, O Lord, abounding in love to all who call to You." (Psalms 86:5)

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Letters to the Editor



Thank you from Filipino family

Sir,
Through your letters page, I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to all that were involved in the Scots/Filipino night at the Lochranza Distillery on November 4.

My family and I are humbled that my colleagues at the distillery would organise such an event for us and were overwhelmed by the generosity of everyone who attended and performed as well as the organisations that donated to the raffle.

The raffle alone made £472 that helped make up the grand total of £1,755.50.

Our home in Manila was ruined with the recent flooding and all our belongings lost. This money will help to replace some of our belongings.

What we still have is our memories and to these we will add the memories of this wonderful evening, surrounded by the special people of Arran.

Thank you for making us a part of your exceptional community.

Once again, a big thank you.

Yours,
Raffy, Beverly and Bea Lising Butt Lodge Lochranza

Castle support welcomed

Sir,
I am writing to thank your readers for their support of the National Trust for Scotland this summer.

Our local properties have had a really strong season.

As chief executive of the charity charged with the care of Brodick Castle, one of Arran's most popular historic properties, I know how critical the support of local communities is to achieving this.

As well as visiting properties, local people generously support our charity and its vital conservation work through volunteering, by becoming members or buying membership as a gift for friends and family, and

through donations.

We very much welcome this support, on which our charity depends.

We are already making plans for next season, when visitors can enjoy the wonderful artworks for which the castle is famous.

The castle and visitor centre will be open Saturday to Wednesday from the spring-time.

In the meantime, you can continue to enjoy the Country Park and the wonderful, wild Goatfell, which is accessible all year round.

We look forward to welcoming many of you to our wonderful properties across Scotland soon.

Thank you once again.

Yours,
**Kate Mavor
Chief executive
The National Trust
for Scotland
28 Charlotte Square
Edinburgh**

Stranded

Sir,
I refer to Jenny Lyon's Banner article 'Stranded!'

The train/bus transport was a scheduled connection albeit running late, the driver probably concentrating on getting to the terminal for the last sailing of the day, and did he have a mobile phone?

What a contrast to August with a delayed sailing waiting for children when the weather was fine and there were other scheduled sailings that day.

I recall a situation earlier this year when the 3.15pm ferry was running late apparently because of the time taken to embark passengers and vehicles both on the 1.50pm and, according to CalMac staff, earlier sailings. When we eventually left Ardrossan, as a foot passenger I contemplated lurking around Brodick waiting for a later bus to complete my journey.

Considerably later than the scheduled bus departure time of 4.20pm, we berthed at Brodick. Imagine the joy of finding all the busses waiting for the arrival of the ferry. Further, those passengers already on board them waiting patiently and uncomplainingly, knowing that a slight delay to their journeys would prevent an even longer one for those on a late-running ferry.

Perhaps some 'suit' from CalMac would like to explain both the company's policy if a scheduled transport connection is delayed, and the ramifications of a scheduled sailing departing before its nominated sailing time.

Yours,
**Peter Yates
Tarnside Barn
Nosterfield
Bedale
North Yorkshire**

Brewery is a name to remember

Sir,
I am writing to rectify a mistake by a Mr Jackson in last week's Banner.

The Arran Brewery employs two skilled men to brew the Arran beer.

They are Paul McLuskey and Kevin Dewar and this two-man team work hand in hand to brew Arran beer – otherwise they would never get a holiday!

Along with the rest of the staff they all work together to make sure Arran beer is the best.

Mr Gerald Michaluk has a good workforce here on the island.

I understand that they have brewed a stout called Clyde Puffer, which I hope, will be made for sale next year.

I have tried this stout and it is very nice. I hope every one is being rewarded for all their hard work in keeping Arran beer on the market and in keeping Arran Brewery a name to remember for all their beers in the future.

Yours,
**Mrs Henry
Arran**

Seams affect us all

Sir,
The scam highlighted by Maureen Smith in last week's Banner is one of many such this year.

I keep a notebook of general and frequent topics of which scams and hoaxes is one.

A recent survey said that they hoodwink one in five Britons.

For instance, in June-October this year, by telephone: 1 Bogus Inland Revenue caller, reported in *The Scotsman*, June 6.

2 'You are due a refund from HM Revenue and Customs', reported in *The Orcadian*, July 9 and *Westmorland Gazette*, July 24.

3 'We are from the bank, checking your bank details' or 'preparing to transfer funds to you', in *The Shetland Times*, July 17.

4 'We are from the Citizens Advice Bureau in a government project to assist the hard up', reported in *The Shetland Times*, August 21.

5 'I can get you a council tax rebate, send me your bank details', *Keswick Reminder*, August 28.

6 'I am from Hamilton, Moore and Associates, Toronto. You have won £500,000. Send bank details', in *The Whitehaven and Cumbria News*, September 10.

7 'I am from BT, with great offers. Send....', *Shetland Times*, October 9.

8 Bogus third world charity-clothing collections in Cumbria, reported in *South Yorkshire and West Sussex* this year.

Also on the recent topic of bathing boxes – these were a common sight at sea resorts 50 years ago.

Their predecessors were the bathing machines that were wheeled into the sea.

Your editorial (Nov 14) is right to redirect attention to the real meaning of Christmas.

However, many will have overspent; for them it will not be 'all over in six weeks time' as some are still paying for last Christmas.

Yours,
**Jeremy Godwin
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Two Arran businesses promoted in £1.3m campaign

This week VisitScotland launched its Winter White campaign in partnership with Ayrshire & Arran tourism businesses.

The region's official tourism organisation launched its seasonal marketing drive to inspire more visitors to come to Ayrshire & Arran during the traditionally quieter winter months.

Two Arran businesses, the Best Western Kinloch Hotel at Blackwaterfoot, and Craigdhu Farm Cottages at Kildonan, are joined by Glenapp Castle, The Barn, Enterkine Country House, Daviot House, and Prestwick St Cuthbert Golf Club in the campaign that focuses on the best things to see and do in the region

White experiences being promoted include sampling white cheeses on Arran's Scottish cheese trail, earning your chef's whites at Braehead Foods Cook School, and enjoying a luxury golf trip at Turnberry Hotel this winter.

Magical

Jim Mather, minister for tourism, said: 'The magical combination of winter festivals, stunning seasonal scenery and homegrown Scottish traditions are all part of the innovative ways of attracting new visitors to Ayrshire & Arran to make it a must-visit destination.'

'Tourism in Ayrshire & Arran is increasingly becoming all year round and the Winter White campaign is a major contributor to the local tourism industry. As the year of Homecoming comes to an exciting finale over the St Andrew's Day weekend, there is a whole host of exciting winter events for visitors to enjoy across the region.'

With accommodation offers, visitor attractions, food and drink promotions and activity suggestions, VisitScotland's fourth Winter White campaign showcases the very best of Ayrshire and Arran, whatever the weather.

Wildlife and outdoor activities are key themes, and the Winter White website also works in partnership with Scottish Natural Heritage to inspire visitors to get out and about and enjoy memorable experiences.



The staff at the new Golden Dragon restaurant in Brodick From left to right, Joe Ling, Jason Zhu, with hotel owners Janie and Billy McLaren, Lindsay Leser and Lynn Zhu. 01_b47chi02

Golden Dragon re-opens in Brodick

The new Golden Dragon Chinese restaurant at the McLaren Hotel opened on Saturday night much to the delight of Arran's residents.

Less than a month after be-

ing forced to close its doors in Whiting Bay, Jason Zhu and his wife Lynn have relocated their business to the hotel in Brodick.

The Golden Dragon has operated from a variety of locations over the last six years, including the Cameronia and The Pantry, and had developed an excellent reputation for quality and service.

Since the Cameronia bar closed in February, the restaurant has continued to offer top quality Chinese and European food as a sit-in or take-away service but last month the restaurant closed.

However, thanks to local hoteliers Billy and Janie McLaren, the restaurant has opened its doors once again.

On Friday night a number of special guests were invited to a 'cook-off' on the premises to sample some of the dishes on the menu.

Billy McLaren, owner of the hotel said he was delighted with the first weekend's trading.

'It was great' he said. 'We

had a good number of people in on both Saturday and Sunday night and we decided to open on Monday night too because people were coming in for takeaways.'

The restaurant is going to be open six days a week - closed on Mondays - and offers a fantastic menu full of all the signature dishes that islanders have come to expect that can be eaten in the restaurant or as a takeaway.



Jason Zhu, head chef at the Golden Dragon with some of his magnificent vegetable carvings.

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Art displays in the kitchen. 02_b47art05



Cassie, acrylic by Steve Hope. 02_b47art12

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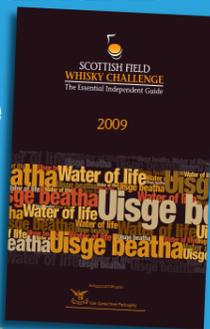
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Castle takes centre stage at exhibition

The 12th annual art show at Brodick Castle was again well-received and popular with islanders and holiday-makers.

After the official preview evening last Wednesday, the show of contemporary art was on display to the public daily until Saturday. Visitors were able to see paintings, drawings, sculptures and wood-work from 74 local artists.

Most of the exhibits were on sale with a marked price and ranged from £30 for Enchantment, a watercolour by Gaynor Harris to £3,000 for Mondeling (verbal), an oil painting on canvas by Annelies Slaats of Kilmory.

The 250 exhibits were spread throughout the castle from the tearoom to the hallway, landing, drawing room, dining room, library and kitchen.

Castle office manager Sue Tozer was responsible for much of the organising behind the exhibition.

She said: 'We only charge the public a £2 entry fee and it is a great way for people to wander round the castle. Its also a wonderful place to show off the wide range of exhibits.'

'The exhibitors pay £2 for

'It has been good to see the surprising number of visitors from the mainland who have timed their visit to Arran to coincide with the exhibition' - **Sue Tozer, Brodick Castle**

Brodick Castle

one entry if they are amateur and £14 for up to six entries if they are professional. We let them self-assess as to their status.

'With the extra security our staff costs are over £600 and we just about cover that. Any sales give a 20 percent donation towards our costs.'

Of the 74 exhibitors, 48 were deemed to be professionals and 26 amateurs. There were slightly less paintings but more photographs than usual.

Sue said: 'We have had an amazing amount of help from Arran Visual Arts, a couple of the artists and the Friends of Brodick Castle. The Friends

helped with the cost of printing and £14 for up to six entries if they are professional.

'It takes a lot of work to hang the pictures in these high-ceiling rooms. The pieces are brought in on Monday afternoon and it takes all day Tuesday for our team to display them.'

'It has been good to see the surprising number of visitors from the mainland who have timed their visit to Arran to coincide with the exhibition.'

Joint award winners were Steve Hope of Blackwaterfoot with Cassie, an acrylic, and Alison Barr of Brodick with a watercolour of Blackwaterfoot beach.



A selection of exhibits by John Knox, Sheila Findlay and Lesley Main, ranging from £95 to £175. 02_b47art02



Houses at Auchengallon by Lady Jean Fforde £50.

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Autumn Wrap, necklaces and felt boots by Kathleen McNeish. 02_b47art08



Night scene, Broomielaw. Acrylic by Nicky Gill £750. 02_b47art01

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Banner readers Jennifer Chambers and Carolyn Hibberd catch up on the local news on board the four-masted brigantine 'Star Clipper'. The ship was at anchor off the Greek island of Hydra during a cruise around the Aegean Sea in July this year. b46ban01



Kip Horton, a regular visitor to Lochranza, took time out at the master tennis championship in Monte Carlo to read *The Arran Banner*. b20ban01

Corrie and Sannox Wednesday Club

There was an excellent attendance on Wednesday November 11 to hear Grace Small's talk on Holy Isle illustrated by Verner's slides.

How dedicated she is in researching the history of the island and how well she presents it. Regulars and visitors alike enjoyed the talk and were sorry to hear that it was the last presentation that they will do. How fondly we remember their Delectable Island presentations of the past in Corrie Church.

Next Meeting

At our next meeting on Wednesday December 9 Dr Graham Tinto will speak to us about Traidcraft.

Please note that this meeting will be held in the annexe of Corrie Primary School, as the children will be rehearsing in the village hall for their Christmas concert.

The Christmas lunch for senior residents of Corrie and Sannox will be held on December 23 at Scotts @Corrie Golf Club. Those wishing to attend, please contact 810268 by Tuesday December 1.

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

It has been incredible to see all of the different places across the globe that Banner readers visit each year.

This week we have pictures of *The Arran Banner* being read in some very glamorous and beautiful locations.

Kip Horton took time out to read the newspaper while watching the tennis in Monte Carlo while Jennifer Chambers and Carolyn Hibberd took their Banner on board a yacht in the Aegean Sea.

Closer to home Colette Napier caught up on all of Arran's local news while travelling to Orkney on the ferry.

Don't forget to pack your copy of the Banner if you are going on holiday. It could be from Java or Jedburgh, it really doesn't matter; we would love to see your photographs.

Please send them to us either by email to editor@arranbanner.co.uk or to The Arran banner, Douglas Centre, Brodick KA27 8AJ.



Collette Napier from Shiskine read her Banner on the ferry to see family in Stromness, Orkney. The Old Man of Hoy can be seen in the background. b44ban01

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Often all that is seen of the kingfisher is a glimpse of a bright blue back flying off over water.

Bird Notes - the Kingfisher

by Jim Cassels

This is a good time of year to look out for kingfishers.

This starling-sized bird is often unobtrusive despite its bright colours, and often all that is seen is a glimpse of a bright blue back flying off over water.

On the other hand this shy bird can allow really close clear views, if you are patient.

In recent years, sightings on Arran have been after the breeding season, as winter is approaching, when birds disperse to be nearer the milder coast.

There are no confirmed breeding records of kingfisher on Arran.

In September there were three reports of the bird on Arran, one on Wednesday the 16th in the Fisherman's Walk area in Brodick, one on Friday

the 18th in the Cordon area of Lamlash and one on Saturday the 26th over the Rosa Burn by the museum in Brodick.

These were the first records for 2009. In 2008 there were no records between March and September.

In recent years there have been reports from many parts of the coast around Arran including Blackwaterfoot, Lamlash, Lochranza and even the pier at Brodick.

In Scotland, the kingfisher is a localised breeder found mostly in the south and west mainland.

The range of this species is from the British Isles and Scandinavia east across central Europe to the Urals and the Caspian Sea.

Populations in the north and east undertake long distance migrations to winter in southern Europe and North Africa, but birds further west and south are either sedentary or short distance migrants.

Wherever the birds on Arran come from their presence brightens any day.

Enjoy your birding.

Please send all sightings, giving '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 2008* and visit this website www.arranbirding.co.uk

The Fitzwilliam Quartet in concert

The Banner's music correspondent Harry Ross made his way to Brodick Hall on November 7 to hear the Fitzwilliam Quartet in concert, organised by the Isle of Arran Music Society and sponsored by Inspirations of Arran.

Lucy Russell, violin; Jonathan Sparey, violin; Alan George, viola; Heather Tuach, cello.

It is over 20 years ago that the Fitzwilliam performed in Brodick Castle and of course, some of the musicians have changed, but not the quality of the performance.

The Purcell Fantasia No 7 was the first piece and the chromatic harmony and range of tone were quite advanced for the period, 1680.

This was followed by Percy Grainger's Molly on the Shore which consisted of the Irish Reel based on his two melodies from the Cork area of Ireland, very much in keeping with the jauntiness typical of a reel.

These pieces were somewhat curtailed and almost before we knew it Alexander Glazunov's Noveletten opus 15 numbers one and three were performed with much expertise of light and shade with good strong cello base lines lifting the quartet into near perfection.



Harry Ross. b47har01

The Shostakovich quartet in C minor opus 110 from 1960 was quite the most exquisite performance of the night, full of great pathos and divine dissonances, mournful but beautiful interpretation; an atmosphere that continued throughout each movement; Largo Allegro molto, Allegretto, Largo, Largo; the latter being a deeply moving finale to the piece.

After the interval the quartet performed Haydn's Quartet in D Major, opus 50, number 6; The Frog. The Allegro was bright and full of technique, the Adagio slightly melancholic and thoughtful, the Mendetto was very precise and full of contrast; the Allegro sparkling and brilliantly played.

Altogether the quartet were quite spellbinding in their accuracy and interpretation and the D Major was a sparkling success. HR

Local artist demonstrate lino-printing

Judith Baines sent us a report of the Arran Visual Arts workshop on Saturday afternoon where local artist Tim Pomeroy demonstrated the craft of Lino-printing.

Ten eager students gathered at the Ranger's Centre in Brodick on Saturday for a lino-printing workshop with renowned local artist and sculptor Tim Pomeroy.

He talked to us about all that is involved in the designing, cutting and printing of a lino block and how important it is to plan the project carefully so that the needs of each stage are foreseen.

He showed us examples of prints in black and white and in two and three colours and explained the process of reduction printing where the lino is cut away gradually between the printing of each colour.

He then discussed design ideas with each person.

We then had to decide on the size and shape of our pieces of lino, paint them with white emulsion so that the drawing would show up, measure and cut the paper in preparation for the prints before drawing or tracing our designs onto the blocks.

By lunchtime the first prints were hanging on the washing line that Tim had stretched along the back of the room and we were all marvelling at their beauty and diversity. As the afternoon went on the layers of ink were added to the multicoloured prints, more dramatic black and white ones were printed and the excitement was intense!

Viv Parks, chair of Arran Visual Arts, spoke for us all when she wholeheartedly thanked Tim and we all felt privileged to have worked with such an inspiring artist and teacher.



Ten eager students had the satisfaction of cutting into the warmed blocks at the lino-printing workshop with Tim Pomeroy on Saturday.

Hospital Supporters League Christmas Fayre

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Geoff and Val Burdis with their musical slide show.

Slide show raises funds for village hall

Residents of Lochranza were entertained last Thursday evening with a musical slide show presented by Geoff and Val Burdis.

The event was a fundraiser for the village hall and more than 50 people enjoyed a virtual trip around Arran, Wester Ross, France and Swaledale.

Geoff and Val are from Northallerton in Yorkshire, but are regular visitors to the island. Refreshments were laid on in the form of burgers.

Small Christmas cake decoration demonstration held at Kilmory SWRI

At the meeting of Kilmory SWRI on Monday 9 November Jerry Arthur gave a demonstration on decorating small Christmas cakes that are useful gifts.

She also showed the ladies how to make chocolate truffles.

Wilma Currie won the competition for an unusual spoon and Janet Mulholland won the prize for a knitted scarf.

The next meeting will be on Monday 14 December when Assaya Baumgartner will demonstrate the making of Christmas decorations.

The competitions will be for a Christmas cracker and Christmas jewellery.

Magnificent poppy collection

The magnificent sum of £1,990.28 was collected in Brodick for the 2009 Poppy Scotland collection.

Alan Milligan, Brodick's Poppy Scotland convenor, said: 'I would like to thank all the outlets who displayed the poppies, the ladies who conducted street collections, and of course all who contributed so generously once again to Poppy Scotland.'

Arran livestock sales

Stirling market prices

United Auctions had forward 1,468 store cattle, suckled calves, cast cows, 2,660 store lambs and feeding sheep at their Stirling Agricultural Centre last Wednesday.

Cattle
Aberdeen Angus cross heifers £760, 160p Tighanfraoch.

Charolais cross bullock calves £505, 216p Ceithir Gaoithe.

Charolais heifer calves £595, 182.5p Moor.

Limousin cross bullocks calves £605, 182p Craigraineach.

Sheep
Texel cross lambs Moor £63.50, Craigraineach £61, Sheddock £54, Bridge £48.

Suffolk cross lambs Craigraineach £63, Auchenhew £61.50, Sheddock £54.

Continental cross lambs Ceithir Gaoithe £48.

Mule lambs Bridge £50, Cheviot lambs Duncansville £45, Blackface lambs Ceother Gaoithe £39.

Texel ewes Balgowan £75, Sheddock £55.50.

Mule ewes Craigraineach £57, Sheddock £56.50, Bridge £51.50.

Cheviot ewes Duncansville £56.50, Blackface ewes Balgowan £33.50, Sheddock £32.

Ayr market prices

Craig Wilson Ltd, Ayr Auction Market sold 329 suckled calves and store and breeding cattle and 1,781 store and breeding sheep consigned by Arran producers to the recent autumn sales of livestock. Prices were well in excess of last year's levels much to the benefit of those who participated.

Suckled calves
Simmental bul-

locks: £755, £745, £730, £690 Clachaig, pence per kilo: 206.2, 203.3, 2005 Clachaig.

Simmental heifers: £690, £640, £610 Clachaig, pence per kilo: 197.4, 196.3, 192.8 Clachaig

Charolais bullocks: £680 Drumaghinier, £630, £575 Springfield, £535 Lenamhor, pence per kilo: 247, 213 Lenamhor, 240, 224.6 Springfield, 220, 218 Drumaghinier.

Charolais heifers: £595, £530, £515 Springfield, £535 Drumaghinier, pence per kilo: 216.3, 212.8, 205.1 Springfield, 198.9 Drumaghinier.

Limousin bullocks: £730, £710 Craigraineach, £525 Springfield, pence per kilo: 226.3 Springfield, 200 Craigraineach.

Limousin heifers: £530 Springfield, pence per kilo: 228.4 Springfield.

British Blue Bullocks: £690 Craigraineach.

Store cattle

Simmental bullocks: £835, £670 Cairnhouse, £750, £670 Hillhead, £735 Birchburn, £715 Springfield. Simmental heifers: £595 Bridge. Limousin bullocks: £830 Bellevue, £815, £795, £775, £770, £720, £705 Cairnhouse, £735, £685 Glenree. Limousin heifers: £770 Cairnhouse, £730, £710, £680 Bellevue. Angus bullocks: £855 Bellevue.

Angus heifers: £700 Bellevue. Charolais bullocks: £855 Braehead. Charolais heifers: £790 Braehead. Luing bullocks: £770 Altgolath. Prime Angus bullocks: £785,

£775 Altgolath. British Blue bullocks: £735, £700 Bellevue, £690 Cairnhouse. Montbelliarde bullocks: £680, £630 Bellevue. Holstein bullocks: £725 Bellevue.

Breeding cattle
Angus bulls: 900gns Moor. Simmental bulls: 1,500gns, 1,250gns Birchburn. Saler cows and calves: £950, £900 Ceithir Gaoithe. Angus heifers in-calf: £1,180 (2), £1,150 (2), £1,050 (2) Bellvue.

Cast bulls: £1,100 Birchburn. Cast cows: £785, £740, £625, £570 Auchenhew, £645, £560, £555, £550 Moor, £570 Heathcote, £670 Bellvue.

Store prime lambs

Texel: £65, £53.50, £52, £51.50 Bridge, £63.80, £60, £59.50, £57.50, £52 Springfield, £59, £57, £56.80, £55, £54.50, £54, £53 Auchenhew, £54 Hillhead, £53.50 Glenree.

Suffolk: £61.20, £55, £52.50, £52 Auchenhew, £57.50 Craigraineach, £53.50 Hillhead and Glenree, £50.50 Swallowbrae.

Greyface wedders: £52.50, £47.50 Springfield £48, £45 Glenree. Greyface ewe lambs: £52 Craigraineach. Blackface wedder lambs: £43, £40, £35 Glenree, £40 Hillhead.

Breeding sheep

Greyface gimmers: £108, £106, £102, £100 Bailemargaidh, £94 Springfield, £92, £86 (4) Seaview. Cheviot gimmers: £100, £98, £86 North Arran Farms.

Cast sheep

Blackface rams: £40.50 Glenree. Texel ewes: £66, £52, Auchenhew. Greyface ewes: £55.50 Auchenhew. Blackface ewes: £20 Glenree.

Businesses invited on wildlife safari

The Isle of Arran Wildlife Festival is inviting local business people to rediscover the joy of childhood holidays with a special seashore safari in Lamlash on Monday, November 30.

The walk will be followed by a meeting in Lamlash Golf Clubhouse to find out how the festival and businesses can work together for mutual benefit.

Festival organisers will show off the array of wildlife found on Arran's coast and discuss plans for the 2010 festival. The safari starts at 2.30pm at Kerr's Port car park, Clachlands Point and the meeting at the golf club follows at 5pm.

Festival co-ordinator Lucy Wallace said: 'This event is a bit of fun with a serious note. We would like to meet local business managers to look at ways we can work together. There are many ways that tourism providers can gain from the marketing work we already do for Arran and sup-



A black guillemot taken on Arran and winning photo in last year's festival competition.

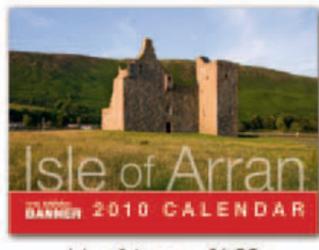
port the festival at the same time, for example through promotions, special products and packages.

'We are open to ideas.' For more information please contact Lucy Wallace on eider@hotmail.co.uk or 07825644161.

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All the aces

When eight-year-old Jamie Picken sat down to play whist with the adults last Saturday in Kilmory Hall there were a few disapproving glances.

Too young; he'd hold them up; they've got to be old enough to join us, they said.

But when play commenced did Jamie hold them up? Not a bit.

In fact by the end of the night the youngster had the highest score in the room.

One seasoned whist player said; 'It may be a game of luck over one hand but over 20 it has to be a skill!'

Jamie scored 148 in 20 hands.

Either pure skill or maybe he just held all the aces.

Licence granted

The Allandale Hotel in Brodick has been granted a restricted licence by Cunninghame District Licensing Board.

Previously owned by Grace and Verner Small who concentrated on walking holidays from the hotel it was taken over this year by Mrs Valerie Sommerville.

DJ Charles says goodbye

The final Arran Waves programme was broadcast last Wednesday night.

DJ Charles Currie, who is also the island's tourist officer, had intimated early in the year that he could no longer continue with his show on Westsound radio.

During his final Arran Waves programme he interviewed two

charity fundraisers, Howard Walker about Holy Isle and Brian Wilson MP about housing associations.

Corrie out of reach

Residents in Corrie were left without a telephone connection on Sunday and Monday as the result of cable laying.

On Tuesday Fire Brigades were called to a house fire in the village leading many locals to comment how lucky it was that it hadn't happened a day earlier.

have been seconded to a different project.

Army HQ however are still hopeful that they can find a team to lay down the grass strip in the next few months.

Call for Housing Association

'Without affordable housing being made available for young locals and first time buyers the social structure of this island is under threat of collapse.'

This was just one of many views voiced at a meeting to discuss the setting up of a housing association on the island on Thursday.

The meeting was called by local MP Brian Wilson who came with two representatives from Scottish Homes.

It was agreed that a more detailed picture of the island's situation, with regards to representing people's housing needs, should be drawn up.

The whole cheese

It is official Arran cheese is the best.

For Torrylinn Creamery has won the championship of the Scottish Cheese Trade Show this week as well as a clutch of other prizes too.

Creamery manager Neil McLean said: 'We've been knocking at the door for a few years but we've finally done it.'

'The man who judged it said it was the best cheese he had tasted in years.'



Eight-year-old Jamie Picken came out on top when he took on the Kilmory adults in a whist drive on Saturday night. b47twe01

Airport plans halted

Arran's airport proposal took a step backwards this week when it was heard that the army squadron who had offered to construct the runway



The Reverend Ian MacLeod leads the Brodick Remembrance Day celebrations in Brodick. b47twe04



Bargain hunters gathered in Corrie Hall on Saturday for the annual village auction. More than £1,000 was raised of which 15 per cent will go to the Corrie and Sannox Harbour Trust. b47twe03



The Greannan Hotel in Torbeg re-opened for business last week under new management. b47twe02



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Wednesday - Country/ Blues Session - 9.30pm
Thursday - General Knowledge quiz - 10pm
Saturday - Over 21s Disco - 10pm

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Blackwaterfoot Junior Football
Karate
Family Games Kids & Adults
Fun in the Spa Pool
Over 21's Disco
Arran Dancers (4 years and up)
Youth Cafe (High School Pupils)
Folk session
Youth Cafe (High School Pupils)
Saturday Social
Folk Music
RNLI shop open
Lamlash Bowling Club Prizegiving
Naked Sunday Live

Coaching, 10.30am - noon
Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am - 12.30pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
Auchrannie Pool, 4pm - 5pm
The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Arran High School, 10am
Brodict Church Hall, 7pm - 9pm
Kildonan Hotel, 9pm
Brodict Church Hall, 7pm - 9pm
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 6pm - Late
Kildonan Hotel, 9pm
Lamlash Pier 10.30 till 12.30
Lamlash Golf Club, 7pm
Bar Eden, 9.30pm

SUNDAY 22nd NOVEMBER

Alcoholics Anonymous
Family Games Kids & Adults
Folk Session
Fun in the Spa Pool
Arran Fiddle Club- Childrens Classes
Folk Session
Motocross Practice (Weather Permitting)
Concert by Lochranza Choir

Church Hall, Brodict, 4.30pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Auchrannie Pool, 4pm - 5pm
Library Annexe, 1.45pm
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Southbank Farm track, 6pm - 7.30pm
Whiting Bay Church, 2.30pm

MONDAY 23rd NOVEMBER

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

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

TUESDAY 24th NOVEMBER

Lochranza Swimming Club
Army Cadets
Pop Quiz
Alcoholics Anonymous
Citizens Advice
Pulmonary Rehab
Open Music Session
Indoor Bowling

Kinloch 11am - 12pm
Auchrannie Road, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Brodict Church Hall - 2pm
Open 10am - 2pm 4 - 6pm (Appointment Only)
Auchrannie Gym 12pm - 1pm (Gym)
Catacol Bay Hotel, 8.30pm
Auchrannie Hall, 7pm

Junior Hockey Club
Brodict Toddler Group
Body Conditioning Class
Youth Club
Senior Fitness
Step Aerobics
Rotary Club
Scottish Country Dancing
Winter Bowling
Indoor Bowling
Cricket Indoor Nets
Kildonan WRI Open Night

Ormidale Pavillion, 6-7pm
Church Hall, 10am - 12pm
KA Leisure, dance studio 6pm - 7pm
Kildonan Hall - 6pm
Auchrannie, 10am - 11am
Auchrannie Gym, 7pm - 8pm
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie 7.15pm
Brodict Church Hall, 7.30pm
Auchrannie, 7pm
Corrie & Sannox Hall, 2pm - 4pm
High School Gym, 7pm - 9pm
Kildonan Hall, 7.30pm

WEDNESDAY 25th NOVEMBER

Hockey
Jnr Rugby Training
AquaFizz
Circuit Training
Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy
Kickboxing
Arran Healing Rooms
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Rugby Club Seniors Training
Arran Brass Rehearsal
Selt Making Class
Beavers
Yogalates
Pre school Music & Drama Classes
Quiz Night
Learn to Salza

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

THURSDAY 26th NOVEMBER

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

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

FRIDAY 27th NOVEMBER

Arran Pipe Band Practice
AquaFizz
Citizens Advice
Quiz
Over 21's Disco
Yogalates
Street Dance
Seniors Badminton (Over 50s)
Arran Ceilidh Dance Group
Lamlash Friday Club
Foundations at The Cabin
Open Folk Night
ARRPARK Charity Mixed Doubles Darts
Coffee Morning
Golden Anniversary Celebration Concert

Brodict Hall, 7.30pm
Auchrannie Pool, 9.45am - 10.30am
Open 10am - 2pm
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 9pm
The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Auchrannie Gym, 10am - 11am
Auchrannie Gym, 7pm - 8pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 2pm
Corrie Hall, 8pm - 10pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 2pm - 3.30pm
The Cabin, 7pm - 9pm
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 9.30pm
Drift Inn, 7.30pm
Corrie & Sannox Hall, 10.15am - 12pm
Shiskine Hall, 7.30pm

SATURDAY 28th NOVEMBER

Farmers market
Quiz
Friends of Lochranza Kirk Sale of Work

Kilmory Hall, 10.30am - 2pm
Catacol Bay Hotel, 8.30pm
Lochranza Hall, 2pm - 4pm



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PUBLIC NOTICES

DRIVE TIMES

**THE NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997
THE NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL ((MIDDLE ROAD,
WHITING BAY, ISLE OF ARRAN)
(STOPPING UP) ORDER 2009**

NOTICE is hereby given that The North Ayrshire Council have made an Order under Section 207 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 and propose to have the said Order confirmed Stopping Up the road described in the Schedule hereto. The title of the Order is The North Ayrshire Council (Middle Road, Whiting Bay, Isle of Arran) (Stopping Up) Order 2009.

A copy of the Order and of the accompanying plan showing the length of road to be Stopped Up have been deposited at the office of Legal and Protective Services, The North Ayrshire Council, Cunninghame House, Irvine and at Arran Local Office, Council Offices, Shore Road, Lamlash, Brodick, Isle of Arran where they are available for inspection free of charge during normal office hours for the period of 28 days from the date of first publication of this Notice.

ANY PERSON may within 28 days from the date of first publication of this Notice object to the making of the Order by notice in writing to the Manager Legal Services, Legal and Protective Services, The North Ayrshire Council, Cunninghame House, Irvine, KA12 8EE. Objections should state the name and address of the objector, the matters to which they relate and the grounds on which they are made. If no representations or objections in respect of the Order are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, within the said period, the Order may be confirmed by the Council as an unopposed Order.

Patrick J Boyle, Manager Legal Services,
Cunninghame House, IRVINE, KA12 8EE
11 November 2009

Schedule
A section of Middle Road, Whiting Bay, Isle of Arran situated generally to the east of Golf Course Road and to the west of the A841 public road, subject to a right of pedestrian access being retained along the full length of the road to be stopped up.

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997
PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION
AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997**

Applications listed below together with the plans and other documents submitted with them may be examined at Legal and Protective Services, Cunninghame House, Irvine between the hours of 9.00am and 4.45pm on weekdays (4.30pm Fridays) excepting Saturdays and Public Holidays or at www.eplanning.north-ayrshire.gov.uk

Written representations may be made to the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Protective Services) at the address below by 11th December 2009. Any representations received will be open to public view.

*and at The Council Offices, Lamlash

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT
MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008**
Notice of application to be published under regulation 20(1)
Application No: 09/00771/PP Address: Site To South Of Sealladh-an-Dheas, Shiskine, Brodick Isle Of Arran Proposed Development: Erection of one and a half storey dwelling house

Elma Murray
Chief Executive
Cunninghame House
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**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005
SECTION 8(1) SCREENING DETERMINATION
SCOTTISH FERRIES STRATEGY**

The Scottish Government Transport Directorate (Ferries Policy and Procurement) has determined, in consultation with the Consultation Authorities, that the Scottish Ferries Strategy is likely to have significant environmental effects. It has therefore been concluded that a strategic environmental assessment is required. An environmental report will be prepared alongside the Consultative Draft of the Scottish Ferries Strategy in due course. This screening determination can be viewed on The Scottish Government's website:
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Transport/ferries-ports-canal/14342/Review>.

AMANDA CHISHOLM
The Scottish Government Directorate for the Built Environment on behalf of Transport Directorate Ferries Policy and Procurement
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Sunday 22 November
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Shiskine 11am
Sunday School meets in the Church Hall
Broddick 7pm (Church is behind Post Office)
Mr David Gregg
All welcome

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

WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH

Sunday 22 November
Worship will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson at 10.30am.
Tea and coffee will be served in the Transept after the service. The Church Christmas Card, to be sent to all members, will be available to be signed, and all proceeds will go to Al Shurooq School nr Bethlehem.
All welcome.

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(in full communion with the Church of England)
St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday 22 November
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Wednesday, 25 November
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12.15 pm.
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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

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7pm
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Ormidale Pavilion
Broddick.
Sunday 22 November
10.45am Communion
Tea and coffee from

11.10am
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North Arran: Broddick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirmill and Shiskine.
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Rev Angus Adamson.
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Mrs Jean Hunter.

Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times. to which all are invited -
Families, young people and children welcome

Sunday 22 November
North Arran Parishes Joint Service at Broddick Church
11am

No Services at Lochranza, Pirmill, Shiskine or Corrie.
A service of Worship will be held in Montrose House at
1.30pm

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)

Meeting for Worship
Sunday 22 November
11am
Dippen House, Dippen.
Enquiries to Judith 820223.
All are welcome.

DEATHS

ANDREWS - JAMES NORIE
Peacefully at Arran War Memorial Hospital on Friday 13th November, 2009, after an illness bravely borne. Jim, aged 87, beloved husband of Jean, dear father to Susan and Jayne and loving grandfather to Jessica and Laurence.

Funeral service at St Molios Church, Shiskine on Friday 20th November at 11.30am and thereafter to Clachan Cemetery to which all relatives and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Cancer research.

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Thank you all
Jim Stewart

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MCILLWHAM JAMES (Jimmy)

Janette and family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards and flowers received at this sad time.
Thanks also to Rev A Adamson for support and comforting service, D Hendry & Son for funeral arrangements and all who attended at Sannox.

MILLER THOMAS

Jean, Gail and Andrew wish to thank all family and numerous friends, many of whom travelled some distance, to pay their last respects to Tom. A special thanks to the I C U at Dunfermline's Queen Margaret Hospital, Sean and the staff from Crosbie Matthew Funeral Directors for their professionalism and attention to detail and the Strathearn Hotel, Kirkcaldy for looking after everyone so well. Lastly, thank you to everyone who donated a total of £502 to be split between the RNLI and the British Heart Foundation.

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Annual General Meeting
The Ormidale Hotel
Friday 4th December 7.00pm
This is an opportunity for you to show your support for your local community woodland. It is also an opportunity for anyone interested in becoming a Director or anyone interested in getting out there in the woods, to get involved in developing a community resource.
The A G M will be followed by performances by
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Last week Archie was sat nicely somewhere in Shiskine.
Morag Murchie was first with the correct answer, saying: 'He is sitting in the porch of St Molios (the red church).
This week he is on a sunny but wintry beach, but where is that beach? 02_arc01



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Arran ladies are back on the mark

The Arran Ladies Darts League will begin again on Wednesday night for a new winter season.

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

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

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

The format of the league matches has been changed slightly to make sure that there is always a winning team and no draws.

'This year we have decided to play six singles matches and three doubles,' said Susan. 'We think this will rejuvenate the games a bit and make sure there's always a winner.'



The ladies of the Catacol and Drift Inn darts team are looking forward to the new season, which starts on Wednesday night. b48dar01

In a bid to get more Arran residents involved in the darts league a number of special mixed doubles competitions have been organised to take place throughout the winter.

The first will take place in the Drift Inn on Friday 27

November to raise money for Parkinsons charities.

Some other dates for your diary in the upcoming months include: Friday 29 January, Mixed Doubles at Mac's Bar; Saturday 13 February, Donald MacKenzie Mixed

Doubles at Kildonan Hotel; Friday 26 February, Mixed Doubles at Catacol Bay Hotel; Friday 26 March, Mixed Doubles at the Drift Inn and finally Friday 23 April, Mixed Doubles at Kildonan Hotel.

Bar Eden takes top spot in pool league

The Bar Eden is celebrating its leap to the top of the Arran Pool League after last week's leaders PT1934 were defeated by a rejuvenated Catacol side.

PT1934 lost their first game of the season 8-4 to Catacol, who are sporting some great new players this season who seem confident of doing well.

The PHT have moved to second place after beating Kildonan 7-5 and the Drift Inn sits in fourth place after a win over Mac's Bar on Thursday night.

Officials announced the draw for the singles competition this week.

The first round of the singles competition is to be played on or by Sunday 13 December.

The draw is as follows: J Ainsworth (Goil) v K Jackson (Goil) at teamGoil, D Bell (Catacol) v A Little (PHT) at Mac's, W McDonald (Mac's) v P Stewart (PHT) at the Drift, D Prescott (Goil) v Wallace (Mac's) at the PHT, P McDonald (34) bye, S Fitzpatrick (34) v G Willis (Goil) at Kildonan, N McMaster (34) v S Newall (PHT) at Bar Eden, G Lowe (PHT) v C Duncan (PHT) at Mac's, P Duncan (Goil) v S Thomson (Goil) at teamGoil, L Little (PHT) bye, S Pringle (Eden) v N Freeman (Mac's) at PHT, J McPherson (Eden) v S McGovern (Eden) at Bar Eden, B McLaren (Mac's) v J Ferguson (Goil) at PHT, E McKinnon (Catacol) v I Roberts (PHT) at Mac's, J Newall (PHT) v D Hackett (Eden) at the Drift, D Head (Eden) v N Auld (Eden) at Bar Eden, T Dollan (Mac's) v A Jeffrey (Catacol) at the Drift, B Tattersfield (Drift) v J Lyon (Catacol) at Mac's, B Lewis (Catacol) v S Pearce (PHT) at Mac's, PJ (Drift) bye, E Ingram (Eden) bye, J Copperwheat (Drift) v A McDonald (34) at Bar Eden, I MacDonald (Drift) v E Picken (34) at Bar Eden, A Duncan (Eden) v A tweedy (PHT) at the Drift, S Lawson (Catacol) v A Brown (Mac's) at PHT, T Mulholland (34) v M Picken (34) at PT1934, D McKinnon (Catacol) v S Logan (Catacol) at Catacol, A Cook (PHT) v G McLeod (Eden) at the Drift, H Driver (Kildonan) v P McKinnon (Catacol) at Mac's, A Furness (Catacol) v M Wallbank (Goil) at Mac's, L Girbow (Drift) v S Scott (Drift) at the Drift, M Worthington (34) v C McBain (Goil) at Kildonan.

The preliminary round for the doubles competition is to be played on or by Sunday 6 December. The draw is as follows: S Scott/J Copperwheat (Drift) v A and L little (PHT) at Bar Eden, G Lowe/P Stewart (PHT) v S Kidston/R Butchard (Goil) at the Drift. The full draw for the doubles competition will be printed in next week's Banner.



Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday 15 November, a good turnout of 28 players took part in the winter friendly game against Lamlash at Whiting Bay. It ended with a win for Whiting Bay by 4.5 games to 2.5. 1 John Simmons 39 points, 2 Eddie Hope 38, 3 Sandy Kerr 37 and 4 Gus MacLeod 35 BIH. Tom Paterson won scratch with 66 and there were seven magic twos. All competitors enjoyed the hospitality after the game and we look forward to the second round at Lamlash on Sunday 20 December.

Fixtures: Sunday 22 November, Wolfi Kroner Stableford. Draw at

9.30am and between 10.30am and 11am. Sunday 29 November, Taylor Trophy Greensome, one draw for partners at 11am.

Brodick Golf Club

It was week seven of the Wednesday Cup and another glorious afternoon with 18 playing. It was nice to welcome back Joe Rae, Harry Davidson, Neil Frost and Brian Boal for their first match of the current year. There was only one magic two and that was by David Reid - the lessons are obviously kicking in. Harry Davidson 78-14=64, (Harry claimed his improved play was all thanks to his mother in law), 2 Don Rudge 79-15=64 BIH, 3=Charlie O'Neill and Ken Barclay sharing the loot, both carding 83-18=65.

Saturday 14 November, Saturday Cup, only eight played. On a day that turned out much better than forecast, there was a very disappointing turnout but some good scoring and a very worthy

winner. Winner Gus Robertson (19)61, runner-up Douglas Robertson (18)63, best scratch Jimmy Armit 71.

Fixtures: Sunday 22 November, Winter Cup, draws at 9am and noon.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday 12 November, very wet day affecting turnout, only four played. 1 A Smith 63-9=54, 2 P Smith 71-16=55. Sunday 15 November, first of winter friendlies with Whiting Bay. (See W/Bay results). Compliments to the green staff on the condition of the course at Whiting Bay and also to the club for the catering. Twenty-eight competed in total but a number of the Whiting Bay players had to change sides as there were only seven players from Lamlash. Everyone enjoyed the day with home advantage proving to be too good for the prize-winners.

Fixtures: Every Thursday, 15 hole medal. Sunday 22 No-

vember, Glenburn Cup at 11am. Tuesday 24 November monthly committee meeting.

Arran Golf Association

Saturday 21 November, Arran Grouse at Machrie Bay Golf Club. Draw as follows: 12pm Lamlash A v Corrie B, 12.10pm Whiting Bay A v Brodick B, 12.20pm Corrie A v Brodick A, 12.30pm Lamlash B v Whiting Bay B, 12.40pm Shiskine A v Machrie B, 12.50pm Lochranza B v Machrie A, 1pm Lochranza A v Shiskine.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday 10 November, Winter Cup, 1 Brian Sherwood 64, 2 Ian Buchanan 65, 3 David Price 66. Scratch Brian Sherwood 74. Saturday 14 Novem-

ber, Lochranza Hotel Cup, 1 David Price 37, 2 Brian Sherwood 31, 3 Mark Sherwood 30. **Fixtures:** Tuesday 24 November, Winter Cup 12pm tee off.

Shiskine Golf Club

The joint SGTC and Brodick GC Annual Dinner, held on Saturday 14 November at the Kinloch Hotel was a great success, enhanced splendidly by the main speaker Willie Young and reply from Joe Faulkner. Thanks must go to Peter McCalla, Dougie Bell and others who provided terrific prizes for the raffle.

The Six Club Texas Scramble

the following day was surprisingly well attended by the previous evenings revellers. 1 Linda Hogg, Graham Martlew and Dougie Bell 36.8, 2 Christine Maxton, Drew Samuel and Douglas Johnston 39, 3 Sylvia Money, Robin Burnet and Hugh McClelland 39.4. Soup and sandwiches were devoured at the Kinloch afterwards along with the odd hair of the dog!

Fixtures: Monday 22 November, 12-hole Medal. Saturday 28 November, Alan C Bannatyne Memorial Quaich and Lochranza Match. Sunday 29 November, 18 hole Medal. Thursday 3 December, Ladies 12-hole Medal. Saturday 5 December, 12-hole Medal and Winter Cup.

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