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Scam 'bailiffs' threaten Whiting Bay business couple

'It all sounds very plausible'

A Whiting Bay couple were almost the victims of one of the most sophisticated scams to hit the island.

Julie and Mal Barker have been running Viewbank Guesthouse for nine years and have built up a successful business. Now they are warning Arran businesses of this new threat.

Last Tuesday Julie received a phone call. 'The man was articulate and well rehearsed,' said Julie. 'He told me that we had not paid for an entry in an online business directory from October 2010.'

Forceful

'He knew my name and all about us. I am not at all gullible, but he was most forceful and it all sounded so plausible. We do have a business listing with Google and you begin to doubt yourself. He insisted that unless I paid an outstanding amount of £4,600 immediately the bailiffs would be round in half an hour.'

'Then he said to get any guests out of the house because it would be embarrass-

REPORT
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ing for us when the bailiffs turned up.'

Husband Mal was away on family business but Julie phoned him immediately, then she dialled 999. 'PC Alex Ulivi was here in 15 minutes,' she said. 'He told me it was almost certainly a hoax, but to lock all the doors.'

Sheila Gilmore, executive director of VisitArran emailed all Arran members straight away. She said: 'It all sounds very plausible as they leave you a contact number relating to your 'bad debt'. They also maintain they have telephone transcripts of your agreement and are on the way to collect goods unless you pay up.'

This same scam has already caught out a guesthouse owner in Largs who coughed up £17,000.

A spokesperson for North Ayrshire Council Trading Standards said: 'We are investigat-

ing a telephone scam which has targeted guesthouses and bed and breakfast accommodation across North Ayrshire. 'The caller claims to be a bailiff representing a business publication based in the North West of England.'

Payments

'The caller demands payment for an advert that was never taken out and claims bailiffs are on their way to collect the money or to take goods of the equivalent value. 'One guesthouse owner in Largs ended up making four separate payments totalling £17,000 to this 'company'.'

'Those targeted who did not make this payment still had to endure a threatening and aggressive phone call which left them fearing for their own safety and security.'

'We would ask anyone who receives a phone call of this kind to contact North Ayrshire Trading Standards on 01294 324950 or email tradingstandards@north-ayrshire.gov.uk.'



Julie and Mal Barker in Viewbank Guesthouse. 02_b47view01

New police sergeant will take up his appointment next month

Arran is to have a new police sergeant by early next month.

Following the sudden departure of Arran's former sergeant, Bob MacKay, on Monday 3 September the island has been served by a series of relief sergeants.

Last Thursday 15 November, local North Ayrshire Councillor John Bruce, chair of the Committee, told the Banner: 'I learned today at the Ardrossan, Arran, Saltcoats and Stevenston Area Committee meeting (in Cunningham House) that Sergeant Allen Dodds from 'G' Division (Govan) has been appointed as the new sergeant for Arran.'

A Strathclyde Police spokesperson added:

'Following a competitive interview process Sergeant Allen Dodds has been appointed as the new Sergeant for the Isle of Arran.'

Looking forward

'Sergeant Dodds has over 15 years service with Strathclyde Police and he is very much looking forward to taking up his new post in early December and becoming part of the Arran community.'

The Arran police team consists of one sergeant and four officers, rising to one sergeant and eight officers during the summer months from May to September.

Sergeant MacKay had been a serving police officer on Arran for 12 years.

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Help for painful conditions

The Crohn's and Colitis Ayrshire and Arran Group was set up recently to provide information and support to people in the region living with the conditions.

They will be organising a rolling programme of meetings throughout Ayrshire and Arran to try to enable as many people as possible to access a meeting relatively close to them - since travelling can be very problematic for people with IBD.

The first meeting will be held in Kilmarnock on Thursday 6 December from 7pm to 9pm at The Gateway Centre.

The discussion will be on Nutrition, but the Specialist Nurse will also be on hand to meet people and answer questions.

Poppy collection raises valuable funds

The Scottish Poppy Appeal in Brodick raised the incredible sum of £1,721.46 for the year 2012.

Jill Bunyan, poppy coordinator for Brodick said: 'Many thanks to everyone that went door to door or displayed a poppy tin for me this year.'

'Thank you to all who filled the tins and made this total possible.'

The Poppy Appeal collection in Whiting Bay raised the sum of £406.37.

The Poppy Scotland Appeal in Lamlash raised a total of £605.80. Many thanks to all who contributed.

Auchrannie triumph at national Thistle Awards

'Every member of the team both past and present should be proud of the contribution they have made towards winning this award'

The Auchrannie Resort is celebrating yet again this week after picking up a top award at Scotland's flagship tourist awards, 'The Thistles'.

The awards, organised by Visit Scotland are designed to discover and celebrate excellence within the Scottish tourism industry - recognising those businesses that represent the very best in their field.

Linda Johnston, group director of Auchrannie collected the 'tourism entrepreneur award' in recognition of the outstanding contribution to tourism on Arran that the Auchrannie team together with herself, Iain Johnston and Ronnie Mann (development and finance director) have made over the last 24 years and in more recent years the role that Richard Small (general manager) has played as a key innovator.

Dynamic Business

Judges were looking for a dynamic business with a track record in creating new products and services and harnessing an understanding of their customers

to develop a truly exciting and innovative enterprise Hundreds of guests, from every corner of Scotland's tourism industry, along with Visit Scotland chairman Dr Michael Cantlay and minister for tourism Fergus Ewing attended the black tie event hosted by BBC news presenter Catriona Shearer in the spectacular setting of the Kelvingrove Art Gallery in Glasgow.

Crowned

Auchrannie were originally crowned winners of their regional heat back in May and were up against the winners from three other regions in this the national final.

Linda Johnston said: 'To be a national Thistle Award winner is a great achievement from a personal point of view and it is great recognition for the hard work the whole team have put in since we opened Auchrannie back in 1988.'

'Every member of the team both past and present should be proud of the contribution they have made towards winning this award.' This is Auchrannie's second Thistle Award, having previously won the 'Scotland Year Round' award back in 2004. It also adds to Auchrannie's every growing list of accolades and is one of 10 major awards already won in 2012.



Linda Johnston, group director of Auchrannie (centre) with Kari Coghill of Historic Scotland and the BBC's Catriona Shearer. b47auc01NO

Royal Bank staff raise money for Children in Need

Staff at the Royal Bank of Scotland in Brodick dressed in spots and decorated the branch on Friday to raise money for Children in Need.

Karen Ward, Jess Taylor and Helen Hird baked cup cakes and organised some fun activities for customers.

In total they raised £113 for the national event, which aims to help children in need all over the world.

The guess how many sweeties in the jar was won by

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Replacement public toilets planned for Corrie

Agreement has been reached to reinstate the public toilets in Corrie.

The old toilets on Corrie pier were demolished in May this year following storm damage that had rendered them beyond economic repair.

Unfortunately, North Ayrshire Council's insurance provision does not cover the rebuilding of replacement facilities.

At a meeting of the Ardrissan, Arran, Saltcoats and Stevenston Area Committee last Thursday 15 November it was decided to approve a pre-fabricated building similar to that at Sannox at an estimated cost of £16,000.

It will be re-sited about 300 to 400 yards away from the former toilets.

Operation of the facilities would be met from within the existing revenue budget for the operation of public conveniences.

Subject to securing budgetary provision, it is anticipated that new toilets can be in place by the summer of 2013.

An NAC spokesman said: 'A bid for capital funding now requires to be made during the budget process.'

The nearest public toilets to Corrie at the moment are 1.8 miles away at Sannox. Other Arran public conveniences are located at Lochranza, Blackwaterfoot, Whiting Bay, Lamlash and Brodick.

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Brodick man attempts world record Transatlantic row



Calum McNicol of Brodick will be attempting to break the World Record for rowing across the North Atlantic Ocean.

Calum hopes to raise £15,000 for hospice

An Arran adventurer is preparing for an epic rowing challenge that will hopefully raise more than £15,000 for Ayrshire Hospice.

In January Calum McNicol from Brodick will be attempting to break the World Record for rowing across the North Atlantic Ocean.

The trip will see him set off from Puerto Mogan on Gran Canaria and arrive in Port St Charles on Barbados, covering 3,000 miles of open ocean during the mission.

During the expedition Calum will be attempting to break four world records - the fastest crossing of the North Atlantic Ocean in a rowing boat; the first Sub-30 day crossing of the North Atlantic Ocean in a rowing boat; the greatest distance covered in 24hrs in a rowing boat and the most consecutive days rowing over 100 nautical miles a day.

Calum said: 'More importantly, I will also be attempting to raise £15,000 for the charity, The Ayrshire

Hospice. This is a charity my mum benefited from before her untimely death in 1997 aged just 51 and 100 percent of charitable donations will be given to The Ayrshire Hospice.'

Within the ocean-rowing world there is a race to be the first boat to cross the North Atlantic Ocean in less than 30 days.

Calum said: 'We are not the only rowing boat attempting to cross the North Atlantic in 2013 and there is a real feeling of competition to be the first across in sub-30 days. 'At least 6 other boats and crew will set off in January but we are confident in our plans and preparations that we shall succeed in our adventure and gain this long-standing world record.'

Follow Calum's progress in the pages of The Arran Banner and leave messages of support and donate to his chosen charity through the web site www.calummcnicolatlanticrow.com.

Call for island fuel price probe

As the UK government comes under increasing pressure to postpone the 3p increase on petrol prices, an Arran resident has written to David Cameron and Alex Salmond to ask them to investigate fuel prices on the island.

Log supplier Frazer Barr from Brodick says the 5p concession on fuel extended to Scottish islands has been swallowed up by price increases and accused retailers of profiteering.

His letter comes as a new economic study says the high cost of fuel in rural areas is stifling economic growth and may even be pricing people out of employment.

In his letter to the Prime

Minister, Frazer said: 'At present a litre of petrol costs us at one retailer 151.9p.

'We believe this to be profiteering as only a short ferry trip away at Asda Ardrissan it is, at our last check 131.7p.

'Recently the government announced a 5p concession on fuel prices for Scottish islands.

'A short time after, we were back to square one with regards to prices and the 5p concession disappeared due to a price increase.'

He added: 'I, as an islander born and bred, do not believe to bring fuel from Grangemouth costs over 20p per litre to bring it 12 miles on

the ferry and was wondering if you would be willing to investigate.'

The request to investigate fuel prices on Scottish islands comes as the UK government faces pressure to postpone a 3p per litre rise in duty that is scheduled for January.

Richard Welling, head of transport for the Institute of Economic Affairs, said the cost of petrol was inhibiting economic growth and making it uneconomic for people to travel to low paying jobs.

He said the situation was particularly serious in the Scottish Highlands and Islands where distances were greater and fuel costs often higher than elsewhere.

Community council meeting

The next meeting of Arran Community Council will be on Tuesday 27 November in the Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick at 7.30pm. The agenda will include further discussion on the ferry and updates on various issues.

All Arran folk are welcome and contributions can be made through the chair, John Inglis.

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Windfall for Arran Scotwest members

Christmas has come early for Scotwest's North Ayrshire members as they get ready to share the credit union's record million pound payout from its Christmas Savings Account.

Scotwest member Paul McGarrig of Lamash has been managing his Christmas savings with the credit union since 2011.

He said: 'Christmas is such a stressful time of the year, what with family, friends, parties and presents.

'Every year it seems like we spend more and more. Scotwest's Christmas Account is a great way to spread the cost of Christmas throughout the year to avoid starting January with massive bills.

'Each month I pay a little into the account. It is amazing

how it quickly adds up come November, when I receive my payout in time to cover the cost of Christmas. This year, I was saving for the Christmas dinner and presents...now all I have to do is face the crowds to get shopping!'

The record sum, of nearly £1,100,000, is the biggest payout since the popular Christmas Savings Account first launched in 2007 and represents a significant milestone for Scotwest.

The popular account runs from the middle of November each year, with savings paid out the following November in time to cover the additional costs and pressures the festive period brings. Members also benefit from a dividend which is added prior to pay-

out each year.

The massive amount saved highlights an increased awareness of the need to plan ahead financially. Over 1,600 members throughout the West of Scotland are now using the account - over 70 of them from North Ayrshire, who between them have saved over £50,000.

Commenting on the record payment, Rod Ashley, chief executive of Scotwest said: 'Each November, our members have their Christmas savings paid directly into their bank accounts, leaving them able to enjoy the festive period without having to worry about how they are going to pay for it, or dreading that financial hangover come January.'



Fiona Laing, coordinator of the Arran Defib Project demonstrates its use with the help of First Responders John Graham and Gemma Blythe. 01_b47def01

Machrie residents given defibrillator guidance

The residents of Machrie were given important guidance on the operation of the community's first public access defibrillator on Monday night.

Thanks to the Arran Defib Project run by Fiona Laing, the island now has three of these important life saving devices at Kildonan Village Hall, Lochranza Distillery, Pirrmill Shop and Machrie Bay Village Hall.

Monday was the first in a series of demonstration evenings designed to help people understand how to use a defibrillator.

Fiona said: 'Tonight is a chance for you to see how a defibrillator works and how it can be used to save a life.

'It is important for you all to know how the equipment works and what to do with it when someone goes into

cardiac arrest. This whole project is about buying time, time that can be the difference between life and death.'

The cabinet at Machrie is situated on the back of the hall at the southern end, next to the fire exit.



First Responders Gemma Blythe and John Graham demonstrate how to use a defibrillator. 01_b47def02

Arran's 2012 Christingle service

This year's Arran Christingle Service is an Arran Churches Together event.

A Christingle candlelit celebration service is a great opportunity for children to start

celebrating Christmas.

The big stores on the High Streets have had their Christmas displays out for quite a while already. So now it's the turn of Arran children to get into the Christmas spirit.

This year's Christingle service is next Thursday 29 November in Brodick Village Hall. Christingle making starts at half past six and the service begins at 7pm. There are no age limits.

Tom Hutchison of Rowanlea said: 'How do you make a Christingle? One answer - and perhaps it's the best one - is come and find out, it's fun!'



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Plaque to be erected for Arran potato pioneer

Civic Trust and Lamlash Co-op plan to honour the life of Donald McKelvie OBE

A blue plaque is to be erected outside Lamlash Co-op to commemorate the life and contribution of Donald McKelvie OBE. This will be the first commemorative plaque of its kind on the island.

Donald (1867- 1947) was

born on Arran and trained as an accountant in Glasgow before returning to the island in 1894 to take over the running of the family bakery and grocery business trading as D McNeish and Son.

The business had been es-

ablished by his grandparents Daniel McNeish and Jessie Nicol. This bakery, grocery and dairy occupied the present Lamlash Co-op building.

Donald lived in Claveron in Lamlash, and spent a large amount of his time in greenhouses in his garden there, starting in 1907 to raise a series of 'Arran Potatoes' by natural selection.

These were trialled on fields now built on for the High School and housing opposite the stone barn. Twenty-one different varieties in all were cross-bred, eight of which won Lord Derby gold medals including for Arran Pilot and Arran Banner.

Others that became well known were Arran Victory (a heavy cropper), Arran Chief and Arran Cairn. It was from Arran Cairn, another gold medal winner, that Maris Piper was developed.



Lamlash Co-op, where Donald McKelvie ran his grocery business. 02_b47pot02



McKelvie's Arran Banner potatoes, grown in Pitcairn Green, Perthshire.

He was awarded the OBE for services to agriculture as the pioneer breeder of 'Arran' varieties of potatoes, which were resistant to wart disease.

Donald was also renowned for the breeding of Highland Ponies, one of the three native breeds of the Scottish Highlands and Islands; the others are the Shetland pony and the Eriskay pony.

In the earliest period of development of the domesticated breed, there were two

types: the small and light pony of the Western Isles, and the larger and heavier mainland-bred type. The larger animals were commonly called garrons, and it was these that Donald bred highly successfully.

The blue plaque will be a cast aluminium plate with raised lettering, finished in hard, baked long lasting enamelled paint.

The Lamlash Co-op is kindly funding the plaque from its community fund. These

plaques can be found on buildings throughout the UK, commemorating people and/or events from the past.

It is hoped the plaque will be unveiled in the Spring to coincide with a small exhibition on Donald McKelvie's life and interests.

Lamlash Co-op manager Hilary Crawford said: 'We plan to put the plaque on the wall to the right of the front window. And I'm pleased to say that we always have Maris Piper potatoes in stock!'

Arran salmon goes east for Christmas

Locally farmed salmon is now being sold in China's leading supermarket chain, Ole, as more opportunities open up for quality Scottish salmon overseas.

Fresh salmon farmed by The Scottish Salmon Company (SSC) on Arran and processed at the company's Cairndow factory was shipped to Shanghai earlier this month with exports to the East Asian market expected to develop over the coming months.

Over the next few weeks, SSC's 165 staff across Argyll and Bute will prepare enough salmon to fill more than 150 trucks for export and domestic customers.

Shona Anderson, quality manager at SSC Cairndow, is delighted.

She said: 'We are extremely proud of the quality of our Scottish salmon and for it to find its way in to China's equivalent to a Waitrose as well as on to the plates of discerning American customers is very satisfying.'

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Ring to book your place for Lunch Club

The Monday Lunch Clubs at the sheltered housing in Lamlash and Brodick have proved so popular that the organisers are now asking diners to telephone and book their place in advance.

Started over a month ago and run jointly by volunteers, the Salvation Army and Isle of Arran Homes, the lunch dates alternate between Glen Estate in Brodick and McKelvie Road sheltered housing in Lamlash and are aimed at non-residents as well as residents of sheltered housing. The charge for two courses is £4 and the only proviso is that they are over 65.

Now Lexi Andrade of the Salvation Army says that they don't want to turn people away, but have become so popular that a telephone call is being asked for.

Diners are asked to phone Mary at 600100 or Ann at 302716 by Friday to book their place for the following Monday.

The club meets at 12noon at McKelvie Road next Monday 26 November.



Dave Tapson with one of his hives at Spion Kop.

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Arran Bee Group to import new strain of bees

The Arran Bee Group held a meeting at the Rangers Centre at Brodick Castle on Thursday 15 November at 7pm.

Once again there was an excellent turn out of members.

It was decided to purchase 11 nuclei of Scottish-bred bees, which will help in improving the genetic stock on Arran.

These bees will be spread over the island from Lochranza to Kildonan.

Willie McNish of Kildonan explained: 'A nuclei of bees could be classed as a starter pack.

'It consists of approximately five frames of bees including a queen which is placed in a hive in the spring, which hopefully will thrive under the right conditions and raise young bees (brood), increasing the colony. In time it should produce sufficient bees to allow a second hive to be created and so on.

'The bees would be supplied treated for the varroa disease

and it would be helpful if everyone keeping bees on Arran would get in touch with the group to allow us to formulate a varroa strategy which would assist in reducing the incidence of this pest.

'Any member not at the meeting, who has not yet committed to taking bees as part of this project should get in touch as soon as possible to allow us to firm up our order for nuclei.'

It is hoped that with the introduction of a new strain of bees the environmental impact on the natural habitat may encourage funding from environmental groups.

The next Bee Group meeting is planned for the third Thursday in January at 7pm in the Rangers Centre.

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MSP urges islanders to use the hotline and keep warm

Island MSP Kenneth Gibson is encouraging constituents to make use of the Scottish Government's Home Energy Hotline.

His call comes after a new survey found that almost 80percent of Scots are concerned about the cost of their energy bills this winter. And, while many Scots use or would be interested in using loft (45percent) or wall (32percent) insulation to help make their homes warmer, only 29percent have claimed the free home insulation they are eligible for.

Kenneth Gibson said: 'I strongly encourage anyone concerned about their heating bills and keeping warm this winter to take advantage of this.

'Everyone can get help. The Scottish Government's Hotline is a one-stop-shop for energy advice and support.

'One call is all it takes for

people to find out what they are eligible for. Advisors can provide details of free offers, discounts and other support available to help everyone have a warmer, affordable and more energy efficient home this winter.

'This survey found nearly two thirds of Scottish homes that have lofts don't have enough insulation. With the cold months upon us, constituents can ensure a warmer home that costs less to heat.

'I urge anyone who has not looked at loft or cavity wall insulation, or those looking to replace their old and inefficient boiler to contact the Hotline as soon as possible to find out about the range of offers available.

'Please contact the hotline and keep warm.'

The Scottish Government's Home Energy Scotland Hotline (0800 512 012) is free to call.

Arran Parkinson's group formed

Arran's residents living with Parkinson's have formed a new support group for people living with the condition.

The group would like to invite anyone affected by Parkinson's to join them for a Christmas lunch at Coast in Whiting Bay on Tuesday 4 December.

Tickets are £15 and can be booked by contacting Les McLeod on 700559.

The group meet on the first Wednesday of every month and the next meeting will be on Wednesday 7 February at 2pm in Lamlash Fire Station.

Anyone interested can contact Gina Allen on 0844 225 3725 or gallen@parkinsons.org.uk

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Some of the young volunteer tree-planters on Brodick Hill last Sunday.

Arran Scout power plant 450 trees

To celebrate The Queen's Diamond Jubilee, the charity Roots of Arran Community Woodland was able to plant 450 new trees last Sunday.

With the help of the island's two Scout packs, light work was made of planting the 450 trees along the newly constructed paths on the site adjacent to the Lag a Bheith pathway south of Brodick.

Volunteers

Over 40 volunteers assembled at the Cnoc na Dail car park at 10.30am on Sunday, armed with stout boots, waterproofs and a packed lunch.

Fiona Kerr, Scout Leader of Shiskine Scouts, and Roots of Arran Committee mem-

ber had applied for the trees earlier in the year from the Woodland Trust.

The varieties sent included hazel, blackthorn, crab apple, elder, dog rose, hawthorn, holly, dogwood and two oak saplings from one of the Queen's estates to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee.

Each tree is protected with a plastic tree-guard and cane to hold it in place which will hopefully enable the trees to take root successfully.

This was part of a project to plant six million trees across the UK to help preserve the natural environment.

Roots of Arran Community Woodland was formed

in 2002 and volunteers meet on a regular basis to carry out conservation work such as pathway creation and maintenance, tree planting and rhody clearance on the 30-hectare site on Brodick Hill.

Seven years ago, this was a site of forestry clear-fell with no trees.

Transform

Over the years thousands of trees have been planted and the woodland is beginning to transform from an area of ugly dereliction with little wildlife value to a thriving landscape rich in flora and fauna. Roots of Arran committee would like to thank the 40 plus volunteers who took

part, Andy Walker of the Forestry Commission who transported the trees to the site and resident artist Mike Bailey, who lugged equipment down to the site in his trusty wheelbarrow.

Memory

Commemorative trees may be planted on the site in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a wedding or birth for £20 each.

Please go to the charity's website to make a request through the enquiry button.

The next volunteer day will be on Sunday 9 December, details of which may be found on the website: www.rootsofarranwoodland.org.uk

Santa is already on his way!

Santa is on his way.

Yes, for Arran youngsters and adults, Christmas is coming a little early.

With so many houses to visit, Father Christmas has to start somewhere, and this year he will be landing in Lamlash on his sleigh with Rudolph leading Dasher, Dancer and Prancer at the start of Arran's 2012 Santa's Sparkle celebrations this Saturday.

Touchdown is expected to be around 3pm unless there are adverse weather conditions.

This will be one of the highlights of a full Christmas weekend in the build-up to the festive season.

Among the other attractions will be multiple music performances, a larger than ever Christmas market with more

stalls than ever and great food and drink to sample over two days.

Activities will centre around Lamlash front green and the Glenisle Hotel.

Switch on

At 5pm on Saturday, Lamlash Heather Queen Louise Shankland will switch on the lights for the village Christmas tree opposite Jimmy Gordon's, followed by a spectacular firework show and lighting of the Glenisle Christmas tree at 6pm.

On Sunday, there will be more entertainment from 12noon, with another visit from Santa at 1pm.

Geoffrey Dallamore of Glenisle Hotel said: 'We're keeping an eye on the weather and hoping for the best this year.'

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There are only 24 shopping days to Christmas

That's if you don't count Sundays which should be family days but sadly have become increasingly commercial as well.

Those well-organised souls will already have bought all their gifts, wrapped the presents, written their cards and prepared the sprouts for Christmas dinner. Don't they make you sick!

As for the rest of us, it is high time we put our thinking caps on, remembered what we gave Auntie Bessie last year, and made a list of things to buy.

The question is, where to buy your gifts?

Seductive adverts on television tempt you to make your way to the big city or retail parks and jostle with hordes of other shoppers, risk having your pocket or purse picked or even losing a child.

Have you seen the slushy traditional John Lewis Christmas advert?

In a sentimental two-minute clip, a brave snowman makes an epic journey to the city to buy his beloved snow wife a scarf and gloves, and ends with the slogan 'give a little more love this Christmas'.

In the first week after the advert was screened, the John Lewis tills rang to the tune of £91.7million!

But do you really need to make an epic journey to give a little more love this Christmas?

After all, we are blessed with such a wide range of retail outlets here on the island that it begs the question – do you need to get on the ferry, with or without your car, and suffer a stressful day in Glasgow or Ayr, be tempted to spend more than you can really afford, then come back laden down with consumer goods?

Why not keep your money on the island and support the local businesses this year? This weekend sees the second annual Santa's Sparkle extravaganza in Lamlash.

Two days of festive family entertainment on the front green and in Glenisle Hotel will be complemented by a Christmas market with a host of stalls selling the best of Arran crafts and produce.

Then next weekend 15 Arran shops from around the island are taking part in the first co-ordinated ShopArran Christmas promotion.

So do you really need to go to the mainland for the 'big shop' when you can buy such a wide variety of gifts here while supporting the local economy at the same time?

And also get a 'feelgood' factor more in keeping with the real spirit of Christmas.

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



Not a word, not a smile

Sir,
Having visited the island last week and picking up a copy of the Arran Banner, I couldn't help thinking there were a few astounding stories.

In particular, a letter from David Phillips, of Quorn, (Saturday 3 November) in which he states that, on taking the pathway to Goatfell, he had an 'horrific experience' upon discovering there were mountains all around!?

I can only assume this was some kind of joke. What did he expect when signs specifically say 'pathway to Goatfell'...he then went on to say the mountains should be levelled unbelievable! Also, re the headline story about a downturn in business this summer; it may be a very different story if any of the shopkeepers would at least give the impression they actually want to serve us!

I visited several outlets, both in Brodick, and around at Duchess Court. None of them had anything to say, not a word, not a smile; in fact it was as though we were disturbing them.

It was not the sort of behaviour that would make anyone rush back.

On the other hand, the normal local people were very friendly whilst we were out walking. Although I, and my whole family, have been visiting Arran for the best part of 80 years, the best experience on this recent visit, was the courtesy, cleanliness and general cheeriness by the staff on the CalMac Ferry.

So, the businesses on the island need to re-think their general approach to everyone who enters their establishments.

Yours,
Catherine Docherty
By email

Lighting fund

Sir,
The past few weeks we have read various views on the second home situation.

In this week's Banner we also have an article with regards to the lack of Christmas

decorations in Brodick this year.

I will openly admit that I got an unclassified grade in my maths O Level, so please forgive me if I have made a huge mistake here.

According to Nigel second homes on Arran are roughly 20 per cent of the properties.

If we use an estimation of there being 1,500 homes on Arran, with an average council tax band of D, £1,152, 20 per cent of these are second homes with a minimum 10 percent discount, I make that about three hundred homes paying £115 less in council tax every year which adds up to £34,500.

Mr Mark has put it in writing that he has no objection to paying the full council tax.

Would it not be wonderful if he, and all other second home owners, paid their discounted amount to the local improvements committee of whatever village their holiday house was in.

With that amount of money to play around with we could give the local children a fantastic Christmas party and lights in all villages that would rival the display at the cheese shop.

Yours,
Toni Goodstein
Brodick

Ardrossan concerns

Sir,
In reading the report on the new ferry terminal for Brodick in last week's Banner I was incredulous that no mention was made of the main problem: Ardrossan.

What is the point of constructing an expensive double berth dock on the island if ships are at times not going to be able to sail owing to the weather at the mainland port?

If CalMac are going to keep the Cally Isles in service for a few more years, it seems to me essential that it has a mainland port where it can dock safely in most weather conditions.

It is obvious that this is not the case with Ardrossan ('Ardrossan is not fit for purpose' – Ken Thorburn last year).

If Ardrossan must continue

in use, an alternative is required such as Troon which appears to be a more protected harbour.

If the intention is to commission new boats, then one of these should be of a size to use Fairlie where it was demonstrated last year that the Isle of Arran could dock safely.

Thus one can envisage a service whereby Ardrossan remains the main port for large vehicles and cars and Fairlie for cars only and passengers.

Both Fairlie and Troon have good rail links to Glasgow.

I should be interested to hear the response of the Ferry Committee to the above points.

Yours,
Ian Ferguson
Northbeck Cottage
High Corrie

See the Light NAC

Sir,
It was with great disappointment that I heard that the Brodick Christmas lights will not be going up this year, due it seems, to the ongoing cost outlay to NAC.

These lights were purchased many years ago through community fundraising – involving people from all over the island.

Although not a Brodick resident, I feel that the sight of the lights as you come into Brodick is a lovely festive welcome to islanders and visitors alike.

The opportunity for a community get-together and raise funds for the children's party was also a cherry on top of that cake!

It seems extremely unfair that other areas of North Ayrshire appear to be well-lit at Christmas with lights galore, whilst Arran, once again will lose out – as we do with many activities, council-run events, amenity support etc.

I'm not one for moaning per se about things, but I'd be interested to know if any of the lights that might be erected within Largs, Three Towns, Irvine or the Garnock Valley have received as much community input financially and practically as the ones in

Brodick have had....?

This is by no means a dig at Brodick Improvements Committee – all power to Smallie and his team – and here's hoping next year will see Brodick well-lit once again! Come on NAC!

Yours,
Sheila Gilmore
Shiskine

Repeat visitors important

Sir,
In reply to Nigel, what Arran really needs in ever increasing numbers are tourists with spending power.

In the 1960s we all came to Arran as often as we could, camping at Cordon and taking a cottage during the Glasgow Fair and August.

Arran was buzzing and as we got older we gave up camping and got caravans at Cordon and Park Avenue later some of us bought property – a natural progression.

We still come to Arran as often as possible. Some think we are responsible for all the economic housing problems and add nothing to Arran's wealth.

However we aren't just holiday home owners we are repeat loyal and committed tourists who visit Arran year on year as often as possible when we could go elsewhere get good weather and no midgets.

What percentage we, our friends and family make up in the grand scale of tourism I don't know.

We may not spend as much as full time residents but then why have all the small village shops and the abundance of wonderful tearooms closed due to lack of support – we all have to take some blame!

No business can survive by having one-off customers and Arran can't stay alive on local custom alone.

Yours,
Clive Mark
Milton of Campsie
and very regular
Arran visitor

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Sannox Church answers sought

As building work commences at the Sannox Christian Centre, an historian is conducting research into the history of the church until December 4.

David Pott would be very glad to hear from anyone, especially descendants of members of the congregation in the 19th century who might be able to supply any information.

He is seeking answers to some questions:

Are there any reports or stories about the initial visit of James Haldane and John Campbell to Arran in June 1800?

Before the church was built in 1822, the congregation met out of doors and occasionally found shelter in corn mills. Where was the location of those corn mills?

Do we know anything about the nature of the worship of the early congregation?

Are there any descendants of the early pastors (Alexander Mackay, John Blacklock and Alan Cameron McDougall) still living on the island?

Are there any letters or other papers available from those pastors or other church members?

Is there any record of the content of Mackay's last sermon to the departing emigrants to Canada on 25th April 1829?

The tune for the well-known hymn 'O love that wilt not let me go' was known to be written by Albert Peace on a beach on Arran.

Local tradition holds that this was on Sannox beach. Does anyone have any evidence for this assertion?

If you are able to assist, please contact David by email on dlpott@gmail.com or phone 01770 810201 before December 4.



On Tuesday the three island Church Guilds shared a lunch together to mark the 125th anniversary of the organisation. 01_b47gul01

Guild celebrates 125th anniversary

There are three Church of Scotland Guilds on Arran and this week they joined together to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the organisation.

This is the 125th year of the Church Guild and it has been marked in a variety of ways around the country.

Worship

The week began with two members of Shiskine Guild travelling to Glasgow to share in morning worship with their Link Guild of Bridgeton - St Francis in the East.

And on Tuesday the three island Guilds shared a lunch

together and then watched a video of the Annual Rally held in August in Dundee.

Uplifting

Three island members attended this uplifting meeting and it is hoped that several members will be able to join with the other 2,000 or so women and men in the Caird Hall for the next meeting.

Each year the Arran Guilds choose two national projects to support.

Helen Kerr, convener of the Ardrossan presbytery council and a Shiskine Guild member said: 'We take our role within

the Guild very seriously and take great pride in supporting the national Guild projects every year.

'We always choose two of the six to support and we see it as our duty to educate the other church members about each of the projects we have chosen.'

Welcomed

In 1997 the Woman's Guild became simply The Guild when men were welcomed into membership. Although we are basically a Church of Scotland group membership is not restricted to a single

denomination. If you would like to become a member or would just like to come along to one meeting please be assured that you would find a warm welcome.

For more information contact Helen Knight 303704.

Charolais bullock from The Moor tops Stirling mart

Caledonian Marts sold 565 store cattle and suckled calves at their Stirling Auction Mart on Monday 12 November.

Top prices of £855 gross for a 390kg Charolais bullock and £710 for a 335kg Charolais heifer went to F Cook and Sons, Sliderry Moor.

Also sold on Monday 12 November were 640 store lambs and 376 store and feeding ewes with Texel lambs selling to £57 from D E Robertson, Cosyden.

On Tuesday 13 November Caledonian Marts had forward 2,832 prime lambs and 904 cast ewes.

Leading prices of £104.50 went to F Cook and Sons, The Moor for Texel tups and £82 for Texel cross lambs.

Lost and found

A pair of gent's glasses, gold rimmed and in a blue case, were lost on Saturday, possibly in Cordon. Anyone finding them is asked to telephone Raymond Brennan on 600190.

A grey cat has been found wandering in Lamlash. Anyone missing this cat should telephone 600242/600252.

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The Arran Open Studios event was an intimate insight into the lives of the island's makers.

Open Studios prepare for next year

The 2012 event was judged a great success by everyone who took part

Following the success of this year's Arran Open Studios event, preparations are already being made for the next year.

Organisers Josephine Broekhuizen and Sarah Cook are urging those who took part to reflect and begin to prepare for the 2013 event as 'it is only months away'.

The event was judged a great success by everyone who took part and Josephine and Sarah are keen to start early in their preparations for the 2013.

More artists

'We want to give as much notice as possible to allow even more artists to take part,' said Sarah.

'Twenty five participating artists was a great maiden voyage', Josephine added,

'but we know of many others who may have been hesitant as it was the first year. This is perfectly understandable – the event was an unknown quantity and no-one knew how it would go.'

'But the visitor numbers, the number of sales, the general buzz in the art-community was very exciting and we would encourage those who were waiting to see how it went, to look at this and seriously consider taking part in 2013. We have learned a lot from the feedback from artists and visitors alike and this will provide the foundations for improvements in the event for its second year.'

The long weekend in August saw many visitors coming to the island to trek around the open studios seeing finished

pieces, works in progress and being able to discuss with the makers their methods and reason for making.

It was an intimate insight into the lives of the Arran makers.

Experienced

Some artists experienced over 100 visitors in the four days and some made over a £1,000 in sales.

Visitors came from far and wide – returned questionnaires revealed they came from Germany, Holland, England, Scotland, Canada, USA.

Organisers hope that 2013 will build on these sure foundations.

For more information contact Josephine on 600287 or Sarah on 700615 or log onto www.arranopenstudios.com

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All the whey to Arran Brewery

Arran Brewery plc, the holding company of the Isle of Skye and Isle of Arran Brewery has purchased the rights to Fallachan as well as the equipment for the making of the drink known traditionally in Scotland as Bland.

Humphrey Errington maker of the well-known Lanark Blue cheese on his farm near Carwath has sold the rights and equipment to the Arran Brewery as well as his stock of whey-made wine (Bland) for an undisclosed sum.

Fallachan is made from whey, a by-product of the cheese making process. Humphrey found that in Orkney and in the Shetlands as well as the islands of the West coast fishermen took bottles of Bland to sea with them.

On researching the drink he found it was known by many different names and was quite widespread being made from Norway, through Russia to Sardinia.



Gerald Michaluk with a bottle of Fallachan.

Humphrey believes it was introduced to Scotland by the Vikings long before whisky become the national drink.

Fallachan is the Gaelic for hidden treasure, and being a drink made from dairy produce goes extremely well with cheese.

Humphrey sold the Fallachan at farmers markets, highland shows and mail order. It tastes rather more like a sherry than a wine or spirit and the oak notes are apparent from the casks used to mature

the Fallachan.

Gerald Michaluk of the Isle of Arran Brewery said: 'It is great to be expanding the range of traditional beverages the brewery can produce and I am particularly pleased to help a traditional, almost lost drink, find its way back into the Highlands and Islands of Scotland.'

Fallachan will be available in both the Isle of Arran and Isle of Skye Brewery shops and will be on sale nationally from the Spring.

Cathie Steed is guest speaker at Arran Garden Club

The Arran Garden Club was delighted to welcome member Cathie Steed as their last guest speaker of 2012.

Cathie has many talents and treated members to two of these; the first being an excellent demonstration of the skills of making flower arrangements using autumnal foliage and flowers gathered from her garden, whilst amusing us with various entertaining anecdotes of her life in Glasgow as a young woman.

Her different arrangements were creative and inspiring, with tips on the best places to source floral accessories. She finished off by giving some ideas for Christmas arrangements.

Soup of the month, plant of the month, the bloom competition and a raffle were enjoyed by all.

Everyone is welcome at the Garden Club winter social, AGM and the sharing of our garden photographs on Thursday 29 November at 7.30pm at Brodick Castle, Ranger Centre.

Your essential guide to *Christmas* on Arran

In the coming weeks the Isle of Arran will get well and truly into the festive spirit, with a calendar jam-packed with events – from nativity plays and Christmas markets to special shopping events and festive gatherings.

So whether you're looking for family fun, ways to celebrate the Christmas countdown with friends or just somewhere to do your shopping in style, Arran has it covered.

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 that perfect gift only to find out it was sold out two days before?

Arran is a veritable delight for the Christmas shopper as the island has some superb stores, boutiques and gift shops.

Christmas gifts are swapped with great excitement between children and adults alike and my Christmas list keeps getting longer and longer as more family members have families of their own.

This in itself is not a problem; the tricky bit is finding what to buy each and every name on my list.

Coming up with something different each year can be a challenge but Christmas shopping should always be fun!

First stop for me is usually Brodick – I like to wander along the seafront popping into the village shops to see what is on offer.

We are lucky on Arran to have a village with so many lovely gift shops and there is always some-

thing to be found for the family presents.

From here I always go on to Lamlash and Whiting Bay where I can stock up on delicious festive food treats as well as picking up unusual gifts for friends and family.

Even Arran's smaller villages have a wealth of pretty shops selling unique gifts, often hand-crafted on Arran.

Even in remote places like North Newton in Lochranza or at Auchencar near Machrie there are shops selling some truly wonderful gifts.

There is no doubt about it, the perfect Christmas gift can certainly be found on the island for every single person on your Christmas list.

I hope you have as much fun doing your festive shopping as I did and that you have a wonderful Christmas and fantastic New Year.



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Isle of Arran Christmas Shopping Weekend

30th November – 2nd December

Buy locally this year during ShopArran's big weekend

Temperatures are dropping, the woolly scarves are coming out and mince pies are lining the supermarket shelves: Christmas is just around the corner.

In a bid to try and encourage more Arran people to buy their Christmas gifts from the island this year a very unique shopping event is taking place next weekend.

From 9am on Friday 30 November to closing on Sunday 2 December a cooperative of island shops will be offering massive savings and special offers to encourage people to buy

locally this Christmas.

We often overlook the fabulous selection of shops we have on our doorstep so why not get out and about next weekend and do all your Christmas shopping on Arran.

All ShopArran members are offering fantastic reductions and it will be an ideal opportunity to get your Christmas shopping done.

Below is a list of all the stores taking part and what discounts and special offers can be found there during the ShopArran weekend.

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Buntys

Taking part in the ShopArran event is Buntys in Brodick, which will be offering a 10 per cent discount to all customers throughout the weekend as well as a free glass of bubbly.

Lynn from Buntys imaginatively sources all her beautiful gifts for the home as well as rescuing unwanted pieces of furniture and giving them a new lease of life.

Offering a great selection of home accessories, Buntys has delightful ornaments and original bits and pieces as well as hand painted furniture that would look amazing in every home.

Buntys is just how a contemporary country Christmas ought to look and you are certain to find plenty of gifts for friends and family.

Jolly Molly

As part of the ShopArran weekend Jolly Molly in Brodick, which sells amazing gifts and accessories for the home, will be offering a 10 per cent discount on everything in store.

With a huge range of items from clocks, cushions and candles

to silverware, crockery and lamps and lots of other lovely things to make your home feel special, this is a 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.

Old Byre Showroom and Byre at Brodick

The Old Byre Showroom has two outlets; the main one is at Auchencar near Machrie where the shop and restaurant have recently been completely rebuilt and revamped.

And in Brodick there is the Byre at Brodick, which sells the same exquisite knitwear, leather bags and clothing stocked at the main shop.

There are Barbour quilted and waxed jackets, gorgeous Seasalt and Mistral clothing, Eribe Scottish knitwear and a lovely selection of Fairtrade clothing for children.

To help keep warm this winter there are also contemporary sheepskin boots and gloves as well as Ber-

tie Girl Harris Tweed bags and cowhorn homeware and jewellery.

There is a 10 per cent discount on offer at both the Old Byre and Byre at Brodick and if you spend £10pp on food at Café Thyme there's 20 per cent off everything in the store next door.

The Curtain House

This Lamlash boutique is another island shop taking part in the ShopArran weekend and they will be offering a 10 per cent discount for the three days.

With made to measure handmade curtains and blinds to beautiful home furnishings and stunning accessories for the whole home, I never leave empty handed.

Owner Janelle stocks some beautiful fabrics that she can use to create wonderful hanging curtains and window blinds.

And there are stunningly unique Christmas decorations for the tree as well as unusual candlesticks and bits and pieces that would make ideal presents for mums, grans and girlfriends.

Arran Active

Also taking part in the shopping weekend is the Arran Active store at Cladach that is full of great presents for all lovers of the outdoors.

This is the Isle of Arran's specialist outdoor shop and stocks walking boots to suit most needs and budgets and there will be 10 per cent off everything that weekend.

And why not enjoy a mince pie and some delicious mulled wine while you shop.

Walking shoes (rather than boots) are becoming a popular gift and there is a great selection of specialist socks for skiing and winter walking.

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Boathouse

There is a treat in store for shoppers during the event as the Boathouse in Brodick



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The Harbour Shop

This delightful shop in the centre of Blackwaterfoot never ceases to amaze with its wide range of impressive gifts.

There is Scottish pottery, local produce and stunning jewellery as well as lovely toys and books for children and Ar-

ran souvenirs that all make ideal Christmas gifts.

Owner Gillian stocks Arran Aromatics, Arran Reflections candles, Arran Provisions, Island Porcelain, Andy Gray digital photographs, Alice Martin cards, James' Chocolates and much more.

For the Shop Arran weekend the shop is offering a 10 per cent discount throughout the store.

Red Door

The magnificent Red Door gift shop in Brodick is full of wonderful Christmas gifts for the entire family.

Packed to the ceiling with gorgeous gifts for the home as well as jewellery and children's toys, it's an ideal place to stock up on presents.

Throughout the Shop Arran weekend there will be a 10 per cent discount on everything in store so it's

an ideal time to get shopping.

Red Door has plush leather handbags, delicately beautiful jewellery as well as unique ceramics and quirky gifts for men.

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With its contemporary collection of goods for the home, Friday's Child at the Home Farm just outside Brodick is a great place for Christmas shopping.

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It can be difficult to find unusual gifts year in year out but Friday's Child can certainly help you to do that.

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Cladach Pottery

Unique handmade Christmas tree decorations are just one of the many gorgeous gifts on offer at the

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Bilslands

Throughout the ShopArran extravaganza one of the most exciting offers is at Bilslands in Brodick.

They are offering an incredible 33 per cent off all Lazy Jack Clothing and various other ranges throughout the store.

Bilslands is the largest independent retail outlet on Arran and is well known to both locals and regular visitors to the island alike.

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and walking gear to the very latest casual fashion collections.

There is also a fantastic range of both quirky and traditional souvenirs that make ideal presents.

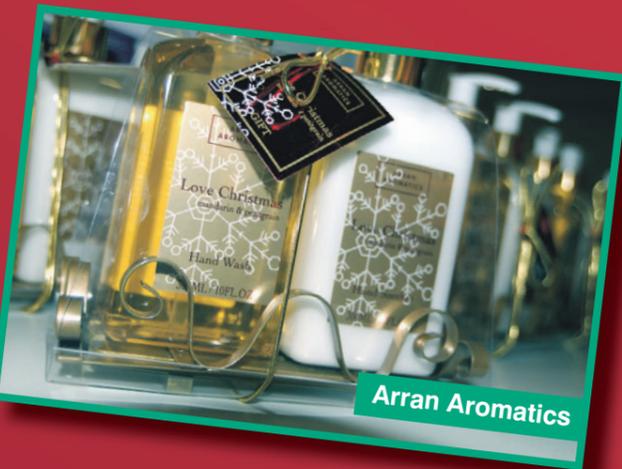
Homestyles

The home hardware store in Brodick is literally jam packed with gorgeous gifts and decorations for the perfect family Christmas.

Homestyles are offering a 10 per cent discount on every £30 spent as well as many other special offers in the store during the ShopArran weekend and a very special Christmas tombola.

There is elegant crockery and cookware as well as home furnishings and beautiful ornaments.

And you can get trees, lights and decorations to make this an extra special Christmas.



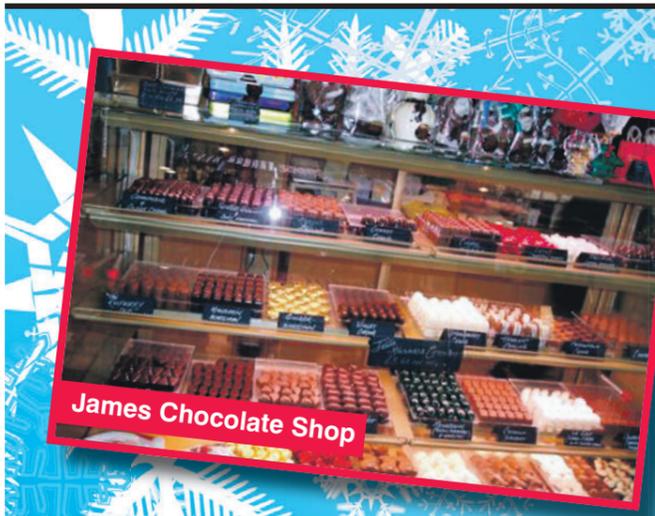
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The island is a wonderful place to be over the festive season with lots of exciting things happening all over Arran.

This year's Santa Sparkle is taking place in Lamlash today (Saturday 24 November) and tomorrow.

Organisers have been working with firework specialists Midnight Storm to create an even bigger and better Christmas tree lighting show.

It will involve lights, showers of sparks and explosions plus spectacular fireworks, all set to music.

Top magician Carl Royle will be back performing magic on-stage as well as in the marquees.

As a special treat he will also be doing three performances of close-up magic on

Saturday evening.

As in the past, the event will feature great local music. Also appearing this year are Matt Johnston, The Black Lairds of Glen-cloy, The Ramblin' Boys and The Usual Suspects.

The Jazz Café Band will be performing in Glenisle Hotel on Saturday evening after the fireworks.

There will be an even larger Christmas market with more stalls than ever.

Various Arran newcomers will be there including Floating Islands as well as some island institutions which are new to Santa's Sparkle such as Arran Aromatics.

There will be great food and drink throughout the event and the Glenisle Hotel will be offering a fantastic barbeque and

hog roast on both Saturday and Sunday featuring local produce.

And of course Santa will be flying in from the North Pole especially for the event and is looking forward to meeting all the children so that he can find out what they want for Christmas.

Also taking place is the much-loved Victorian Christmas at Brodick Castle on Sunday 9 December.

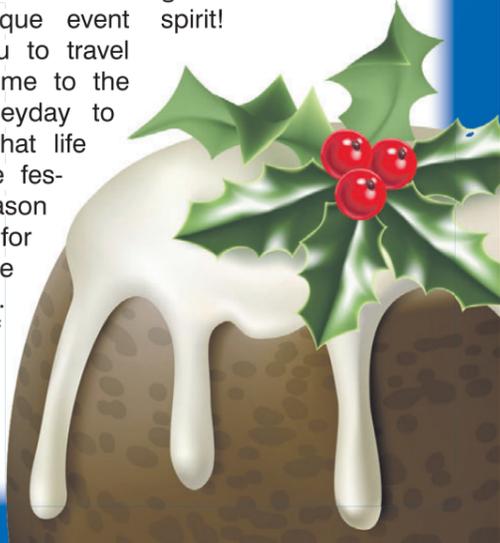
This unique event allows you to travel back in time to the castle's heyday to witness what life during the festive season was like for the castle occupants.

With staff dressed in traditional costumes

you can allow yourself to travel back in time for an afternoon and Santa may even pop in to find out what the kiddies want for Christmas.

This is one of Arran's most wonderful festive events and it is a treat for the whole family.

There are so many exciting things happening on Arran in the coming weeks that it is the perfect place to get into the Christmas spirit!



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If you are looking for somewhere to do your shopping in style, Arran has it covered.

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 that perfect gift only to find out it was sold out two days before?

Arran is the perfect destination for the Christmas shopper as the island has some superb stores,

boutiques and gift shops.

In all of the villages there are shops packed with beautiful, original gifts that are a delight to give to your loved ones.

Coming up with something different each year can be a challenge but Christmas shopping should always be fun!

The Santa Sparkle event in Lamlash this weekend is an ideal opportunity to do some Christmas shopping.

After this, the first stop for me is usually Brodick - I like to wander along the seafront popping into the village shops to see what is on offer.

We are lucky on Arran to have a village

with so many lovely gift shops and there is always something to be found for the family presents.

In Brodick you can buy everything you might need this Christmas in the fabulous Inspirations of Arran which stocks superior gifts and jewellery as well as collectables for all occasions.

The Brodick Golf Shop at the village club is an ideal place to pick up some sporting gifts.

This veritable shopping emporium stocks a huge selection of playing equipment as well as clothes, accessories and much more.

James of Arran, the island's answer to

Willie Wonka's Chocolate Factory is the ideal place to stock up on mouth-wateringly delicious handmade chocolates and delicate festive treats to give as fun stocking fillers on Christmas day.

From here I always go on to Lamlash and Whiting Bay where I can stock up on delicious festive food treats as well as picking up unusual gifts for friends and family.

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Even Arran's smaller villages have a wealth of pretty shops selling unique gifts, often handcrafted on Arran.

Kirkend Nursery in Whiting Bay are also doing sweetie hampers to order which are hard to resist as well as Christmas trees and wreaths to make any home beautiful for Christmas.

And Belford Mill on Golf Course Road is stocked with hundreds of great gift ideas for the whole family.

There are children's toys, ladies handbags and gifts for the home as well as great deals on clothes throughout the festive period.

Even in remote places like North Newton in Lochranza there are shops selling some truly wonderful gifts.

Reg Morgan's stonemen are one of the island's most unique exports and they make wonderful gifts at Christmastime.

There is no doubt about it, the perfect Christmas gift can certainly be found on the island for every single person on your Christmas list.

I hope you have as much fun doing your festive shopping as I did and that you have a wonderful Christmas and fantastic New Year.



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Waxwing influx on Arran's east coast. Photo Brian Couper

Nordic nomads arriving in numbers

By Jim Cassels

Waxwings, Nordic nomads, are an 'irruptive' species, only arriving here in numbers in certain winters, dictated to a large extent by conditions in their native Scandinavia.

This winter looks like being one of them.

Over last weekend there were over a dozen reports of this species all from the east of the island ranging from Sannox in the north to the Heights between Lamlash and Whiting Bay in the south.

These included: 40 at Invercloy, 25 at Sannox and 50 on the Heights on 10 November; groups ranging from 60 to 120 in the Cnoc na Dail area between Brodick and Lamlash on 11th; and 25 in Brodick Country Park, 60 in Invercloy and 60 near Lamlash Golf Course on 12th. The at-

traction in all cases seems to be berried trees. The last time there was such an influx was the winter of 2010-2011.

Waxwings can be very confident, allowing a great view of their large crest, pinkish brown body and eponymous waxy wings. Brian Couper's photographs capture these stunning birds beautifully.

The waxy tips are actually the extended shafts of the feathers, and the number seen will identify the age and sex of the bird, ranging from none on young females to eight on adult males. Listen out for their distinctive trilling call too, sounding oddly reminiscent of 'sid-little'. Be prepared for them turning up anywhere where there are trees and bushes with bright red and orange berries even those on ornamental trees.

Plant a hedge to give your garden shelter in winter

Garden Notes
By Bob McCaw

Winter winds can cause much damage to Arran's gardens, and The Banner gardening correspondent Bob McCaw gives a few tips on protecting your plants from the icy blasts

Winter is a good time to erect fences and plant hedges to lessen the effects of the weather and improving growing conditions.

Fences unfortunately can get blown down on a stormy night but a hedge allows the wind to travel through it at a reduced speed, and more importantly it provides shelter for wild life.

Two problems arise when you are a gardener next to the coast; they are exposure to wind and salt. Wind shakes the plants and can cause conifers to turn brown, and the salt can also burn young shoots and leaves.

An evergreen hedge would be a good start, its foliage breaking the force of the wind's impact, and giving shelter to the plants behind it. Leylandii cypress can be quite effective next to the sea,



Escallonia macrantha. b47esc01

but I sometimes feel that this is more of a nuisance as it is such a vigorous grower and often the cause of neighbourhood disputes.

On Arran, Escallonia in one variety or another is very popular. This evergreen with smallish leaves and of dense habit, carries a range of blos-

som pink, white, rose and red bloom from late spring to early autumn, and in the late evening gives off an aroma.

One of the best Escallonias for hedging is the variety Macrantha.

This is possibly the most common Escallonia for coastal hedging, its dense bushy and shiny leaves are about 4cm by 2cm and the rose red blossom is numerous but quite small.

One of the most successful evergreen shrubs for planting next to the sea is Griselinia littoralis, a native of New Zealand and named after an Italian botanist who lived during the 1700s. The leaves are green with a fleshy, waxy feeling, quite thick and round

growing to approximately 8cm.

If you don't fancy just a plain green hedge the variegated variety Griselinia littoralis variegata may be more colourful with green leaves edged or blotched with creamy white.

But if you live on Arran or would like something to remind you of Arran in your garden what could be better than Griselinia littoralis Brodick Gold with its bright green and gold splashed leaves.

The best time to plant an evergreen hedge used to be March or April but nearly everything is grown in pots nowadays and you can plant anytime except when there is a frost in the ground.



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Natural Historians face dinosaur stampede

Arran is an important island in the story of fossils in Scotland

Last month Dr Neil DL Clark, curator of palaeontology at The Hunterian, University of Glasgow, gave an excellent talk to the Arran Natural History Society on his experiences of dinosaurs and fossil hunting in Scotland.

He has provided a summary of his talk below. Scotland is well known for important fossils that mark important events in the evolution of life on Earth.

From some of the earliest forms of single celled organisms to the development of marine animals, land animals, vertebrates and plants; Scotland has helped place missing pieces of the jigsaw.

Part of the jigsaw missing in Scotland until 1982, were dinosaurs.

Since 1982, several different types of dinosaurs have been found; sauropods, ankylosaurs, theropods, iguanodontids and perhaps some other small ornithomimids. All dinosaurs from Scotland are from the Lower and Middle Jurassic rocks of the Isle of Skye, and the majority of the discoveries are footprints.

One particular set of footprints suggest, for the first time, that theropod dinosaurs remained in family groups after hatching. These footprints

featured in the recent BBC television programme *Dino Stampede* and were compared with some dinosaur trackways in Australia which are thought to represent a stampede.

New dinosaurs are continually being found on Skye and the most recent are some teeth of a sauropod and a theropod.



Neil Clark and his dinosaurs.

Arran is also an important island in the story of fossils in Scotland with the discovery of footprints near Blackwaterfoot. These footprints turned out to be the footprints

of a reptile that may have given rise to the dinosaurs called *Chirotherium* (hand-beast). This animal is so called because of the hand-shaped footprint.

Several hundred of these footprints have been found since about 1985 from Kildonan to the King's Caves north of Blackwaterfoot.

Scotland continues to be an exciting country for fossil discoveries with new links being made across gaps in our knowledge of the evolution of life every year. After giving his talk to the Natural History Society, Neil Clark generously agreed to visit the P1 - P3 class of Brodick Primary School who just happened to be doing a project on dinosaurs.

Neil delighted the class with his expertise and tales of adventure finding dinosaur bones on Skye and finished by passing around a very special dinosaur fossil - coprolite - also known as dinosaur poo!

The next Natural History Society meeting is Thursday 6 December when Lucy Wallace will reveal 'the secret di-

ary of an otter spotter'.

Talks start at 8pm at the Ranger Centre, Brodick Country Park, all welcome.



Dinosaur footprint on Skye.



A Chirotherium footprint on Arran.

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Man of the hills

Stewart Lambie, a founding member of Arran's Mountain Rescue, is standing down as leader and handing over the reins to Alastair Hume of Brodick.

A member since it was founded in 1964; Stewart has now been its leader since 1966.

'It's a good time to go,' he said, and of Alastair, 'He is able and can make a good decision. He also has good leadership qualities.'

Bute buses go to Arran

Western Scottish gained the bus contracts instead of Arran Transport this year.

Now in an astonishing move, it is almost certain Arran Transport will be awarded the subsidised bus contracts on Bute from January, wrest-

ing them from Western Scottish.

Testy meeting for Tourist Board

The Douglas Hotel dining room was almost full on Tuesday when the Isle of Arran Tourist Board held its AGM.

Many questions were asked of the board, including Charles Hendry's observation that it was ludicrous not to open the TIC on a Saturday.

'It just isn't worth it,' said tourist officer, Charles Currie.

Clubhouse break in

Thieves broke into Lamlash Golf clubhouse in the small hours of Tuesday morning only to find the honesty box was empty.

They then removed the till and proceeded to ransack the goods on the shelves.

Great stockman dies

Robbie Stewart of The Cnoc, Kildonan died on Thursday.

He was one of Arran's leading stockmen, specialising in Blue Faced Leicesters and at last September's Ayr Lamb Sale he topped the list.

Through his love of dogs he had also been the highest pointed dog handler of the sheep dog trials and had judged them too.

Less beds for hospital

A meeting of Ayrshire and Arran Health Board this month approved a reduction in the bed complement of the Arran War Memorial Hospital from 24 to 22.

It is considered that this smaller number is perfectly adequate for the demands put upon the hospital.



Fran James takes orders at last Saturday's tasting day at Creelers Smokehouse designed to encourage the purchase of their goods as Christmas presents. b47twe04



Two of the Adult Learning Opportunities' Arran tutors, Iain Frame and Fiona Mutch are keen to hear from those who would like assistance with learning. b47twe02



Mountain Rescue members Stewart Lambie, left, and David Oakes, right. Stewart has stood down after 26 years as AMRT leader. b47twe01



Miss Madelaine Kennedy of McKelvie Road, Lamlash is one of 18 people who now have an Arran Lifeline system fitted. She is pictured with Laurette Wilson who looks after the systems. b47twe03

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Last week Archie was outside the Scottish Episcopal Church of St Margaret in Whiting Bay. First correct answers came from Rowan Ross and John Cunningham. This week he is embarking on an exciting walk, but where will it lead him? 02_b47arc02

If you think you know then post your answer on the website **www.arranbanner.co.uk**
 Or email us at: **editor@arranbanner.co.uk**



North Ayrshire Council currently supports more than 50 young people employed as apprentices at local firms by paying the wage subsidy of up to 50 per cent.

More modern apprenticeships for North Ayrshire

Plans are in place to support more than 400 young people in apprenticeship schemes in North Ayrshire during the next two years.

Councillors have agreed around £400,000 of investment to increase the target for the number of the council's Modern Apprenticeship places from 90 to 180.

As well as directly employing Modern Apprentices, the council also supports local businesses to employ young people by paying a wage subsidy.

North Ayrshire Council currently supports more than 50 young people employed as apprentices at local firms by paying the wage subsidy of up to 50 per cent, with plans to expand the scheme to more than 200 during the next two years.

Council Leader Councillor Willie Gibson said: 'Helping young people get access to skills and training, as well as providing them with employment opportunities, are key objectives for the council.'

'Modern Apprenticeships provide training and employment opportunities for young people.'

'We know that North Ayr-

shire has one of the highest levels of unemployment in Scotland.

'That is why we are taking measures such as increasing the number of young people we support through our Modern Apprenticeships.'

An existing scheme currently employs 25 Craft Apprentices in building services.

Last year North Ayrshire Council increased its number of Modern Apprentices from 35 to 90.

Additional Modern Apprenticeship opportunities will include areas such as customer services, landscape design, professional cookery, arboriculture and information and computer technology.

Distillery brings back Bere barley

Independent Scotch whisky producer, Isle of Arran Distillers, has teamed up with the Agronomy Institute at Orkney College UHI, part of the University of the Highlands and Islands, to produce a dramatic new single malt whisky made with Scotland's oldest cultivated barley.

Thought to have been brought to the UK by the Vikings over 1,000 years ago, Bere barley is notoriously hard to grow, but for those willing to persevere it can produce a very fine quality of spirit. Until the 19th century Bere was one of the most important Scottish crops and was widely grown by farmers and used by millers, brewers and distillers.

Despite being a fundamental part of Scotland's agricultural heritage, the crop is now only commercially grown on islands off Scotland's North and West coasts as it has been replaced by higher yielding modern varieties.

To challenge this, the Agronomy Institute and Arran Distillers have worked together to revive the spirit of this barley which generates a unique taste of whisky as it used to be, a flavour which can be found in the new Arran Malt Orkney Bere.

Due to hit stores at the beginning of December, Orkney Bere has been matured for eight years in ex-bourbon barrels and the spirit developed quicker than anticipated.

Just 5,800 bottles will be available for sale.

Euan Mitchell, managing director of Isle of Arran Distillers, said: 'As an independent distillery we have the freedom to try different things and we're constantly looking for new ways to interest and excite people who enjoy excellent malt whiskies.'

'Due largely to lack of availability and difficulties with its cultivation, there are only a few distilleries which use Bere, but it can produce fantastic results and is part of Scotland's heritage. We've worked with Orkney College to help raise the profile of this forgotten crop and offer our customers a taste of pure history with this limited edition malt.'

Peter Martin, Director of the Agronomy Institute at Orkney College UHI, said: 'Working with Arran Distillers on this Orkney Bere whisky has been very exciting and I hope its release will help to awaken interest in this historically important Scottish crop.'

'Bere is an under-utilised crop and specialist whisky Scottish food and drink re-

shops. source – there are not many other ancient cereals still in cultivation which can be used for making whisky, beer and a wide range of bakery products!' The Arran Malt Orkney Bere has a flavour of ripe apples, oak and rich spices.

The spirit has an ABV of 46 per cent and has developed in American oak barrels with no artificial colours and non-chill filtered.

A true collector's edition, you can buy the whisky online at <http://www.arranwhisky.com>.



The Isle of Arran Distillery has produce a dramatic new single malt whisky made with Scotland's oldest cultivated barley. b47whi01NO

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in

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Saturday 24th November

Army Cadets, Auchrannie Road 11am – 1 pm.
Over 21s Disco, Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Karate, Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am-12.30pm
Family Games, Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Arran Dancers (4yrs & up), Arran High School, 10am
Junior Badminton Club, Auchrannie Sports Hall 1-3pm Ages 5-16
RNLI Shop, Lamlash Pier, 2pm – 4pm
Arran Farmers Society Dance, Kinloch Hotel, 7pm
Santa Sparkle, Lamlash Front Green, 2-8pm

Sunday 25th November

Alcoholics Anonymous, Church Hall, Broddick, 4.30pm
New Al-Anon Meeting, Broddick Church Hall, 4.30 – 6 pm.
Family Games, Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Fun in the pool, Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm
Open Mic Session, Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 2pm-5pm
Santa Sparkle, Lamlash, Front Green, 11am - 4pm

Monday 26th November

Over 50s Badminton, Lochranza Village Hall, 2pm-4pm
Badminton, Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Ladies Netball, High School sports hall – seniors, 7.30-9pm
Citizens Advice, Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30-1.30pm
Breathe Walk class, Kinneil, Lamlash, 5.15pm
Table Tennis, Corrie Hall, 6.30pm
Quiz, Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 8.30pm
Badminton, Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm
Lamlash Bridge Club, Lamlash Golf Club, 7pm for 7.15pm
Outside Boot Camp, Whiting Bay Park 6am
Boot Camp, Outside Kinloch Hotel, 6.30pm – 7.30pm
Volleyball Club, Auchrannie Games Hall, 7-8pm
Arran junior football Club, Ormidale Park, 6pm –7.30pm
Lunch club, Mckelvie Road, Lamlash, 12 noon
Circuit, Auchrannie Spa, 6-7pm

Tuesday 27th November

Pop Quiz, Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Alcoholics Anonymous, Broddick Church Hall, 2pm
Youth Club, Kildonan Hall, 7pm
Rotary Club, Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 7.15pm
Melody Movement, Ballet Class 2 ½ yrs up, Auchrannie Dance Studio, 2pm
Dudes & Divas Funky Dance Class 2 ½ yrs up, Auchrannie Dance Studio, 2pm
Youth Club, Broddick Hall, 6.30pm-8pm
Zumba Fitness Class, Arran High School, 6.30-7.30pm
Weight Watchers, St Molios, Church Hall, 7pm
Rink Games, Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm

Junior Hockey Club 8yrs up
Country Dancing
Rowan Singers Rehearsals
Auchrannie Winter Bowls
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Auchrannie Sports Hall, 6-7pm
Broddick Church Hall 7.30pm
Lamlash Church 7.30pm
Auchrannie, 7pm-9pm
10am-1pm NTS Ranger Centre
Auchrannie Sports Hall 7 pm – 9 pm

Wednesday 28th November

Hockey, Auchrannie Games Hall, 6.30-7.30pm
Tae Kwon Do, Arran high School – kids, 6.30-7.30pm, Adults, 7.30-8.30pm
Alcoholics Anonymous, Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30-9.30pm
Arran Brass Rehearsal, Whiting Bay Hall, 7.15pm
Senior Badminton, Arran High School, 8-9pm
Yogalates, Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am
Aquafizz, Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am
Music Mayhem Class Parents & little ones, Auchrannie Dance Studio 10.45am
Kids Games, Playbarn, Auchrannie, 5-6pm
AYF Film Making Club, Broddick Church Hall, 4.30-6.30pm
Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy Services, 10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30
Arran Absolute Beginners Runners, 5.30pm, Auchrannie Spa Car Park.
Arran Advance Beginners Runners, 6pm Auchrannie Spa Car Park
Northend Football Training, Lochranza, 7pm
Outside Boot Camp, Whiting Bay Park 6am
Boot Camp, Outside Kinloch Hotel, 6.30pm – 7.30pm
Dog Agility Class, W/Bay Hall, Beginners/Kids 1-2pm. Been before 2.30-3.30pm
Arran Theatre & Arts Trust AGM, Broddick Library, 5pm

Thursday 29th November

General Knowledge Quiz, Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Lochranza Craft Club, Hall, 2pm
Youth Club, Youth Cabin, Lamlash, 7-9pm
General knowledge Quiz, Kinloch Bar, 9pm
Zumba Fitness Club, Arran high School, 6.30-7.30pm
Live Country/Folk music, Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay 8.30-10.30pm
Broddick Embroidery Group, Broddick Library 7.30 p.m. – 9.30 pm
Broddick Bridge Club, Broddick Golf Club, 7 pm for 7.15 pm
Auchrannie Winter Bowls, Auchrannie, 7pm-9pm
Ladies Netball Club, Lamlash sports hall, 7.30-8.30pm
Lunchbox, Ormidale Pavilion, 12.30-2.30pm
Arran Runners AGM, Ormidale Hotel, 7.30pm

Friday 30th November

Aqua Fizz, Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am
Yogalates, Auchrannie Studio, 10am-11am
Arran Youth Foundations, Church Hall, Broddick 7pm-9pm
Weight Watchers, Ormidale Pavilion, 5.30pm
Lochranza Kids Badminton, Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm
Lochranza Adults Badminton, Lochranza Hall, 8pm
Disco, Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Outside Boot Camp, Whiting Bay Park 6am
Quiz, Whiting Bay Golf Club, 8pm
Arran Ceilidh Dance Group, Corrie Hall 8 – 10pm
Coffee morning, Corrie/Sannox Village Hall 10.15am All welcome
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Saturday 1st December

Mixed Doubles Darts, Catacol Hotel, 7.30pm
Army Cadets, Auchrannie Road 11am – 1 pm.
Over 21s Disco, Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Karate, Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am-12.30pm
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AGM
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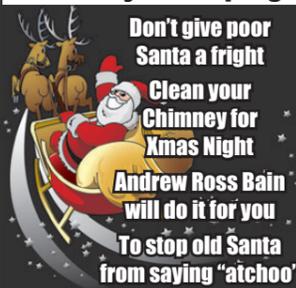
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St Margaret's, Whiting Bay
Sunday 25th November
Holy Communion, 11.00am
Mrs Janis Gallagher.
Coffee after service.

Wednesday 28th November
Holy Communion, 12.15 pm.
ALL WELCOME

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 25th November
Brodict Church, 10.30am,
Corrie Church, 12noon,
Lochranza and Pirmill
Churches
Service at Pirmill Church at
10.15am,
Shiskine Church, 12noon,
A Service of Worship will also
be held in Montrose House at
1.30pm.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

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Sunday 25th November
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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

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will be an informal service of
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Brodict 7pm (Church behind
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ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)
Sunday 25th November
Morning Service 11am
Trust Housing Lounge,
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Evening Service 6.30pm
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Wednesday 28th November
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Shiskine Golf Club

Sunday 18 November, Gents
12 Hole Medal, 26 played.
First Class: 1 C Rae 46-7=39,
2 B Sherwood 47-6=41, 3 S
Black 47-5=42 BIH. Scratch
A Gallagher 46 BIH.

Second Class: 1 W Robert-
son 54-13=41, 2 C McGlone
52-8=44, 3 J Culpan 55-
10=45. Magic twos from G
Hay at the 7th and D K Hend-
erson at the 11th.

Fixtures: Gents: Saturday
24 November, Alan C Ban-
natyne Memorial Quaich and
Lochranza Match 1.30pm.
Sunday 25 November, Jim
Allison Trophy (Missionaries
v Natives) 1.30pm shotgun
start. Saturday 1 December,
12 Hole Medal and Winter
Cup 1pm.

Arran Golfers Association

Winter League/Duncan Tro-
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The second round matches

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Jean Allan

The family of the late Jean
Allan wish to express their
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Collection in aid of Alzheimer
Scotland raised £231.50

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THANK YOU

Viv & Paul Bryan

Married 27th October

Would like to say a huge

Thank-you to the

Kinloch Hotel

Brodict Bar

And The Douglas Hotel

For making their wedding weekend

So special.

THANK - YOU



Whiting Bay Golf Club's ladies enjoyed their prizegiving dinner at the Trafalgar restaurant on Thursday 15 November.

will be played at Machrie
Bay on Sunday 2 December,
draw:

Machrie v Corrie at 8.30am,
Lamlash v Whiting Bay at
9.20am, Shiskine v Brodict at
11.50am.

Can all team captains re-
member to leave team sheets
for Dougie please!

Brodict Golf Club

Results: Sunday 18 November
saw the second round of this
years Clochendichter played.

The reigning Champions
The Knowe played the Vil-
lage in the first game. Gordon
Hendry and Dougie Rob-
ertson were first out for The
Knowe against Jimmy Armit
and Lindsay Keir playing for
the Village, and after a hard
fought match the Village pair
won.

Second out for The
Knowe were Alastair Dobson
and Kenny McMillan play-
ing the Village pair of Bruce
Jenkins and Angus Raeburn
with the Village pair winning.

The third pair out for The
Knowe were Bobby Mc-
Crae and David Hendry with
Alistair Hume and Iain Sillars
representing the Village with
The Knowe pair winning.

Last out for The Knowe
were Terry Raeside and Gor-
don Robertson against the Vil-
lage pair of John McKean and
Billy Armit with The Knowe
pair winning and preventing

a major upset as The Knowe
and the Village won four
points each.

In the second match out,
The Street played Alma. Rep-
resenting The Street were Ewan
McKinnon and Gordon Sillars
with Peter McCalla and Bert
McGunnigle playing for Alma
with The Street duo winning
this game.

The second pair out for The
Street were Russell Duncan
and Bryce Walker playing
against Ian McDermid and
Gus Robertson with the Alma
pair winning.

Third game was Finlay Sil-
lars and John Hartley for The
Street playing Len Hartley
and Jim Reid (not from Peter-
head) playing for Alma, with
the Alma pair winning this
game.

The last pair out for The
Street were Ross Butchard
and Nicol Hume playing the
Alma pair of Donald McKin-
nie and Henry Tait with the
Alma pair winning the match
and Alma winning six points
to the Streets two.

These results give the league
table after two rounds: The
Knowe 10, Alma 8, Village 8,
The Street 8.

Next round is on Sunday 16
December with the Christmas
Dinner after the Golf.

Fixtures: Sunday 25 No-
vember Winter Cup draws at
9am and 12noon, Sunday 2
December AGA Duncan Tro-
phy winter league. Brodict
2 December Sweep draws at
9am and 12noon for those not
playing in the AGA Duncan
Trophy.

Machrie Golf Club

Tuesday 13 November, Winter
Cup. 1 David Price 60, 2 Bri-
an Sherwood 68, 3 Elizabeth
Ross 74 BIH. Scratch David
Price 70.

Fixtures: Tuesday 27 No-
vember, Winter Cup tee off
12pm. Saturday 1 December,
Lochranza Hotel Cup and
Freebie Final 12pm tee off.
Freebie Finalists: C Laing, B
Sherwood, D Price, J Milesi,
S Hill, J Pennycott, R Woods,
M Hesp, D Jeffrey, W Kelso,
S Brooks, J Turnbull, A Bur-
nett, S Murray, H McClelland,
D Sherwood, E Ross, A Mac-
Donald and E Kelso.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday 15 November, Yel-
low Medal - non-qualifying
for handicap. 1 Andy Smith
73-16=57, 2 Graeme Andrew
70-10=60. Two from Jim
Young at the 16th.

Sunday 18 November, W/
Bay v Lamlash - non-qualify-
ing for handicap. 1 Graeme
Andrew 38pts, 2 Paul James-
on 37pts, 3 Lee Girbow 37pts.
Best scratch Lee Girbow 34
pts to Stableford.

Twos from Ian Bremner at the
4th and 16th, Jamie Macpher-
son at the 5th and Graeme
Andrew, Danny Head, Lee
Girbow, Paul Jameson, Duane
Coetzer all at the 16th. Result
of Match Lamlash 5 W/Bay
1.

Fixtures: Sunday 25 No-
vember, Winter Stableford
counting round for Handicap
but NO ball lift at 6th and 7th
fairways. Thursday 29 No-
vember, Yellow Medal - draw
at 11am.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Ladies: Some of the Whiting
Bay ladies got together for
their prizegiving dinner on
Thursday 15 November.

Huge thanks go to those who
came along and also to Gege
and Wolfi at Trafalgar who
as always, provided a great
meal!

Retiring ladies captain, Lynn
Walker gave a note of thanks
to everyone who has sup-
ported her over the past few
years.

All attendees received a
'goody bag' of golf related
paraphernalia including the
most important must have for
the season ahead - golf ball lip
balm! (don't ask).

Gents: Sunday 18 Novem-
ber, the rain stopped briefly
to allow the first of the Win-
ter Friendly matches between
Whiting Bay and Lamlash at
Lamlash.

The result was 5 games to one
for Lamlash, leaving Whiting
Bay with a bit of catching up
to do in the return match at
Whiting Bay in December.
Hospitality was enjoyed in the
clubhouse afterwards - many
thanks to Lamlash.

Fixtures: Sunday 25 Novem-
ber, non-counting sweep from
yellow tees.

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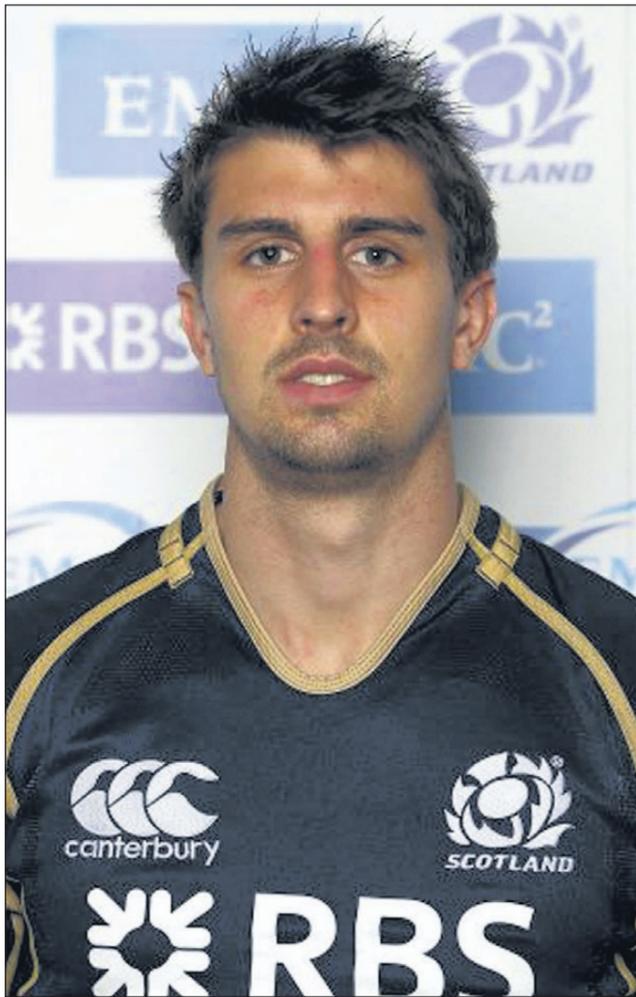
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Peter Murchie is Scotland rugby's newest signing and he has an Arran link.

Peter Murchie flies the Arran flag 43 years on

It looked as though Scotland rugby's newest signing was on course to secure a cap for his Arran clan last weekend more than 40 years after one of his relatives was denied by fussy Scottish Rugby Union officials.

Peter Murchie had the chance to make his test debut when he lined up as a replacement against South Africa at Murrayfield last Saturday.

Sadly the 26-year-old didn't make it on to the pitch so he's yet to gain his first Scotland cap.

However one of the proudest onlookers was relative Iain Murchie from Lamlash, who laid his body on the line

for his country for no reward or official recognition.

He had hoped to claim a long-term place in the side when he lined up at centre against Argentina in 1969 on the first Scotland tour to South America, but his big-stage future was wrecked when he shattered a shoulder, thanks to a horrendous high tackle by the notoriously tough Alessandro Travaglini in Buenos Aires.

Deemed worthy

In days gone by SRU officials refused to award caps for matches against Argentina because they were not deemed worthy rivals.

Not only did Ian miss out but

he did not recover sufficiently to be considered for any subsequent full international.

And last week former Ardrossan Accies and West of Scotland ace Iain - a cousin of Pete's dad Finlay - admitted he was thrilled that the family name could at long last be recognised in the Scottish rugby annals. Scots coach Andy Robinson gave Glasgow hero Pete his first big chance in place of Max Evans against the Springboks last weekend but he failed to appear on the pitch.

Iain Murchie said: 'I have been following the fortunes of young Peter since he signed

for the Warriors and he has certainly made a big impression this season - especially through his ability to play in so many positions.

Great opportunity

'It was great to see him being chosen by Robinson in the provisional squad for the autumn Tests and it is very exciting that he has now been given a great opportunity to make his international debut.'

His sentiments were echoed by Andy Robinson, who said: 'Peter has had a fine start to the season with Glasgow and his desire to dominate in aerial combat has been a factor in selection.'

Race is on for top pool spot

As the Arran Pool League heads into the sixth week of the season there are two teams tied at the top of the table.

Whiting Bay Golf Club and PT1934 are both sitting on five points each this week.

PT1934 moved up the table after a 7-3 defeat of Catacol last Thursday night.

The PHT are now in third place with four points after their game against the Drift

Inn was postponed.

Meanwhile Mac's Bar are now fourth after a 6-4 win over Kildonan.

The results were: Catacol 3 PT1934 7 (G), Mac's Bar 6 Kildonan 4 (G), PHT v Drift Inn was postponed.

This week Catacol take on the PHT, PT1934 are at home to the Drift Inn, Whiting Bay Golf Club play Kildonan and Mac's Bar have a bye.

David Brambles elected new Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club President

David Brambles was elected the new President of Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club at their AGM on Thursday November 15 held at the Kinloch hotel.

Jack Murchie, the outgoing President, outlined the highlights of the year.

Vic Iutz, the Treasurer, and Jenny Harper, the outgoing Secretary, underlined that as a new bowls carpet is urgently required it is important to keep on fund raising.

A new committee was elected and will be: Vice President Peter Harper, Secretary Keith Thompson, and Match Secretary Judith Porter. Vic Iutz continues as Treasurer and Reuben Betley was elected as a members' representative.

The trophies for the season were then presented as follows:

Gents Singles, John Robinson; Ladies Singles, Marian Brambles; Club Pairs, Vic Iutz and Lorna Halliburton; Nominated Pairs, Vic Iutz and Ann Whattam; Triples, David and Marian Brambles and Ann Whattam.

Raffle

The Opening Trophy was won by Carole Stewart and the Thorburn Trophy by Marian Brambles.

The company then moved on to lunch and a fund raising raffle.

The club is looking forward to the 2013 season and hope to interest new members of all ages.



Some of the Blackwaterfoot bowling prizewinners with their trophies.

Arran Bridge results

Brodick Bridge Club

The results of the tournament on Thursday 15 November were as follows: N/S 1= Janie McLure and Ann McKelvie -380, 1= Tricia Martin and Douglas Hamilton +2880, 2 Vic Iutz and Michael Iutz -820.

E/W 1 Gee and Gee +2880, 2 Peter Thomson and Janet McBride -1420, 3 Helen Boyd and Jean Murchie +2300.

Lamlash Bridge Club

The tournament results on Monday 19 November were as follows: N/S 1 A Bilsland and T Martin +6370, 2 J McLure and A McKelvie +5270, 3 J and M Dick +4250.

E/W 1 M and D Bruce -1660, 2 B Livingston and M Gardner -1700, 3 M and E Jones -3460.

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