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Christmas extravaganza set to captivate Arran's community

REPORT

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The highly anticipated Lam-lash Santa's Sparkle will go ahead this weekend, despite the terrible weather forecast.

Organisers were concerned that the gales and heavy rain predicted for Saturday and Sunday may have resulted in the event being cancelled, however Geoffrey Dallamore from the Glenisle Hotel assured The Banner that preparations for the festivities are going ahead as normal.

'Santa's Sparkle will go ahead,' said Geoffrey. 'We have been holding emergency talks this morning (Wednesday) and we are determined not to let the weather change our plans.'

'Some of our plans have been changed slightly but most importantly the firework display will still be going ahead at 6pm.'

He added that overall plans to make sure the Christmas season starts with a joyous bang are going well as the community prepares for the Christmas Extravaganza on the Lam-lash Green.

Following the spectacular success of the village Christmas lights last year it promises to be an even bigger and better show this year, lasting all weekend.

The event is being funded by the Glenisle Hotel and



The huge tree on Lam-lash Green was hoisted into place last Saturday in preparation for the Santa's Sparkle this weekend. 01_b47lam01

Bistro and is being presented in association with Visit Arran, the Isle of Arran Distillery and Arran Events.

With live acts performing on the Arran Events stage throughout the weekend and stalls housed in five marquees on the green, it is set to be a spectacular event.

Geoffrey said: 'There will be plenty of festive food and drink available and Santa will be flying in from the north pole especially for the event.'

'Saturday will feature the lighting of the Lam-lash com-

munity Christmas tree and the day will climax with the spectacular light and firework show which accompanies the lighting of the Glenisle Christmas tree.'

He added: 'The fun will continue into the evening with the Jazz Café Band on stage and food and drink will be available in the marquees until 8pm.'

'But, that's not all. Sunday will feature a speciality barbecue and a performance by local Ross Cleland whose year travelling with the circus

was recently featured in The Banner.'

Top magician Carl Royle will also be appearing on Sunday, doing two sets on the Arran Events stage and then moving through the marquees performing close-up magic.

The Glenisle Bistro in conjunction with the Isle of Arran Distillery will also be providing the food and drink for the event as well as the 21 local traders and crafts people who will be selling their wares in the marquees so you can do some Christmas shopping at

the same time.

Geoffrey added: 'The aim is to create a fun event for the island at the beginning of the Christmas season and it is hoped that it will also be an attraction which could bring visitors to the island.'

'This will be the first time that the island has staged an outdoor event of this size during the winter so, in some ways it is an experiment. Everyone involved hopes that it will be a great success and that it will be able to grow year on year.'

Arran schools could close during teaching strike

Public sector workers on Arran are set to strike next week, affecting services across the island, including schools.

The day of action is planned next Wednesday (November 30) to protest against a rise in retirement age and changes to pension schemes.

A spokesperson for North Ayrshire Council said: 'We will be working with staff and their Trade Unions to identify which services will be affected by a national day of industrial action on Wednesday, 30 November.'

'We will make every effort to minimise the impact on Council services across North Ayrshire where possible and ensure that essential services are maintained.'

She added: 'All information will be available on the council's website - www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk.'

Arran's Mairi to perform in London

A former Mod gold medallist is travelling from the Isle of Arran to perform at the The Highlands and Islands Society of London's annual St Andrew's ceilidh and dance.

Mairi MacInnes will sing at the event, to be held at the London Welsh Centre, Gray's Inn Road, London this Saturday.

The evening will also feature the Craigievar Ceilidh Band, who featured in the film Four Weddings and a Funeral.

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Countdown to Lamlash Christmas panto

Christmas is sneaking up at an alarming pace, which can only mean one thing; the pantomime season is just around the corner - oh yes it is!

And what better way is there to start off your Christmas season with the Lamlash Pantomime, Snow White and the Seven Dwarves (or to be more politically correct) the Seven Vertically Challenged People.

To be honest, few, if any, are actually vertically challenged but many are horizontally challenged - if you get my meaning!

But don't tell them we said that!

And how they will all fit into that bed is anyone's guess!

The show should be ready by Thursday 8 December and the cast should know their lines - but then that will be the first time in 31 years if that happens.

Tickets are now on sale - see advert for details.

Get in early and avoid disappointment—you know you want to! Oh yes you do!



Jo Earle and Mark West at the Exercise Hospital.

Training exercise tests island's emergency response

Emergency services, doctors and nurses from Arran took part in a major exercise on Sunday at different points across the island.

Exercise Alliance was organised by the Arran Resilience initiative and simulated a situation where several emergencies happened at the same time.

From reports of injured mountain bikers in Glen to a road accident in North Sannox as well as a man overboard off the shore at Corriegills, during which the man on board also developed a heart attack - the emer-

gency crews were kept very busy. Dr David Hogg, co-ordinator of Arran Resilience said: 'The day required a lot of planning by all our teams, and I am so pleased that the day was deemed a success.'

'We learned a lot about how we can improve our response to multiple and major incidents, but overall the day was a reassuring demonstration that we have committed and skilled teams here on Arran.'

For the full story and more pictures see page 5.

Award winner reveals Arran is her inspiration

The latest winner of the John Muir Trust Conservator award has described how a love of Arran has inspired her - despite significant disabilities. Glaswegian Julie McElroy was born with cerebral palsy, leaving her profoundly deaf and suffering from problems with her mobility, dexterity and speech. But none of that has stopped the 25-year-old from getting her walking boots on and heading for the great outdoors, with her adventures

ranging from climbing Helvellyn to paddling the length of Loch Shiel.

Ms McElroy has already led a party of people in an expedition to Arran and she said her big goal is to help others with disabilities to enjoy the outdoors for themselves. She said: 'I wanted to experience a totally new existence and challenges that are different from the ones I experience in everyday life. Being in the wild allows me to establish myself more as a person.'

Corrie Church hosts Christmas concert

The Christmas Concert in Corrie Church this year will feature a quartet of wonderful solo singers certain to produce a wonderful performance.

Laura Elizabeth Sheerin - soprano, Frances Marshfield - mezzo-soprano, Peter Alexander Wilson - tenor, Stefan Berkietta - bass-baritone and Crawford Logan, a very well known radio and stage actor will all be appearing at the church on Saturday 10 December.

Crawford Logan features regularly on BBC Radio Four on the Simon Templar Series where he plays the title role

as well as a stage acting career that takes him throughout the UK.

This year, the concert will be accompanied Jamie Forbes Thompson, who played so well for the summer school and in the gala concert on the new Kawai RX5 grand piano.

He is coming up with a medley of Christmas songs that the audience will know; so that everybody can come along and have a jolly good sing.

The concert will take place at 7.30pm in Corrie Parish Church on Saturday 10 December.

Enjoy a 'community lunch'

If you have time to spare in the middle of the day, 'Lunchbox' may be just what you are looking for.

It is a community lunch in the Ormidale Sports Pavilion, Brodick, every other Thursday.

You'll enjoy a tasty lunch, meet friends and make friends, and have lots of time to chat. It starts at 12.30pm

and finishes around 2.30pm.

Having commenced a few weeks ago, Lunchbox is now fully up and running and it's open to all.

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Duck, dive, and dodge for charity



Junior pupils Fiona Bulger and Ben Leslie prepared to duck and dive in a charity dodgeball tournament at Arran High School on Friday afternoon. There was lots of dodging, ducking, dipping and diving in the school gym as pupils tried to raise money for Children in Need. The school raised approximately £260 for the nationwide fundraising event that will go to a whole range of children's charities.

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Community Council prepare for monthly meeting

Arran Community Council will meet on Tuesday 29 November at the earlier time of 7pm at the Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick.

There will be a presentation on the correct procedure to eliminate Japanese Knotweed that has become widespread on Arran.

Stuart Brabs will be sharing

his expertise in this field so all interested parties should be there at 7pm.

This will be followed by the AGM and an ordinary general meeting.

The agenda this week will

include a report back on the Straight Talking event and a discussion on the community council response.

All Arran folk are welcome to attend and make a contribution through the chairman.

Collections for Poppy Scotland

In Brodick the magnificent total of £1,898 was collected by the Brodick Poppy Appeal this year.

The collection for Poppy Scotland in Lamlash raised a total of £612.63. In Whiting Bay the total raised was £419.16.

Thank you to all those who participated and contributed to these totals.

Lost

A silver Citizen metal wrist watch with a circular face, pointers and metal braided clip wrist strap was accidentally left by the sinks in the men's toilets near the lounge at 9.10am on the ferry when docking at Ardrossan on Tuesday 15 November. It has great sentimental value.

Any information would be greatly appreciated.

Reward offered for safe return. Please contact 860780 or 07770 499995.

An iPod was lost in Brodick on Sunday which contains some sentimental photos.

Reward for return if found.

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RDA rider Emily with Dan and Tabitha the charity's ponies.

RDA prepare for Christmas Extravaganza

The unusual sight of one pony with reindeer antlers and another wearing a Santa hat can only mean one thing – the Riding for the Disabled Christmas Extravaganza is upon us!

This year the group are hosting the event at Arran High School on Saturday 3 December.

The extravaganza will be on from 11.30am until 3pm and there will be lots of goodies on sale including Christmas Cards featuring their lovely ponies.

There will also be a tombola, raffle, games

for the kids, craft stalls, home baking, toys for sale...the list goes on – this is clearly going to be fun for all the family!

Wonderful Charity

Come along and enjoy Michaels 'famous' curry for lunch, or have a warming bowl of soup while at the same time helping to raise funds for this wonderful charity.

The RDA may even have a surprise visitor of the four legged variety – dressed in a Santa suit of course!

'Tell Us Once' notifies the authorities of a bereavement

Bereaved families on Arran no longer have to contact a long list of council and government departments when a family member has died.

North Ayrshire Council has teamed up with the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) to deliver Tell Us Once, a new service that notifies the authorities of a family's bereavement.

Under the new service, the local registrar can ensure that all relevant public services are made aware of the bereavement.

This includes council services such as housing, housing benefit, council tax, library services, children's services and adult services.

As well as council serv-

ices, organisations who can be informed, if required, are the Department for Work and Pensions, HM Revenue and Customs, Identity and Passport Service and the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency.

By notifying up to 28 different services on their behalf, Tell Us Once is a much easier way for families to report their bereavement to the relevant authorities.

The only information we need is a National Insurance number, date of birth, details of any benefits or services being received, driving licence or licence number and passport or passport number and town/country of birth.

Details of next of kin, sur-

living husband, wife or partner or the person dealing with their estate may also be required.

Councillor David O'Neill, leader of North Ayrshire Council, said: 'At these moments families have more important matters than dealing with lots of council and government services.'

'Tell Us Once removes this red tape and gives time back to families when they need it most.'

'We understand that the last thing anybody wants to do when a family member has died is deal with administration. Tell Us Once turns what has been a cumbersome process into a fast and efficient service.'

Strike action could affect NHS locally

As reported nationwide in the news recently, a number of trades unions are taking part in industrial action on Wednesday 30 November.

This affects public sector workers, and includes some NHS Ayrshire and Arran staff.

The strike action is in response to increases in employee pension contributions for members of the NHS, as well as other proposed changes across all public sector pension schemes in Scotland. NHS Ayrshire and Arran is

working very closely with the trades unions and other professional bodies which represent staff, to finalise arrangements for levels of service on that day.

Lynne Todd, acting director of people and organisation development, said: 'We are working closely with our trades union partners to maintain safe levels of patient care at all times. We have started to contact patients who have a hospital appointment on this date, to let them know how this will affect them.'

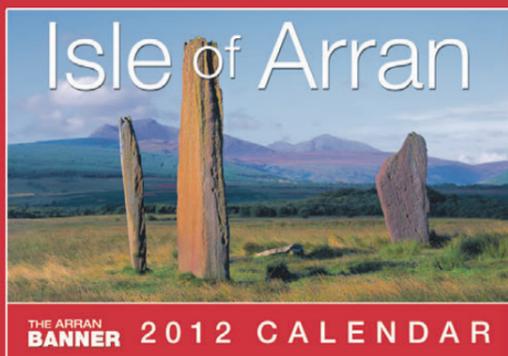
New social care model discussed

The Executive of North Ayrshire Council is to consider proposals for a project that will transform the way social services are delivered locally.

Members of the Executive Committee will consider a council-wide strategy for implementing Personalisation – an innovative new model of care, which will give service users much greater choice and control over the support they receive.

Councillors will also hear proposals for a Personalisation pathfinder project.

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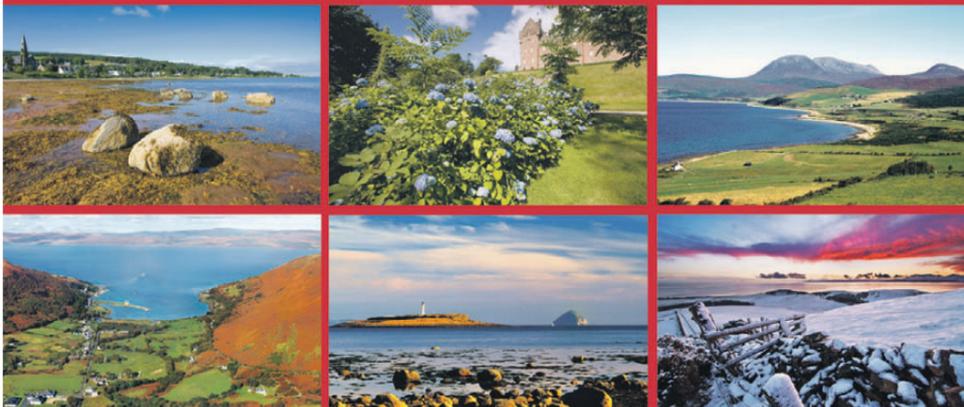


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Exercise Alliance tests Arran's emergency teams

Weekend saw multiple incidents across the island

Flashing blue lights and sirens were seen and heard all across the island on Sunday as Arran's emergency teams were faced with multiple incidents.

Fortunately, these were all planned as part of Exercise Alliance organised by the Arran Resilience initiative and took place to simulate the prospect of dealing with several incidents at once.

The day started with reports of injured mountain bikers in Glen Rosa.

Arran's Mountain Rescue Team responded quickly but soon found themselves being asked to assist with a road accident in North Sannox.

Whilst police, fire, ambulance and Dr Gruszecka (BASICS Doctor) attended that, the MRT faced some difficult decisions over whether they could split up to attend two incidents.

Meanwhile, Arran's coast-

guard and lifeboat teams were busy dealing with a man overboard off the shore at Corriegills, during which the man on board also developed a heart attack.

Whilst the coastguard searched the shore for the missing person - found quickly cold and confused - the First Responder Team and Jo Earle (BASICS Nurse) attended Brodick slipway, successfully defibrillating the casualty from cardiac arrest.

Dr David Hogg, co-ordinator of Arran Resilience said: 'The day required a lot of planning by all our teams, and I am so pleased that the day was deemed a success.'

'We learned a lot about how we can improve our response to multiple and major incidents, but overall the day was a reassuring demonstration that we have committed and skilled teams here on Arran.'

Casualties were brought

to the Exercise Hospital at the Mountain Rescue Base, where First Responders and RNLI crew were led by Gary Lewis, lead paramedic, to deal with an influx of injuries, including spinal injuries, cardiac events and hypothermia. The afternoon saw responders updated in pre-hospital care by Dr Drew Inglis of the Emergency Medical Retrieval Service, followed by some further training on casualty care.

Dr Hogg added: 'Many individuals were involved in making the day run smoothly. We are grateful to all the Duke of Edinburgh's Award young people who helped us as casualty actors - some of whom were particularly melodramatic!'

Arran Resilience has more events planned over the next few months.

More information is available at www.aimcare.org.uk



Nurse Jo Earle assesses one of the injured bikers.



The exercise involved 12 casualties - keeping track of them all was vital.



Each casualty was re-assessed at the exercise hospital.



Casualties arrive at the Exercise Hospital.



One of the injured bikers is log-rolled to prevent further spinal injury.

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The sixth year girls will each have a chance to take a 'real care baby' home for the weekend. 01_b47bab01

You think looking after a baby is easy?

Take this doll for a few days...

Isobel MacDonald has three babies - two girls and a boy - Roxy, Bella and Archie. They're all the same age and they cry, day or night, and need to be fed, changed, and comforted.

They even have three settings: hard, medium and easy.

But as Isobel points out, easy does not mean easy, simply that it cries every four hours instead of every hour!

Isobel is Arran's public health nurse and the babies are 'real care babies' - programmable dolls that simulate the needs and actions of a newborn baby.

And for a group of young girls in sixth year at Arran High School studying Early Education, these dolls have given them a first hand glimpse at just how difficult looking after a seven-week-old baby can be.

'They cry when they need to be fed. They cry when they need to be changed, and when they need to be comforted, or if they need winding,' she explained.

'If they're mishandled, they screech.'

She added: 'They look after them, and when I get them back, I plug them into a computer and generate a report.'

'When you get the baby, you have a bracelet which you swipe on its back, and then you attend to it. You try to feed it, or change its nappy, and if it doesn't stop crying, you swipe it again and try something else.'

This course was not designed to put the young girls off having children.

Rather it was designed to show them just how much time and energy is needed to take care of children if they decide to pursue careers in childcare.

Teacher Evelyn Thomson said that the volunteers often don't realise what it takes to care for a baby 24 hours a day.

'They' don't realise it's so stressful,' she said. 'They start out wanting to buy them clothes, but it soon changes when they realise the babies wake up every three hours, and it can take an hour to feed them.'

Flanders Fields visited by Arran Antiquarians

Norma Davidson of Arran Antiquarians gave the final lecture of 2011 to a fascinated audience of society members and guests from the Royal British Legion.

Having satisfied a lifetime's desire to visit the First World War battlefields and cemeteries, she gave us a vivid and sometimes emotional account of the development of the three Battles of Ypres.

Events culminating in the start of the Great War were beginning to evolve more than 50 years previously.

The assassination of Archduke Ferdinand in Sarajevo in 1914 precipitated this cataclysmic war. Pictures

were shown of the major war cemeteries of Flanders, the German cemetery at Langemark, St. Julian (Canadian), Messines Ridge, Ramparts and Tyne Cot (all British and Commonwealth), the latter containing the largest number of Allied dead in any war cemetery worldwide.

Norma spoke about the Passchendaele Museum in Zonnebeke and the Flanders Field Museum in Ypres.

The wartime history of Ypres was explained and the significance of the Menin Gate which bears the names of 54,389 officers and men who have no known grave.

Pictures of a German trench system at Kemmel were shown, where a certain Cor-

poral Adolf Hitler won one of his two Iron Crosses for bravery.

Finally Norma explained the progression from stalemate to the events that brought about the end of a war that had claimed 10 million lives worldwide.

She paid tribute to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, who have in their care 23,000 cemeteries throughout the world, commemorating 1,700,000 dead and whose work is ongoing.

The next meeting of the Arran Antiquarians will be the Annual General Meeting on Monday 16 January when reports of the activities of the Antiquarians for the past 12 months will be given, a preview of the 2012 programme and a welcoming glass of wine! Not to be missed.



Speaker Norma Davidson pictured with the vice chairman of the Arran Antiquarians, Tommy MacLeod, who is soon to be the new chairman.

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Hundreds of pounds raised across Arran for Children in Need

Many events are held across the island

People all across Arran have helped raise cash in aid of the annual Children In Need fundraising appeal.

Many of the island's youngsters and adults dressed up and held events at schools and nurseries to contribute to the millions that were again raised for a host of children's charities.

The annual fundraising event was kicked off early on Friday morning when the staff at the Royal Bank of Scotland in Scotland opened their doors dressed in quirky spotty outfits.

The three tellers – Karen Ward, Lisa Percy and Laura Hemming – had also baked lovely little cupcakes that they sold throughout the day making £96 for the national event.

Also on Friday morning the youngsters at Brodick Nursery held a spotty dotty cupcake-decorating day to raise money for Children in Need. The parents came along and joined in making our yummy treats and the children wore something spotty.

Lamlash Primary and Nursery Class pupils also went spotty for Children in Need on Friday when they raised £260.68 by wearing spots, decorating and selling cakes and selling Children in Need wristbands. Thanks to all parents who donated cakes and the Co-operative supermarket who provided the cake decorations.

A fantastically fun day was had by all.

Four Arran youngsters got the chance to sing for Pudsey

at the BBC Children in Need live television broadcast from Glasgow on Friday night.

Emily Devine, Megan Hodgkinson, Olivia Barker and Toni McPhee travelled to Glasgow to be a part of the special choir and all four were spotted on the television several times.

At Arran High School on both Friday and Saturday the pupils were in overdrive with some fabulous fundraising ideas.

Spectators were charged £1 to watch a thrilling Dodgeball tournament between staff and pupils during Friday lunch-time.

And on Saturday at the Christmas Fayre in the high school stalls were set-up selling goodies specially created for Children in Need.



Lamlash Primary and Nursery Class pupils also went spotty for Children in Need on Friday by wearing spots, decorating and selling cakes and selling Children in Need wristbands.



Ceitidh Anderson, Mairi MacLeod, Sophie Marriott and Susie Mowatt manning the High School's Children in Need stall at the school's Christmas Fayre on Saturday.

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Even Arran's youngest members joined in with Children in Need.



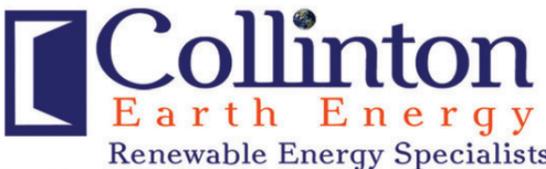
Youngsters from Arran High School made bird feeders to make money for Children in Need. 01_b47ahs04



The children of Brodick Nursery had great fun at their spotty dotty cupcake-decorating day.



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Not all journalists are bad!

There is a spectre hanging over newspapers this week, and it is called the Leveson inquiry.

Like most journalists, neither Howard or myself have ever hacked a phone or knowingly crossed the line in any other way - but others in our trade self-evidently have.

There have been so many phone hacking accusations flying around in recent months, few of which have been proven in court and some of which are inaccurate, that it's hard to list definitively journalism's misdemeanours.

But on Monday, the testimony of Bob and Sally Dowler was heart-rending, and the case of Alan Watson, the 15-year-old Scottish boy who killed himself after reading derogatory articles about his dead sister, is equally horrific.

Journalists are by nature intrusive - we get paid to ask the questions people don't want to answer.

Ironically, here at The Banner, the question we are most frequently asked is 'Why do you not name the people mentioned in the police reports?'

But we realise that living and working in a small place such as Arran is not easy and defaming a person's reputation for an offence they did not commit could land us in deep, deep water. It would seem that readers of the Arran Banner are seeking a little bit more of an intrusion into people's lives than we already offer!

Hacking the phone of a murder victim is against the law, sure - but so is hacking the phone of a 'corrupt arms executive', as David Leigh, investigations editor of the *Guardian*, claimed to have done.

Likewise, in the case of Alan Watson and his murdered sister, journalists broke no laws - it isn't possible to defame the dead.

Consider the role of public relations, and the extent to which celebrities willingly - even desperately - collude with and manipulate the popular press for a precious few column inches.

Staged photo shoots, planted stories, astonishingly powerful PRs - surely if Lord Leveson is keen to examine 'press standards' on behalf of the reader as well as the celebrity victim, call witnesses on this as well.

There are many things wrong with the British press.

There have been appalling abuses of power, ethical breaches and some have broken the law.

New laws he recommends will apply to every journalist, on every publication and most likely in every medium.

So even here at The Banner where we cover everything from farming to finance, we could feel the effects of this inquiry.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'The prophet of the Most High will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for Him, and to give His people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins.' (Luke 1: 76-77)

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Letters to the Editor



Core cycle path

Sir,
I recently attended an excellent meeting on the Arran Safe Road Initiative organised by Shirley Anderson and Neil Gillies.

They are creating a commendable plan to try and reduce accidents between drivers and cyclists.

At that meeting there was much discussion as to how we could separate cyclists and drivers as they emerge from the ferry.

I was the only one who believed that the new path along Brodick seafront was a cycle path.

I later checked with the police and was told that it was not legal to cycle on that stretch of pavement.

I have now checked with North Ayrshire Access Officer, Louise Kirk, and I am pleased to report that the path was designated a Core Cycle Path in 2009 and it is therefore legal to cycle between the Invercloy Co-op to the Ferry Terminal and also up the pavement as far as the first turn off for Corriegills.

Being able to cycle up this steep and busy incline on the pavement is very welcome as at low speeds we cyclists tend to wobble.

Louise Kirk has advised me that appropriate signage will soon be painted on the path and signs will be erected to show that this pavement is also a cycle path.

Brodick Seafront Path was designated as a Core Path in 2009 by the adoption of the North Ayrshire Core Paths Plan.

Further information on the plan can be obtained from: <http://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/corepathsplan>

Yours,
Colin Guthrie
Braeside, Brodick

P.S Just a final thought; when work is completed at the new ferry terminal in Brodick, the old ferry building would make a fabulous Arran Arts Centre.

I know from friends that this is sorely needed on the island and it would be a wonderful location with huge presence and marketing potential.

Public Sector Strike

Sir,
Almost without exception, and following overwhelming ballot support, trade unions across the public sector are calling out their members for a one day strike on 30 November.

While we apologise to the public for inconvenience caused, we have to make our feelings known.

Whilst the trigger factor is an attack on pensions only recently re-negotiated, the underlying issues concern government policies that are making the rich richer, but failing everyone else.

Our public services are being decimated and put out to the market place, unemployment is growing (especially for our young people - of whom one in four is now officially jobless), pay levels are being held for yet another year whilst inflation increases, and energy costs are becoming increasingly unaffordable.

This of course will mean little to John Plutheroe, the chairman of the Cable and Wireless Group, who, despite huge company losses, walks off with £10 million this year.

Austerity clearly has a different meaning at the top end of society!

We certainly hope that the vast majority of people will support us.

Any trade union member called out who chooses to work that day, whatever difficulty they might have personally about striking just before Christmas, is giving David Cameron the thumbs up for his policies.

Yours,
Colin Turbett
Chairman
North Ayrshire UNISON

Shiskine School's Christmas Fayre

Sir,
May I through your paper inform everybody that the pupils and staff at Shiskine Primary School would like to thank them for their fantastic support at our Christmas Fay-

re over the many years.

However, we have taken the decision to postpone our main fund-raising event until later on in the session.

As the children are involved in community events including their school concert it was felt that in the month of December there are so many events that call on people's time and money that we should change the timing of the event.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our May extravaganza.

Yours,
Mrs Irene Markham
Head Teacher
Shiskine Primary School

Time to say goodbye

Sir,
I would just like to say a huge thank you to everyone for their best wishes, cards and wonderful gifts that I received on leaving Pirmill Primary; everyone's generosity has been overwhelming.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Pirmill but now it's time for a new chapter.

Thanks again to everyone.

Yours,
Janine Crisp

Happy Arran memories

Sir,
Back in balmy Bermuda my home of 40yrs.

Exiled honest Ayr man.

Spent many a childhood summer holiday in Corriegills.

Change of pots and pans for Mother.

At times change of pulpit for my minister father.

They passed on a love of island and Scottish hills.

I have never lost.

Still there is a deep excitement as ferry nears Brodick pier.

So I always try to make time for Arran when over in Scotland.

No tent just two heavy for an oldie now.

Two days of B&B and hill walking in September.

One a first North Goatfell to Catacol and seals awaiting my arrival.

Few on the hills and way I like it.

My thanks to young Derek; local plumber?

I stepped on to main road

from Glen Rosa hike.

Hailed by an SUV, want a lift?

Seriously I was not shattered thumping or crawling.

Highlight of two weeks all over Scotland.

Dropped off where I was going to have a well-earned meal.

It's so good to meet a local even for a tiny lift.

Mountains scenery will attract tourists.

Still like Bermuda it's the people the greatest asset.

I felt your love of Arran Derek.

We had a common bond.

May you have many blocked drains.

My second day I was awaiting for the early bus at Catacol.

Soaking up the view and serenity.

What medicine what a tonic in a fast stressful world.

Car past and reversed want a lift to ferry.

Lancashire couple on their 36th visit to Arran.

So a longer lift and chat.

Arran you still have the magic.

We shared so many wonderful memories of stays.

After some wanders North of Scotland.

Back to Ayrshire roots.

Convinced a sister to spend a day in Arran.

Never been in 45 years.

So weather was kind.

Climbed Jenifer's Everest Dunfinn.

Passing so much of our past.

The farm where got our milk at Archie Rowe's cottage.

Lots of pauses to take all in and rest.

The view from the trig point the gold medal.

Good to hear sister laugh and amazed she achieved our goal.

Life had given her some hard years.

Of an ailing husband now at rest.

Joy and tears can be close at such moments.

Now back into grind of work thankful have.

Pictures and memories to cherish.

As Patten said I will return.

As the song goes you got a hold on me, Arran.

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Yours,
Michael Whalley
Bermuda

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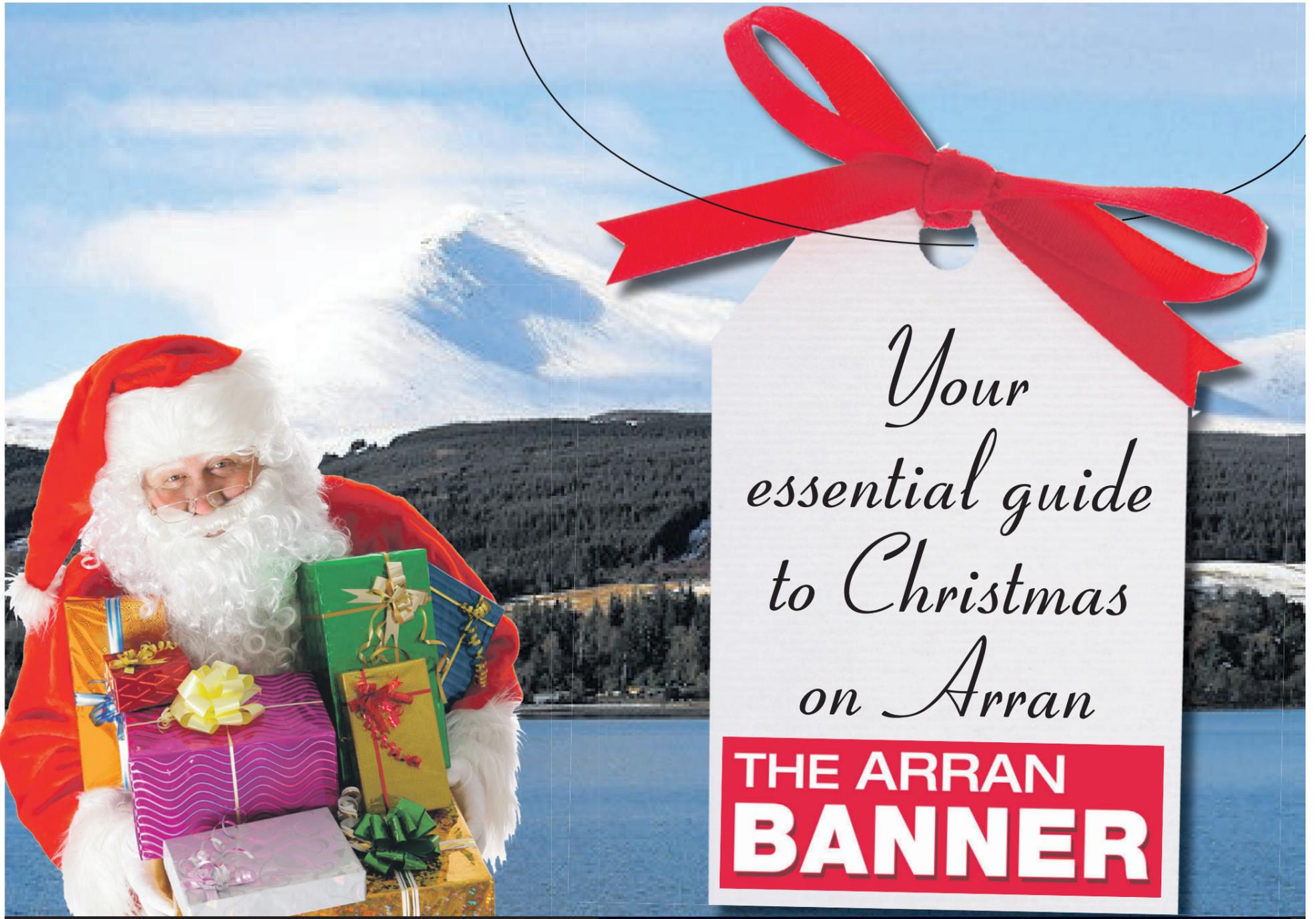
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Christmas Shopping On Arran

Arran is a veritable delight for the Christmas shopper

Why does Christmas give us such a warm, fuzzy feeling?

From the first time you hear Slade's 'I wish it could be Christmas every day' on the radio, until the morning itself when the presents are finally opened, it's a time of year when the whole Arran community seems to join together to celebrate.

It may be hard to think of shopping for Christmas gifts when we're only in November but, how many times have you gone looking for this year's most popular gift and found it was sold out weeks ago?

In the current economic climate, it also makes sense to budget. Arran is a veritable delight for the Christmas shopper as the island now has some superb shops, boutiques and gift shops.

Christmas gifts are swapped with great excitement between children and adults alike. My Christmas list keeps getting longer and longer as more family members have families of their own. This in itself is not the problem; it's finding what to buy each and every name on my list.

Each year I'll ask my Mum what she wants and her reply every year is 'Oh, I don't know - surprise me!' No point in making it easy for me mum!

And coming up with something different each year is a challenge too. First stop for me is usually Brodick - I like to wander along the seafront popping into the village shops to see what's on offer. Starting at the northern end of the village is the magnificent Red Door gift shop.

Packed to the ceiling with gorgeous gifts for all the family, it's an ideal place to stock up on presents.

There are stunning leather handbags, delicate jewellery and unique ceramics and also fantastic toys for children and quirky gifts for men.

Next door is Jolly Molly, which sells amazing gifts and accessories for the home.

With a wide range of items from clocks, cushions and candles to

silverware, mirrors and lamps and lots of other lovely things to make your home feel special, this is great place to pick up some Christmas gifts.

The shop also has a collection of unusual gift items not found on the high street that make ideal presents including keepsakes, decorations, accessories, scarves and bags.

Indulge

Further along the street is fantastic Old Byre Showroom - the main shop is situated at Auchencar, Machrie - and there are some wonderful gifts to be bought here too.

From Barbour jackets, Joules jumpers and shirts to cosy woollen jumpers, sheepskin boots and luxurious leather gloves - the Old Byre has something for everyone.

There are also some gorgeous items for children ranging from cute little t-shirts to Aran sweaters and suede booties.

The smell of the wool and leather as you walk through the door is always so delightful and cannot fail to get you into the mood for Christmas.

From here I then usually go to James of Arran, the island's answer to Willie Wonka's Chocolate Factory.

I can stock up on mouth-wateringly delicious handmade chocolates and delicacies festive treats to give as fun stocking fillers and also to indulge in on Christmas day.

Christmas is definitely a time to indulge yourself and the Arran Fine Foods factory shop in Lamlash is home to a whole host of delicious produce.

With a selection of preserves, mustards, chutneys and salad dressings all made on the island, as well as mouth-wateringly tasty shortbread and oatcakes, this is truly, a taste of Arran in a jar!

And while you're there, you must visit the Kitchen Shop that is stocked with gorgeous gifts for every kind of kitchen.

Amazing gifts

At the end of the day mums are usually quite easy to buy for - jewellery, chocolates or something decadent for the home or always a winner.

I often go on to The Curtain House in Lamlash where owner Janelle is sure to have something decadent to buy.

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furnishings and stunning accessories for the whole home, I never leave empty handed. The same can be said of The Harbour Shop in Blackwaterfoot. This delightful shop never ceases to amaze me with its range of impressive gifts. There is Scottish pottery, local produce and stunning jewellery as well as lovely toys and books for children and Arran souvenirs that all make wonderful gifts. Also in Blackwaterfoot is the charming Brae Gallery, which features a Fairtrade Christmas Shop. There are wonderful paintings by Ronnie McNeice and original artworks by other local artists that all make lovely festive gifts. The Village Shop in Whiting Bay is a fabulous place to pick up unusual and delicious food for the Christmas season.

Keep them busy

Dads will crave Christmas gifts that keep them occupied for the holidays, so puzzles, gadgets, games – anything to keep them busy, off the sofa and away from the telly. Arran Active at Cladach is full of great presents for lovers of the outdoors.



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It has been said that there is nothing that this emporium does not sell and that is the truth – from clothes pegs and wash cloths to elegant lamps and clothes – Belford Mill has it all.

There are also lots of fantastic toys for children that range from dolls houses and toy animals to army men and toy guns for the boys.

For another unusual gift, The Whins at Lochranza is high up on my list.

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Sliderry Supplies is another place that you might not automatically think of for Christmas gifts but is definitely worth a visit.

This incredible store stocks everything a keen gardener could need ranging from tools and equipment to decorative accessories and planters.



Festive Decorations from Jolly Molly.



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Delicious chutneys and jams from Arran Fine Foods.

There are also lovely pieces for the birds in your garden and other wildlife that perhaps pay you a visit.

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Open for lunches, snacks, coffees and dinners choose from a menu using fresh and local produce including locally caught shellfish and lobster.

The blackboard menu changes daily offering a mix of dishes which might include a roast rack of Arran lamb, Arran beef steaks, scallops, roast monkfish and sea bass.

Children are welcome and there is a kids menu and high chairs for your use.

Also in Brodick is the Auchrannie Brambles and Cruize Bar, both are family friendly and offer a range of dining from speciality pizzas and pasta to daily specials and a la carte.

Or why not try the village's newest establishment, the newly renovated Douglas Hotel.

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THE ARRAN BANNER - on holiday . . .



Linda Brown of Machrie took her Banner all the way to Nome, Alaska where she was pictured at the finish of the 1,000 mile Iditarod husky dog race through the wilderness of the Alaskan interior in mid-winter.



David Lang of Cordon, enjoys the last of the sun on Corsica's west coast while reading The Arran Banner.

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

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

Arran residents and holidaymakers are still making sure that they pack their copy of the Banner to keep up with

local issues when they go on holiday.

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

It could be from Aberdeen or Antigua, 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.

Christmas lights

The Brodick Christmas lights will be switched on for the festive season on Sunday 4 December from 3.30pm at the village hall.

The brass band will be playing to get you in the mood for Christmas. So come along and write your letter to Santa, decorate cookies and have your face painted.

Delicious mulled wine and mince pies will be served.

Whiting Bay Hall

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CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday 10th December

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Tables -
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Supporters dance the night away at Valdete Trust ceilidh

Last Saturday night The Valdete Trust held a wonderful ceilidh, which was good fun and an enjoyable evening for the charity's supporters.

Thank you to Lucy who arranged for The String Road Potholes to play on the night - which was not only very enjoyable but encouraged everyone to dance.

Thanks to the generosity and hard work of the Save the Children ladies, we were able to provide an excellent buffet supper that was greatly ap-

preciated by all.

Thank you also to the local businesses that donated raffle prizes for us.

Special thanks go to the Kinnairds - we couldn't have done it without you.

We raised £236 in spite of many people not being able to make it due to a 'cold virus' that seems to be spreading around the island.

This was a thoroughly enjoyable evening and brings The Valdete Trust a step nearer to achieving their goal.

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CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Corrie Parish Church

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Saturday 10th December

7.30pm

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Tea, Coffee and Mince Pies - £7.00

Tickets from Book and Card Shop and 01770 810210



School kicks off festive season with Christmas Fayre

Arran High School held their Christmas Fayre on Saturday morning and there were lots of bargains to be picked up - including cards, jewellery and quirky festive gifts.

There were stalls from local crafts people and businesses as well as Young Enterprise groups from the school all selling Christmas presents. 01_b47ahs03

Lamlash Panto, now in it's 31st year presents

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Youngsters delve into the island's rich history



Pupils from Shiskine Primary School examine the work done by others as part of the Aran Archaeology project. 01_b47arc02

Right: Shannon Galbraith was particularly interested in the former staff at Brodick Castle. 01_b47arc03

Below: Darren Hewie experiencing Arran's history first hand. 01_b47arc01



Arran has a rich archaeological past and children from all across the island have been investigating this history as part of a two-year project.

Arran Arts Resource has been working with Shiskine and Brodick Primary Schools and a community Arts Outreach Group on a project exploring Arran's archaeology.

Their work with these groups concluded on Tuesday with a Sharing Day when all the work the pupils have created was exhibited.

The Banner had a chance to speak to some of the pupils.

Ross Dobson and Robbie Milton both said that this project has inspired them to become archaeologists when they are older.

'It was really fun learning all about Arran's past,' said Ross.

Meanwhile, classmate Shannon Galbraith said that she had always been interested in the island's history but the project had allowed her to find out much more.

The two year project will culminate next summer with the building of a imitation Neolithic Round House in the grounds of Brodick Castle.

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Round the Rurals

Corrie and Sannox SWRI

The members of Corrie and Sannox SWRI had a good evening when Vicki Milne, a member, gave them a demonstration on making a Christmas Floral Table Decoration. She then provided the members with everything they needed to make their own.

All of the ladies enjoyed having a go and there were some lovely results.

The evening ended with the usual great refreshments.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 8 of December when Sergeant Bob MacKay will give a talk on crime prevention.

Kilmory SWRI

At the meeting on Monday 14 November members were given a most informative talk by Sister Jo Earle on the prevention of cardiovascular disease.

Jo explained the importance of a healthy diet and exercise in looking after our hearts.

The members were also given a comprehensive demonstration of resuscitation and what to do in an emergency.

The competition for a limer-

ick was won by Jane Cowell and the competition for a favourite necklace was won by Janet Mulholland.

The next meeting will be on Monday 12 December when Rosemary Raynor will demonstrate Reiki.

The competitions will be for mince pies and also for a holiday postcard.

Kildonan SWRI

The November meeting of Kildonan WRI took place on

Tuesday 15 November.

This was an open meeting and was attended by members and friends.

The speaker for the evening was Senior Ranger at Brodick Castle, Kate Sampson. Kate gave a most interesting talk, accompanied by slides, about the plants and wildlife to be found on Goatfell.

The variety of these was a surprise to many of the ladies there.

She also described the work done on and around Goat-

fell by the Rangers, from repairing paths, and keeping a record of the deer population to organising a count of ptarmigan numbers.

She explained to the members about the reintroduction of the Black Grouse to the island and the difficulties that have been encountered.

Kate was thanked by Jill Hollick.

Supper provided by the members rounded off a most enjoyable and informative evening

Arran news from the archives of The Oban Times

As part of the 150th anniversary of The Oban Times we have been looking back at Arran news reports spanning more than a century. This week we have a relatively recent story from the 1980s.



June 1983
Kintyre and Arran stand to benefit if oil strike rumours which have been surrounding the Firth of Clyde all week are confirmed.

Because the waters off the

Kintyre peninsula and Arran are two areas in which it is known that extensive seismic tests have been carried out.

The department of Energy is to be questioned by MPs about the rumours of an im-

portant find, which is said to have caused a marked increase in capital investment, particularly in Ayrshire, where oil companies have been enquiring about developing port facilities.

The Arran Banner 20 years ago

Saturday, November 29, 1991

Foreign lands

Seventeen-year-old Amanda Mutch of Lamlash did not want to return to Arran High for sixth year.

Instead she wanted to go to school abroad.

And she has just heard that she has been given a place at a high school in Tallahassee, Florida starting from January 3.

A planner's lot

Local Government officers are a sadly misunderstood

species, too often cast in the role of villain.

This was the impression given by CDC's director of administration James Gordon when he addressed the Arran Council of Voluntary Service AGM at the Douglas Hotel on Wednesday.

'If you have a complaint, let us know before you get to screaming pitch,' he said.

Starring with Patrick Swayze

Our brief mention that Patrick

Swayze will be filming on Arran in last week's Banner has created quite stir so we decided to try and find out more.

Unfortunately all we have been told is that the film 'The Cull' is likely to be made on Arran but it is not certain yet if Patrick will be the star.

Bad driving teachers

We have been told that some teachers at Arran High School have complained to police about some of their colleagues bad driving.

While the custom is to drive in the south gate and out the north at the school, the two complainants say some can't be bothered waiting if the school bus is there and just drive in the north gate.

Giant jigsaw

A wood carving and sculpting project for young people has been created by Marvin Elliot, Arran's resident wood-carver at Cladach.

The 'Giant Jigsaw' involves the creation of six carved wooden panels each measuring 6'x4' and two inches thick which when finished will create a jigsaw measuring some 18'x8'.

Those interested in taking part should contact Marvin.

Dance marathon

A dance marathon organised by the Nags Bags will take place at Whiting Bay Hall on Saturday.

Dance for 12 hours to the music of Allan Little, John Murray and Charles Currie.

All money raised will go to the British Heart Foundation.



The Lamlash Gala Committee met to present cheques to a number of local groups



The nine lady models before the SWRI Rally Fashion Show on Wednesday night.



Pauline Clark, Laura Muirhead, Ashley Dwyer, Carly McGovern and Sarah Campbell were invested into the Lamlash Guides in the cell at the police station on Tuesday night.



Principal prizewinners at Lamlash Bowling Club's dinner on Saturday night - Jim Gibson, Muriel Shaw and Ian McAdam.



Macho male mannequins at the WRI Winter Rally on Wednesday night - John Murchie and Robbie Crawford - thrilling almost 200 ladies in an elegant selection of jerseys and tweed.

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Last week must have been a tough one as not one person correctly guessed where Archie was. One or two of you thought he was perhaps outside Brodick Post Office but he was of course actually in Lamlash at the North Ayrshire Council offices. This week he is sitting in front of huge boulder. Where is that?

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Arran's people stop to remember all over the country



Julie Hutchison at the Remembrance Sunday parade at Aberdeen University on 13th November.

Last Sunday, services of Remembrance were held at war memorials around the island, but Arran's residents were also stopping to remember in other parts of the country.

One such person was 20-year-old Julie Hutchison from Lamlash who took part in the Remembrance Sunday parade at Aberdeen University on 13 November. The Navy, Army and RAF cadets and officers from the University joined the Pipe Band for a parade through the Old Town before finishing up at Kings College Chapel, for their Sunday worship. Julie is at present in her 3rd year, studying Accountancy & Finance, at Aberdeen University, as well as being involved with East of Scotland Universities Air Squadron.



Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday Cup, 13 Played in a dry cool overcast day, there were four twos – E Thompson, W Kroner, B Boal and J Green all supplementing their pensions sharing the rollover jackpot. With Favourite John Beattie tripping the lights fantastic in Madeira, the door was open for a new challenger to step forward and Brian Allison did it in style with an impressive display of quality golf shooting a superb net 55 to win easily from 'Steady' Jim Green and Lamlash 'Pocket Rocket' Hamish Macarthur who both carded 63s.

League Table: 1 Jim Green 317, 2 W Kroner 322, 3 D Robertson 326 and 4 C O'Neil 334.

Clochendichter, Sunday 20 November. The Knowe team have dominated the Clochendichter over the past few years and early in this campaign they are showing form that indicates they do not intend to relinquish the title. Nicol was once again able to gather together 8 players for the Street, although he had to depend on Chris Pattenden limping round after his recent injury. The free transfer of Bryce Walker from the Knowe to the Street is now beginning to show promise with Bryce and Gordon Sillars gaining a good win. Next months fixture is scheduled for Sunday 18 Decem-

ber and games will be followed by our annual festive lunch. Results: Knowe v Alma D Robertson and T Raeside beat L Hartley and B Allison, D Hendry and R McCrae beat J Rae and D McKinnie, K McMillan and I MacDonald beat Gus Robertson and B McGunnigle, A Dobson and K Aitken beat B Smith and D Rudge. Street v Village G Sillars and B Walker beat S Sillars and B Armit, F Sillars and C Duncan beat L Keir and B Jenkins, A Hart and C Russell lost to A Hume and J McKean, C Pattenden and N Hume lost to J Armit and J Dick. League table: Knowe 14pts, Village 9pts, Street 6pts and Alma 3pts.

Fixtures: Sunday 27 November, Winter Cup, open draws at 9am and 12pm. With the relaunch of the shop at 2pm, and the opportunity for members and friends to come along and meet our new partner Stewart Smith and his guest Ronan Rafferty, its expected that most competitors will opt to play in the morning, but those who wish may still tee-off at noon.

Arran Ladies Golf Union

Saturday 12 November, Cir Mhor Trophy. After a bad start to the season when 3 fixtures were cancelled because of bad weather, finally on Saturday 12 November, 25 Ladies turned out to play for the Cir Mhor Trophy at Machrie Bay. It was a beautiful sunny day and although the course was wet underfoot, the greens were in good condition and we were all delighted to be able to play.

The winner was Brenda Stewart 94-26=68, 2nd Steph Hill 99-26=73(bih) and scratch Fiona Crawford 84.

We would like to thank Machrie Bay for courtesy of the course, Elizabeth Ross for her organisation of the lunch, Marshall for his delicious soup and the ladies of the committee for their wonderful baking.

The next fixture will be on Saturday 26 November at Corrie at 10.30am. If you have forgotten to put your name on a list please phone Carole 860530 and she will find you a place in the draw.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday 20 November, 22 played at Whiting Bay in the first of the four winter friendly matches with Lamlash. The result was close with Lamlash taking a slender lead of 3.5 to 2.5. The individual scores were: Gordon Prov-an 41 points BIH, Dave Hackett 41 points, David Morrison 38 points, Ian Bremner 37 points. Derek Robertson won scratch with 67 BIH and there were magic twos from Drew Wales and Graeme Andrew.

The next fixture in the series will take place at Lamlash on Sunday 18 December.

Fixtures: Sunday 27 November, Gents Medal, draws at 9am and 11am.

Corrie Golf Club

Saturday 19 November, Winter Cup (round two), 23 played, CSS 61. 1 E Cannon 76-18=58, 2 D K Henderson 67-7=60, 3 D Logan 70-9=67. Best scratch D K Henderson 67. magic twos from D Crawford, B Rooney, S Beardsley, D Logan, R Logan, J Innes and D Logan.

Monday 21 November, Monday Cup played off yellow tees. 1 J Henderson 69-13=56 BIH, 2 I Buchanan 68-12=56 BL6, 3 B Barr 76-20=56. Best scratch J McGovern 65. Magic twos from D Wilkinson, D Crawford, J Adams, J McGovern, J McConnachie, L Hartley, S Beardsley, I Buchanan and A Smith.

Fixtures: Monday 28 November, Monday Cup, 11.45am for 12pm. Saturday 3 December, Winter Cup, round three at 8.30am and 12pm.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday 15 November, Lochranza Hotel Cup. 1 Steph Hill 34pts, 2 Mary Wilkinson 31pts, 3 Brian Sherwood 31pts BIH.

Scratch Brian Sherwood 79. Fixtures: Tuesday 29 November, Winter Cup, tee-off 12pm. Saturday 3 December, Lochranza Hotel Cup and Freebie Final, tee-off 12pm.

Shiskine Golf Club

Thursday 17 November, Ladies 12 Hole Stableford, CSS 46, 13 played. 1 Elizabeth Kelso 21pts, 2 Fiona Crawford 20pts BIH, 3 Sheila Gray 20pts. Sunday 20 November, Gents 12 Hole Medal and Winter Cup, CSS 41, 12 played. First Class

1 and Scratch S Black 47-4=43, 2 A Napier 48-4=44, 3 H Bannatyne 49-3=46 BIH. Second Class 1 B Green 53-12=41, 2 M Hesp 53-11=42, 3 C Rutterford 54-10=44 BIH. Only magic two was from S Black!

Fixtures: Ladies: Thursday's games now all tee off at 10.30am. Thursday 1 December, 18 Hole Medal, 10.30am tee-off.

Gents: Alan C Bannatyne Memorial Quaich and Lochranza match, Saturday 26 November, 1.30pm shotgun start. Jim Allison Trophy (Missionaries v Natives), Sunday 27 November, 1.30pm shotgun start. Saturday 3 December, 12 Hole Medal and Winter Cup, 1pm start.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday 17 November, 15 hole Medal, 11 played. 1 Alan Smith 60-8=52 BIH, 2 Jim Young 62-10=52, 3 Ian Parker 75-16=59. There was one two from Neil Mitchell at the 5th. Sunday 20 November, Whiting Bay v Lamlash, Winter Friendly at Whiting Bay, 22 played. Whiting Bay 2.5 Lamlash 3.5. Fixtures: Sunday 27 November, Winter Stableford, counting for handicap, 9.30am and 12pm starts. Thursday 1 December, 15 hole Medal. Make up own groups.

Northend Vikings

The 10th anniversary 'Buddy Bowl' in memory of Bob Kerr will take place at midday on Sunday 11 December at Corrie Golf Club. Sponsored holes please bring a donation on the day. A good turnout would be appreciated.

Prizegiving at the Lochranza Hotel at around 3.30pm. Any queries, telephone 07786672207

Busy season for rising young rugby star



Ewan from Corrie was selected to play for Glasgow Warriors Blacks.

Ewan Bulger, a rising young rugby star from Corrie, has just completed his second season at Glasgow Warriors – this time with the Under 17s.

The youngster was chosen to be part of The Scottish Rugby Union's Regional Academy and alongside it an acceptance into the West of Scotland Institute of Sport back in August of this year.

He is now one of just 27 rugby players supported by the Institute of Sport from all age groups nationally.

This year saw a new format for the Glasgow district as they played a selection match against Caledonia district.

The two teams then amalgamated to form Glasgow Warriors Blacks and Glasgow Warriors Whites.

Ewan was selected to play for Glasgow Warriors Blacks, who went on to defeat a combined Edinburgh district and Border district team 24-12 at Murrayfield.

After a hectic schedule he returns to club rugby with Ayr RFC at Under 18 level.

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Monday 28th November 2011

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Karate
Family Games
Fun In The Pool
Over 21's Disco
Arran Dancers (4 years and up)
Teddy Bears Picnic
Kids Family Quiz
Kilmory Farmers and Craft Market
Santa's Sparkle

Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am - 12.30pm
Auchrannie Games Hall 3pm - 4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool 4pm - 5pm
The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Arran High School, 10am
The Playbarn, Auchrannie, 2pm - 3pm
The Playbarn, Auchrannie, 5pm - 6pm
Kilmory Hall, 10.30 - 2pm
Lamlash Green 2pm - 8pm

SUNDAY 27th NOVEMBER

Alcoholics Anonymous
Live Music Folk / Rock / Blues
Family Games
Fun In The Pool
Teddy Bears Picnic
Open Mic Session
Santa's Sparkle

Church Hall, Brodict, 4.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Auchrannie Games Hall 3pm - 4pm
4pm to 5pm Auchrannie Spa Pool
The Playbarn, Auchrannie, 2pm - 3pm
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 2pm - 5pm
Lamlash Green 11am - 4pm

MONDAY 28th NOVEMBER

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

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

TUESDAY 29th NOVEMBER

Lochranza Swimming Club
Army Cadets
Pop Quiz

Kinloch 11am - 12pm
Auchrannie Road, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm

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

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

WEDNESDAY 30th NOVEMBER

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

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

THURSDAY 1st DECEMBER

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

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Hall, 2pm
St Molios Church 10.30am - 12pm
Youth Cabin, Lamlash 7-9pm
Kinloch Bar, 9pm
Brodict Library, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Brodict Golf Club, 7pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 11.45am - 1.30pm
Brodict Hall, 7.30pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7pm - 9pm
Bilslands - during opening hours
Ormidale Pavilion, 12.30pm - 2.30pm

FRIDAY 2nd DECEMBER

Quiz
Aquafizz
Yogalates
Rock Disco
Arran Youth Foundations
Kids Party Games
Senior Badminton
Arran Ceilidh Group
High School Art Exhibition

Whiting Bay Golf Club, 9pm
Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45am to 10.30am
Auchrannie Studio 10am - 11am
The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Church Hall, Brodict, 7pm - 9pm
The Playbarn, Auchrannie, 5 - 6pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 2pm
Lamlash Church Hall. 8pm - 10pm
Bilslands - during opening hours

SATURDAY 3rd DECEMBER

RNLI shop open
High School Art Exhibition
Christmas Fayre
RDA Christmas Extravaganza

Lamlash Pier 10.30am - 12.30pm
Bilslands - during opening hours
Corrie & Sannox Hall, 1pm - 5pm
High School, 11.30am - 3pm



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Arran Runners AGM

Wednesday 30th November
7.30 pm
Ormidale Hotel
All interested welcome

Arran Yacht Club AGM

7.30pm
8th December
Ormidale Bar

AGM

Arran Theatre & Arts Trust

Annual General Meeting
To be held in Brodict Public Library

At 5pm on Wednesday 30th November

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Scottish Charity No. SC006027

AGM

Arran Angling Association

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BRODICK

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Tennis Court Rd, Lamlash

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

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

Format: Application No; Address; Proposed Development
11/00760/PP; Site To North Of Southview Farm, Shiskine, Brodict, Isle of Arran; Change of use of photographic studio to encompass Class 3 use cafe/snack bar.

Elma Murray
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 Brodick 7pm
 Dr Stanley Jebb
 All welcome

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 (in full communion with the Church of England)
 St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday 27 November
 Holy Communion, 11am.
 Coffee and Annual Church Meeting after the service.
 All welcome

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND (SCO15072)
 Kilmory linked with Lamash
 "A faith to proclaim ~ a fellowship to share"
Sunday 27 November
 Rev Gillean Maclean
 Kilmory 10am
 Lamash 11.30am
 In both churches
 All welcome, including families; children's area.

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND (continuing)
Sunday 27 November
 Morning Service 11am
 Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick
 Evening Service 7pm
 All welcome

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
 North Arran: Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirmill and Shiskine.
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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 27 November
 Brodick Church, 10.30am
 Corrie Church, 12 pm
 Lochranza/Pirmill 10.15am at Pirmill
 Shiskine Church 12pm
 A service of worship will also be held in Montrose House at 1.30pm.

WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND (SC014005)
Sunday 27 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.
 At 7pm in the transept, there will be an informal service of praise, prayer and discussion.
 All most welcome.

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH
 Sunday Mass 11am

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday 20 November
 Ormidale Pavilion Brodick
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 Tea/Coffee after service
 Home Fellowship Group meets on Wednesdays at 7.30 pm.
 For details Tel 860232
 Everyone very welcome

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)
Sunday 27 November
 Brodick Library
 11am - short meeting for worship then discussion.
 Enquiries to Jeny 302779

ARRAN CHURCHES TOGETHER
CHRISTINGLE SERVICE: Thursday 1 December
 7 pm, Whiting Bay & Kildonan Church (NB. Children assemble to make Christingles at 6.30)
 All welcome - especially children!
 The Christingle Service will be followed on the same evening by a shorter than usual meeting for TAIZÉ WORSHIP at 8pm in St Margaret's Episcopal Church, All welcome

MEMORIAMS

MACKENZIE, JAMES
 Died 28.11.2007
 Treasured memories of a much loved son, brother and uncle.
 Sadly missed by all of us.
 Love Mum, Donald, Elizabeth, John and families

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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 Jean, Tom, Steffi, Christina and Karin would like to thank all their friends and neighbours for the many letters, cards and phone calls received after the sad loss of their much loved mum and gran.
 Thanks also for the care and kindness through the years by all the medical and care staff at the hospital, Stronach House and latterly to Daisy, Morven and all the staff at Cooriedoon.
 Thank you to the friends who attended the service with us and to Rev Elizabeth Watson for her comforting words. Also thanks to Clair and David Hendry, John and Alistair for their help and support.
 Our thanks to Lamash Golf Club for their excellent and welcoming catering.

KNOWLES
 The family and friends of Thomas Donald (Don) who died 23.9.11 and also Alice, died 5.10.11 would like to thank all the doctors, nurses and staff of AWMH, Cross-house Hospital, the crews of the helicopters and ambulance. Also Montrose House staff for the exceptional care given to Don and for looking after Alice so well. Many thanks also to the drivers of "My Bus" who made it possible for Alice to visit Don. Thanks also to Jean Hunter for her support and conducting the two lovely services at the crematorium.

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Revenge is sweet for rugby boys

Isle of Arran 55 Braidholm 5

The island's senior rugby team were determined to get their revenge on Braidholm on Saturday and boy did they get it!

After being defeated by the mainland team 30-27 back in September, Arran had vowed not to let it happen again.

Incredible

And on Saturday they showed exactly what they are made of by securing an incredible 55-5 victory over their opponents.

After an amazing run of results this means that second

placed Arran have had only 60 points scored against them compared to first ranked Lanark's 84.

A spokesman for the club said: 'We've had an incredible few weeks and we just seem to keep getting better and better.'

'We might still only be in second place but we're pretty sure we can win back the top spot.'

Saturday's game got off to a slow start with just two tries in the first half from George de Mendonca and Ben Tattersfield.

A penalty kick from Frazer

Barr left the score at 13-0 when the half time whistle went.

But by the time the two team re-entered the field it was clear that Arran were fired up and an incredible 42 points were scored in the second 40 minutes.

Postponed

Arran were rescheduled to play Mid Argyll in Lochgilphead this Saturday but the fixture is expected to be postponed again until the new year.

The team's next game is at home against Bishopton on Saturday 10 December.



Arran clearly had the upper-hand during their runaway victory against Braidholm on Saturday. 01_b47rug01

PT top the pool league

The Kilmory pool team, PT1934, are topping the Arran Pool League after the fourth week with seven points.

A 6-4 victory over Catacol last Thursday gave them a much-needed two points to keep them in the lead.

In second place after a 9-1 thrashing of Mac's Bar are the Drift Inn while Whiting Bay Golf Club has sneaked into third place after a 6-4 win over fellow villagers Bar Eden.

The full results from the night were: Mac's Bar 1 Drift Inn 9 (G), Catacol 4 Pt1934 6 (G), Whiting Bay Golf Club 6 Bar Eden 4 (G), Kildonan 5 PHT 5 (G).

This Thursday (December 1) PHT play the Drift Inn, PT1934 take on Bar Eden, Catacol are at home to Whiting Bay Golf Club and Kildonan play Mac's Bar.

	P	W	D	L	Pts
PT1934	4	3	1	0	7
Drift Inn	4	2	2	0	6
WBGC	4	2	1	1	5
Bar Eden	4	2	1	1	5
Catacol	4	1	2	1	4
PHT	4	0	2	2	2
Kildonan	4	0	2	2	2
Mac's	4	0	1	3	1



The prizewinners of Whiting Bay Bowling Club with their trophies. 02_b47bow01

Whiting Bay bowlers celebrate season's end

The members of Whiting Bay Bowling Club gathered at the Bar Eden on Friday night to celebrate the end of another great season and to hand out the trophies to the prizewinners.

The most coveted prizes – the gents and ladies champions – this year went to Keith Irving and Murette Pringle.

Members enjoyed a delicious meal at the hotel before trophies were presented to all the winners.

The full list of prizewinners was as follows: Co-op Shield Pairs:

Grace Michael and Keith Irving, Angus Cook memorial Trophy, triples open: Kirsty and Gary Lewis, Johnny McGovern, Royal Bank of Scotland Cup, triples: Murette Pringle, David Bland and Sid Allen, Fun Week Shield Rinks Open: Jamie Allen, Sean McLaughlin, Billy Hamilton and Billy Wilson, Shurig Shield, Rinks Open: Murette and Neil Pringle, Charles Hendry and David Hendry, Kiscadale Shield Pairs Open: Colin Wannop and Sandy Kerr, Anniversary Bowl Triples Open: Grace Michael, Keith Irving and Ian Davidson, Gents Champion: Keith Irving, Ladies Champion: Murette Pringle, The Gordon McDonald Memorial Trophy, nominated pairs: Jenny Douglas and Keith Kelsall, Tom and Jennie Robison Memorial Trophy, drawn pairs: Billy Hamilton and Neil Pringle, Whiting Bay Bowling Club (Jim's Trophy) sets: Murette and Neil Pringle, The 10 Best Scores: Ian Davidson.

Arran Bridge results

Brodick Bridge Club

The results for Thursday 17 November were as follows: N/S 1 Roddie Thompson and Eendy McNiven +3970, 2 Liz Paul and Helen Boyd +3240, 3 John and Mary Dick +2790.

E/W 1 Brenda Livingstone and Jean Murchie -1090, 2 Morag Gardner and Jean Barclay -1230, 3 Elizabeth McConnell and Margaret McGill -1890.

Lamlash Bridge Club

The results for Monday 21 November were as follows: N/S 1 J McLure and A McKelvie +2510, 2 T Martin and A Bilsland +1200, 3 E McNiven and L Paul +870.

E/W 1= M and J Dick +790, M and D Bruce +790, 3 R and P Thompson -120.

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