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Knight in high-vis jacket rescues stranded OAPs

Four ladies trapped in their flooded car were rescued last Thursday by a knight in a high-vis jacket.

By Howard Driver
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The four, all members of Arran's Spin Off group, and not in the first flush of youth, had been to Lochranza for a spinners monthly meeting in a friend's house.

Seventy-eight-year-old Margaret Fitzpatrick of Kilmory told the Banner: 'It was raining heavily all day and when we looked out of the window we could see the Lochranza Castle spit going under water. It disappeared very quickly with the rising tide and flood-water, so we thought it was time to get going.'

'We knew the road through Pirnmill would be difficult with debris and boulders over it, so decided to go back over the Boguillie. The road by Castlekirk was already under water when we set off.'

'Coming down the other side we passed the police Land Rover going up, so didn't expect any further problems.'

'Then we turned the corner at the golf club, went over the bridge and ran straight into a

flood. The Sannox burn had breached its banks at the bus shelter and the tide was coming in like a small tsunami.'

The car stopped and driver Rosemary Rayner was unable to get it going again. Margaret was sitting in the front seat with two other ladies, Tricia Sloss and Rosemary Glistier in the back.

She said: 'We dialled 999 as the water entered the car. I had visions of us all going for a sail down the Clyde.'

'Water was already over my ankles, but the police in Kilmarnock didn't seem to know where Sannox was, and even wanted to know the age and gender of the occupants. The water was still rising and in minutes was up to my knees.'

Then the knight in a high-vis jacket appeared. Chris Popplewell, lorry driver for Murchie Sand and Gravel (MSG), had been delivering in Lochranza.

He said: 'I came over the bridge and saw the car strand-

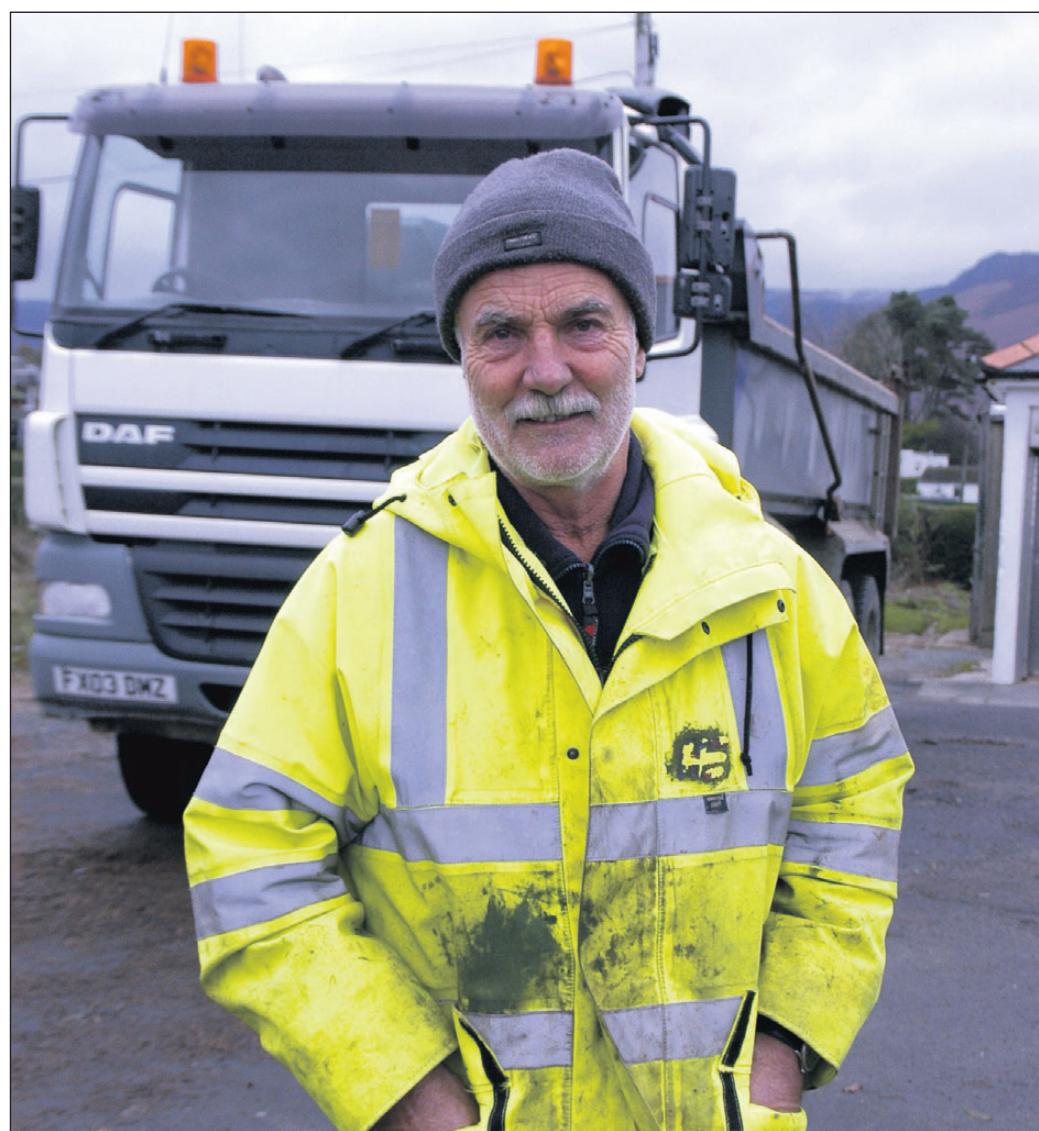
ed in the middle of the road. The ladies were getting quite panicky. They were bailing out water in cups through the windows.'

Chris jumped out of his cab and waded through the water. He took a towing strap and attached it to the flood-bound car, then pulled it clear of the water.

Margaret added: 'The ambulance crew were on hand and we were quickly wrapped in warm, dry blankets and hurried off to the hospital in Lamlash. They gave us hot tea and checked us over but we were none the worse for the experience. I can't thank Chris and the emergency services enough. In fact I thoroughly enjoyed it all!'

Susan Murchie of MSG said: 'Chris was away for ages and we were getting quite worried about him. But I'm not at all surprised that he came to the rescue of the ladies. He would be the first to help anyone.'

Chris added: 'I hadn't told my wife about it, but when I got home she asked why my trousers were soaked to the knees. Its all in a days work.'



Lorry driver Chris Popplewell and his truck came to the rescue of four Arran ladies.

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Bad weather causes chaos - see page 5



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Post office service re-opens in Kildonan

A post office service will be opening at Kildonan Hotel next Monday November 22.

Kildonan Stores and post office at Ocean Breeze closed earlier this year and Rod and Anne Acuna, owners of Kildonan Hotel, quickly offered to open a village shop in the hotel.

However, their attempts to open a sub post office were unsuccessful, but now Post Office Ltd has announced that a new hosted service of just four hours a week will be based in the hotel.

Robert Findlay, field change advisor for Post Office Ltd, said: 'I am delighted that we have been able to re-establish a Post Office service in Kildonan Shore. The facilities and service that we provide to our customers is of paramount importance and we are confident that the new service can meet the demands of our customers in the local community and we hope it will be supported.'

The post service will be provided by the subpostmaster from Blackwaterfoot and will be open from 10am to noon on Mondays and Thursdays.

Brodick man plans to row to North Pole

Arran adventurer Calum McNicol is preparing to row to the North Pole.

Calum, a sea kayaker from Brodick, has been shortlisted as a finalist in a unique global competition, Old Pulteney Pole Position, to find the final crewmember on the world's first attempt to row to the North Pole.

On Saturday 20 November, 36-year-old Calum will battle it out against international competitors to prove he has what it takes to join the Old Pulteney Row to the Pole with renowned adventurer, Jock Wishart.

Pole Position was launched in September to put global thrill seekers to the ultimate test. Sponsored by Old Pulteney Single Malt Scotch Whisky, the competition offers one extraordinary person the once in a lifetime opportunity to become an active crewmem-



Calum McNicol of Brodick.
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ber in a record breaking arctic adventure.

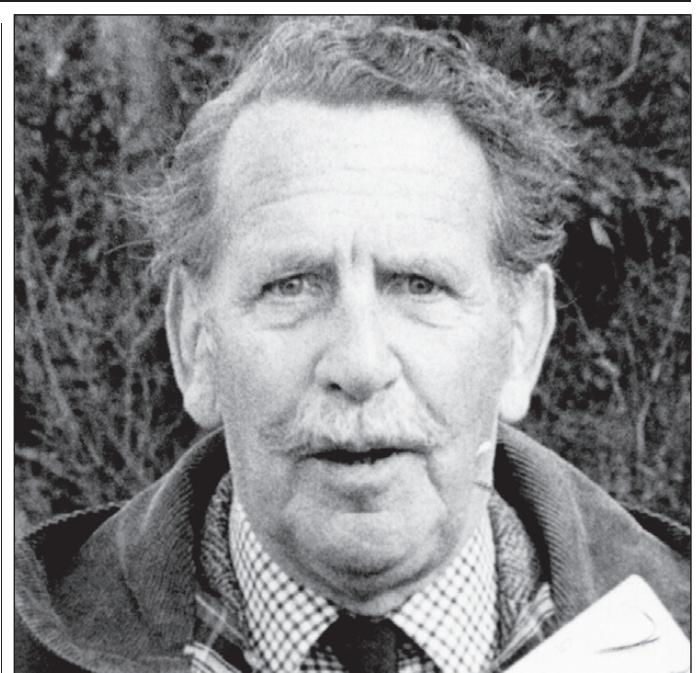
In August 2011, adventurer and sportsman Jock Wishart will lead a six strong crew through some of the harshest conditions on earth in an attempt to row to the magnetic North Pole. In a specially designed 'ice boat', Jock and his crew will set off from Canada on a 450 mile route across the Arctic and are searching for

one determined person to join them. And that person could be Calum. The voyage will require extreme physical and mental endurance and if successful, will make history.

Calum's determination, fitness and stamina stood out amongst hundreds of international entries and saw him shortlisted as a finalist.

Finalists will be competing head-to-head on Saturday 20 November at Dorney Lake, Eton Rowing Centre, the Olympic rowing centre for 2012. To test their physical and mental abilities, contestants will compete in a series of endurance rowing, group interviews and psychometric tests.

The winner will be announced at the London Boat Show in January and will receive personal training from Jock before embarking on the life changing expedition in August 2011.



Art lover and collector Tom Alexander, formerly of Brodick. b47tom01

Tom Alexander's remarkable £40 art collection on the BBC

The amazing art collection of Tom Alexander is set to be featured on the BBC Two Culture Show next Thursday.

On Monday, a BBC film crew was busy in Brodick, taking shots of Tom's old shop and house.

Tom and his brother Jim ran the Brodick emporium which is still called Alexanders of Brodick for 37 years from 1947 to 1984. During that time Tom amassed a remarkable collection of works of art in a most unusual manner.

When he came to the island he joined the Officers Emergency Army Reserve for which duty he received an annuity of £40. He decided to put this into buying a picture each year. But his method of collection was to write directly to a prominent artist, explaining that he had a young family of four and could only afford £40 and were they able to see their way to send him one of their works.

In most cases, it worked, and he collected pieces by artists such as L S Lowry, Henry Moore, Graham Sutherland, Stanley Spencer and Barbara Hepworth. Tom died in 2000, and his collection, known as the £40 art collection, is held in the Talbot Price gallery in Edinburgh, and his most original mode of assembling this collection will be featured on national television at 7pm next Thursday.

Mounted police coming to Arran

Officers of Strathclyde Police will be patrolling the streets of Lamlash next Tuesday.

There's nothing unusual in that, except for the fact that they will be on horseback.

Two officers from the mounted police division are coming to Arran for the day and they will be riding round the village and meeting with schoolchildren.

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New hope for isle's CAB - or just a stay of execution?

Arran Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) has been given a reprieve or possibly a stay of execution. Three weeks ago it was announced that the Arran CAB in Lamlash was to close.

Following a meeting on Monday morning with MSP Kenneth Gibson, Louise Dickson, chairwoman of North Ayrshire Citizens Advice Service, announced that Arran CAB, which was scheduled to close on December 23 will now remain open in Lamlash until at least the end of February. She said: 'NACAS aims to provide a smarter service, of which details will be announced in due course. We have received many useful comments from volunteers, partner organisations, Mr Gibson and Cllr Currie.

'NACAS will not vacate the premises until a new system is in place. Readers can be assured that Arran is not footing the entire NACAS savings. Also, your readers can be assured that NACAS has no intention of reducing the Arran service to intermittent visits from the mainland.'

Councillor Margie Currie said: 'I do believe that, with proper discussion, an eco-

nomically viable option may be found to allow the Arran office to remain open. It is not until you actually live on an island that you are fully aware of the downside of mainland-delivered services.'

Katy Clark MP added: 'I am pleased that NACAS has listened to the concerns of the public and elected members. It is vital that any restructuring delivers an improved and more efficient service but there must remain concerns as to whether this will happen if two offices are allowed to close.'

At a public meeting last Wednesday, Rev Elizabeth Watson, who was involved in the early set-up of the Advice Service in 1989, said that the CAB could not be allowed to close. Colin Turbett, local UNISON representative, said: 'To cut back on a service like this at a time like this is farcical. It's ludicrous.'

Dave Patterson, spokesperson of the Save Arran Advice Centre campaign, said it was clear NACAS had no idea what the service would be.

Another meeting has been arranged for next Wednesday, November 24, at 7.30pm in Arran High School.

After a successful 33-year career on the island, hotelier and entrepreneur Iain Johnston was honoured at a special tribute evening at Auchrannie last Wednesday.

More than 40 friends, family, entertainers and representatives of local charities gave him a night to remember in recognition of all he had achieved. After a buffet supper Gillean Bussell introduced three talented musicians from Arran High School, Iain Clarke, Fraser Blair and Finlay Murchie, and their new head of music, David Lambert.

They gave a superb concert and were rewarded by prolonged applause. During the short interval, Alison Prince recited a poem which she had written for the tribute.

When the youngsters left, Gillean presented 'This is Your Life' - but with a small beige book rather than a big red one.

Inside were personal tributes from some of Arran's artists and sculptors and people who wanted to write letters in praise of his personality, generosity with charities and above all, for turning Arran into a major tourist attraction.

Artist Bob Lees gave Iain



Iain Johnston, right, at Auchrannie with Jean Bowden, John Forgie and Gillean Bussell and a 'This is Your Life' book.

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a portrait he had secretly painted of him, and he and his wife Val had dashed back from holiday to be present.

In the second part of the evening, John Forgie sang his own version of a famous Flanders and Swan song, followed by songs and recitations by John, Jean Bowden and Stuart Gough that brought back fond memories of Gilbert and Sullivan choruses in

Arran productions that Iain had been a part of. David Lambert accompanied Jean Bowden, without music, for a lovely rendition from Les Misérables which is a great favourite of Iain's.

Gillean said: 'Now that he is slowly withdrawing from a full day's work, perhaps he will have time to drive round the island to visit the places and people he has not

had time to see for years. All those present will remember this evening for many years to come and such a tribute was far better than an MBE hiding in a drawer.'

Clearly moved by the evening, Iain took to the floor, in spite of not enjoying public speaking, and said his thanks to all who had taken part and for the many happy memories that had been revived.

White lines added to resurfaced roads

Following the recent extensive road works around the island, North Ayrshire Council has engaged a contractor to paint white lines on all the new sections of road.

NAC has instructed contractor, Line Markings Ltd, to carry out all these works on Arran.

Line marking works are being done at the A841 Brodick Hill and A841 Lamlash to Kingscross road following

road resurfacing carried out in September.

Contractors are applying an anti-skid surface to a section of the A841 at Glenarry Cottage south of Lamlash, under temporary traffic signals.

'Slow' markings are being painted on the A841 at Brodick Golf Club and renewal of junction markings at the A841/B880 String Road north of Brodick.

Other works include prior-

ity traffic markings on the approaches to Pirnmill road bridge and new markings at the CalMac ferry terminal in Brodick.

A small number of junction marking renewals have also been instructed by the Island Officer Gus MacLeod.

Work began on Monday, November 15 and is expected to be completed by Friday, November 19, weather permitting.

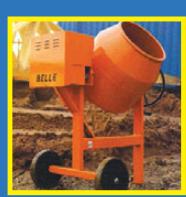
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Fashion show to aid Arran RDA

An Edinburgh fashion show is being organised by two Arran women to raise funds for an important island charity.

Sabrina Beatan and Mhairi Beggans are holding a Boutique Fashion Show at the Edinburgh Corn Exchange on November 23, and all money raised will be given to Arran Riding for Disabled (RDA).

Sabrina, who is originally from Pirnmill, is in her third year at Napier University and the show is part of her course.

Her friend and classmate Mhairi, who is originally from Brodick, has been helping her with the organisation.

'I'd really love to see people from Arran at the event,' said Sabrina.

'But if people are unable to attend the actual event in Edinburgh it would be fantastic if I could get some raffle donations from local businesses to help raise funds.'

On the night, there will be clothes on show from several boutiques, including Lady JoJo's, Butterflies of Edinburgh and Miss Dixiebells.

And if that isn't enough to entice the women of Arran to the event there will be scantily clad waiters serving cupcakes and drinks as well as an appearance from Scotland's Rugby League Team.

The models' hair is going to be styled by another Arran woman, Kate Ward, of Kate's Salon, in Lamlash.

Doors open at 7.30pm, tickets cost £6.50, £8 including club entry.



Sabrina Beatan and Mhairi Beggans are organising the Edinburgh fashion show to raise funds for the local RDA group. b46fas01NO

Drivers urged to take care during 'most dangerous' month

Drivers from Arran are being warned to take extra care, after it was revealed that November is the most dangerous month on Scottish roads.

Statistics, taken from the Scottish Government's Re-

ported Road Casualties report and based on the most recent information available, revealed that an average of 1,521 road casualties are reported in the month of November.

Each year an average of 16,842 road casualties are reported in Scotland.

Now one of the country's leading accident management firms is calling for drivers to be extra vigilant as the days get shorter and the weather worsens.

Martin Haggarty, managing

director of Accident Claims Scotland (ACS), said: 'I would urge drivers from Arran to take more care on the roads for their own safety, and the safety of others, including pedestrians. At ACS we see an increase in the number of more serious claims made by motorists during November.

Whether it's a minor bump or a major accident, it can leave drivers shaken and affect their driving confidence.'

According to the statistics, April is the safest month on Scottish roads, with an average of 1,278 accidents reported in this period.

Earlier this year, Accident Claims Scotland revealed that motorists using mobile phones whilst driving was the nation's biggest driving worry.

More than a third of those surveyed said they get angry behind the wheel at least three

times a week, with many saying they see red on almost every car journey.

Martin added: 'Forty per cent of all road fatalities in Scotland are down to drivers not having full control of their vehicle. Driving without care and attention is the main cause of road accidents and it is often responsible drivers who are the biggest victims of bad driving. We would like to see harsher penalties for bad drivers and more drivers being made to retake their driving test after being convicted of poor driving.'

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Straight talking is 'invaluable'

Three weeks ago the Banner reported on the North Ayrshire Council 'Straight Talking' session in Brodick Hall. Now council leader David O'Neill has summed up the value of these sessions.

The event gave Arran people the opportunity to contribute to the council's plans to absorb a projected £64million cut in funding over the next three years.

This was the second of five such meetings to be held throughout North Ayrshire. The other four were in Ardrossan, Largs, Kilbirnie and Irvine.

The Arran meeting in Brodick Hall was attended by 56 residents representing 32 community groups. The council has just released figures showing that overall 346 people from 157 community groups attended the five meetings.

At each of the events, chief

executive Elma Murray and leader of the council, David O'Neill, explained that some difficult decisions are required as a result of the recession and increased demand for services. People heard that a significant increase in the elderly population expected over the next 20 years will have a considerable impact on how services are planned, commissioned and delivered.

Councillor David O'Neill said afterwards: 'These Straight Talking sessions have proven invaluable. They have given us the chance to fully outline the extent of the challenges ahead and provided us with a useful insight into the services our communities need and want from their local authority.'

'The sessions mark the beginning of an ongoing conversation we want to have with the people who live and work in North Ayrshire.'

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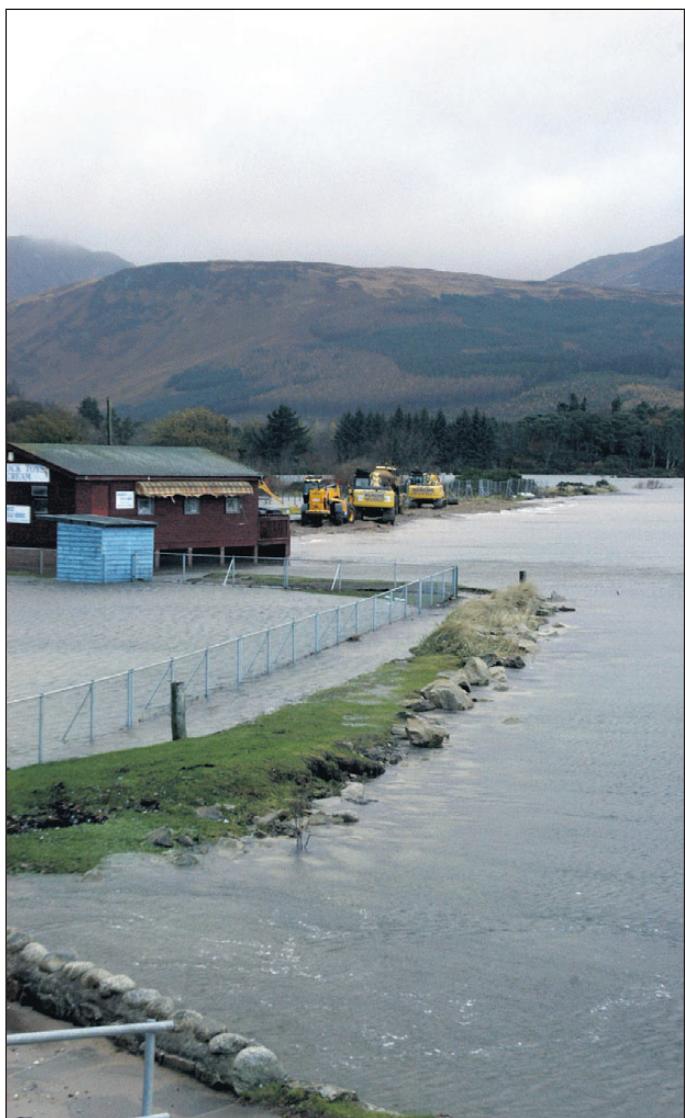
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The flooded linkspan at Ardrossan on Thursday afternoon. b47tid01no

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High tides, wind and rain cause travel chaos

High tides, strong winds and heavy rain caused travel disruption last week on Arran's roads and ferry services.

MV Caledonian Isles left Brodick for the 1.50pm sailing on Thursday afternoon on an exceptionally high tide, but did not make it into Ardrossan. Part way across the Clyde, port manager Sandra Sturgeon contacted the skipper to say that the linkspan at Ardrossan was totally flooded and vehicles would not be able to disembark.

The ferry arrived back in Brodick and vehicles had to reverse off and into a car marshalling area that was already under water.

CalMac area manager, Robbie Brown, said: 'I haven't seen anything this bad in a long time. This combination of very high tides and strong winds is a once-in-five-years situation.'

The ferry remained in port until the 11.05am sailing the following day, Friday, and then sailed normally. There have been further disruptions this week with the 6pm and 7.20pm sailings being cancelled on Tuesday.

Many stretches of coast road were under water last Thursday and some motorists got into difficulties.

Police sergeant Bob MacKay said: 'Four people were rescued from a car near to the Sannox Bay Hotel after it

was overwhelmed by flood water. I would warn people in circumstances where the road is flooded that although it may not look deep it can be deceiving and they should err on the side of caution.'

'The combination of an onshore wind and high tide

made some roads impassable. It's the first time I have seen it that bad.'

A tree from Michael Meteyard's garden at Glenn House fell across Auchrannie Road on Thursday night causing the junction to be closed for two hours until it was cleared.



Cars stuck in flood water at Lochranza. b47loc01no

Results from bridge clubs

Brodick

The results for Brodick Bridge Club from Thursday 11 November were as follows: N/S 1 T Martin and D Hamilton +4790, 2 D Bruce and M Jones +3480, 3 A McKelvie and J Maclure +2530.

E/W 1 E McConnell and M McGill +150, 2 E McNiven and I McArthur -1190, 3 P Adamson and J McBride -1620.

Lamlash

The results for Lamlash Bridge Club from Monday 15 November were as follows:

N/S 1 J and J Beattie +40, 2 I McArthur and T Martin -520, 3 E Paul and E McNiven -610.

E/W 1 H Boyd and J Murchie +4140, 2 M McGill and L Trickett +3540, 3 J Maclure and A McKelvie +2770.

Poppy appeal

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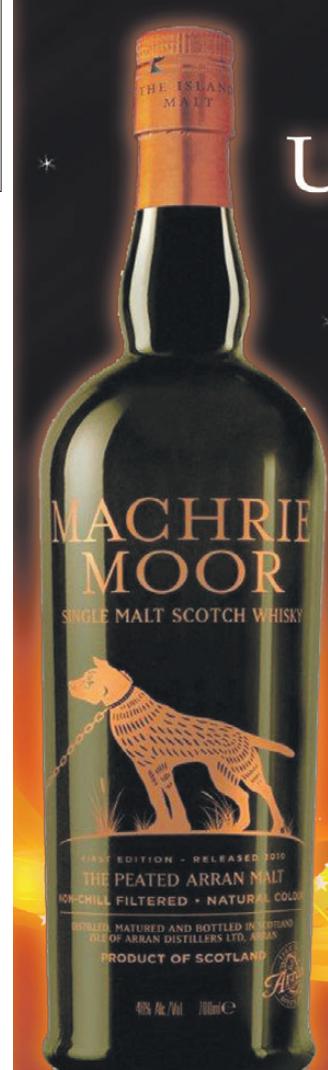
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The members of the Arran Farmers' Society with Lady Jean at a special gathering last Wednesday night to celebrate her birthday. 01_b46lad01



Internationally acclaimed local sculptor Tim Pomeroy presented Lady Jean with a model of the community gift that will mark her 90th birthday. 01_b46lad03



Alan Nicol, chairman of the Arran Farmers' Society and Kenny Bone, vice-chairman with Lady Jean and her specially carved pointer dog. 01_b46lad02

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Lady Jean's birthday delight

Lady Jean Fforde's 90th birthday was marked by a number of events held all across the island last week.

The festivities began on Wednesday night when members of the Arran Farmers' Society gathered at the Auchranvie Spa to present Lady Jean with a very special memento of her birthday.

The society had tasked local sculptor Marvin Elliott to create a Pointer dog from wood sourced in Brodick Castle grounds as Lady Jean was well-known for many years as a breeder of English pointers.

The look of sheer delight on her face when the carving was presented confirmed that her love of pointers is still alive today.

She said: 'I am absolutely overwhelmed. What a lovely gift – I have never seen anything like this before. It's wonderful, thank-you.'

On Friday morning at Strabane Lady Jean was then presented with a model of the gift that will be presented to her next year from the whole island community.

Ken Thorburn, Evelyn Sil-

lars, Alastair Grassie, Lavinia Gibbs and Councillor Margie Currie have been responsible for an island wide collection that will be used to create a community gift to Lady Jean.

Local businesses and island residents have all contributed to the fund.

Internationally acclaimed local sculptor, Tim Pomeroy, has been tasked with creating a circular seat in Cumbrian sandstone that will be sited in the grounds of Brodick Castle next year.

Lady Jean said she was touched that islanders held her in such high regard and that she is looking forward to seeing the finished seat.

On Thursday night the ladies from all Arran's SWRI branches gathered at the Kinloch Hotel for the annual Rural Rally.

Before the dinner Lady Jean, a lifelong supporter of the SWRI on Arran was presented with a beautiful birdbath carved by Tim Pomeroy.

She also cut the special birthday cake made by Mary MacKenzie and iced by her sister Elizabeth Kelso.



Lady Jean cuts her birthday cake. She is pictured with Morag Gardner, president of the island SWRI federation.



Lady Jean is pictured with the community representatives responsible for the commemorative seat. From left to right, Tim Pomeroy, Lavinia Gibbs, Ken Thorburn, her son Charles Fforde, Evelyn Sillars and the deputy Lord Lieutenant Alastair Grassie. 01_b46lad04

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So Wills and Kate are getting married. At least they should know each other well enough after a nine-year courtship.

Thirty years ago, when Prince William's father and mother were married, the streets of Arran were empty.

It was the height of summer in late July and holidaymakers were desperate to find somewhere to watch the ceremony on television. That was long before the days when every bar or pub had a television.

Some houses proudly displayed the flag of the Union and even local residents who had declared no interest in a Royal wedding took time out to watch the lavish proceedings. This time it could be very different.

For a start, the country is in the grip of an economic recession that is touching everyone. Any show of excess or ostentation would not be in the best of taste and send out the wrong message to the man in the street.

This young couple may be privileged, but they also seem to have their feet on the ground. They are both 28 years old and as well as having known each other for some time, they do appear to be relaxed in public and comfortable when being interviewed.

The challenge for those in power will be to organise a suitably formal event that will meet the expectations of a people eager to celebrate the marriage of a future king and queen, whilst balancing the sensitivity of a country enduring economic hardship.

The date isn't known yet, but bookmakers Paddy Power make the month of July a 13 to eight favourite. So once again, just like 30 years ago, the island will be busy with holidaymakers, mostly keen to see the ongoings, whether it be at Westminster Abbey or St Paul's Cathedral.

One thing is sure; this wedding won't please everyone.

Another thing is sure; the people of Arran and the rest of the UK will be avidly watching the wedding of William Wales and Kate Middleton.

Remembrance services were held at a variety of locations round the island last Sunday.

These sombre occasions of reflection were all marked by a two-minute silence by those present.

The concept of a two-minute silence has become an accepted part of the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, the moment when the guns fell silent at the end of the First World War.

This year the Royal British Legion released a single of two-minutes silence to raise money for the Earl Haig Fund. It was a remarkable success, even challenging for the top of the charts. But over 1,000 people who bought the record actually complained that there was nothing on it. It makes you wonder.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

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

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Letters to the Editor



Castle seat appreciated

Sir,

May I through your paper thank, most sincerely, everyone including the companies and business that contributed to my 90th birthday present of a seat.

When Mr Pomeroy has finished it in the spring all may view it in the castle grounds.

I am very touched that such a tribute was even thought of and indeed now has materialised.

Yours,
Jean Fforde
Strabane
Brodick

War memorial upgraded

Sir,

Now that the Remembrance Services are over and wreaths have been laid for another year, may I take this opportunity to thank a few of the people who have contributed to the upgrading of the Brodick War Memorial prior to the Service on Sunday November 14.

From the North Ayrshire Council I would like to thank Donald Wilson and Craig Hutton and Stevie Bunyan and his team from our local gardens department.

Also a special mention must go to Gary Wilson from Arran Cleaning Services.

I thank them for their assistance and support and I am sure all of us in Brodick appreciate their work and will be proud of the end result of their endeavours.

Yours,
Alan Milligan
Public Relations Officer
Royal British Legion Arran

Advice bureau questions

Sir,

I am attaching an email I have just sent to Louise P Dickson, Chairperson, NACAS concerning the proposed closure of the Citizen's Advice Bureau and their statement issued today.

I am a volunteer at the bureau and thought perhaps this

would be suitable for your letters page.

Dear Ms Dickson,

With reference to your announcement today 'NACAS listens to concerns', I write as a volunteer in Arran CAB and would refer to NACAS letter to volunteers stating that the office was closing in December and that all Volunteers would be seen by end of November. Now today you state that volunteers will be seen by end of December and the office will remain open for January and February

I would like to ask as there will be no paid worker nor volunteers in post as of December; how do you plan to staff the office?

If you plan to use volunteers, when are you planning on asking us if we are prepared to carry on MINUS a supervisor and support?

Also in view of the fact that there can be only one volunteer on occasions, where does the back-up come from bearing in mind health and safety rules?

What about continuity of service for our clients and the ongoing work?

I could go on and on with questions which I would have preferred to ask on a face to face basis with the other volunteers and NACAS but it would appear that has been put on the backburner.

Where does that bear in mind the needs for our clients on Arran?

I await your reply with interest

Yours,
Liz McCulloch
Volunteer
Arran CAB

Bingo success

Sir,

Whiting Bay Nursery would like to say a huge thank you to Whiting Bay Golf Club, especially Johnnie and Elaine, Tony and Jamie for hosting our Bingo night on Saturday.

Also sincere thanks to all businesses and individuals alike who donated so generously to the raffle.

The sum of £240 was raised and this will go towards the purchase of gardening equip-

ment to enable the children to grow their own fruit, vegetables and flowers in their new garden plot.

Thanks again.

Yours,
The Committee
Whiting Bay Nursery

Different points of view

Sir,

As to black squirrels (Hugh Ramsay 13 November), red squirrels in winter sometimes grow very dark fur. These occur in Cumbria now and then. I saw one a few years ago in Cockshot Wood near Keswick. They blend in better with the winter colours of the wood, unless of course it snows.

As to the comments on my letters in the past, I agree with the Latin inscription placed in Penrith by a recent developer: 'Frustra laborat qui omnibus studere placet' which means 'he or she labours in vain who hopes to please everybody'.

Letters can put very different points of view forward for discussion, as well as serve as safety valves or vehicles for information or wit.

Yours,
Jeremy Godwin
15 Drovers Lane
Penrith

Wet feet for lorry driver

Sir,

Thank you to the lorry driver who went into the flood water at Sannox last Thursday and got out into the cold rising water and put a tow rope onto our friends' car and towed them out.

We hope you are OK after getting wet feet.

Thank you again.
Yours,
Linda Ross and friends
Spin Off group

Horticultural replacements needed

Sir,

As can be seen from our advert, the AGM of Arran Horticultural Society will be at 2pm on Saturday November 27 in

Brodick Library.

Owing to illness and personal circumstances, a number of committee members have been forced to retire and it is necessary to ask that as many members as possible attend to nominate replacements.

It is hoped that we can have committee members from the Southend, Lochranza and Shiskine areas. The duties are not onerous and involve perhaps four meetings a year to organise the two main shows and Garden Festival visits.

If you are not a member of the Society, we can soon make you one! To clarify matters, all garden Club members are automatically Horticultural Society members.

Yours,
J Cassels
Vice president
Arran Horticultural Society

Korean Veterans sought

Sir,
The British Korean Veterans Association is trying to contact former members of HM Armed Forces who served in Korea/Japan from 1950 to 1953. Also those servicemen and women who served in these two places at a later date with the Peacekeeping Force 1953 to 57. This appeal includes former members of the Merchant Navy, NAAFI, Red Cross and WRVS.

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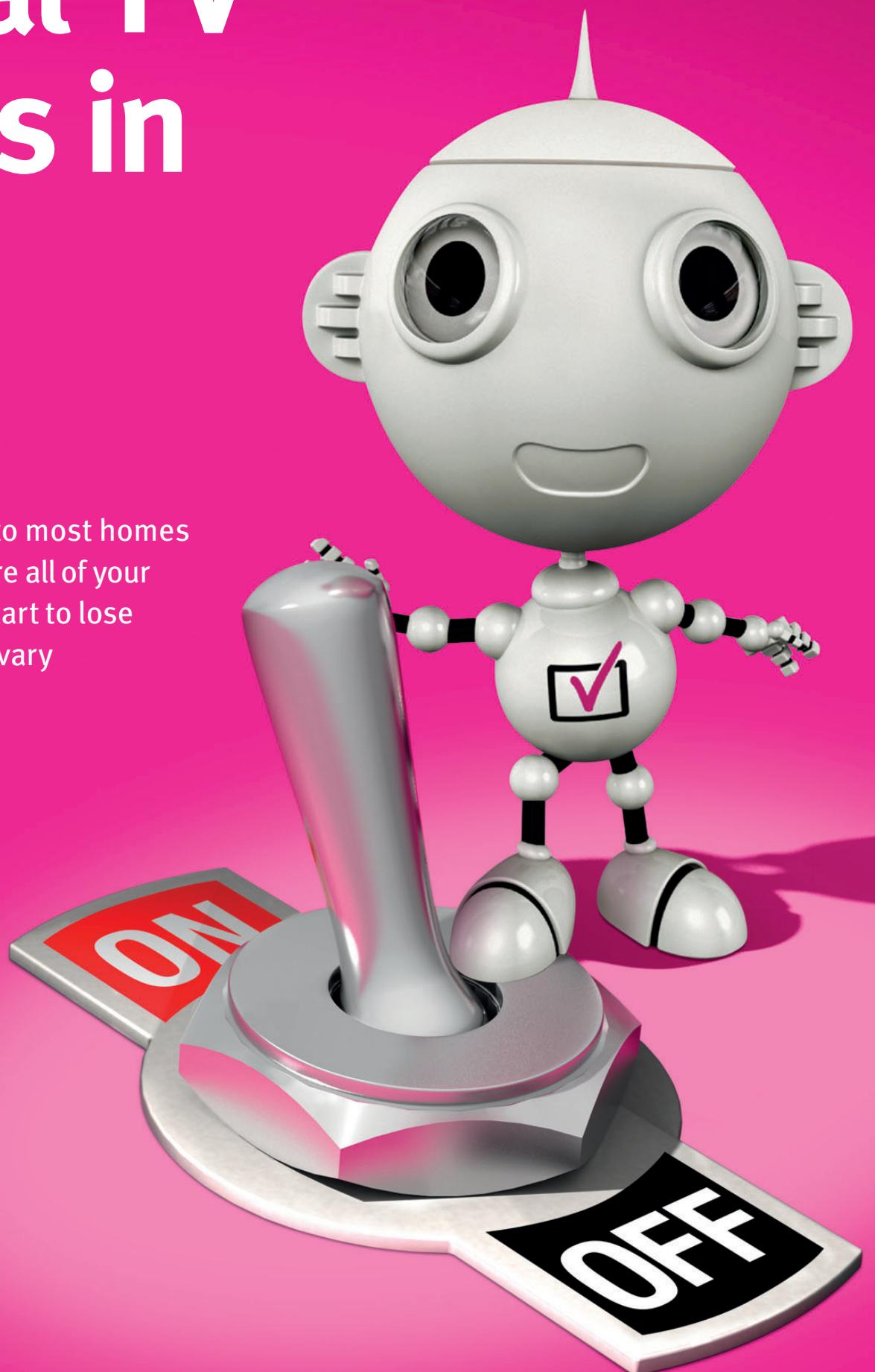
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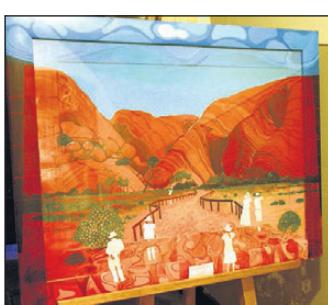
Cherry 'River' table by Andy Surridge. 02_b47art05



Full Monty watercolour by Les McIlwraith. 02_b47art13



Goose Thieves marquetry by Ari Blesovsky. 02_b47art09



Above, Uluru Magic in mixed media by Janette MacLeod. 02_b47art10

Right, Rocking horse by Ian MacDonald, acrylic on wood Skyescape by Roslyn Gibson, Old Sea Wall in oils from Nicky Gill, Calm before the Storm in acrylic from Ronnie McNeice and Dougarie Slip by Dave Ingham. 02_b47art11



Machrie River by Lady Jean Fforde. 02_b47art12



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Winter art exhibition proves popular

The 13th annual winter art exhibition at Brodick Castle was once again popular with visitors and holidaymakers.

Castle administrator Ken Thorburn explained that some people even plan their Arran holidays to coincide with this event.

The official preview evening last Wednesday attracted a crowd of more than 200 art lovers and some items were quickly sold that night. Then the show of contemporary art was on display to the public daily until Sunday.

There were 170 exhibits on show and they were displayed throughout the splendid setting of the castle rooms. A total of 64 island artists had

contributed to this show, and the mediums ranged from paintings to drawings, sculptures and woodwork.

Most of the exhibits were offered for sale and varied from a candle in driftwood from Jo Morgan at £13.50 to a wooden rocking horse at £1,600 by Ian MacDonald and a Scottish oak dining table by Dave Samuels at £1,750.

Ken pointed out: 'We only charge the public a £2 entry fee and take 20 per cent of any sale value.'

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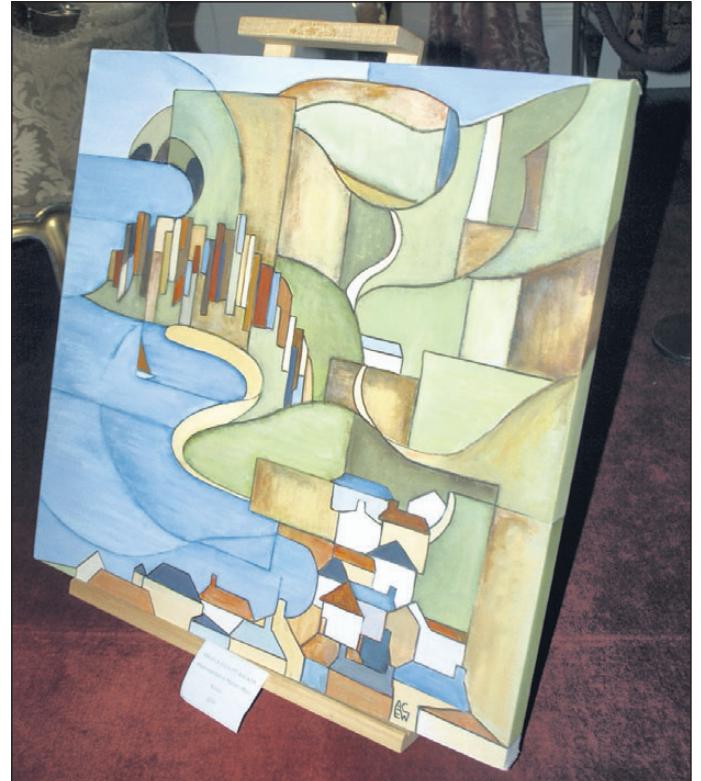
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Woodwork and candles from Dave Tapson, Johanna Morgan and Rorie Rutherford. 02_b47art08



Above, View from Andean Express in mixed media from Jan McGregor. 02_b47art07



Right, Blackwaterfoot to Machrie Moor in acrylic from Angela Elliott Walker. 02_b47art03



St Abbs in acrylic by Donald Campbell, Canary Islands by Steve Hope and Tide Out-Whiting Bay by Wendy Kilroe. 02_b47art04

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North Ayrshire Council is required to prepare a Local Housing Strategy every 5 years and the new Local Housing Strategy 2011 – 2016 will set out the strategic vision for housing in North Ayrshire.

The Council is also required to prepare a Strategic Environmental Assessment of the Local Housing Strategy. This report identifies the possible effects that introducing the Local Housing Strategy may have on the environment.

In addition the Council is required to develop a Scheme of Assistance to provide advice and assistance to private home owners and private tenants when carrying out improvement work on their home.

The draft Local Housing Strategy 2011 – 2016, the Strategic Environmental Assessment and the Interim Scheme of Assistance are now available for you to view and provide comment on.

They can be accessed:

- On the Council's website www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/Housing/LocalHousingStrategy
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Development & Strategy Team, Community Care & Housing, 5th Floor, Cunningham House, Irvine, KA12 8EE.

Feedback on the draft Local Housing Strategy and Strategic Environmental Assessment should be received by the Council no later than Friday 26 November 2010.

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Lochranza distillery is hailed a 'model business'

Maurice Golden, Scottish Conservative Candidate for Cunningham North, has hailed the Isle of Arran Distillery at Lochranza as a model business and an example of what can be achieved in a short period of time.

Maurice met staff, enjoyed a tour of the distillery and sampled some of the products before opting for the Arran Gold Cream Liqueur as his favourite.

He said: 'The Isle of Arran Distillery is a model business and it is great for the island economy that it has grown from strength to strength since opening in 1995. The distillery, including the visitor centre, employs more than 20 staff and I will be actively

working to ensure a continued expansion in the future.

'Part of this involves lobbying to review planning laws to allow expansion of warehouse capacity on site. In addition, I think David Cameron's recent visit to China, and their subsequent recognition of the Scotch whisky brand, will prove fruitful to the expansion into lucrative foreign markets.'

'The distillery makes a significant contribution to the island's economy as a tourist attraction and being the third most visited distillery in Scotland is a fantastic achievement. That is why I will be working with VisitScotland and others in order to boost tourism on the island.'



Maurice Golden with distillery production director James McTaggart.

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The psychology students and Learning Centre staff on top of Goatfell. They are, from left, Maggie McEachern, Liz Sloane, Isla Yuill, Debra Kelly, Corrie McGloin, Amie Latona, Ella Maun and course mentor Juliette Walsh.

Picture: Kate Sampson

Psychology students ponder self esteem on trek to top of Goatfell

Five students attending Psychology Intermediate II at Arran Learning Centre decided to test their mettle on a gruelling walk up Goatfell on Wednesday November 3.

Led by National Trust for Scotland head ranger Kate Sampson and accompanied by three learning centre staff, these 15 to 16-year-olds came

up with the idea of mountain walking as psychology class discussions developed around 'Who or what gives you your self esteem? Are there ways to improve it?'

They devised questionnaires to monitor levels of self esteem before and during the walk and found that levels were higher after reaching

the summit of Goatfell. They showed real strength of character when the going got tough and decided as a group to continue to the top in spite of the high winds and freezing rain.

Juliette Walsh, mentor for the psychology course, said: 'Bizarrely, we still all ended up with a sense of satisfaction

from summing in these conditions. Most of us described ourselves as 'sore' or 'tired' but 'pleased' and 'proud' by the end.

'It will give us something to relate to in the final term when one of the topics is 'altruism' because we all helped each other – it was a considerable team effort!'

Academy youngsters sing up to raise cash for Pudsey

Local MSP Kenneth Gibson added his support to Ayrshire's Loudoun Academy and its campaign to raise more than £100,000 for Children in Need Scotland.

Pupils at the school have recorded 'You Gave Back a Part of Me' and will perform it at the live Children in Need Rocks event at the SECC Glasgow on 19 November.

The single was released on 28 October.

The pupils made a great impression as they turned up at Holyrood to sing with a full size Pudsey, who got his own pass for the day to get into the parliament.

Before the performance, the First Minister joked with the pupils that he used to be a singer – before his voice

broke!

The trip to the parliament and the performance was recorded by a BBC camera crew and it is expected that it will feature in the Children in Need broadcast that takes place on November 19, this Friday.

Speaking after the visit, Mr Gibson said: 'Team Loudoun gave a fantastic performance

and made a real hit with the First Minister and the Education Secretary.

'The teachers and pupils are a credit to the school which sees Children in Need as an opportunity to make a contribution to the community,' he added.

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Around the rurals

Shiskine SWRI

At the meeting of Shiskine Rural on Wednesday, November 3, in Shiskine Hall, Jerry Arthur welcomed everyone and introduced the guest speaker Kitty Walker who had travelled over from the mainland.

Kitty's subject was the music hall 'The Britannia Panopticon Music Hall' in the Trongate, Glasgow.

At one stage in its history, it had caged lions, tigers etc in the basement, a pub on the ground floor, the Music Hall with a balcony, and a small fair and amusement arcade on the top floor. Once you had paid your entrance fee, you had access to all the entertainment.

Founded during the industrialisation of the city, it was mainly a men-only venue, and improved and thrived for many years. Many famous artistes played there, including Harry Lauder, and Stan Laurel made his debut there. Sadly it closed in 1938 and became a shop for 60 years.

Happily a trust has now been formed and the Panopticon is undergoing restoration and is once again a Music Hall, with shows staged on the last weekend in every month from April to October, with many and varied acts.

More information can be obtained from the web site - www.britannianpanopticon.org.

We all joined in a sing-song at the end of this interesting and entertaining evening.

Alice Anderson gave a heartfelt vote of thanks.

Competition winners were as follows: Bonfire Limerick: winner M Wood, second E Judge. Favourite candlestick: E Judge. The raffle was won by Angela Cassells.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, December 1, at 7.30pm in Shiskine Hall when Eleanor McCue will demonstrate Christmas Floral Art.

The competition is for a Yule log, and the exhibition a best wrapped parcel (Bring and Buy, value £3 to CHAS).

Lamlash SWRI

The meeting of Lamlash Rural on Wednesday, November 3, was well attended.

Margaret Gray introduced Kathleen McNeish, speaker for the evening, who showed the members a wonderful display of articles that she had both collected and made. Kathleen told the members a

little of her fascinating travels to many places and in particular to Mongolia, where some of the homes, called yurts, are made from felt.

After explaining how felt is produced, Kathleen then allowed the group to have a go at making a small ball by using the 'needle felt' method.

Ann Tattersall gave a vote of thanks.

The monthly competition was won by Ann Tattersall and the exhibit won by Fiona McGilchrist.

The next meeting is an evening trip to Arran Aromatics on Wednesday, December 1. The evening starts at the factory at 6pm and anyone requiring a lift should contact a member of the committee.

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Students test French skills on Paris visit

Report by Emily Colwell, Hannah McMurray, Rose McCormack and Paula Kelso

In October, four students from Arran High School's Higher French class visited France.

We arrived in Paris late at night, welcomed by the twinkling lights of the Eiffel Tower, and headed out for our first meal before returning to our hotel after a long day of travelling.

The main intention of our trip was to grasp 'the real French experience', so we began each day with a classically French breakfast of croissants, pain au chocolat

and café au lait, before touring the great city.

During our trip we visited many of the traditional tourist hotspots as well as some of the more unusual ones, such as the breathtakingly beautiful Opéra Garnier and the fascinating Père la Chaise cemetery, using the Métro and Batibus to get around.

Unfortunately, our trip coincided with a general strike, which meant many attractions were closed. This, however, only means we must go again!

We thoroughly enjoyed our trip and are very grateful to Mrs Gregg and Miss Nicol who accompanied us.

Union calls on council to rebel over budget cuts

North Ayrshire Branch of UNISON, which represents some 2,000 members of the council's workforce, is calling for councillors to refuse to set a budget based on the sums being provided this year by the government.

The Scottish Government was expected to announce

reductions in the region of 20 per cent on cash available to local authorities on November 17. UNISON chairperson and Arran social worker, Colin Turbett, said: 'The huge job losses that are inevitable can only add to the area's problems and will deepen the recession locally.'

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
Published on 11th December
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Return of the Redwing

The Redwing, a small and attractive winter thrush, is a regular winter visitor to Arran.

The first report this autumn was on Monday, October 11.

During the previous winter, birds were reported from October 10, 2009 to February 16, 2010, and the winter before, the dates were similar, from October 11, 2008 to February 25, 2009. Look out for Redwing this winter.

In winter and on passage, large flocks, sometimes mixed with Fieldfares, use open fields for foraging for invertebrates, but smaller groups feed amongst leaf litter in woodland. They visit gardens and even city parks.

Berry bearing bushes such as hawthorns and rowan are particularly favoured in autumn and early winter until stripped.

The numbers that remain on Arran over the winter are variable, probably influenced by availability of food and severity of weather, moving



A redwing pictured in a Brodick garden.

Picture: Norma Davidson

further south if the berry crop has failed. These Redwings which spend the winter with us come from two populations. In England, Wales and most of Scotland, the birds originate from Scandinavia and Russia, while in Ireland and western parts of Scotland, birds are mainly from Iceland, where the population is larger and darker.

Both sub-species may occur on Arran but to date no observer has indicated the sub species they have seen! A challenge?

Birds ringed in Scotland in

autumn have been recovered in the spring in Iceland, Finland, Denmark, Germany and Russia.

Enjoy your birding.

Please send any bird notes with 'what, when, where' to me at Kilpatrick Kennels, Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot, KA27 8EY, or e mail me at james.cassels@virgin.net.

I look forward to hearing from you. For more information on birding on Arran purchase the Arran Bird Report 2009 and visit this website www.arranbirding.co.uk

Jim Cassels

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Society transported to New Zealand's third island for talk

Jim Cassels, Arran's resident bird expert, was invited by the island's Natural History Society to give an illustrated presentation on 'New Zealand's Third Island' at the November meeting.

The emphasis was on the unique bird life and the conservation efforts being made to retain it.

Stewart Island, at just over 1,600 square kilometres is four times the size of Arran and with a population of slightly over 400 it has less than a tenth of the population of Arran.

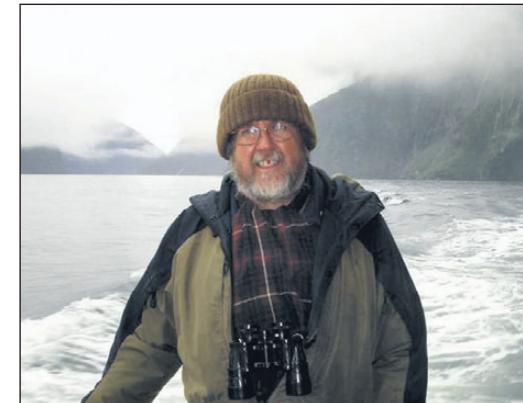
The island is one of the few places in New Zealand where you can view near-pristine native podocarp forest including the majestic rimu, miro and totara.

There are also flowering southern rata and kamahi, tree ferns, delicate ground ferns and mosses.

A perfect habitat for a range of stunning endemic New Zealand birds including the Southern Brown Kiwi.

To get a flavour of the range and extent of the conservation work going on in New Zealand supported by the people of New Zealand, visit the website of the Ornithological Society of New Zealand <http://www.osnz.org.nz/>

The next indoor meeting of the Society will



Jim Cassels spoke to Arran's Natural History Society about another island, Stewart Island in New Zealand.

be on Thursday 2 December at 8pm in the Rangers Centre when Willie McKnight of English Heritage will talk about the impact of invasive species on the Kent Coast under the title 'Invasion of the Kent Coast'.

All welcome.

The next outdoor meeting on Sunday 12 December will be a bird walk to the Fallen Rocks.

Meet at 10am at the Fallen Rocks car park. All welcome.

Texel cross lambs sell to £73 at Stirling mart

Arran livestock sales

United Auctions had forward 9,128 prime and store lambs and 2,269 ewes at their Stirling Agricultural Centre last Wednesday.

Cast cows; £1,005, 110p/kg Birchburn.

Texel cross lambs £73

Drumla, £58.50 Glenkiln,

£57 Sheddock.

Suffolk lambs £57 Sheddock.

Blackface ewe lambs £43

Sannox.

Blackface wedder lambs

£54 Glenkiln.

Texel cross ewes £80.50

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Mule ewes £54 Drumla.

A concert by
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Sunday 21st November
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Sudden sinking

A Carradale fishing boat sank in the Firth just off Corrie on Wednesday night resulting in the deaths of four fishermen.

The Antares was trawling in calm conditions with two other boats when she disappeared just after 2am.

At about the same time, HM Submarine Trenchant, on exercise underwater, felt herself collide with something and surfaced.

By this time the Antares had disappeared.

The end – local views

Surprise, sadness, relief, glee



Tracy Gibson has been appointed as the new marketing assistant at Arran Provisions in Lamlash, a post which she describes as finding out what customers want and trying to present the products to them in a better way. From Irvine, she came to Arran five years ago and has been (and still is) working as a dressmaker. b47twe03

Best Western
Kinloch Hotel

CHRISTMAS PARTY NIGHT

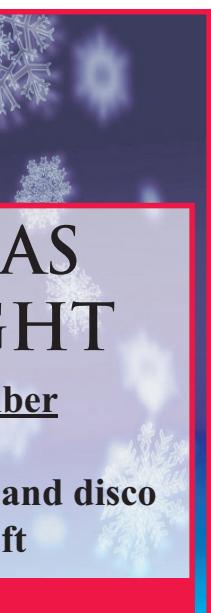
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Last week Archie was at the information marker in the viewing area at Cnoc na Dail at the top of Brodick Hill. First correct answer came from Ann of Blackwaterfoot.

This week he is sitting in the sun, next to a palm tree, but where does that white door behind him lead to? 02_b47arc01



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Behind the scenes preparation at Ardgowan's Fashion Show. b47twe04



The models at the Arthritis and Rheumatism Association fashion show modelling clothes from Ardgowan in Brodick were: Ann Dinwoodie, Barbara Williams, Nancy McLeod (dresser), Yvonne Bailley, Farquar Ross, Sandra MacMillan, Rosemary Voice (dresser), Elma Proudfoot, Sybil Campbell, Margaret McGuiness, Ann Mitchell (Ardgowan) and Tanya Warner and at the front is Judith Ross. b47twe02

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SATURDAY 20th NOVEMBER

Karate
Family Games
Fun In The Pool
Over 21's Disco
Arran Dancers (4 years and up)
Junior Badminton (5 - 11yrs)
Friends of Brodick Castle AGM
Quiz
Over 21's Disco with DJ Slume
Annual Art Show
Open Music Session
RNLI Shop Open
Dundee University Big Band
Laurel & Hardy Film Night
Quintet Zambra
Save The Children Xmas Fayre

Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am - 12.30pm
3pm to 4pm Auchrannie Games Hall
4pm to 5pm Auchrannie Spa Pool
The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Arran High School, 10am
High School Games Hall, 1pm - 2.30pm
Brodick Castle, 7.30pm
Catacol Bay Hotel, 9pm
The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Brodick Castle 12pm - 4.30pm
Pirnmill Village Hall, 8.30pm
Lamlash Pier, 10.30am - 12.30pm
Loch & Catacol Hall, 8pm - 11pm
Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm
Brodick Hall, 7.30pm
Brodick Hall, 10.30am - 1.30pm

SUNDAY 21st NOVEMBER

Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Fiddle Club- Childrens Classes
Family Games
Fun In The Pool
Folk Session
Quiz
BBQ
Lochranza Choir Concert

Church Hall, Brodick, 4.30pm
Library Annexe, 1.45pm
3pm to 4pm Auchrannie Games Hall
4pm to 5pm Auchrannie Spa Pool
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Bar Eden, Whiting Bay, 1pm - 7pm
Whiting Bay & Kildonan Church, 2.30pm

MONDAY 22nd NOVEMBER

Over 50's Badminton
Badminton
Citizens Advice
Weight Wise
Ladies Netball
Arran Junior Football Club Coaching & Games
Junior Basketball (P1 - P7)
Senior Fitness
BreathWalk Class
Quiz
Lamlash Bridge Club
Circuit Training
Zumbestyle Latin Dance Workout
Table Tennis
Badminton

Lochranza Village Hall 2pm - 4pm
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Open 10am - 2pm
Hospital Bungalow, 5pm - 5.30pm
High School Sports Hall - Seniors 7.30pm - 9pm
Ormidale Park, 6pm
Games Hall, High School 6pm - 7.30pm
9.30am to 10.30am Auchrannie Gym
Kinneil, Lamlash 5.15pm
Bar Eden, Whiting Bay, 8.30pm
Lamlash Golf Club, 7.15pm
Auchrannie Gym, 6pm - 7pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 7pm - 8pm
Corrie Hall, 6.30pm
Auchrannie Gym, 7pm - 9pm



ISLE OF
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BREWERY

TUESDAY 23rd NOVEMBER

Lochranza Swimming Club
Army Cadets
Pop Quiz
Alcoholics Anonymous
Citizens Advice
Youth Club
Rotary Club
Junior Hockey Club
Open Music Session
Motocross Practice (Weather Permitting)
Melody Movemenet. Ballet Class - 2½ yrs up
Dudes & Divas Funky Dance Class - 2½ yrs up
Country Dancing
Scottish Country Dancing
Indoor Bowls
Youth Club
Cricket

Kinloch 11am - 12pm
Auchrannie Road, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Brodick Church Hall - 2pm
Open 10am - 2pm 4 - 6pm (Appointment Only)
Kildonan Hall - 6.30pm
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie 7.15pm
Ormidale Pavillion, 6-7pm
Catacol Bay Hotel, 8.30pm
Southbank Farm Track, 6pm
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 1.30pm
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 2pm
Brodick Hall, 7.30pm
Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm
Corrie Hall, 2pm - 4pm
Brodick Hall, 6.30pm - 8pm
Arran High School, 7pm

WEDNESDAY 24th NOVEMBER

Hockey
Tae Kwon Do
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Brass Rehearsal
CAB meeting
Country/ Blues session
Selt Making Class
Musical Mayhem Class Parents & Little Ones
Yoga for Every Body
Senior Badminton
Museum, Archives & Geneology Service
Aquafizz
Yogalates
Circuit Training
Healing Rooms

Auchrannie Hall, 7pm - 8pm Games Hall
KA Leisure, Kids 6.30 - 7.30pm. Adults 7.30 - 8.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall - 7.30pm- 9pm
Whiting Bay Hall 7.15pm
High School 7.30pm
Ormidale. 9.30pm
Shipfield, Lamlash, 10am - 4pm
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 10.45am
10am -11.30am
High School Games Hall, 8pm - 9pm
10.30am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 3.30pm
9.45am to 10.30am Auchrannie Hotel Pool
9.30am to 10.30am Auchrannie Studio
Auchrannie Games Hall, 6pm - 7pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 11am - 12.30pm

THURSDAY 25th NOVEMBER

General Knowledge Quiz
Citizens Advice
Arran Music & Drama 'Sweeny Todd' Rehearsals
Lochranza Craft Club
Coffee Morning
Table Tennis
Youth Club
Brodick Bridge Club
Athletics
Senior Fitness
Ladies Night
Pilates
Pub Quiz
Ladies Night
Wee Blether Soup & Sandwiches
Brodick Embroidery Group
Arran Garden Club - Speaker Eleanor McCue

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Open 10am - 2pm
Brodick Hall, 7.30pm
Hall, 2pm
St Molios Church 10.30am - 12pm
Kildonan Hall, 3pm - 5pm
Youth Cabin, Lamlash 7-9pm
Golf Clubhouse
High School Games Hall, 4.45pm - 6pm
9.30am to 11.30am Auchrannie Spa Gym
Bar Eden, Whiting Bay
6 pm to 7pm Auchrannie Studio
Kinloch Hotel, 9pm
Bar Eden, Whiting Bay
Whiting Bay Hall, 12pm - 1.30pm
Brodick Library, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Ranger Centre, 7.30pm

FRIDAY 26th NOVEMBER

Arran Pipe Band Practice
Citizens Advice
Quiz
Aquafizz
Yogalates
DJ
Seniors Badminton (Over 50)
Arran Ceilidh Dance Group
Ladies Indoor Bowls
Mens Indoor Bowls

Brodick Hall, 7.30pm
Open 10am - 2pm
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 9pm
9.45am to 10.30am Auchrannie Hotel Pool
10am to 11am Auchrannie Studio
Bar Eden, Whiting Bay, 9pm - 1am
Auchrannie Games Hall, 2pm
Lamlash Curch Hall, 8pm - 10pm
Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm

SATURDAY 27th NOVEMBER

Christmas Extravaganza in aid or Arran RDA
Scottish Folk Cafe Concert
Arran Horticultural Society AGM
Table Top Sale
Kilmory Farmers & Craft Market

Brodick Church Hall, 11.30am - 3pm
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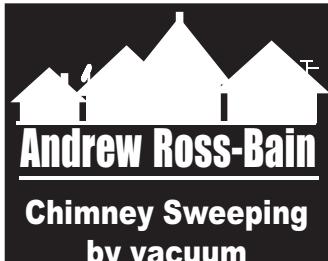
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CHURCH NOTICES

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 21 November

Shiskine, 11am

Sunday School in the Church Hall
(Church is between Machrie & Blackwaterfoot)

Brodick, 7pm (Church is behind Post Office)

Rev David Karoon
All welcome

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday Morning Mass

11am

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(in full communion with the Church of England)

St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.

Sunday 21 November

Holy Communion, 11am.

Mr John Roberts

Coffee after service followed by Wednesday 24 November

Holy Communion, 12.15 pm.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(SCO15072)

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

Sunday 21 November

Rev Dr Ian Macleod

Kilmory 10am

Lamlash 11.30am

In both churches:

All welcome, including families; children's area

All welcome

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND (continuing)

Communion Weekend

Saturday 20 November

Preparatory Service 7pm

13 Glen Avenue, Brodick

Sunday 21st

Morning Service 11am

Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed at the close of the morning service.

Evening Service 7pm

13 Glen Avenue

Monday 22nd

Thanksgiving Service 7pm

Hazelbank, Pirnmill

Rev J. Gracie

Wednesday 24th

Prayer Meeting 7pm

5 Glen Road, Brodick

Rev D. Macleod

All welcome

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH.

Ormidale Pavilion

Brodick.

Sunday 21 November

10.45 - Communion

Tea and Coffee from 11.10am

11.30am - For all the family

Speaker: Rev Willie Wright

Everyone very welcome

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Independent but working together.

Minister

Rev Angus Adamson.

Parish Asst

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 21 November.

Brodick Church 10.30am

Corrie Church 12pm

Lochranza/Pirnmill 10.15am

at Lochranza

Shiskine Church 12pm

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

WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 21 November

Worship will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson, at 10.30am. Tea and Coffee will be served in the Transept after the service. There will be a sale of Traidcraft goods and Traidcraft Christmas Cards. There will also be a Wesley Owen Bookstall with great ideas for Christmas. Also, the Church Christmas Card, to be sent to all members, will be available to be signed, and all proceeds will go to Al Shurooq School nr Bethlehem. At 6.30pm in the transept, there will be an informal service of praise, prayer and discussion. All most welcome.

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)

Sunday 21 November

11am

Dippen House, Dippen

Enquiries to Judith

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ARRAN CHURCHES TOGETHER

Thursday 25 November

St Andrew's Service

Brodick Church, 7pm

Offering to Scotcare, London

(Founded 1603)

All welcome

PERSONAL

Lucy McNicol would like to say a massive thanks to everyone who came to her 21st birthday party on Saturday night and for all the lovely gifts and cards. I had a great night and I hope everyone else did as well.

A special thanks to my mum and dad for everything they did to make the night a success.



Golf

Brodick Golf Club

Results: Wednesday 20 Oct. On another lovely autumn day 17 played.

There were two magic twos; Derek Roxburgh and Andrew Martin getting one each.

The scoring was good with 13 of those taking part below net 70. Bryce Walker, supported by his playing partners who kept him moving along at a pace Bryce felt was a bit fast as he breathlessly reached the last, was first 75-15=60.

In second place was Alistair Bilsland, a first-time prize winner at golf 90-28=62 and in third place with an 88-24=64 beating Len Hartley on the better inward half was Gordon Sillars.

Wednesday Nov 3, 14 turned out on what was a very wet afternoon. The poor weather was reflected in the scoring and four players decided to call it a day early retiring after nine holes. The remainder battled through the wet conditions with five magic twos, Andy Martin getting two and Wolfie Kroner, Hugh Walker and Charlie (INWA) O'Neill getting one each. Don Rudge was first with an 82-16=66, second was Wolfie Kroner 81-13=68 and that man in his 77th year, Harry Davidson, was third 83-14=69.

WEDDING

Buchanan / Maxwell



Dr Ian Buchanan and Mrs Clare Maxwell were married at the Kinloch Hotel Blackwaterfoot by Registrar Loretta Adamson on Saturday 6th November. The couple are pictured with their children, Stephen, Laura and Callum.

Ian is a GP in Kilmarnock, and Clare is a teacher in Edinburgh. The couple will live in Kilmarnock, and will continue to be regular visitors to Blackwaterfoot.

PERSONAL

THANKS

Now that I'm back home and making a good recovery, I would like to thank Mr. Fon and his team in wards 4b & 4c at Crosshouse Hospital, for the skills, care & kindness they showed me during my stay. May I also thank all my wonderful friends and family for all the lovely cards, beautiful flowers, and the many phone calls. I feel very humble at all the kindness shown to me. I am also very grateful to John who has been my 'rock' through it all.

Thank you all, Grace Sillars.

Guess who's 60?



O'Neill, Eric Thompson and Harry Davidson all getting one apiece.

With 18 playing it was decided to send groups out in three balls much to the concern of one of the members who made his feelings known. This was noted by the Match Secretary who in consultation with the players will decide what action to take on this matter.

In first place in the sweep was a familiar face in Charlie (I never win anything) O'Neill 76-15=61, second was Wolfie Kroner 77-13=64 and in third place was a man in his 77th year, Harry Davidson 79-14=65.

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Lamlash ladies golf prizewinners; Rachel Wren, Jo Hastings, Sheena Murchie, Catherine Robertson, special guest Isobel Gibson, Gay MacKay, Brenda Livingston and Jackie Winship.

Wednesday 10 Nov, 16 played on another dry Wednesday. With an even number of players it was decided to play for the Duggie Graham Trophy held over from 2009-10 season in addition to the normal sweep. There were no twos so it is a rollover to next week.

Scoring was good and in first place was Jim Green 79-19=60, second was Don Rudge 76-15=61 and third was Charlie (INWA) O'Neill 75-13=62. With Jim Green and Charlie O'Neill playing together with a combined net score of 122 there was little opposition as they beat the rest by at least 10 strokes to lift the Duggie Graham Trophy; well done to both.

Corrie Golf Club

Results: Saturday Nov 13, Winter Cup. CSS 61, first round 19 played. 1 J Adams 69-9=60, 2 D Price 73-11=62 bih, 3 A McDonald 73-11=62.

Monday Nov 15 Monday Cup. 1 J Adams 67-9=58, 2 D Price 70-11=59 bih, 3 D Wilkinson 74-15=59. Best scratch J McGovern. Magic twos, two each A McDonald and J McGovern, one D Price, A Smith, P Moran and J Adams.

Fixtures: Saturday Nov 29 Stableford 8.30am and 12noon. Monday Nov 22, Monday Cup 11.50am.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Results: Sunday 14 Nov. Only 13 turned out on a crisp autumn day for the second round of this year's Winter Cup.

The new pacesetter is Gordon Provan with an excellent score (and a new handicap!) while the leader after the first round, Graeme Crichton, couldn't add to his first score.

Gordon Provan (10)59, Gus MacLeod (10)62 BIH, John Simmons (10)62. Wolfie Kroner had the only magic two of the day and Tom Paterson won scratch with 66.

Fixtures: Sunday 21 Nov, Friendly with Lamlash at Lamlash. Groups teeing off between 10.30am and 11am. All welcome, the more the merrier.

Whiting Bay Ladies Golf

Following such stormy weather of recent days we were blessed with a sunny, warm dry afternoon as we played our November medal. Second place went to Celia Butler with a 73 (35) with first place going to Lynn Walker with a 68 (19). Scratch went to Lynn with an 87.

Prizewinners: Winter Stableford, Catherine Robertson; Kilbride Tray, Jo Hastings; MacGill Cup, Jo Hastings, Grace Cannon, Rachel Wren and Sheena Murchie, Josie Sanderson, Catherine Robertson; Ann Cook Tray, June Richardson; Red Cross Game, Catherine Robertson; Flag Competition, Gay MacKay; Thistle Brooch, Jackie Winship; Away Day, Jo Hastings; Marella Cup, Jo Hastings; LGU Breakthrough Brooch, Rachel Wren; Red Cross Emetic, Jackie Winship; Birdie Tree, Sheena Murchie; Progress Cup, Catherine Robertson; Fleet Cup, Catherine Robertson; Stoke Quaich, Catherine Robertson; Centenary Tray, Brenda Livingston; Glenkiln Rosebowl, Rachel Wren; Club Championship, Sheena Murchie.

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Triumphant return for young Arran rugby star

After several months out with a serious knee injury, 16-year-old Lamlash lad Matt Evans made his long awaited league debut for his new rugby club Kilmarnock against the might of Glasgow Hutchesons' Aloysians (GHA) on Saturday November 6.

Matt, a highly successful National Pathway and Glasgow District player at U15 and 16 level, sustained his injury prior to pre-season training commencing with Kilmarnock U18's. His much anticipated

debut followed a long slow period of recuperation and frustration.

The wait was worth it, as it wasn't long before Matt started to show some of his silky skills both in attack and defence, and he was rewarded with a great second half try which helped seal an 18 – 10 victory against a very strong GHA outfit.

The following week Matt took his place at centre in an away match to one of the strongest sides in the top-flight

league, Hamilton. A tense first half saw Hamilton sneak a 5-0 half time advantage following a well-worked score deep into injury time. Matt had played his part in a stoic, backs to the wall, first half defensive display by the young Kilmarnock side who were unlucky not to score a couple of breakaway tries.

The second half was an altogether different affair with Kilmarnock totally dominant in every phase of the game and Killie ran out winners 22 – 10 to keep their challenge for a top four league finish and automatic entry into the National Cup very much alive.

Partnership

The victory was in no small part due to the partnership of fly half Dewar and Matt Evans who combined for the highlight of the match, a lovely dummy switch movement, which saw Dewar under the posts for a breathtaking try.

This coming weekend sees Kilmarnock host Greenock in the final league match of the season and victory is essential to seal that all-important top four spot.

Killie Development Officer and National Pathway coach Steve Edwards said: 'This is a fine young Killie side that has been bolstered and strengthened by the return of Arran's Matt Evans.'

'It's great to see him back playing, and Club and District rugby can only benefit as a result. He is now part of the Glasgow District Under17 squad and is knocking on the door of international honours.'



Matt Evans of Lamlash.



Alex Home with the PT 1934 pool team in their new Torrylinn Creamery polo shirts; Jamie Picken, Matthew McNeish, Tommy Mulholland, Stewart Fitzpatrick, Eddie Picken and Alan Picken. 02_b47tor01

PT 1934 are the big cheeses

The PT 1934 pool team has been sponsored by cheese company First Milk of Torrylinn Creamery.

Team members have been kitted out in special polo shirts and the cheese company has also given a sum of money towards travel expenses for away matches and for new equipment.

Pleased

Manager Alex Home said: 'We are pleased to support the local team and wish them every success in the pool league this season.'

Team captain Eddie Picken added: 'It's great to get some recognition and financial help.'

Since moving home venue from Lagg Hotel to Kilmory Hall three years ago, the team members have valiantly supplied after-match refreshments themselves for the visiting team.

The Copperwheat's Arran Pool League

Results for Thursday November 11:

Bar Eden 5(G) PHT 5, Mac's Bar 3 Bar Eden 7(G), teamGoil 5 Drift Inn 5(G), PT 1934 6(G) Kildonan 4.

Next Thursday November 25 Kildonan play PHT, Bar Eden v Mac's Bar, PT 1934 v Catacol, Drift Inn v Eden B and teamgoil have a bye.

The draw for the first round of the singles and doubles has been made and will be published in next week's Banner.

	P	W	L	D	Pts
PHT	3	2	0	1	7
Bar Eden	2	1	0	1	4
PT 1934	2	1	0	1	4
Catacol	2	1	0	1	4
Team Goil	3	1	1	1	4
Eden B	3	1	2	0	3
Drift	3	0	0	3	3
Kildonan	3	1	2	0	3
Mac's	3	0	3	0	0

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