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We'll have to be patient

New hospital could be another 10 years away

It has been revealed this week that it could be another 10 years before Arran is likely to get a new hospital.

Arran War Memorial Hospital was built in 1921 and despite several extensions and improvements, there has been a campaign for many years for a new purpose-built facility for the island.

MSP Kenneth Gibson told the Banner: 'I had a meeting with Derek Lindsay, director of finance, NHS Ayrshire and Arran last week. He said that any new hospital on Arran is unlikely to be before 2019.'

'It appears that the need for a new hospital has been reduced by the increased services now offered by GPs on the island.'

Feared

Arran councillor Margie Currie said: 'I feared that the money spent on the new medical centres in Shiskine and Whiting Bay might mean that we have had our money's worth from the NHS.'

Brodick resident Isobel MacDonald said: 'At the NHS Ayrshire and Arran annual review they invited the public to submit questions. I wrote and asked why there was no mention of a new hospital for Arran in the capital plan up to 2015 and queried whether the identified sites for the new hospital would still be available.'

The reply from the office of the chairman at Ailsa Hospital,

By HOWARD DRIVER

Ayr said: 'There is currently no provision within the NHS board's capital plan for the development of new hospital facilities on the island of Arran.'

'As part of a survey in 2001 by the former Ayrshire and Arran Primary Care Trust a number of possible sites were identified in Brodick and Lamlash. All of the sites were however in private ownership and there can therefore be no guarantee that any will be available in future.'

Focus

'The recent focus of health-care development on the island has been on GP surgery-based services.'

MSP Kenneth Gibson said: 'There are still issues about the configuration and site for any new hospital. Cumbræ has a quarter of the population of Arran but they are getting a new £1.8 million surgery and a £585,000 extension to Lady Margaret Hospital.'

'There is an ageing and vulnerable population on Arran and I will make sure that the health board does not take its eye off the ball. They must heed the specific needs of islanders.'

Councillor Currie added: 'My concern is that so much money is being spent in the top tier of the NHS. I hope they can find the capital expenditure for our much-needed new hospital before too long.'



Children in Brodick got into the festive spirit on Sunday afternoon when 11-year-old Liath Rintoul turned on the Christmas lights. Helping him were Harry Anderson, Conner Percy and Justin and Isla Hill. 01_b49bro01

Liath helps to light up Brodick

One lucky youngster was chosen to turn on the Brodick Christmas lights on Sunday afternoon in front of a crowd of hundreds.

Eleven-year-old Liath Rintoul, from Brodick, was asked to switch on the lights after a lady with the winning raffle ticket nominated him.

Hundreds of children and their parents gathered in Brodick Hall and got into the festive spirit with mulled wine and mince pies.

Important

Mandy Aitken of Brodick Playgroup said: 'This is a really important date in our calendar because all the money raised today goes towards the Brodick children's Christmas party and all the gifts for the kids too.'

Brodick Improvements Committee chairman Ian Small had rigged up a safety switch on a table by the road and the countdown began.

Liath's finger hovered above the switch and as the lights flickered into action there were cheers from the crowd all along the street.

Harry Davidson, secretary of the improvements committee, said: 'The lights look great and hopefully it will get everyone into the Christmas spirit.'



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Police files

Driver had no insurance or MoT

An 18-year-old Montrose man was stopped by police in Market Road, Brodick on Wednesday evening November 18 and reported for driving with no insurance or MoT certificate.

He was driving a van towing a large trailer and was allowed to leave the island. The man was later stopped by police on the mainland and reported for carrying waste metal without having a proper waste management registration.

Residents urged to be vigilant

Police are warning Arran residents about the dangers of cold calls from door-to-door traders.

Sergeant Bob MacKay said: 'We are anticipating a greater number of mainland companies arriving on Arran in the build-up to Christmas. Some might be taking advantage of a casual attitude here towards security of property and goods.'

'Trading Standards officers advise residents to ask for identification and to check that all callers are bona fide.'

'Shopkeepers should also be more alert for a possible increase in shoplifting because of the credit crunch. People have to be more vigilante.'

'I would again remind residents of the presence of a number of unlicensed itinerant metal dealers active in the area.'

Salmon campaigners to meet fish farm workers

Representatives from the Pure Salmon Campaign are hoping to meet with local fish farm workers ahead of their film night in Corrie Hall on Sunday.

Don Staniford, co-ordinator of the Pure Salmon Campaign, has invited employees of Lighthouse Caledonia to

attend the screening of *Farmed Salmon Exposed*, which aims to lift the lid on the fish farming industry.

Mr Staniford is also hoping to visit the site of the local fishfarm at Kings Cross on Sunday afternoon. The films start at 7pm in Corrie Hall with tickets at the door.

Envelopes found

Several addressed envelopes were found in Lamlash on Monday November 30. They are believed to have blown off the roof of a silver car. Would the owner please contact Dave Ingham on 601372 to get them back.



Council faces tough costs cuts

North Ayrshire Council is faced with a raft of cost-saving measures that may impact on island staff and residents.

In a letter to all 7,300 staff and managers, NAC chief executive Elma Murray explained that spending must be cut by an estimated 12 per cent in the next three years. This represents a reduction of up to £41million in the Council's general revenue budget.

Ms Murray said: 'We will need to reduce the number of people we employ. We will do this by means such as organisational structure reviews, natural wastage and early retirement. The Council has always set its face against compulsory redundancy and will continue to do everything possible to avoid it.'

She confirmed no decisions had yet been made about cost-saving measures and offered assurances that staff would be kept up to date on any critical discussions and decisions.

Councillor Margie Currie said: 'People can rest assured that services will be maintained in some way. My view is that the higher level posts in the Council are more likely to be reduced than frontline service posts. I don't think lower-paid workers should bear the brunt of this recession.'

An NAC spokesperson said: 'Budget seminars for each service will start this month and there are going to be tough decisions.'

Brodick sparkles with Christmas lights

The main street in Brodick was brightly illuminated when the Christmas lights were switched on last Sunday. This is the eighth year that lampposts on the seafront have been adorned with decorated lights and, as usual, they were erected by local electrician Ian Small. 02_b49lig01

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Serial bride back with husband number eight

A serial bride who married for the eighth time on Arran is back with husband number eight – despite leaving him just ten days after their wedding.

Sandra McNab, now dubbed the boomerang bride, is reportedly enjoying a rendezvous with her latest groom Jim Beggs at his home in Kilbirnie, Ayrshire.

Sandra, aged 52, from Clydebank was married to Jim at Lamlash Registry Office on November 3 after a whirlwind romance

But the union lasted less than a fortnight after Sandra stormed out of their Ayrshire home following a petty argument.

However, this week the couple were even spotted kissing each other goodbye – despite Sandra asking police to escort her to the house just a week ago to retrieve belongings.

Last week a friend of 55-year-old roofer Jim said his loved ones were horrified by the reunion.

The friend added: 'Sandra says things will be different this time and he believes her. She has a complete hold over him.'

On Monday Jim, wearing his wedding ring again, said: 'It's still pretty shaky.'

Hotel demolition begins

Demolition work to the Douglas Hotel in Brodick will begin this Monday (December 7) and will continue until the end of January.

Access may be interrupted at times across the hotel grounds but every effort will be made to ensure neighbouring residents are not be affected.

David McMillan, architect with Tektonika Limited, said: 'We recognise demolition is messy and dusty and we will endeavour to make sure the contractor minimises the inconvenience and disruption that is inevitable during this period.'

Forestry road closed

The forestry road from the Dyemill to Hawthorne Quarry will be closed during weekdays until April 2010. This is due to timber harvesting taking place in the area and it will be open at weekends.

Head forester Andy Walker said: 'The road south of Hawthorne and the Dyemill walks are not affected.'

'The public are asked to follow any signs and we apologise for the inconvenience caused.'



Children of Whiting Bay Nursery group in Bay Stores with one of the post boxes they helped to make and decorate.

Manning their post!

The children of Whiting Bay Nursery group are once again running a Christmas post service within Whiting Bay and district.

The special post boxes will be in various locations around Whiting Bay from Tuesday December 1. The last posting day is Friday December 18 and all cards will be delivered by Wednesday December 23. The money raised from this project will go towards buying a new climbing frame for the nursery children.

Police praised for catching thief

Arran police officers have been praised for catching a local man for breaking into seven premises in the Blackwaterfoot and Machrie area. The man was also found to be driving over the alcohol limit.

MSP Kenneth Gibson said: 'Over the past four weeks a number of housebreakings were reported, mostly in commercial and garage premises.

'The police have received some criticism over recent weeks regarding their patrols in the more outlying villages of Arran and the belief that they were targeting law abiding locals. This could not have been further from the truth.'

Councillor Margie Currie said: 'The community had become jittery and it is a great relief that this is over. Many will sleep easier in their beds at night. Sometimes we get sidetracked into forgetting what the police are there for. This should serve as a timely reminder.'

Inspector Ian Ness, who oversaw the operation, said: 'I am delighted to say that last Wednesday we were successful in apprehending the man responsible.'

Bail
Rowan Hudson, aged 36 and believed to be living in a caravan in the Kilpatrick area, pleaded guilty at Kilmarnock Sheriff Court to seven housebreakings and one theft from an unlocked property. He was released on bail pending attending court on December 21 for sentencing.

Mr Gibson continued: 'The decision was taken not to highlight the policing operation to hopefully keep the culprit off his guard.'

Items
'The individual admitted his involvement in all the recent outstanding crimes of housebreaking and this has led to the recovery of the majority of the stolen property. There is a positive line of enquiry in relation to any outstanding items.'

'Islanders can rest assured that Arran's police officers will continue to work hard on their behalf.'

Community councillor Willie Kelso said: 'People were getting anxious and are genuinely relieved police have put an end to this.'

Sergeant Bob MacKay said: 'The incidents took place from October 25 to November 23. During this period the police concentrated uniform and plainclothes patrols in the area. The supportive and realistic approach of the victims and of the community was heartening for the officers. I would like to thank Angus and Colin Cameron for their part in apprehending the man. It is exactly this type of community spirit that makes the island such a unique place to live.'

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World's strongest beer aged in Arran whisky casks

A Scottish brewery has launched what they claim is the world's strongest beer – and it is made using Isle of Arran whisky casks.

Tactical Nuclear Penguin beer has been unveiled by BrewDog of Fraserburgh this week and it has a 32 per cent alcohol content.

For eight months the beer was stored in whisky casks from the Lochranza-based distillery before being stored at 20 degrees for three weeks to make the alcohol level reach 32 per cent.

The beer, which costs a staggering £30 per 330ml bottle, has brought the firm under fire from both government and anti-alcohol campaign groups.

James Watt, founder of BrewDog insists that their beer is a delicacy to be drunk in small measures.

He said: 'This beer is about pushing the boundaries - it is about taking innovation in beer to a whole new level. It is about achieving something which has never before been done and putting Scotland firmly on the map for progressive, craft beers. This beer is bold, irreverent and uncompromising.'

Big turnout for Reader's Day

More than 80 people turned up to North Ayrshire Council's second annual Readers Day at Greenwood Academy.

Three readers, Eleanor Thomson, Isla Blair and Jill Stevenson discussed their passion for books and listed their favourite authors. Writers Janice Galloway, Laura Marney, Denise Mina and

Allan Guthrie enthralled the audience with a series of tutorial groups throughout the day.

Arran librarian Suzanna Talbot said: 'It was excellent.'

'There was a good mix of authors and plenty of audience participation. It was really worth the bumpy boat trip across to the mainland.'



Lochranza Choir performing recently at Isle of Arran Distillery. b49dis01no

Choir performs music from five centuries

Lochranza Choir performed a concert of Music from Five Different Centuries in Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church of Scotland on Sunday November 22.

On a very wet afternoon and in gale force winds a good

number of people turned up to enjoy the concert. The choir started with Border Ballad by Maunder and took the audience through five centuries with pieces by Mendelssohn, Purcell, Handel, Vaughan Williams, Andrew Keeling, Oscar

Peterson, Irving Berlin and George Gershwin.

They truly put cheer back into our hearts with a lovely variety of music including accomplished solos from Alison Richards, Ian Buchanan, Aileen Wright and Laura and Ile

Morrison. Donald McEachern played two beautiful pieces on the clarinet including one by William Lloyd Webber.

Thank you for making a dull, dark Sunday so bright; the tea and cakes were delicious.

Linda Ross

MSP pledges support for stillbirth charity



Kenneth Gibson MSP, pictured at Wednesday's event, with local constituent Marion Boyd of Ayrshire Sands.

Kenneth Gibson, Arran's MSP, this week announced his support for the Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Society (Sands) campaign in Scotland.

Sands, held a reception at the Scottish parliament to raise awareness of those babies who are stillborn or die shortly after birth.

'Almost 500 babies are stillborn or die shortly after birth every year in Scotland alone,' said Kenneth. 'I know many families in my constituency have experienced the tragic loss of a baby in this way. Sands' *Saving Babies' Lives Report 2009* clearly outlines the key issues, problem areas and recommendations for change, and I am fully committed to supporting Sands in their call for action now to make a difference so more lives can be saved in the future.'

'No parent whose baby has died wants any other parent to suffer in this way. We need a coordinated, national strategy to tackle stillbirths and neonatal deaths.'

Ayrshire Sands is holding a special Christmas Bauble Memorial Service this year.

The service will take place this Sunday (December 6) at 2.30pm in St Nicolas' Church, Main Street, Prestwick.

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New life for old textiles in Arran schools

Children in Arran schools have been participating in the Rag Bag textile recycling initiative.

The scheme has been developed to raise awareness about textile recycling in the UK. The aim is to increase recycling rates to help the environment and help local authorities meet recycling targets while also raising funds for the schools.

Textiles are sorted into about 40 different types according to quality and then baled at a factory in Denny, central Scotland. Good quality textiles are exported to Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe providing affordable second hand clothing.

Poor quality textiles are shredded and used as mattress fillers and industrial wiping cloths for the oil and printing industries.

Pirnmill primary school has been involved in the scheme since February.

Janine Crisp, senior clerical assistant, said: 'We have had so much support, not only from families but from the communities of Pirnmill, Lochranza and Catacol. Items such as clothes, shoes, bedclothes, bags and belts can be dropped in to the school during school hours.'

Thank

'We would like to thank all those who have supported the school in raising £150 so far for school funds and we look forward to being able to raise more. All the materials are used in some shape or form.'

A Rag Bag bin is located in the High School entrance foyer. North Ayrshire Council has also supplied the school with recycling bins for plastic bottles and drinks cans; three in the social area and one in each of the locker areas.

The Support for Learning department organises a weekly collection of scrap paper from the paper recycling bins in each classroom.



Four of the Pirnmill pupils, Ross Traill, Ben Innes, Abi Traill and Gavin Anderson with bags of textiles and collection driver Gary Dunsmore.

Boost for renewable energy on Arran

An Arran based wood fuel company has received a huge cash injection from the Scottish government to provide low carbon energy in Lamlash.

Arran Energy Ltd, which is owned by Angus Smith of Blackwaterfoot and Duncan Mulholland of Kilmory, has been given £107,200 for the Benlister Terrace (west) heating scheme.

The company is committed to the sustainable supply of modern wood fuels on the island, allowing locals to

reduce their dependency on imported oil and gas from the mainland.

The grant money will be used to provide wood fuel heating systems for eight new houses to be built in the Benlister area of Lamlash.

Supporting

The government's Biomass Heat Scheme is designed to help business throughout the country reduce emissions and potentially save money, while supporting jobs in forestry and the supply chains.

Energy minister Jim Mather

said: 'Heating accounts for half of our energy use. Therefore, alongside better energy efficiency, it is important that we build a diverse renewable heat market across Scotland to significantly reduce our emissions.'

'Focusing on biomass, on an industrial and commercial scale, will make the biggest impact on emissions reductions in the medium term.'

'In rural areas off the gas grid, individual solutions such as biomass or heat pumps will be particularly important.'

Lost Dog in Lochranza

A Springer Spaniel with a distinctive long white bushy tail has been reported missing above the hills in Lochranza.

Alfie, who is just two years old, went missing on November 28 while out for a walk.

Please phone 07876 493465 or 830652 any time day or night, as the owner is extremely worried about him.

Lessons in Tibetan offered

An Arran woman is offering language tuition in Tibetan, Nepalese or Hindi.

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March of the red squirrels. 02_b49red01

Island Porcelain red squirrel

Island Porcelain is launching a new figure to add to its comprehensive range of little pottery animals and birds.

This time it is a red squirrel which is very in keeping with the current island campaign to better protect the cute little animals. Proprietor Vivienne Coulthard said: 'We bring out one new figure a year and it seemed appropriate to be a red squirrel.'

Vivienne took over the business in 2004 and has extended the range of figures to almost 70. They are neatly boxed and seen as ideal gifts or holiday souvenirs.

She added: 'Next year we will be bringing out a golden eagle in collaboration with Lochranza distillery. I build the original models in clay and when I am happy with them, they are sent to Aviemore where a mould is made of the animal or bird. All the figures are then made and fired here on Arran.'

Vivienne's shop at Duchess Court has a children's corner where youngsters are encouraged to paint ceramic figures which are then fired in the kiln for collection a few days later. She also plans to host children's ceramic parties on winter evenings.



Vivienne Coulthard with the new red squirrel.

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Kildonan SWRI

Members met in the afternoon of November 17 when one of our own Kildonan members told us of her visit to Buckingham Palace for the presentation of an OBE to a close relative.

We thoroughly enjoyed seeing photographs and hearing of this once in a lifetime experience. The competition was won by Margaret Stewart with Mamie Stewart coming second. A lovely tea rounded off the afternoon.

We met again on November 24 for our open night when we were joined by friends for a talk by Jim Cassels on the Galapagos Islands. The members were amazed at the great variety of wildlife Jim had been able to photograph during his visit and very much enjoyed his lively commentary.

A raffle was held, part of the proceeds of which were donated to the Arran Wildlife Trust. A very entertaining and friendly evening was brought to a close with supper.

The next meeting is on Thursday December 10 in the Balmichael Centre where members will meet for lunch at 12.30pm.

The competition is a Christmas parcel to the value of £5. Wrapping and ribbon decoration will be judged. Anyone who wishes to go and has not yet given their name please contact either Jill on 820325 or Margaret on 820225. MS

Corrie and Sannox SWRI

On Thursday November 19, 16 members braved the atrocious weather to watch two of our own members, Anne Pringle and Joan Crawley, demonstrate making boxes and recycling Christmas cards. Afterwards members enjoyed trying to make their own, with varying amounts of success.

In place of our customary monthly raffle, a bring and buy sale was held and raised the very worthwhile sum of around £62.

The next meeting is on Thursday December 10 at 2pm when there will be a spinning demonstration by Liz Smith. Remember to bring a £2 parcel for Christmas.

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One of the views in the Arran Seasons film.

Arran seasons on new film

Arran Seasons is a new DVD from Keeper Productions and the fourth in a series of their films about the island.

The film runs for an hour and shows scenes from around the island starting in January and running through the seasons. This is the first of the Keeper Arran films to have no narration. Instead, it lets the views speak for themselves.

In fact, the only words in the film come from Arran High

School librarian Heather Johnston who recites five poems written by Allan Watson.

'Winter, the season of fire and woodsmoke,' are her first lines in the January segment. The film starts slowly and in sombre mood but picks up as Spring arrives with crocuses emerging from the snow, followed by banks of primroses.

It shows new-born lambs, red deer, adders, basking seals and leaping dolphins.

The film took 22 months to make and is accompanied by a music soundtrack from Scottish band Columbus Road.

Producer Ian Trodden said: 'Part of the brief was not to make Arran look like the south of France with constant beautiful blue skies on every shot. We filmed in storms and blizzards as well as in the

misty mornings. 'We at Keeper think the film is quite simply stunning and probably the best on any project we've put out in the past 10 years.'

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Steve Draycott and Alan Hollick show 13-year-old Robert Ingham how to hit his first clay targets. b49gun02no

Gun club greets guest shooters

Arran Gun Club had a few guests at their recent clay pigeon shoot at Balnacool.

Judy Draycott said: 'We had the pleasure of the company of two members from the British Association for Shooting and Conservation (BASC) deer management

team who are staying on Arran for a few months culling deer in forestry land.

'Both showed off their skills at hitting smaller targets than their usual ones. The shoot made the most of the experienced visiting guns and welcomed some tuition

from both of them.

'Numbers were increased by three potential new members who were enthusiastic at having a shot, particularly young Robert Ingham who showed great potential by hitting the clays on his first go.'

CAB passes quality test

Arran's Citizens Advice Bureau has passed its latest quality audit and has been approved to give advice to local people for another three years.

Under the rules of the Citizens Advice Service in Scotland, every bureau has to be tested and examined for the quality of its advice services every three years.

The tests are rigorous and cover a number of different categories - essentially designed to prove that a bureau is offering the highest possible service to the public. North

Ayrshire Citizens Advice Service, which has offices in Arran, Irvine, Kilbirnie, Largs and Saltcoats, has been offering free, confidential and impartial advice to local people for more than 40 years.

Pleased

Sheridan Waldon, the local bureau manager in Lamlash, said: 'I am really pleased at the glowing report we received from Citizens Advice Scotland. It is a credit to our volunteers, who work hard all year round to make sure they provide a top quality

advice service to the people on Arran.'

North Ayrshire Citizens Advice Service general manager Nina Blakey said: 'This has been a challenging time for us but this approval is a tribute to our staff and volunteers here - the people who do all the hard work of advising the clients.'

'We are currently looking to recruit new volunteer advisers, to join our team here and help with the increasing workload.'

'Working at the CAB is a great experience - you get excellent training and a terrific sense of satisfaction from helping people who are in real need. Now we've passed our audit this is a great time to come and join us.'

So, if anyone on Arran feels they have useful skills to offer the CAB, or want to learn new skills please pop in for a chat with Sheridan or give her a ring on 600210.

Dog training classes

Is there any interest in dog training classes on Arran?

Margaret Kay of Lamlash is one of the few island dog owners to exhibit at Crufts, and is interested in starting a dog training class here.

She said: 'A few of us al-

ready get together and have done agility training in a very informal way. It would be nice to know if enough people are interested in some dog training classes.'

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Island security needs to be stepped up

It seems strange and a little out of place somehow to read about a spate of housebreakings on Arran.

Yes, we have become accustomed to the minor offences reported each week in police files but these usually constitute alcohol and drug seizures, drivers caught over the limit and other traffic offences – not housebreaking.

When someone breaks into your home or business it is not a pleasant experience. The knowledge that someone has been inside your home uninvited, raking through drawers full of personal mementos and happy memories, is very difficult to cope with.

Even if that person does not take anything it is still a violation of your private surroundings and that can sometimes be worse than the loss of valuables.

In many ways Arran is very old fashioned in its attitude to home security. In our small communities few will lock their doors and it is normal for neighbours to walk in and out of each other's homes on a daily basis. Many homes are situated at the end of long lonely tracks and second homes are often left empty for months at a time. Cars too are often left unlocked, sometimes overnight on Brodick seafront.

To mainlanders this may seem crazy but there is certainly a pervading attitude on the island that thefts do not happen.

We trust each other and we rely on the fact that any would-be thief cannot escape the island until the first ferry in the morning! In reality though we have to face up to the fact that Arran is no longer free from crimes of this nature.

We are an affluent place compared to the rest of north Ayrshire and for this reason police are warning that in the coming year thieves will target the island. They know that we leave our doors open and they know which homes are left empty for half of the year. As the recession continues the police believe that Arran will see more risky characters looking to break into our homes and businesses.

Firstly islanders need to be on the lookout for vans from the mainland purporting to be something they are not – like kitchen fitters or plumbers. They could be genuine, but just double-check.

If people come looking for scrap metal, do not let them into garages or garden sheds. They might simply be using this as an excuse to see what expensive goodies you have hidden in that unlocked tool shed.

It may be difficult to accept that Arran is no longer safe from these thieves but we must be sensible. When you are not at home, lock the door. It only takes a second and it could save you from the awful distress and anger you will feel when you discover that all your belongings have gone.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'To us a Child is born, to us a Son is given and He will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting father, Prince of Peace.' (Isaiah 9:6)

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Letters to the Editor



Diesel price outrage

Sir,
Last week diesel at Brodick was 122.5p/litre. We read about the anger on the mainland over fuel exceeding 100p/litre again, so what about us islanders?

I can still buy diesel in some petrol stations on the mainland at 104p to 108p/litre.

Allegedly Scottish National Fuels says it adds a surcharge of 10 percent on normal prices to accommodate the ferry cost.

Is that 10 percent on the most expensive price they can find on the mainland, i.e. 111.37p/litre?

Interestingly the average price for diesel today on the Isle of Lewis is 118.9p.

The price on Skye is 114.9p, on Mull is 118.9p and in the Orkneys is 119.5p and only if I go to Lerwick in Shetland do I get near our price with 122.4p.

So basically diesel on Arran is the most expensive of all the Scottish islands, even the Shetlands!

Given that the cost of delivery to all but a few Scottish islands is vastly more expensive than to Arran, I suspect that the prices here are more to do with 'perceived income and wealth disparities' between the islands rather than cost of delivery.

The British have always been subjected to wanton overcharging and it seems we will always be charged what any supplier feels they can get away with and so long as we keep buying it, the cycle will continue.

I suggest we islanders spring into action and set up an official car-sharing scheme. School runs, shopping trips, after school club journeys and so on should all be shared as often as possible along with the fuel costs.

This would not be difficult to do via an online journey planner.

Yours,
David Lilly
Glaister Farm
Machrie

Castle concerns

Sir,
The decision to reduce the

opening time of Brodick Castle is something that might cause concern to those responsible for tourism to the island.

The reduced opening hours suggests that the number of visitors to the castle will also be reduced.

I am sure it is not commonly known that the only statistics used by the Scottish government to measure the tourism business of Arran are the visitor numbers to Brodick Castle.

The fact of the tourism product in Scotland is that it remains divided and neither government nor tourism authorities have shown the slightest interest in resolving the causes of the division.

It is no different on Arran.

In reality the use of Brodick Castle visitor numbers was probably the easiest source available to the authorities in the divided situation but was far from an accurate measure of the business of the island.

If the 2010 statistics show Arran to be a reduced holiday destination, what will be the consequences?

Yours,
Iain Robertson
Lochranza Golf
Lochranza

COAST reply

Sir,
In response to letters to *The Banner* last week both Fiona Laing and Malcolm Kerr should be clearly aware that COAST is not a political organisation.

It is our political leaders who are responsible for the state of the sea that surround our island and yes we applaud the present government for the introduction of No Take Zone.

However, successive governments have failed in the management of inshore waters.

Government always deflects blame onto the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) but we must remember that inshore waters within six miles, and, in our case the whole Clyde, is managed by the Scottish government not the EC.

Successive governments have failed to acknowledge the dire state of the marine environment and Clyde fishing industry. The failure of politi-

cians has resulted in a slow lingering decline of both for the past 25 years.

Unless this government is willing to acknowledge the true state of our sea, it is very difficult to make effective changes to its management but, more importantly, to end destructive fishing methods.

Yes, there is a Marine Bill going through Holyrood and even a Marine Act from Westminster, but this is due to the UK signing up to International and European agreements, and as ever the devil is in the detail, not the headlines, so in reality there is still a long journey before marine conservation is implemented via these bits of legislation.

Far from being at the forefront, Scotland is being dragged along by the collar to move to more environmentally sustainable seas and to introduce a coherent network of protected areas.

A healthy marine environment will support sustainable commercial fishing.

This depends on good management of stock, so fish nursery areas need protection.

Marine protected areas work, especially if used in conjunction with an end to destructive bottom dredging.

Without sustainable fishery management, the present fishing industry will collapse, but more importantly future generations will suffer the consequences.

So COAST looks forward to the cabinet secretary fulfilling his commitment for a Lamlash Bay Community Marine Conservation Area to complete the project.

Yours,
Howard Wood
Chairman
Community of Arran
Seabed Trust

Hunterston fears

Sir,
I read with interest your item last week entitled 'No new power station for Hunterston' but was disappointed to learn that this did not refer to proposals for a new coal-fired development by Peel Energy.

Despite Danish backers DONG withdrawing as a partner, Peel Energy is determined to carry on with its

plans regardless of what local people think.

The new coal power station threatens fragile wildlife habitat in the area and is completely at odds with the Scottish government's target for reducing greenhouse gas emissions by at least 42 percent by 2020.

The proposal from the developers is to build a power station that would be 'carbon capture ready'.

This simply means that sufficient space would be left on site to 'retrofit' this unproven technology if it ever becomes available.

On December 7 world leaders, politicians, scientists and campaigners will meet in Copenhagen for the start of the biggest ever UN summit on climate change.

At what may well be the most important meeting in human history, it is hoped that ambitious, fair and binding targets for reducing carbon emissions will be agreed.

Science demands that to avoid runaway climate change global emissions must peak by 2015 and then decline rapidly towards zero. That means more than 40 per cent cut by 2020 for rich countries, compared to 1990 levels and 15 per cent to 30 per cent for developing countries.

We must also stop destroying rainforests.

While the impact of climate change is already being felt by developing nations, we in Scotland are yet to feel the full force of what is to come.

This Saturday thousands of people from across Scotland, from all walks of life, including Arran, will flow through the streets of Glasgow to demonstrate their support for a safe climate future for all.

If we are to avoid runaway climate change tomorrow, we must persuade our leaders to act today. I urge readers to join me in calling on the Scottish government to honour its carbon reduction targets, and demanding a meaningful agreement in Copenhagen that will ensure a better future for us all.

Yours,
Lucy Wallace
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Shelter on its way for Corrie bus passengers

Bus passengers in Corrie have been reassured that they can expect a new shelter in the centre of the village by the end of the year after complaints were made to North Ayrshire Council.

More than a year ago a plinth was laid in the centre of Corrie at the bus stop across from the village shop – but no shelter was erected.

When villagers approached the council about the lack of cover they were told it would take a year to complete but with 2009 coming to a close there has still been no progress made.

John Inglis, community councillor for Corrie, said: 'Children waiting for the bus to Arran High School are getting soaked and are having to sit in wet clothes through the first periods of the morning.'

'There is no place to shelter

nearby so it is a case of get wet or miss the bus. With the loss of the village, shop older residents are now also using the bus stop more often as they must now go to the shops in Brodick.

'The addition of a shelter at this point would mean a lot to them.'

North Ayrshire Council transportation manager, Jack McConnachie, said: 'External funding for a series of new and replacement bus shelters across North Ayrshire had been identified but unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, that was cut short.'

'Funding has, however, been allocated from the council's roads (transportation) budget for completion of the work and the shelter in Corrie will be erected before the end of the financial year.'



Lucy Wallace the Arran Wildlife Festival coordinator, centre, with representatives of local businesses at the Seashore Safari in Lamlash. 01_b49sea01

Sun shines for seashore safari

Representatives from some of Arran's businesses joined the Arran Wildlife Festival coordinators for an afternoon of rock pooling and puddle jumping on the beach in Lamlash on Monday.

The idea behind the event was to encourage local businessmen and women to see first-hand what the Arran Wildlife Festival involves and to learn a little about the island's natural assets.

After an afternoon spent on the beach at Claulchlands Point the group enjoyed a talk about the festival and a warming drink at Lamlash Golf Club.

Lucy Wallace, festival coordinator, said: 'After the recent storms, a period of sunshine and cold crisp weather was the perfect setting on Monday for discovering the strange and beautiful life of Lamlash Bay's rock shore.'

'I think those that took part returned to their youth whilst poking around in rock pools, uncovering the strange preda-

tory habits of starfish, exquisite anemones, five bearded rocklings, and delicate prawns.'

Kate Sampson from the National Trust Rangers Centre at Brodick Castle, Howard Wood from COAST and Graeme Walker from Scottish Natural Heritage lent a hand with some of the trickier identifications.

At sunset the temperature dropped and the group gathered at the golf club in Lam-

lash to hear Lucy speak about the achievements of the 2009 Wildlife Festival and plans for 2010.

Businesses learned about ways that they can support the festival, by sponsoring events or becoming a 'Festival Friend', and how they can profit from the publicity the festival brings.

By promoting their businesses through special wildlife

products and packages during the festival, it is hoped that the event will benefit all involved.

The festival organisers also heard from members of the audience who had creative ideas for developing the 2010 festival.

For more information about getting involved, please contact Lucy Wallace at eider@hotmail.co.uk



The concrete plinth at the bus stop in the centre of Corrie should soon have a new shelter. 01_b49bus01

VisitArran would like to invite all Participating Businesses to join us on,

December 8th, at Brambles Restaurant, Auchrannie Hotel, 7pm-9pm to hear the results of the 12 month market research project for the island.

As you may be aware this project has been funded by the businesses of VisitArran, plus SNH and LEADER. Representatives of these organisations and other government agencies will also be invited.

Festive refreshments will also be available. We would be very grateful if you could find the time to join us for this very important meeting.

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Hall chairman Sheila Gilmore in the play 'No Hawkers'. 01_b49hal12



The cast of 'No Hawkers' line up for a round of applause at the end. From left: Sheila Gilmore, Irene Currie, Charles Currie, Deborah Robertson, Sandy Kerr, Jerry Arthur, Gordon Kinniburgh and prompt Alice Anderson. 01_b49hal08



Joan Stewart delighted the crowds with her renditions of some classic comic Scottish songs. 01_b49hal05



Youngster Finlay Murchie not only recited a wonderfully moving Robert Service poem but played a selection of tunes on his saxophone. 01_b49hal06



Gentleman in a fez - Charles Currie. 01_b49hal09



Sheila Gilmore has stepped down as hall chairman. She has been involved in the village hall committee for 24 years. 01_b49hal07



Highland dancer Heather Snowdon. 01_b49hal10



Iris Mansfield, Betty Campbell and Ruth Smith thoroughly enjoyed the show. 01_b49hal02

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Shiskine Hall's 50th anniversary marked with concert

Shiskine Public Hall is probably one of the busiest community facilities on the island, much loved by many generations of people from all over Arran; it has a special place in people's hearts.

On Friday night the people of Arran honoured this unique building when they celebrated the 50th anniversary of its opening.

Fifty years ago, after years of negotiations, a small group of people headed by chairman DE Bannatyne finally managed to secure the purchase of the building from the Church of Scotland.

In November 1959 it was officially opened as the new Shiskine Public Hall with a special celebratory concert.

To mark this milestone, the present-day hall committee decided to re-enact that concert from 50 years ago with a new generation of stars.

Speaking on Friday night, hall chairman Sheila Gilmore said: 'It is so fantastic to see

a full house out there tonight. This hall means an awful lot to the people of Shiskine and it is probably one of the busiest village halls on the island.

'Every group that uses this hall is represented here tonight to show you all just how much people love this hall.'

Guests

Three of the remaining members of the original hall committee were special guests on Friday night.

Margaret Milligan, DS Bannatyne and Mary Hamilton were voted in as committee members at the first hall AGM on October 29, 1959.

Sadly Cathy Murchie another original committee member was unable to attend as she is in hospital.

The concert began with 'A talented line up' which saw local performers reciting poetry, dancing, singing and playing instruments.

Shiskine Drama Club then put on a production of the play 'No Hawkers' which was

performed at the opening of the hall 50 years ago.

It was announced at the end of the evening that Sheila Gilmore is standing down as the hall chairman after more than 10 years in the role but she will remain on the hall committee.

She has been replaced by Gordon Kinniburgh who made a moving speech thanking Sheila for her contributions in her 24 years on the committee.

'I'm sure a lot of people don't realise just how much work goes in to running a facility of this size,' said Gordon. 'For a long time now Sheila has given up her time to organise hundreds of fundraising events including sports days, duck derbies, Burns Suppers and Hogmanay Hoolies to name but a few.'

'She is always trying to improve the hall whether it is just fundraising to put in a new floor or buy new curtains. This hall owes her a great deal.'



A huge crowd of Shiskine residents and friends of the hall from all over the island gathered for the celebratory concert.



Sandy Kerr and Deborah Robertson, the stars of the play. 01_b49hal13



Three of the remaining founding members of Shiskine Public Hall were guests of honour at the concert. They are from left to right; Mary Hamilton, DS Bannatyne and Margaret Milligan. 01_b49hal03



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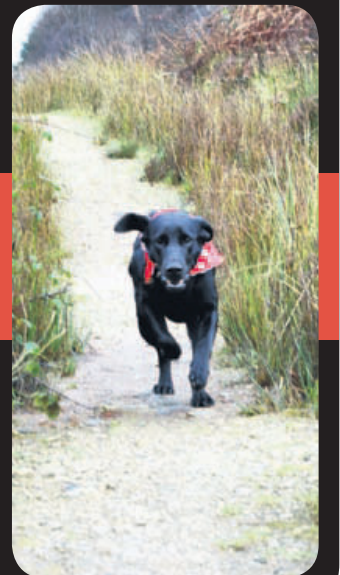
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Last week Archie was running in the rain on the track leading into Machrie forest near Gate Cottage on the Machrie Moor road. Stuart from Durham was quick off the mark with the right answer. This week Archie is on the run again, but which path is he on? 02_b49arc01



THE ARRAN BANNER

- on holiday . . .



Julie and John Graham took their Arran Banner to the Sahara desert on their holiday in Tunisia.



Marion Yates of Catacol took her Banner to one of the wonders of the world – the Great Wall of China.



Wendy Freeman of Lamlash enjoys *The Banner* while camping at Carradale with the Arran hills in the background.

Readers of *The Arran Banner* have been to some very exotic places for their winter holidays this year and they have all remembered to take their local newspaper with them.

This week we have photographs from China, the Seychelles, Antigua and Tunisia as well as from some of Britain's most beautiful spots.

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

It could be from Vichy or Vienna, it really doesn't matter; we would love to see your photographs.

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



Sally Brookes of Southbank, Bannan is pictured with her Banner on Hirta, the largest of the St Kilda islands. Approximately three miles long, the isle once supported a permanent population until 1930 when the islanders were evacuated at their request. b37stk01NO



Scott and Liz McConnell of Whiting Bay are pictured with their Banner at the Northolme Hotel, Mahe in the Seychelles.



Janet Rodger, formerly of Brodick, caught up with Arran's news while holidaying in Antigua.

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The seven Arran Dancers who travelled to Ayr for ballet exams.

Ballet exams for Arran dancers

Seven girls from Arran Dancers group sat their graded ballet exams for the Royal Academy of Dance.

The exams had to be taken on the mainland at the Danserina Studios in Ayr resulting in the young dancers to travel the day before and stay overnight. The girls involved were Jessica Demazuez, Alison Provan, Kirsty Kerr, Lucy Crawford, Kirsty Crawford, Charli Mckillop and Naomi Provan - with grade exams ranged from the first primary grade ballet to grades 1 and 2 ballet and jazz.

The seven had a rehearsal run-through on Sunday night with dance teacher Fiona Rodriguez who also went over to help and support the girls. For Fiona it was extra special to be presenting her students for examination

at Danserina, because she herself started her dance training with Karen Mitchell who is now a top international dance examiner and owns Danserina Studios.

Jill Mckillop, chairperson of Arran Dancers said: 'We were made very welcome by the staff at Danserina and would like to thank them and Fiona. The girls coped brilliantly with a mixture of excitement and nerves and now have to wait for their results.'

'We welcome new members at any time to Arran Dancers from four-years old upwards.'

'Could we also ask any ex or remaining members who have a character skirt or shoes taken from the ballet box and are no longer using them to please return them.'

You can contact Fiona on 860301.

Auchrannie Wedding



Rachel Evans and Kenny Barron were married at Auchrannie House Hotel and Spa on Saturday September 19 with their family there to share the special day. The ceremony took place in the sunroom and photos were taken in the garden and on the beach while the children were amused by a children's entertainer. Rachel is an HR advisor for Balfour Beatty and Kenny is a contacts officer for the NHS. The couple will live in Penicuik.



Lorna Crawford giving Faye Hamill a manicure at the Beauty Box open evening.

Picture me pretty

A new business designed to beautify the ladies of Arran opened on the island last week.

Lorna Crawford of Machrie held an open evening at The Beauty Box salon on the brae at Blackwaterfoot.

Around 50 local ladies enjoyed bubbly, beauty demonstrations and special offers. Some were even treated to a demonstration manicure.



Kate gets ahead!

Arriving at Kate's Hair Salon (above Chrissy's the Dry Cleaners) at Park Terrace in Lamlash, you will be very surprised to discover that until a few weeks ago it didn't even exist. The beautiful new salon is very well organised and the interior design is tasteful, modern and contemporary. Kate, who, had quickly established an excellent reputation and loyal clientele adjacent to Jimmi the Barber's is delighted to have her own new salon to welcome all her regular and

new clients along to. Kate trained and qualified at The Rainbow Room in Glasgow and is very excited at the prospect of growing her business here on Arran. As a professional in her field, she is also proud to have been the only assistant on the Igor Schwarzkopf Specialist Colour course.

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Cat found

Are you missing a cat?
A young tabby cat has been wandering in and out of a home on Clauchlands Road in Lamlash since the stormy weather last Wednesday. If this is your cat please call 600273.

Book lost

A book club library paperback called 'Spin Cycle' by Zoe Strachan was lost in or around Whiting Bay Church at Sandbraes on November 16. If found please telephone 850296 or return to Brodick library.



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Saturday night was also Leah Turnbull's Hen Night. She is pictured in the centre with all her female friends and family members.



Glenn Stewart and girlfriend Malin Jahnke.



Demonstrating the classy 1980s look were Shiona Murchie and Laura Hemmings.



The Super Mario Brothers Peter McDonald and Adam Kelso.

Partygoers get into the groove at 80s theme night

It looked as though partygoers at the Kinloch had stepped into a 1980s time warp on Saturday night for a fantastic theme night to raise money for charity.

Organised by the hotel to raise funds for Children in Need the night was a huge success with the islands youngsters.

Despite the fact that many of those there on the night had barely been born as the decade came to a close, everyone donned their most garish 80s gear.

Costumes ranged from Madonna look-a-likes, Smurfs, Kiss band members and Rubik's Cubes to the more glamorous outfits with shoulder pads and leg warmers galore.

Funky Dunky or Princess Leia as he was known on the night offered to do the whole night for free as it was for charity.

A spokesman for the Kinloch Hotel said: 'It as a really fantastic night because everyone went to so much effort to get dressed up and into the 80s mood.'

'We raised more than £1,000 for Children in Need which is amazing.'

'Funky Dunky didn't get to play half of the 80s tunes he had chosen so we are going to do it all again in the New Year.'



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An opportunity for you to come and meet your MP to raise concerns and chat about issues.

Coffee Morning
 Saturday 5th December
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 Surgery Saturday 5th December
 - Brodick Hall, 12pm



Donald Bannatyne dressed as the ultimate 80s kids TV cartoon character - a Smurf.

THE ROWAN SINGERS 30th CHRISTMAS CONCERT

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 Friday 11 December
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Saturday, December 2, 1989

Local meter man

The next time your electricity meter is read it will probably be by somebody you've seen before.

Because the Hydro Board has decided to stop sending meter readers over from Du-noon on a twice yearly basis the local men are going to have to do the job instead.

Why the change, we asked the board? 'We reviewed our working practices and decided the existing staff could do the meter reading.'

George McGovern will now be doing readings every week so people will now get their bills at different times throughout the year rather than at two specific intervals

Author's visit

Third year pupils at Arran High School were given some first hand advice on creative writing last week by an internationally acclaimed author.

Anne Fine who writes books for children and teenagers held the Arran pupils spell-bound while she explained the joys and agonies of writ-

ing. And she gave them something to remember the visit by signing copies of her books for the pupils.

Oversight

Councillor Evelyn Sillars may face an official reprimand from Cunninghame District Council for failing to declare an interest in a planning application.

The application was from Arran Property Developments a company which Mrs Sillars is a co-director of with New Zealander Norman McIver.

In short

The Arran Banner was alerted to a short item at the Community Council meeting on Tuesday.

In short, one councillor said: 'The community porta-loo in Lamlash is not functioning correctly with users being trapped inside.'

The councillor in question did not say how many users were inside, nor if the council made any arrangements to feed them while awaiting reply from the Works Department.

Census to be conducted

The Council of Social Services is to conduct its quinquennial census of the island in the New Year.

Most people expect it to reveal a significant population increase since the last census in 1985.

However, people had the same expectation then and were surprised when the resident population had fallen from 4,028 (1980) to 4,007 (1985).

Cold Comfort Hall

When more than 100 members of the Arran SWRI branches arrived in Whiting Bay on Thursday night for the organisations annual rally, they were appalled to discover the village hall locked and in darkness.

Yet nothing gets a WRI lady down and after managing to get the key and an explanation that their booking had been forgotten they all traipsed into the unheated hall.

The gas had run out and the meeting had to progress with only a tiny portable gas heater on the stage.



Three Rural Initiative grants were given to local organisations at the Council of Social Services (CSS) last Tuesday. Pictured with Jack Murchie and David Bridge of the CSS are Diane MacDonald (£300 for Pirnmill Young Wives and Mothers for Toddlers Playgroup), Alistair Sillars (£800 to Arran Heritage Museum), and Sheila Goldsborough (£400 to Arran Cancer Support Group for councillor training). b49twe01

Below: Amanda Mutch, Selina McGovern and Liam Young in 'Tea Set and Match'. This play was second for Rosa in Arran High School's annual drama competition. b49twe02



Stuart Reid and Seonad Duggan in 'I Spy' which gained fourth place for Sannox at the high school's annual drama competition. b49twe03



Irene Currie and George Grassie in Alan Ayckbourn's 'Gosforth's Fete', the winning play for Shuraig. b49twe04

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Auchrannie winter bowls results

The winners of the Auchrannie Winter Bowls games in November were as follows.

Tuesday 3 November, C Haggarty and M Megarrell. Thursday 5 November, J McGovern, P McCalla and J Stead. Tuesday 10 November, B Barr, D Hendry, I Davidson and N Pringle. Thursday 12 November, J McGovern, S Allan and C Haggarty. Tuesday 17 November, J McConachie, T Wooden, N Pringle and C Haggarty. Thursday 19 November, T Wooden, M Spence and A Hobb. Tuesday 24 November, T Wooden and S Allan. Thursday 26 November, M Spence and J McGovern.

Brodick Bridge Club results

The results from Thursday November 26 were as follows: Boyd Trophy (2nd Round) 1 Helen Boyd and Liz Paul 64.58 per cent, 2 Janette McBride and Alison Bilisland 61.25 per cent, 3 Janie Maclure and Anne McKelvie 58.75 per cent.

The Brodick Bridge Club Dinner will be held in Brodick Golf clubhouse on Thursday 10 December at 6pm for 6.30pm.

Lamlash Bridge Club results

The results from Monday November 30 were as follows: N/S 1 E McNiven and E Paul +340, 2 M Jones and L Trickett -1350, 3 P Adamson and E McConnell -1490.

E/W 1 T Martin and A Bilisland +3140, 2 H Boyd and J Murchie +2510, 3 D and M Bruce +2150.



Brodick Golf Club

Sunday November 29, Clochendichter, Knowe 4 Alma 4, Village 5 Street 3. With two rounds played it is Alma in the lead with 11 points, closely followed by Knowe with nine, the Village with eight and the Street on seven.

Fixtures: Sunday December 6, second round of the AGA Duncan Trophy at Shiskine. At Brodick, Sweep with open draws at 9am and 12pm.

Corrie Golf Club

Saturday November 28, Winter Cup. 1 A Smith 70-11=59 BIH, 2 C Pattenden 70-11=59, 3 A Macdonald 72-12=60. Monday November 31, 1 B Sherwood 64-5=59, 2 M Macdonald 72-12=60, 3 H Taylor 81-20=61.

Fixtures: Saturday December 5, Sweep. Sunday December 6, AGA Winter League at Shiskine. Saturday December 12, Winter Cup.

Shiskine Golf Club

Thursday November 26, Ladies November 18-hole Medal, 1 Viv Parks 92-22=70, 2 Carole Stewart 88-17=71, Best Scratch Carole Stewart 88.

Saturday November 28 Alan C Bannatyne Quaich. Winner Brian Sherwood.

Sunday November 29, November 18-hole Medal. 1 Willie Kelso 71-7=64, 2 DK Henderson 73-6=67, 3 Mike Hesp 90-22=68. Best Scratch Willie Kelso 71. Magic Twos DK Henderson (5th) and Alan Napier (3rd), (11th).

Fixtures: Saturday December 5, 12-hole Medal. Thursday December 10, Ladies December 18-hole Medal.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday 26 November, 15 hole medal, six played in very good conditions. 1 Peter Smith 67-16=51, 2 Drew Wales 59-7=52. No magic twos.

Sunday 29 November, stableford eight played in good conditions with cold easterly wind testing the players. Scratch Iain Murchie with a 72(3). 1 Drew Wales on 35 points (8), 2 Ian Bremner on 31 points (8). There was one magic two by D Wales.

Fixtures: Every Thursday 15 hole medal. Sunday 6 December, AGA winter league at Shiskine Golf Club. Bounce game at Lamlash for those not selected at 11am.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday November 29, 20 turned up and were paired off for this year's Taylor Trophy, played as a Greensome. Blustery weather made for some interesting scoring but at the end the worthy winners were Sid Allen and Wolfi Kroner with 61. In second place were Gus McLeod and Gordon Provan with 64.2

BIH, and third Ian Davidson and John Pennycott also with 64.2. The only magic two was scored by Graeme Crichton and Colin Wannop.

Fixtures: Next week is the second round of the AGA Winter League with Whiting Bay playing against Machrie Bay at Shiskine.

Saturday December 5, return of the mixed fours competitions at noon. All welcome – please bring a partner to ensure even numbers!

Arran Golfers Association

Winter league/Duncan trophy 2009/2010.

Second round at Shiskine Golf Club, Sunday December 6. Draw: Shiskine v Brodick at 10am, Machrie v Whiting Bay at 10.50am, Corrie v Lamlash at 11.40am. Keep the fingers crossed for dry weather.

Blackwaterfoot bowlers pick up season's prizes

Blackwaterfoot's winning bowlers picked up their prizes at the club's annual dinner and AGM at the Kinloch hotel last Tuesday night.

Throughout the season the club hosted a large number of competitions and the winners were as follows.

Winner of the Opening Tournament was Dave Brambles.

The Ladies Singles trophy

winner was Marian Brambles and John Robinson picked up the Gents Singles award.

The Champs Trophy also went to Marian Brambles and the Nominated Pairs was won by Peter and Jenny Harper.

The winners of the Club Pairs competition were Vic Iutz and Ann Whattam.

Vic Iutz, Marian Brambles and John Robinson won the Triples Trophy and the Thornburn Trophy was won by Lorna Hallyburton.

The club captain Margaret Kerr presented the prizes.



Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club captain Margaret Kerr (centre) presented the end of season prizes to the winners. They are Dave Brambles, John Robinson, Marian Brambles, Peter Harper, Vic Iutz, Jenny Harper, Ann Whattam and Lorna Hallyburton.

Festive Fun

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Blackwaterfoot Junior Football
Karate
Family Games Kids & Adults
Fun in the Spa Pool
Over 21's Disco
Arran Dancers (4 years and up)
Youth Cafe (High School Pupils)
Bingo Night
RNLI shop open
Christmas Fayre
Christmas Market
Cllr Currie Surgery
Brodict Church Christmas Fayre

Coaching, 10.30am - noon
Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am - 12.30pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
Auchrannie Pool, 4pm - 5pm
The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Arran High School, 10am
Brodict Church Hall, 7pm - 9pm
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 6pm - Late
Lamlash Pier 10.30 till 12.30
Shiskine Primary, 10.30am
Whiting Bay Hall, 11am - 3pm
Brodict Library, 1pm - 2pm
Brodict Church Hall, 2pm

SUNDAY 6th DECEMBER

Alcoholics Anonymous
Family Games Kids & Adults
Folk Session
Fun in the Spa Pool
Arran Fiddle Club- Childrens Classes
Folk Session
Motocross Practice (Weather Permitting)
HSL Christmas Fayre

Church Hall, Brodict, 4.30pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Auchrannie Pool, 4pm - 5pm
Library Annexe, 1.45pm
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Southbank FarmTrack
Whiting Bay Hall, 2pm - 4pm

MONDAY 7th DECEMBER

Senior Fitness
Over 50's Badminton
Badminton
Cardiac Rehab
Circuit Training
Citizens Advice
AB Attack
Aerobics Class
Weight Wise
Ladies Netball
Arran Junior Football Club Coaching & Games
Lamlash Bridge Club
Kickboxing
Badminton Club
Pre school Music & Drama Classes
Community Meeting
Carol Concert

Auchrannie 9.30AM - 10.30am (Gym)
Lochranza Village Hall 2pm - 4pm
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Auchrannie Gym 12.30pm - 2pm
Auchrannie Spa, 6pm - 7.15pm (Gym)
Open 10am - 2pm
KA Leisure, fitness suite 6.30pm - 6.50pm
KA Leisure, dance studio, 6pm - 7pm
Hospital Bungalow, 5pm - 5.30pm
High School Sports Hall - Seniors 8pm - 9pm
Ormidale Park, 6pm
Lamlash Golf Clubhouse, 7.15pm
KA Leisure, dance studio, 7pm - 8.30pm
Auchrannie Spa, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Auchrannie Dance Studio, Various Times, 10.45am - 2.30pm
Kildonan Village Hall, 7.30pm
Lamlash Church, 7.30pm

TUESDAY 8th DECEMBER

Lochranza Swimming Club
Army Cadets
Pop Quiz
Alcoholics Anonymous
Citizens Advice
Pulmonary Rehab

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



Open Music Session
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Brodict Toddler Group
Body Conditioning Class
Youth Club
Senior Fitness
Step Aerobics
Rotary Club
Scottish Country Dancing
Indoor Bowling
Cricket Indoor Nets

Catacol Bay Hotel, 8.30pm
Auchrannie Hall, 7pm
Ormidale Pavillion, 6-7pm
Church Hall, 10am - 12pm
KA Leisure, dance studio 6pm - 7pm
Kildonan Hall - 6.30pm
Auchrannie, 10am - 11am
Auchrannie Gym, 7pm - 8pm
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie 7.15pm
Brodict Church Hall, 7.30pm
Corrie & Sannox Hall, 2pm - 4pm
High School Gym, 6.30pm - 8.30pm

WEDNESDAY 9th DECEMBER

Hockey
Jnr Rugby Training
Aquafizz
Circuit Training
Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy
Kickboxing
Arran Healing Rooms
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Rugby Club Seniors Training
Arran Brass Rehearsal
Selt Making Class
Beavers
Yogalates
Quiz Night
Learn to Salza
Corrie & Sannox Wednesday Club - "Fairtrade"

Auchrannie Hall, 7pm - 8pm (Games Hall)
P4 - S4 Ormidale Park, 6pm - 7.15pm
Auchrannie Hotel, 9.45am - 10.30am (Hotel Pool)
Auchrannie, 6pm - 7.15pm (Gym)
10.30 - 12.30pm & 1.30 - 3.30pm
KA Leisure, dance studio, 7pm - 8.30pm
High School, 7.30pm - 9pm
Lamlash Church Hall - 7.30pm-9pm
Ormidale Park, 7.30pm
Whiting Bay Hall 7.15pm
Shipfield, Lamlash, 10am - 4pm
High School, Lamlash 6.15pm - 7.15pm
Auchrannie Gym, 10am - 11am
Eden Lodge Hotel Whiting Bay, 8.30pm
Auchrannie Cruize Bar. 7pm - 8.30pm
Village Hall, 2pm - 4pm

THURSDAY 10th DECEMBER

Senior Fitness
General Knowledge Quiz
Citizens Advice
Lochranza Craft Club
Coffee Morning
Cardiac Rehab
Table Tennis
Legs, Bums & Tums Class
Indoor Bowling
Smoking Cessation Group
Brodict Embroidery Group
Youth Club
Cubs
Winter Bowling
Scouts
Guys & Dolls rehearsals
Corrie & Sannox SWRI Spinning Demonstration
Brodict Bridge Club
Pantomime - Cinderella

Auchrannie 9.30am - 10.30am
The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Open 10am - 2pm
Hall, 2pm
St Molios Church 10.30am - 12pm
Auchrannie Gym 2pm - 3pm
Kildonan Hall, 3pm - 5pm
KA Leisure, gameshall, 6.30pm - 7.15pm
Auchrannie Hall 7pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 11am - 12pm
Brodict Library 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Youth Cabin, Lamlash 7-9pm
Shiskine Hall 6.30-8pm
Auchrannie, 7pm
Shiskine Hall 8-9.30pm
Brodict Hall, 7.30pm
Village Hall, 2pm
Golf Clubhouse
Hight Shool Theatre, 7.30pm

FRIDAY 11th DECEMBER

Arran Pipe Band Practice
Aquafizz
Citizens Advice
Quiz
Over 21's Disco
Yogalates
Street Dance
Seniors Badminton (Over 50s)
Arran Ceilidh Dance Group
Lamlash Friday Club
Foundations at The Cabin
Open Folk Night
Jazz Cafe
Pantomime - Cinderella

Brodict Hall, 7.30pm
Auchrannie Pool, 9.45am - 10.30am
Open 10am - 2pm
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 9pm
The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Auchrannie Gym, 10am - 11am
Auchrannie Gym, 7pm - 8pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 2pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 8pm - 10pm
Corrie Hall, 2pm - 3.30pm
The Cabin, 7pm - 9pm
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 9.30pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 8pm
Hight Shool Theatre, 7.30pm

SATURDAY 12th DECEMBER

Quiz
Christmas Concert
Christmas Market
Pantomime - Cinderella

Catacol Bay Hotel, 8.30pm
Corrie Church, 7pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 11am - 3pm
Hight Shool Theatre, 2pm & 7.30pm

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ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Sunday 6 December
 (Church is on the road between Machrie & Blackwaterfoot) Shiskine 11am
 Sunday School meets in the Church Hall
 Brodick 7pm (Church is behind Post Office)
 Rev David Karoon
 All welcome

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH
 Sunday Morning Mass 11am

WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH
Sunday 6 December
 Worship for the Advent will be conducted by the Worship Group at 10.30am.
 Tea and coffee will be served in the Transept after the service. All most welcome.

There will no *no* service in Cooriedoo or Craigelea The Church Christmas Card, to be sent to all members, will be available to be signed, and all proceeds will go to Al Shurooq School nr Bethlehem.

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH
(in full communion with the Church of England)
 St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday 6 December
 Holy Communion, 11am
 Mrs Janis Gallagher
 Coffee after service
 All Welcome.
 No Wednesday service

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
 Kilmory linked with Lamlash
 "A faith to proclaim ~ a fellowship to share"
Sunday 6 December
 Rev Gillian Maclean
 Kilmory 10am
 Lamlash 11.30am
 In both churches
 Bible Sunday
 All welcome, including families; children's area

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND (continuing)
Sunday 6 December
 11am
 Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick
 Evening Service
 5 Glen Road, 7pm
Wednesday 9 December
 Prayer Meeting
 7pm
 Rev D MacLeod
 All welcome

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH.
 Ormidale Pavilion
 Brodick.
Sunday 6 December
 10.45am Communion
 Tea and coffee from 11.10am

11.30am For all the family
 Speaker: Rev Willie Wright
 Everyone very welcome

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
 North Arran: Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirmill and Shiskine.
Independent but working together.
Minister
 Rev Angus Adamson.
Parish Asst
 Mrs Jean Hunter.
 Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times, to which all are invited - Families, young people and children welcome
Sunday 6 December
 Brodick 10.30am
 Corrie 12pm
 Pirmill 10.15am.
 Shiskine 12pm
 A service of Worship will be held in Montrose House at 1.30pm

DEATHS

CAMPBELL – SYBIL LILIAN
 Further to the announcement in last weeks Banner the funeral will now take place in Brodick Church on Monday 7th December at 11am and thereafter to Brodick new cemetery to which all relatives and friends are respectfully invited.

Family flowers only please, donations if desired to British Red Cross Transport and Escort service or Isle of Arran Hospital and Supporters League.

JAMESON - CAROLYN ANNE
 Suddenly at Southern General Hospital on Monday 1st December 2009.
 Carolyn, of Glenshant Cottage, Brodick, beloved wife of Gerald, dear mother of Mark and Paul, mother-in-law of Fiona and Lesley, grandmother of Shauna, Todd, Erin and Callum. Funeral service in Brodick Church on Tuesday 8th December at 11.30am and thereafter to Lamlash Cemetery to which all relatives and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Arran Hospital Supporters League.

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

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

Written representations may be made to the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Protective Services) at the address below by 25th December 2009. Any representations received will be open to public view.

*and at The Council Offices, Lamlash

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008
 Notice of application to be published under regulation 20(1)

Application No: 09/00575/PP Address: Brae-An-Dune, Whiting Bay, Brodick, Isle Of Arran KA27 8QT Proposed Development: Siting of caravan to rear of detached dwelling house

NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL : EDUCATIONAL SERVICES EDUCATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 1980 CHOICE OF SCHOOL

It is customary for children to attend the designated school for the area in which they live, other than in the case of St Matthew's Academy. Admission to St Matthew's Academy is achieved through attendance at one of its associated primary schools.

However, parents/carers may make a written request to place their child in any other school under the management of the Council. Such a request is referred to as a placing request.

Information concerning the Council's schools and the procedures to be followed in making placing requests is available at every school and from North Ayrshire Council, Educational Services, Cunninghame House, Irvine, KA12 8EE (telephone: 01294-324439). This information is also available for inspection or reference at public libraries and on the Council's web site at www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk. Information in relation to any particular school is available at that school.

Placing requests for the session beginning in August 2010 should be sent to North Ayrshire Council, Educational Services, Cunninghame House, Irvine, KA12 8EE by 5 February 2010.

Parents of children due to commence attendance at school in 2010, whether or not they wish to make a placing request, should proceed in accordance with the advertisement on registration of children which will be published during the week commencing 28 December 2009.

CAROL KIRK, Corporate Director (Educational Services)

NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL : EDUCATIONAL SERVICES REGISTRATION OF CHILDREN FOR PRIMARY EDUCATION

Arrangements for registration for education of infant beginners in primary schools in North Ayrshire have been agreed by the Educational Services Committee as follows:

All children in the area who will be 5 years of age on or before the last day of February 2010 should register on dates which will appear in local newspapers.

Parents who are about to move to a new address should also register their child(ren) at the designated school serving their new home.

Parents however have the right to make a placing request for their child (ren) to be educated in a school other than the one which serves their area. An information booklet providing details of how to make a placing request is available from any school or from Educational Services, Cunninghame House. Placing requests should be submitted prior to Friday 5th February 2010 if possible.

A list containing the names, addresses and telephone numbers of other schools in the area is available for reference at the local school.

Where a parent does not wish to make a placing request, his/her child(ren) may be enrolled in the local school at the time of registration provided there is sufficient accommodation in the school.

CAROL KIRK, Corporate Director (Educational Services)

Elma Murray
 Chief Executive
 Cunninghame House
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PUBLIC NOTICES

SCOTTISH TENANT FARMERS ASSOCIATION FIRST ARRAN MEETING

Wednesday 9th December

High School 7.30pm

Open To All

Come and join us at our meeting and keep abreast of latest developments in the tenanted sector. Topics to be covered include CAP and the impact that changes to SFP may have on tenanted farms. It is vital that you express your views on the future of agricultural support.



The Best Western Kinloch Hotel
Saturday 5th December

Due to a private function the hotel will be closed to the public all day.

No lunches or evening meals will be served.

The public bar will be open from 11.30am until 11pm.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause

ARRAN MOTOCROSS AGM

Tuesday 8th December

Ormidale Pavilion At 7.30pm

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Tuesday 8th December

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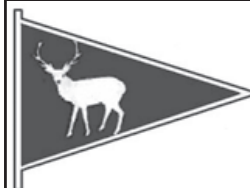


The Best Western Kinloch Hotel

Thanks all its 80's party people for a great night and for raising over £1000 for Children in Need!

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See you all next year!



Arran Yacht Club AGM

7.30pm

Thursday 10th December

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The finalists in the ArrPark charity mixed doubles darts competition, from left to right, Leckie McDonald, Niall McMaster, Eddie Picken and Kimberley Allan. 01_b49dar02

Niall and Leckie hit the mark

Niall McMaster and Leckie McDonald triumphed in the ArrPark charity mixed doubles darts competition in the Drift Inn on Friday night.

They defeated runners-up Eddie Picken and Kimberley Allen in a nail-biting final round to take the trophy.

Organised by Leckie's mum Betty McDonald, the tournament is aimed at raising vital funds for research into Parkinson's disease.

Betty's husband Finlay died four years ago of the illness and the family have been determined to do all they can to help since.

Fourteen couple took part in Friday's tour-

namment, which raised more than £260 for the charity.

Finlay's son Colin, one of the organisers, said: 'A big thank you to everyone who came out to support the charity tonight. It's great to see so many familiar faces. Thanks to you all for making it such a great night.'

Susan Logan, chairman of Arran's Ladies Darts League, said: 'It's been yet another great night here at the Drift Inn. It's great to see so many people taking part and I hope we'll get the same turnout for the other mixed competitions that we have organised for the rest of the winter.'



ARRAN POOL LEAGUE

Last year's champions the Bar Eden are sitting comfortably at the top of the Arran Pool League once again after another win this week.

The team from Whiting Bay defeated PT1934 9-3 on Thursday night taking them to the top spot with 15 points.

However, the Drift Inn is only two points behind them in second place and the PHT are in third place with 12 points.

Kildonan, who had not won a match for more than a year have now had two wins in a row with victories over teamGoil and Mac's Bar.

The results from the Arran Pool League on Thursday November 19 were: Bar Eden 5 PHT 7, Drift 9 Pt1934 3, Mac's Bar 8 Catacol 4, teamGoil 5 Kildonan 7.

On Thursday November 26 the results were as follows: PHT 4 Drift 8, PT1934 3 Bar Eden 9, Catacol 5 teamGoil 7, Kildonan 7 Mac's Bar 5.

Knockout Cup

The first matches in the Knockout Cup, which are to be played on a home and away basis, will take place this Thursday (December 10).

Catacol play the Drift, Mac's Bar take on Bar Eden, PHT will play PT1934 and Kildonan are up against teamGoil.

The final will be played on January 14.

Netball girls do island proud

Nine of Arran's best netball players enjoyed a friendly match against Largs on Saturday afternoon.

For some of the ladies it was the first time that they had played a proper match.

Despite the fast and furious pace there were thankfully no injuries!

The squad did the island proud with a final respectable score of 25 - 32, losing by just a narrow margin.

The team will be inviting Largs to another friendly next year.

Player Juliette Walsh said: 'Because of its popularity, netball practices have been running non-stop since March this year.'

'All newcomers are very welcome to netball on Monday nights at Arran High School with a starting time of 7.30pm. The main aim is to have fun and improve fitness, and avoid injury!'



Arran's netball players from top left; Lynn Ramage, Chantal Smith, Yvonne Wilson, Adele Smith, Anne Beveridge, Georgie Wood, Julie Newall, Juliette Walsh and Amanda Hogge.

Crucial win for Arran rugby

Arran's senior rugby squad secured a crucial win against Moffat RFC on Saturday in the first round of the Hydroelectric West League Cup Competition.

Arran travelled to the southwest spa town for the game and were overjoyed to defeat league leaders Moffat 18-3.

This weekend Arran will play at home against Cowal RFC in a league fixture.

The game kicks-off at 2pm at the Ormidale Park in Brodick.

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