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Helicopter fights blizzard conditions to rescue ill Arran woman

The team was faced with a hard slog into bands of low cloud, freezing conditions and driving snow

REPORT

by JENNIFER LYON
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A Royal Navy Sea King helicopter from HMS Gannet in Prestwick battled difficult and treacherous conditions on Monday morning to rescue a seriously ill woman on Arran.

The four-strong duty crew from the UK's busiest helicopter search and rescue unit was airborne at 1am routed to Glasgow to pick up a consultant and nurse from the Emergency Medical Retrieval Team at the SECC.

What should have been a mere 20 minute hop to the city centre became a more complicated venture with the crew forced to fly down to 200ft and

follow the Clyde into Glasgow in order to avoid the blizzard and freezing conditions on higher ground.

As a result, the journey took twice as long.

Leaving the Finnieston landing site at 1.40am, again the team was faced with a hard slog into bands of low cloud, freezing conditions, driving snow and a 30 knot wind from the north west on its way to Arran.

'We were pretty much flying under and around bands of snow clouds throughout,' said pilot and HMS Gannet's Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Commander Debdash Bhattacharya.

'And this did make flying in the dark quite tricky. One minute we could be in rela-

tively clear air and the next it was almost white out.'

He added: 'There were occasions where we were forced to fly by radar alone, as, even with our night vision goggles, we had lost all visual references.'

Our observer (navigator) Lieutenant Alex Stevenson controlled the aircraft's position with reference to the radar during these periods, talking my co-pilot Lieutenant Mark Wielopolski and me into the safest area and was essentially our eyes for parts of the journey.'

'And, on approach into Arran, we encountered some turbulence from the mountains.'

The crew finally landed in the hamlet of Knockenkelly

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Festive fun at RDA Christmas Extravaganza

Little Caitlin Rogers was the winner of the primary schools colouring competition at the Riding for the Disabled Christmas Extravaganza on Saturday morning.

She is pictured with RDA member Colin Guthrie who helped to raise the incredible sum of £1,800 through the tombola, raffle, home baking, quality bric a brac stall and beautiful hand made crafts, toys and books.

Janis Heaney, chairman of the riding charity, said: 'We unfortunately didn't bring a pony because of the weather, but all the kids had a great time with the games that Lisa Griffiths had devised.'

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'Thanks to the High School for all their assistance on the day and all the public who turned out to support us.' 01_b49rda01

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Helicopter fights blizzard conditions

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near Whiting Bay, and were met by the Arran Coastguard Team.

Coincidentally, they were asked to transfer a second less seriously ill patient from the island at the same time.

The retrieval team was rushed to the hospital at Lamlash to stabilise the patient before getting her ready for transfer to Crosshouse Hospital in Kilmarnock.

The two patients were successfully delivered to Crosshouse Hospital at around 4.30am and both were kept in for observation.

Lieutenant Commander Bhattacharya said: 'Time is generally of the essence in medical rescues of this nature, both taking the time to stabilise patients for transfer by the retrieval teams and using the search and rescue helicopter capability in reducing transit times both for delivering medical crews to the casualty and then minimising return transfer times to hospital.'

'If you like, the helicopter allows us to reach areas others can't. We can do it quickly and efficiently, which allows us to help save lives.'

Campbell selected as Arran's SSP candidate



The Scottish Socialist Party has announced the first of its candidates for next May's North Ayrshire Council Election.

Campbell Martin has been selected for the Ardrossan and Arran seat.

Mr Martin has previously served as a councillor in North Ayrshire and as a member of the Scottish Parliament for West of Scotland.

Commenting on his selection, he said: 'I'm delighted to be representing the Scottish Socialist Party. The SSP is the only party standing shoulder-to-shoulder with local people facing

Campbell Martin.

the brunt of savage cuts imposed by the Tory-Lib Dem UK Government, and passed-on by the SNP Government in Edinburgh.'

On the Council Election Mr Martin said: 'I was proud to represent both Ardrossan and Arran as an MSP. Now I'm asking to be allowed to work on behalf of local communities again.'

'Island communities have been particularly badly hit by the economic crisis caused by the collapse of global capitalism, and I would have hoped that an SNP Government would be doing everything it could to offset these problems, but last week's announcement on Road Equivalent Tariff shows a distinct lack of urgency.'

Care Home

The Banner would like to point out that following the Care Inspectorate's August 2011 Inspection Report, Craigielea Care Home in Whiting Bay improved in all the areas of Care, Management, Staffing and Environment despite what was reported last week.

Lost

A pair of brown fingerless mitts were lost in Bilslands Cafe on Monday 28 November.

If found please either hand them into the cafe or phone 830 202.

How to see Scotland's giant pandas

It's not everyday you read about pandas in The Arran Banner but the island's MSP Kenneth Gibson has expressed his delight that Edinburgh Zoo received Tian Tian and Yang Guang, the zoo's two Giant Pandas on Sunday.

They will not go on show to the public until 16 December to allow them time to settle in after their journey and ensure they are completely comfortable with their new surroundings.

The relationship between Scotland and China continues to grow thanks to the diplomatic efforts First Minister Alex Salmond.

'Business, cultural and education links, as well as science and technology are the main subjects of these visits and a great spin off is that Scotland is now the home of these beautiful and magnificent creatures.'

'The zoo expects a massive increase in visitors and has taken on 55 new staff in expectation of this'.

To view the pandas, readers of The Banner will need a Panda Viewing ticket, available at no extra cost to normal admission but these must be pre-booked online when purchasing Zoo tickets.

Mr Gibson said: 'I encourage readers to check www.edinburghzoo.org.uk and book tickets now to be sure to see the pandas when visiting.'

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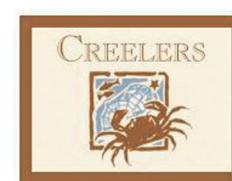
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It's panto time again...oh yes it is!

Snow White and the Seven Dwarves is a classic tale that has been read and re-read by numerous generations over the years.

But last night the romantic story of a young woman and her seven helpful friends leapt from the pages of the storybooks onto the stage at the Community Theatre.

For the Lamlash Pantomime Group are presenting Snow White and the Seven Dwarves as their annual production.

The Banner attended their dress rehearsal on Sunday night and can reveal it has all the makings of being a huge hit with audiences as it has everything a good panto should have.

Seasoned producer Maureen Smith said: 'It's a traditional old-fashioned pantomime story as this is what people like to see.'

'We have some great songs in it that everybody knows.'

'The dance routines are all really good and so is the script, which has a strong local theme and I think the whole show has a great mix.'

'We're hoping to get big audiences and a good support because it's all about having fun and getting in the mood for Christmas.'

With Deborah Robertson playing the lead Snow White and Lauren Davidson as her handsome prince this is a show not to be missed.

Snow White and the Seven Dwarves is being performed at the Community Theatre, Lamlash tonight and tomorrow Saturday 10 December at 7.30pm and also Saturday Matinee at 2pm.

Tickets: Adults £7, Children and Concessions. £5 and a £20 Family Special (2 adults and 2 children).



Deborah Robertson as Snow White in this year's Lamlash pantomime. 01_b49pan02

Recognition Awards for North Arran's First Responders

The North Arran First Responders were nominated for a prize at the recent Scottish Ambulance Service West Region Awards.

The volunteer emergency group were joint runners-up in the Working Together for Better Patient Care category.

John Graham and Fiona Loring attended the awards ceremony last Monday evening in Glasgow City Chambers.

Ambulance staff from all over the West of Scotland were recognised for exceptional achievements at the

ceremony.

Pauline Howie, Chief Executive, Scottish Ambulance Service, said: 'Our staff demonstrate exceptional standards of professionalism every day as they respond to patient need, at times in the most challenging conditions.'

'Many of them continue to contribute to the development of the Service in their own time, supporting colleagues and members of their local communities. These awards recognise some fantastic examples of that high level of

dedication and the recipients should be very proud of their achievements.'

John Brodie, Scotmid chief executive, added: 'Scotmid is delighted to be sponsoring the Scottish Ambulance Service Recognition Awards and to recognise these unsung heroes who are saving lives on a daily basis.'

'The Scottish Ambulance Service operates across all the communities of Scotland, which makes it a perfect fit with the communities that Scotmid serves.'

Cycle route drop in session

A public drop-in session to discuss the proposed National Cycle Network Route between Brodick and Corrie was held in the Ormidale Pavilion last Friday.

The partners involved in the feasibility study were keen to hear opinions from local residents who were invited to the public meeting to comment on the project proposals.

The objective of the meeting was to gauge public opinion on the proposals and try to incorporate people's expectations into the overall design.

The drop in session emphasised that any change to the present route should improve safety for all road users both local and tourist alike but that the plans as they stand are still purely conceptual.

The conceptual plans use measures that have been successfully employed at other similar sites in Scotland and are in accordance with national design standards.



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Army cadets last training weekend of the year

'B' Company of the West Lowland Battalion Army Cadet Force, which consists of six detachments in the eastern end of Renfrewshire and in East Renfrewshire, as well as a satellite detachment in Brodick, held their final training weekend of the year at their Ayr Training Centre last weekend.

As it was held late in the year and the weather was rather unpredictable, Skill at Arms

The cadets have had a very busy year

– the art of handling weapons safely, air rifle shooting, map and compass, some Command Tasks – probably better known as Initiative Tests – as well as some foot drill, were the main training on offer.

All adults and cadets must be assessed every six months on any weapon they use.

This building of confidence

and regular weapon handling tests, keeps their safety record with weapons very high.

Adventurous

Captain Lynette Brough from Calderwood, East Kilbride, the local Company Commander said: 'The cadets have put in a very busy year taking part in a vast range of military skills, adventurous

and challenging pursuits and sport.

'This weekend we have concentrated on numerous military skills, with most cadets being assessed to advance towards their next Star grading. All cadets seemed to enjoy the weekend, being up for reveille each morning by 6-30am. Who says teenagers

lie in bed all weekend?'

She added: 'The Army Cadet Force has quite a strong presence in most of our six detachments in the area, Barrhead, Giffnock, Johnstone, the two in Paisley and Brodick on the Isle of Arran.

'I would encourage all young people aged 12 years and over to go along and try their local detachment, you may find you enjoy what's on offer.'



The Arran detachment that attended the final training weekend.



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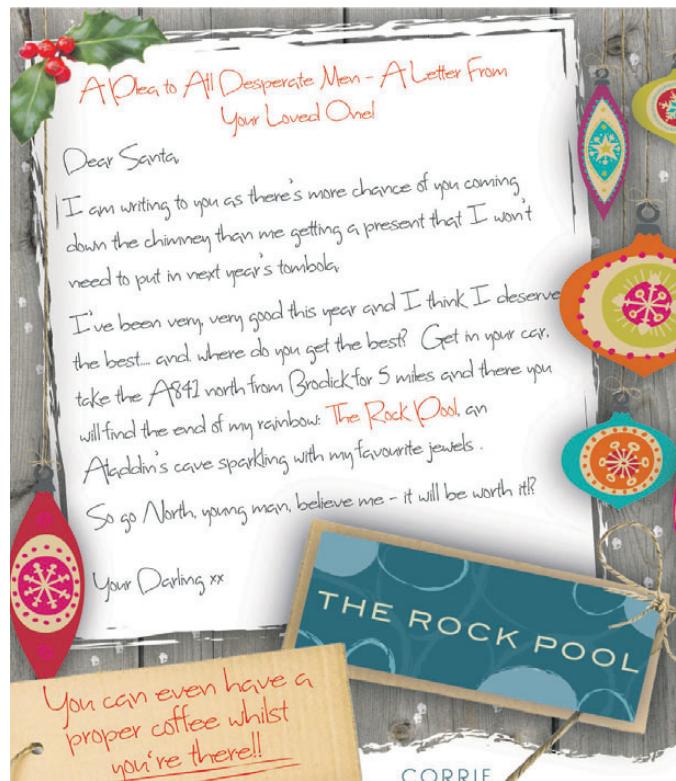
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Arran's MP Katy Clark is raising awareness of the launch of a free information and advice helpline that could help many families and individuals manage and make savings on their fuel bills over the winter months.

The Home Heat Helpline is a Freephone number that has been set up for individuals worried about staying warm over the winter months and the rising cost of their fuel bills.

Anyone who would like to use the helpline should call 0800 33 66 99.

Library unaffected by strike action

In the article last week about the public sector strike on Wednesday we incorrectly stated that the Brodick Library was closed due to the walkout.

The library was indeed closed, not through strike action, but because the Library does not open on Wednesdays.

Readers may like to know that the Library is open: Tuesdays 10am to 5pm, Thursdays and Fridays 10am to 7.30pm and Saturdays 10am to 1pm.

In addition, the Mobile Library is on the road each week on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays and visits all accessible parts of the island, weekly or fortnightly.

Support shown for Provost's Civic Pride Awards

The North Ayrshire Provost's received strong backing from Civic Pride Awards 2012 has a raft of organisations who



Last year's Civic Pride Awards proved to be a great boos to the North Ayrshire region.

Arrange your special uplifts online

Arran's residents can now arrange for the council to collect bulky household waste over the internet.

The online process is very simple. All you have to do is visit the North Ayrshire Council website - www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk - fill in your details and tell them what you want to be uplifted.

You will then be told what date your uplift will take place.

Councillor Tom Barr, spokesperson for the environment, said: 'More and more council services are becoming accessible online, providing a more convenient option for many people.'

It is simple and secure to pay online as well. If you pay by card you will receive an email confirming payment along with a reference number.

There is a charge of £12 for up to five items, with additional items costing £2.40 each (all charges include

VAT). All items for uplift should be grouped together and put out before 7am on the day of collection.

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The council's Recycling Centres will accept small amounts of bulky household items free of charge and you can also access a wide range of re-use and recycling facilities.

have jumped at the chance to celebrate the area's local heroes.

The Provost's Civic Pride Awards and Charity Dinner, which will take place at Seamill Hydro on Friday 23 March will recognise the talent, skills and successes of North Ayrshire's citizens.

And this week, a host of local companies and organisations demonstrated their civic pride by throwing their weight behind the prestigious event.

Following on from the success of last year's Civic Pride Awards and Charity Dinner, Cunningham Housing Association, KA Leisure, Irvine Housing Association and Marley Contracts have shown their support for what is set to be a fantastic celebration of the North Ayrshire's best asset – it's people.

Provost of North Ayrshire Council, Pat McPhee said:

'I am absolutely thrilled that local companies have been so quick to show their support for the second Civic Pride

Awards and Charity Dinner.

'It goes to show that they too are proud of North Ayrshire's past and confident for our future. I hope that many more local businesses and organisations will share in the spirit of the Civic Pride Awards, showing their support for the North Ayrshire's community champions.'

Members of the public are now being asked to nominate their local heroes, active community groups, young citizens, aspiring sportsmen and women, talented local artists and inspirational volunteers.

How to Nominate

Simply fill in the nomination form on this page giving the reasons why you think the person/group should be considered for an award (in 500 words or less) and return it to Communications Team, Chief Executive's Service, North Ayrshire Council, Cunningham House, Irvine KA12 8EE

The closing date for nominations is Friday 3 February at 12noon.

Provost's Civic Pride Awards 2012 Nomination Form

Who are you nominating?

Name of Individual or Group: _____

If a group please give a contact name: _____

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Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Please tick which category your nomination applies to:

North Ayrshire Community Group Award

North Ayrshire Citizen of the Year Award

North Ayrshire Young Citizen of the Year (Under 25 years)

North Ayrshire Arts & Culture Award

North Ayrshire Sports Award

The nominee has agreed to this submission and to any publicity arising from the nomination

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Arran key route in forward planning

'We are looking closely at the needs of this vital route'

Despite fierce criticism this week of the RET plans for Arran, Keith Brown Minister for Housing and Transport said the Scottish Government was determined to look closely at how the Ardrossan to Brodick ferry service could be developed further.

This follows the Scottish Government's announcement last week that the Road Equivalent Tariff scheme will not be introduced to Arran until October 2014.

Mr Brown said: 'We made clear in our announcement our determination to see more islands benefit from RET and that those communities ac-

complie all of the benefits the scheme brings. Indeed, the roll out of a further RET pilot for passenger and cars including small commercial vehicles and coaches to Arran underlines this commitment.

I can provide assurances that as we move to publication of the draft Ferries Plan which we have committed to do before Christmas, that we are looking very closely at the needs of this vital route and that future vessel requirements, operational service levels and the kind of provisions needed at Brodick harbour are front and centre in our thinking.'

There is a festive treat in store for music lovers next Sunday as the Rowan Singers are joining with Arran Brass for their annual Christmas concert.

The choir has been working hard on a varied selection of seasonal songs to wow the audience who will also be asked to do their bit singing carols

accompanied by the band.

Choir items include John Rutter's I wish you Christmas, Christmas Grace and contrasting versions of The Twelve Days of Christmas.

Jolly Atmosphere

John Cruickshank, a choir member, said: 'We hope that the seasonal music and jolly

atmosphere not to mention the mince pies will send everybody home - weather permitting - well set up for the Christmas season.

So come long on Sunday afternoon, December 18, at the Community Theatre in Arran High School and enjoy the music for yourselves.

The Rowan Singers and Arran Brass celebrate in song



The Christmas concert with the Rowan Singers will be a wonderful festive treat for all.

Corrie and Sannox Wednesday Club

The next meeting of Corrie and Sannox Wednesday Club will be held on Wednesday 14 December at 2pm in Corrie and Sannox Village Hall.

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MSP pipped by First Minister

Arran's MSP was pipped to the post by The First Minister last week when Scotland's leader won Best Politician at The Scottish Green Energy Awards 2011 last week.

Kenneth Gibson MSP was nominated by the RSPB for the same award after his campaign against the proposed coal-fired power station at Hunterston. Mr Gibson said: 'It was wonderful to be nominated, however The First Minister has rightly won for his determination to push Scotland forward into the heart of the renewables revolution.

The Scottish Green Energy Awards are in their 10th year and celebrate the contributions of individuals and organisations in the renewable energy industry in Scotland.



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Kilmory host community quiz with a difference

Kilmory Hall held its first Annual Quiz with a difference last weekend.

The teams were mainly made up of groups and organisations who use the Hall.

For example there was the Pool Team, WRI, Post Office and Directors.

Ten teams of four took part, each team submitted five questions to do with their group activities or even questions about this week's Arran Banner.

The winning team was the Local Fire Brigade Team, - John Fitzpatrick, Charlie and Jayne MacAlister and Willie MacAlister.

In second place by only one point were the Whisky Drinkers (local farmers team) -John Picken, Duncan Mulholland, Alan Leek and Richard McMaster.

An incredible £373.50 was raised for hall funds so thanks to the organisers and helpers as well as the community for attending, providing raffles and making the evening so much fun.

Arran Blue claims gold at World Cheese Awards

One of Arran's award-winning specialty cheese manufacturers has once again done the island the proud striking gold on the world stage at this year's Guild of Fine Food World Cheese Awards.

The Bellevue Creamery in Blackwaterfoot won gold for their Arran Blue – a stilton type cheese, which was entered into the world's largest cheese competition that this year had nearly 2,500 entries sampled by 200 expert judges from 34 countries.

Bellevue forms part of the Isle of Arran Cheese Company owned by Gordon Kinibburgh and he said he was delighted with the recognition that came with the award.

Creamery manager Calum Chaplin said: 'We work very hard here to produce the best quality cheese that we can.'

'We only use local milk and all the cheese is produced here on the island. To have the Arran Blue honoured at the World Cheese Awards is a major achievement and one I'm very proud of.'

Nestling in the village of Blackwaterfoot, Bellevue Creamery produces the award winning Arran Blue as well as the Arran Mist – a smooth Brie made using cream – and the Arran Camembert.



Creamery manager Calum Chaplin with the gold award winning Arran Blue. 01_b49bel01

Arran news from the archives of The Oban Times

As part of the 150th anniversary of the Oban Times we have been looking back at Arran news reports from as far back as 1861.

August 1992

The MV Loch Tarbert, Caledonian MacBrayne's new ferry from Lochranza to Claonaig, had its inaugural sailing last week. Caledonian MacBrayne director Mrs Evelyn Sillars, cut the tape at the ceremony and presented ten motorists on board with a complimentary bottle of Calmac's own wine.

The MV Loch Tarbert was built by James Miller and Son of St Monance and was launched in February to meet the increasing demands of the popular route to and from Kintyre. It can carry 18 cars and replaces the MV Loch Ranza which carries 12 cars.

The MV Loch Ranza, which carried a full 20,000 cars between Lochranza and Claonaig in 1991, is to take over the Gigha soon.

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Technology no match for Mother Nature

Following flickers of snow at the beginning of the week, Arran – and in particular its west coast – was then battered by strong gale force winds for three days.

It's that terrifyingly strong sort of wind that feels like it will knock you off your feet and makes you think twice about leaving the house.

Not surprisingly it caused the electricity to go off at some points on the island.

At about 4am on Wednesday morning I awoke to discover that the wind had caused a power cut and there was no electricity in the northern end of the island.

Normally I would just go back to sleep and think nothing of it but lying there it suddenly entered my head that if the power did not come back on the next day and the winds continued to blow there was a real possibility that I might not get a Banner out this week.

We rely so heavily on electric powered technology that without electricity here on Arran I had no means of transferring the stories to head office.

With no computer I couldn't even access the photographs that I had taken the day before to go on the pages.

I knew that in the worst instance I could dictate stories over the phone to my editor or maybe even jump on the ferry and complete the newspaper in Oban but that was a daunting thought.

I really didn't want to have to catch the Tarbert ferry in those wild seas.

Throughout the Banner's 38 year history we had never failed to bring out that week's issue and I worried that I could be about to make the history books.

With great relief by the time I reached the office a few hours later the power had returned but it didn't make me feel any less defenceless against the weather.

There are still warnings of strong winds and snow for many parts including Arran to continue in the next couple of days as the winter cold snap bites.

Gusts of up to 80mph were predicted to hit us here and northern parts of Ireland and England during Thursday afternoon and evening.

The MET Office was advising people to prepare for difficult driving conditions and structural damage.

Today the forecast is for frequent snow showers, before the skies clear tonight bringing the risk of black ice on Saturday.

But the thing that panicked me most in those small hours was the realisation that in

There's no doubt about it – winter is well and truly here!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"The LORD is good to those whose hope is in Him, to the one who seeks Him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD." (Lamentations 3:25-26)

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Letters to the Editor



Santa's Sparkle success

Sir,

We would like to send out a HUGE thank you to all the lovely people that braved the very inclement weather and came along to Santa's Sparkle in Lamlash.

Even though it was blowing a gale and raining horizontally you couldn't dampen the festive cheer that was in the air, which was thanks to the crowds of people who attended (and possibly due to the mulled wine that was flowing!)

We would also like to thank the organisers from the Glenisle Hotel who made sure the event went ahead despite the horrendous weather and quickly adapted the plan when yet another hurdle arose.

Without all their tireless hard work the whole community would have missed out on an excellent event that was enjoyed by all.

So thank you all once again for your fantastic support and we hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did.

Yours,
Stacey (Red Door)
Janelle
(The Curtain House)
Tracy (The Boat House)
And Lynn (Buntys)

Strike salutations

Sir,

I would like to say congratulations to all those on Arran who came out last Wednesday and made a sacrifice to show their feelings about the value of their pensions.

Despite some hostile views on the island the day was an overwhelming success.

In neighbouring Argyll and Bute the strike was solid throughout the mainland and islands, just as it was in North Ayrshire.

Trade union members who did work have only exposed their weakness at a time when employers are reducing the workforce and making cuts.

The 20,000 strong march in Glasgow attended by North Ayrshire strikers, included Councillor David O'Neill Leader of NAC, and was applauded by bystanders.

In the private sector, pension funds were stolen, reduced or

Margie Currie's letter in last week's Banner reflects many of the myths: we want fair pensions for all and not a race to the bottom so that public sector workers are as badly off as others - that will only throw a greater burden onto the welfare state as people get older.

The increase in our contributions will not be redistributed, but will go to the Treasury to pay off the deficit i.e. straight into the pockets of the bankers who caused this crisis.

This is due to choices our government are making and is not inevitable: the welfare state was built at a time of greater public debt after World War Two, but at a time when the super-rich were kept in check.

Our pensions are not 'gold plated' - the average is about £5,000 per year amongst council workers and about the same for civil servants.

We are not 'lucky' to have them - decent pensions should be a right for all and not a privilege for the few. This struggle is far from over.

Yours,
Colin Turbett
Chairperson
North Ayrshire UNISON

Rights have been struggled for

Sir,

Two letters and an editorial critical of the public sector strike beg a response.

The right to work only an eight hour day rather than 16, to have a break, to have holidays, to have a pension, to be safe at work is all part of a 200 year struggle to give people the chance to be 'human' rather than 'beasts of burden'.

These rights are constantly under threat, in both public and private sectors. Short term contracts, low pay, curbing union power, weekly working hours of a length which absolves employers of responsibilities including those of pension contributions are all part of the Thatcher revolution which was facilitated by the demoralising effect of three million unemployed.

That will take some doing but in the meantime rights, which have been struggled for, and promises made should be insisted upon.

Yours,
John Inglis
Red House
High Corrie

Open as normal

Sir,

I have just been reading this week's Banner and would like to point out that the

done away with as job security was eroded.

Anti-union legislation and structural changes in the workplace made defending their rights difficult for private sector workers but in no way should that be accepted as right or the norm.

In seeming to advocate this Margie Currie quotes Cameron 'we are all in this together'.

This is far from the truth. The discrepancy between rich and poor in Britain is the greatest of all advanced European countries.

The very wealthy are steadily enriching themselves as can be seen in the buoyant housing market for mansions.

Private sector directors' pay increases are accelerating while bank debt is socialised and the profit privatised.

We are expected to accept that our lives depend on the spiv, casino culture that ruined us.

It is well to remember that the public-school millionaires who rule us will never have to face austerity or hardship or even take responsibility for the decisions they make since they can retreat to their country pads with a lucrative public pay-out and leave political decisions to the next wave of the same.

It is a mistake to pit workers in the private sector against those of the public since it diverts attention away from the huge corporation and banking elite in whose interests we are governed and for whose greed we are expected to pay.

No sense in piously hoping for an upturn in the economy when what we need is much more of an 'overtur'.

That will take some doing but in the meantime rights, which have been struggled for, and promises made should be insisted upon.

Yours,
Andy Morrison
Agri-environment Adviser
CKD Galbraith

KA Leisure facility on Arran was not affected by the strike last Wednesday as stated in the Arran Banner report and was in fact open as normal. Yours,

Maureen Smith
KA Activity Co-ordinator
KA Campus Arran

Wildlife friendly farming

Sir,

I want to thank the Arran natural History Society and Jim Cassels in particular for the assistance given when I applied for Scottish Rural Development Programme (SRDP) agri-environment funding for four Arran farms.

Three of these farms were successful in being offered contracts in part due to the support of the society. Unfortunately one was rejected.

Arran has been allocated £2million from the SRDP of which £1.5million is for agri-environment schemes.

This is paid over five years for farms to manage features like hedges, water margins and harvest grass in a wildlife friendly manner.

It is an important source of income for island farmers who have to operate with higher costs than on the mainland

The contracts need to be followed closely or the funds can be withdrawn or require to be repaid.

In order to access the funding farmers have to submit an application which is detailed and specific to each farm.

This is assessed by case officers from SGRPID, SNH or Forestry Commission depending on the options chosen and the funding is allocated if the application scores highly enough on the scoring system.

I have been lucky enough to have instructions from another three farms for applications in 2012 but there is always room for more.

Yours,
John Inglis
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Core paths?

Sir,
I also attended the meeting

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on the Arran Safe Road Initiative and I wish them well with their effort.

Core Paths, as Colin says, were designed in 2009 to meet the needs of communities and visitors for recreation and everyday journeys.

These core paths are paths, waterways or any other means of crossing land to facilitate, promote and manage the exercise of access rights under the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003.

I do not believe that this act was introduced for the provision of a cycle track on Brodick's new promenade where access was readily available for pedestrians, it was to make available areas that, for whatever reason, were not easily accessed.

The road was readily available for mobile transportation.

It is technically illegal to cycle on footpaths/pavements as per the Highway Code.

I would therefore contest that Core Paths, which includes pavements, does not supersede the Highway Code.

The police would have been informed otherwise Colin would have had a different answer.

Indeed, I would suggest that this interpretation is directly obstructing the police in their duty under the Highway Code.

The Arran Road Safety initiative was basically aimed at reducing the 20 odd accidents last year involving cyclists treated at Lamlash Hospital.

I would suggest that cyclists could help themselves with the fitting of lights (which many don't have) and having them on day or night.

Bikes used to have bells but I don't see or hear them today and what about the wearing of helmets!

Motorists are prosecuted for using mobile phones; are cyclists?

The wearing of headphones is another regular sight.

Cyclists knowledge of the Highway Code appears to be suspect or do they just ignore it.

Example: at the one way system at Curries' in Brodick, cars and cyclists are often seen going the wrong way. This is an accident waiting to happen.

Yours,
Geoff Collins
Brodick

Editor's note: The routes identified as Core Paths on Arran by North Ayrshire Council do include the Brodick Promenade and the path from Brodick Pier towards Lamlash.

Off that bike!

Sir,

If cyclists wish to use pavements, all they have to do is get off their bikes and push!

Yours,
Hazel Wright
By E-mail

The Fourth Estate

Sir,

The Banner is not alone in not naming the people mentioned in police reports.

Our Penrith paper, the 'Herald', does this too – people are not named until they appear in court (if they do).

Certainly not all journalists are bad.

The press's vigilance and probing is a vital bastion of liberty and democracy.

Not for nothing is the press known as the 'Fourth Estate'.

However, it needs to act with probity, not with a desire to wreck people's lives by exaggerated prurience or fictions.

Yours,
Jeremy Godwin
15 Drovers Lane
Penrith

Memory lane

Sir,

A friend sent me a copy of the Banner from 19 November and it was just lovely to see the photographs of the pupils of Arran High School Business Studies Department taken when we had adults in to have some tuition on the 'Apple Macs'.

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It was a delightful afternoon and the headmaster Mr David Oakes, and myself, were extremely proud of the way in which the pupils welcomed, taught and provided tea and cakes to the 10 adults who had accepted the invitation given in a previous Banner to come in for an afternoon.

Curiously enough, just a few days ago, when cleaning a cupboard, I came upon the videotape made that day!

I have been living in Spain now for almost 12 years, but still have very happy memories of my time and my pupils at Arran High School.

I would love to hear how they are getting on and if any one of them would like to e-mail me, my address is johneileen.jackson@gmail.com

I hope that life has been good to them and that their time spent in the Business Studies room has been of use.

Best wishes to all of them.

Yours,
Eileen Jackson
Oficina de Correos
Malaga
Spain

Skypy, Beba or Twitty

Sir,

Well, back to Arran after a short break abroad and grateful for the friendly folk I met while away.

A little bit lost in Seville but a gentleman in a hi-viz jacket came to my rescue and asked if he could help; he seemed

to be involved in some sort of traffic operation and he explained that he worked for the local council.

I was concerned that I was dragging him away from his work but he said it was okay as he really only made sure that the delayed drivers, their spouses and other family members were keeping well and that he kept himself up-to-date with local news.

I followed his long bounding gait as he directed me to my hostel and he explained that if I wished to join him later in the local taverna and buy him a drink he would regale me with tales of Old Seville.

If your searching for a friendly face in the area you could do a lot worse than hunt out Juan Kelsito.

I was still concerned that he would be in trouble for deserting his post but he assured me that he belonged to an elite group of highly paid workers revered for

their special skills – known throughout Europe as The Gitteratti.

While I was away my wife Janette (a plain woman but a good woman) was persuaded by some of her younger work colleagues to become involved in social networking.

Due to Janette's limited education (Arran High School) she often asks my advice on matters academic; in this instance however I was a little stumped due to my less than comprehensive knowledge of the subject.

I decided to go with my instincts and look carefully at the names of the various options as I feel that this approach, although less than scientific, often works.

Would it be Skypy or Beba or Twitty.

It was a tricky one, deciding which name appeared to suit Janette's circumstances, but after due consideration I reckoned that looking at Janette, the most appropriate site would be Facelift so we're going for that.

Yours,
Marc Head
Whiting Bay

War horses sought

Sir,

I am a researcher for Testimony Films, one of Britain's leading social history documentary companies. I am currently working on a new documentary for Channel Four that explores the role of horses and the cavalry through the First World War.

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Corrie Christmas Craft Fayre

Event boosts local craft sales

Mincemeat and mistletoe were in abundance at the Corrie Christmas Craft Fayre on Saturday signalling that the festive season is well underway.

Held in the Corrie and Sanox Village Hall, the new event was designed to boost sales of local crafts as well as add some much needed Christmas cheer to the village.

There was even a special appearance from Santa Clause! Father Christmas had clearly had some trouble getting to

the hall as his broken down sleigh and reindeers arrived on the back of Angus Lambie's recovery truck.

Perhaps the reindeers were simply resting in preparation for a busy Christmas eve.

Inside there were stalls from The Boathouse in Brodick, The Curtain House in Lamalsh and The Rockpool in Corrie all selling wonderful festive gifts.

Other craft people attending the event included Vivian Coulthard of Island Porcelain, Nici Boni with her

Pooch leather handbags, Assja Baumgartner with her handmade jewellery and Colin and Laura Currie from bridge Farm with their home-grown, seasonal produce.

There was also delicious homebaking on sale as well as wonderful Christmas cards designed and made by the pupils at Corrie Primary School.

Added to all of this, the Arran Brass band performed delightful festive favourites all afternoon from the stage inside the hall.



Liz and Georgie Woods were manning the craft table where youngsters were able to decorate festive treats. 01_b49cor03



Santa arrived on the back of Angus Lambie's breakdown truck.



Aidan Gold was selling the Corrie School Christmas cards. 01_b49cor01



Vivian Coulthard from Island Porcelain with her daughter Rebecca. 01_b49cor02

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Shaken not stirred, for safe roads campaigners

Members and supporters of the Arran Safe Road-Sharing Initiative were shaken – but not stirred – at a special fund-raising cocktail night held last Saturday night.

The event was held at the Arran Mountain Rescue Team base at Cladach and those attending were asked to create



Campbell Laing, right, from the Arran Distillery presents Shirley Anderson with a bottle of 10-year old malt for winning the best Arran Whisky-based cocktail.

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winner on the night was Shirley Anderson with her 'Brodick Bifty Two' which is made by layering equal measures of Kahlua, Tia Maria and Arran Gold in that order.

The verdict of the judges was that it was 'an excellent

well-rounded cocktail which would be particularly nice after dinner'.

The Arran Safe Road-Sharing Initiative was founded in September of this year by local ambulance staff, Shirley Anderson and Neil Gillies.

Their aim is to reduce accidents on Arran's roads by providing information and advice to cyclists, drivers and other road users.

They would like to thank all those who attended the Cocktail Night and thank Arran Mountain Rescue Team for allowing them to use the team base. Also, many thanks to Arran Whisky, Arran Dairies and Brodick Co-op for sponsoring the event.

The money raised will go towards their campaign to reduce cycle and other accidents on Arran roads.



Trevor Bambridge and Sarah Gillies creating their own cocktails.



Lynn Boal and Tracy Gibson sampling the cocktails.

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Celebration of Enterprise

Business Gateway held its Celebration of Enterprise Event on Friday 21st October at the Douglas Hotel. My goodness what an event, the majority of the great and good of the island were there to celebrate and to network. Guests were greeted by Piper Iain Clarke from Swallowbrae who also treated guests to an impromptu piano recital.

Our mainland guests were very impressed at the turnout of almost 70 and at the great conversations which sprung up around the room, the new young businesses shared their experiences to date and the existing businesses told us about their marketing strategies and their efforts in improving their customer experience.

Many of the guests had benefited from receiving support from the Enterprise Growth Grant and were only too keen to tell people about it.

As the facilitator of the event, Arranshand would like to thank all of the attendees, the Douglas Hotel for their accommodation of the event and the tasty lunch and in particular Margie Currie for her fine vote of thanks. To those who missed the event and regret not coming, those who forgot, were on holiday and the lady who e-mailed Arranshand to say "Can't come my 77 year old father has just electrocuted himself, hit himself on the head with a hammer and fallen off a ladder - wasn't his fault he was tired after laying slabsthe day before." Think of a better excuse next time!

Arranshand

The Challenges of Moving

An established business moving from one part of the Island to another might not seem a huge endeavour, but Ailsa McNicol and Margo McLellan had to convince their customers that Corrie would be the place to visit on the Island for beautiful gifts, Ailsa having been established in Brodick for over 30 years as a jeweller and silversmith and Margo selling her bespoke mirrors there since 1998. When the opportunity arose to relocate to The Rock Pool in the Spring, they knew that help with marketing would be required to inform local folk and visitors what their new venture was all about. Business Gateway was on hand to help and advise them and, with design input from Eilidh Rhead of Revolting Developments, they soon had an information package of bedroom pack leaflets, postcards, business cards, signage and A boards organised with Eilidh's logo for the Rock Pool, drawn from the shop's seashore location in Corrie.

With some local press advertising customers were informed that

The Rock Pool was open for business and that along with their selection of gifts and jewellery, Ailsa and Margo were able to provide coffees, teas and refreshments from their lovely shop.

They are thoroughly enjoying their stay in Corrie and are delighted with the way the Rock Pool has turned out for them.



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Business Gateway Enterprise Growth Fund Over the past few months we have been encouraging businesses to talk to us about Marketing, Software and Training and advising that we will support you in your endeavours with a 50% grant. We want to make sure that this funding goes forward after March 2012, so get your thinking caps on and get your application in ASAP. Contact Derek on 01770 302676 or arranshand@googlemail.com

Santa Sparkles

A big well done to the Directors of the Glenisle Hotel who despite lots of major challenges successfully hosted their collaborative extravaganza where Christmas came early to Lamlash with Fireworks, Light Show, Music, Magician, Santa, lots of colourful stalls selling all kinds of goodies and most of all lots of happy Arran people and participants in a really nice atmosphere.

Business Gateway was proud to support this event.

Social Media Event – know your tweets from your likes

After a highly successful visit to Irvine to North Ayrshire Council's e-business event, Arranshand is bringing some Social Media experts to Arran for a one off Social Media event.

Representatives from NS Designs, a company specialising in business internet solutions, will lead business owners through the sometimes confusing, but always rewarding, uses of Social Media. The schedule for the event includes:

Social Media Round-up

A fast and furious round-up of the current social media scene. This session will look at the fundamental shift towards social media as a communications tool, provide a selection of case studies, and introduce you to some of the newcomers on the social networking landscape.

Become a Twitter Power user!

Twitter is so much more than a celebrity gossip tool! - Using our Seven Steps to Twitter Success, you'll see how to get the most out of Twitter, and see how it can make a massive impact to how your business communicates, finds sales leads, and researches new ideas plus much more. We'll also focus on strategies to build an effective Twitter following.

Facebook for business.

A detailed look at Facebook, and how to successfully implement a Facebook page for business. Includes setting up a personal profile, Facebook privacy issues, differences between Facebook pages and groups, advanced customisation of your page and some of the more advanced features to make Facebook work for you.

Defining a Social media Strategy

Having the Facebook and Twitter account is just the start. Knowing what you want to do with them, and how to do it, will form part of your overall social media strategy - an important part of ensuring that your business benefits from embracing social media. Includes: understanding where your clients will "be" on social media, plans to talk to them effectively, and a detailed look at monitoring and evaluating your success.

The event will take place in the Auchrannie on 16th December from 11.15 til 15.30. Tickets are £16.50 including lunch and coffees, there are only 20 places so book quickly. Please contact Arranshand on 01770 302 676 to book your place.

Join the Chamber

Can you afford not to be a member of your local Chamber?

Ayrshire Chamber is a completely independent and not for profit organisation with one straightforward objective. We exist solely to promote and facilitate business between our members and others, therefore representing the best interests of the community by encouraging commercial growth and local prosperity.

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Starting a new business? Looking to grow your existing business? Need advice, practical information and support?

Contact your local **Business Gateway** Representative, Arranshand on 01770 302 676 or visit www.bgateway.com

Independent living charity celebrates 10-year milestone

The Ayrshire Independent Living Network, an important charity that supports people across Arran, celebrated its tenth birthday with a gathering of clients, council officers and invited guests at the Michael Lynch Centre for enterprise in Ardrossan on Friday.

The organisation was started by a group of people who wanted to see a change in the way social services support and care was delivered.

They wanted to support and encourage individuals to take up the option of direct payments - funding given to individuals who need support through social services meaning the individual can then arrange their own support in a way that suits them.

The group were successful in getting a lottery grant for the

first three years and since then has received partial funding from the three Ayrshire councils – North, East and South.

AILN is run by a board of directors whose members are all volunteers and most have experience of getting services from social services, some using direct payments.

The service is provided throughout North, East and South Ayrshire.

A spokesman for the organisation said: ‘The main purpose of the service is to provide information on direct payments and how it can be used.

‘We offer a practical ‘one stop shop’ in different ways of getting support/care, this includes safe recruitment practice and a payroll service. Four members of staff are employed within these services.’

The Board of Directors would like to thank their staff, customers, supporters and everyone who has been associated with them over this period.

The spokesman added: ‘There is a busy time ahead for Ayrshire Independent Living Network in relation to the North Ayrshire Council Personalisation Strategy, the Scottish Government 10 year Self-Directed Support Strategy and the proposed Self-Directed Support Bill.

‘All of these will give individuals more say in how they can have support.’

She added: ‘AILN has 10 years of experience in assisting people to become more independent and is here to continue offering support to existing and new customers.’ Ayrshire Independent Living Network can be contacted by phoning 01294 475685.



Sylvain Chomet's delightful animation, based on a script by Jacques Tati, *The Illusionist*. b49ill01NO

Christmas Treat in film double bill

A treat for young and old is available this weekend in Corrie and Sannox Village Hall – the Christmas double bill.

Earlier in the evening, director Sylvain Chomet's delightful animation, based on a script by Jacques Tati, *The Illusionist*.

In search of gigs, an ageing magician takes his grumpy old rabbit and leaves Paris for London, then heads north to the Scottish isles and finally Edinburgh.

Along the way he is joined by bored and lonely little Alice, who believes his tricks are the real thing.

After supper, comes another

delight in the shape of *Soft Top Hard Shoulder* directed by Stefan Schwartz.

The ‘soft top’ refers to the dear old Triumph Herald convertible and if you add in Peter Capaldi, Richard Wilson, Simon Callow and Phyllis Logan to name but four wonderful actors, you begin to get the idea that this film is a lot of fun.

The Illusionist starts at 5pm (PG 77minutes) and *Soft Top* at 8pm (cert.15) this Sunday (December 11) in Corrie and Sannox Village Hall.

Admission is free.

Supper will be served between the films so why not make it a full evening.

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Sat 10th, 17th and 24th

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For winter health advice visit www.nhsinform.co.uk

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SCOTLAND

Bird Notes: by Jim Cassels

While parts of the beginning of November were dry and settled, the latter part of the month was decidedly unsettled and wet.

The rainfall was similar to last November but the mean temperature this November was almost five degrees higher than November 2010.

Perhaps this milder weather influenced the arrival or non-arrival of some of our winter visitors.

To date there have been no records of Waxwing, Brambling or Goldeneye.

While last year three species

of grey goose were recorded in November, only the Greylag was recorded this year and the largest group of these, 72 in the Shiskine Valley on the 22nd, is considerably smaller than the normal numbers.

No doubt as the temperature falls the situation will change: part of the fascination of watching birds.

Having said this, over 90 species were recorded in Arran in November.

Both the Jay and White-tailed Eagle, which featured in the October Notes, lingered until the 4th.

The Jay was last seen on Lamlash Golf Course and the eagle on Cleats Shore.

Another highlight was a female Scaup. This duck was on the sea between the entrance to Brodick Castle and the Wineport on the 21st and 22nd, the first record since 2003.

Wintering

Among the wintering birds were: 24 Lapwing on Cleats Shore on the 2nd, 400 Redwing at High Kildonan on the 3rd, 30 Twite on Cleats Shore on the 4th, 23 Whooper Swans in the Shiskine Valley on the 5th, up to 1,000 Fieldfare at Slid-

der also on the 5th, eight Purple Sandpiper at Kildonan on the 8th, 300 Golden Plover at Machriewaterfoot on the 14th, 60 Teal at Kilpatrick on the 14th, 12 Wigeon at Cosyden on the 14th and 25 Turnstone at Clauchlands on the 29th. Other sightings in November included: seven Common Crossbill at High Kildonan on the 4th, an Arctic Skua in Brodick Bay on the 5th, two Little Grebe off the Holy Isle on the 7th, two Great Skua harassing Kittiwakes at Glenashdalewaterfoot on the 10th, four Moorhen at Port-



Two Great Skua were seen harassing Kittiwakes at Glenashdalewaterfoot.

na-Lochan on the 14th, a male Goosander in Loch Ranza on the 18th, a Kingfisher on Fisherman's Walk Brodick on the 23rd and two Short-eared Owls on Garbh Allt on the 27th. All three divers were reported round the coast. These included: four Red-throated Divers off Pirnmill on the 1st, a Great Northern Diver off Blackwaterfoot on the 6th and ten Black-throated Divers off Cosyden on the 14th. Gardens are safe refuges during the winter months and these are some of the November reports from gardens round the island: 40 Blackbird at Shannochie on the 6th, 10 Coal Tit at Kingscross on the 10th, 10 Bullfinch in Kilmory

on the 11th, eight Long-tailed Tit at Lamlash on the 15th, three Dunnock in Shiskine on the 17th, 20 Chaffinch in Brodick on the 20th, a regular Great Spotted Woodpecker at Strabane on the 24th and a female Yellowhammer in Shiskine on the 29th.

Enjoy your birding.

Please send any bird notes with 'what, when, where' to me at Kilpatrick Kennels, Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot, KA27 8EY, or e mail me at james.cassels@virgin.net. I look forward to hearing from you. For more information on birding on Arran purchase the "Arran Bird Report 2010" and visit this website www.arranbirding.co.uk



Another highlight in November was a female Scaup spotted near to the Wineport.



Ten Bullfinch were spotted in Kilmory on November 11.

Christmas at Brodick Castle

Celebrate Christmas in style this year!

Victorian Christmas at Brodick

Sun 11 Dec, 12-4pm

The halls are decked, Santa's ready with his Christmas book and the smell of mulled wine and mince pies is wafting up from the kitchen!

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As well as Father Christmas, there'll be carol singing, roasted chestnuts, Christmassy crafts and much more! A fantastic day out for all the family.
£12 Family, £5 adult, £3 concession.

Christmas Wreath Workshop

Sat 17 Dec, 2-4pm

Learn how to make your own wreath and decorate it with lots of natural materials from the castle grounds. We'll provide the materials and some seasonal refreshments – just bring your creativity!
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CHRISTMAS CONCERT

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Saturday 10th December
7.30pm
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Festive break for music and drama club

Rehearsals for the forthcoming musical 'Little Shop of Horrors' moved into the festive season on a social note when the members enjoyed the Hollywood film version of the unusual and entertaining show.

Afterwards they all went along to join the famous Ormidale Quiz.

As several club members are also cast in the popular Lamlash Drama Club Christmas Pantomime – oh yes they are – rehearsals will now stop until January 12.

Since you won't want to miss seeing the most amazing pi plant ever, take note of the dates Monday 4 June to Saturday 9 June for the musical 'Little Shop of Horrors'.

The Rowan Singers
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and Arran Brass
Celebrate In Song
Sunday 18th December
2.30pm
Arran High School
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Adults £6 Children £2
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The Arran Banner 20 years ago

Saturday, December 14, 1991

Fares fair?

CalMac will introduce a new variable fares structure for cars, which will make a significant break with the present system.

Broadly it will include three bands of fares.

The cheapest of these will be used on all sailings out of season.

The middle band will be used on sailings during the summer, while the expensive band will be for certain sailings during the summer.

The aim is to encourage travellers to use these sailings, which are less heavily booked and discourage them from using the busiest sailings.

Home for Christmas?

Bill and Lorna Hay and their two children are currently the only permanent residents at the Twelve Apostles in Cata-

col – but they may not be able to spend Christmas there.

Moved out last April while a complete refurbishment of the Row took place, they were told they would certainly be back in by Christmas.

And now, although their house is virtually ready, CDC have said they cannot move back in as the others are not ready.

Jack and the Beanstalk

Lamlash Drama Club's Christmas pantomime this year is to be Jack and the Beanstalk.

On Thursday evening Lamlash Community Centre was virtually full and judging by the child participation, it is every bit as successful as previous productions.

All in the family

The prizes at Thursday's Christmas Cattle Show and Sale at Brodick Market were

kept within the Soutter family of South Feorline with Colin Soutter winning the overhead champion with a pure Limousin steer and his father Alan winning the reserve championship with a pure bred Aberdeen Angus.

The champion, named Terminator, subsequently sold for £950 to Paisley Butcher Jim McDowell.

Operation Carelift

Peter Jones and his daughter Claire of Arran Outdoor Centre, together with David Brown who works in the kitchen there, are all going on a most unusual trip.

Part holiday, part mission, but mainly humanitarian they are travelling to Moscow on January 1 to join 40 others on 'Operation Carelift'.

The expedition aims to bring a little help where it is most needed among the hungry and medicine deficient Russian people.



Brodick Brownies made 'a line of pennies' along the Shore Road in Brodick last Saturday morning to raise funds for their pack. b49twe03



Time for some fun after Thursday's Christmas Cattle Show and Sale at Brodick Market. b49twe02



Bill and Lorna Hay, right, are hoping to be back in their home at Number 1 The Row by Christmas. Also in the photo are Norman and Andrea Bond with their sons Chris and Michael, who live behind the Row. b49twe04

Eilidh Campbell as Sally and Yvonne Brothers as the star of Jack and the Beanstalk. b49twe01

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Last week Archie was on Kildonan Shore with the impressive mound of Bennan Head in the background. First correct answers came from Alison Gibb in Perthshire and Colin Myers in Wetherby. This week he is sitting in front of some green gates but can anyone guess where they are?



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

Christmas in the Shiskine Valley!

Sunday 11th December

Christmas Tree lighting ceremony from 4pm at Blackwaterfoot Playpark

Family carol singing
Arran Brass Band
Chestnut Roasting
A visit from Santa
Mulled Wine
Juice & Crisps
Fireworks

All welcome!

'Deck the halls' for a Victorian Christmas

Christmas, that most important time of year, is almost upon us, and at Brodick Castle this Sunday the scene will be set for the most magical festive scene.

For it is here that visitors can be transported back in time to a wonderful Victorian Christmas.

Staff and volunteers transform the house from top to bottom with a huge fir tree brought in by the gardeners that dominated the front hall.

Strung with fairy lights it reaches up through the stairwell to the first floor.

Though fire regulations prohibit real candles that in years gone by required the presence of a footman armed with a bucket of sand, it's still guaranteed to draw exclamations of delight.

Garlands of greenery swath the elegant staircase.

Numerous small trees are dotted about the house with the dining room a veritable winter wonderland!

For this one day in December the castle comes alive and can be seen as it might have been at Christmas a century ago.

A house party is in progress though the Duchess is confined to her bed with the vapours.

Entertain

However, there are numerous houseguests to entertain visitors with carols and Christmas crafts and a whole programme of events for youngsters and those who are perhaps not so young other than at heart.

As in previous years the choir from Brodick School will sing their way round the house while the strains of Arran Brass resounds from the hall.

Street vendors will have set out their wares in the Victorian



At Brodick Castle this Sunday the scene will be set for the most magical festive scene. 01_b49cas02

kitchen selling gifts to suit every pocket and there will be mulled wine and mince pies for all in the old servant's hall.

And, upstairs in the library, a most important visitor in a red suit will greet young guests and carefully record Christmas

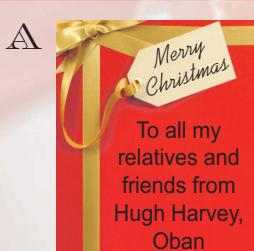
wishes in his ledger for future reference. There is always plenty of good-natured banter and exchanging of seasonal wishes amongst our guests, a truly Arran occasion.

Tickets cost £12 for a family of four, £5 for adults and £3 for concessions.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday Cup, 23 November. Four 'eejits' ventured out despite a forecast which turned out to be correct. So it was no surprise that after nine holes they all trooped back to the warmth of the clubhouse with their tails between their drookit legs. Wednesday Cup, 30 November. Five turned out on a blustery day, fortunately the forecast was again correct and the rain held off until after completion of the round. J Dick (Whitley Bay) got the only two, which would have ended up in the Rosa if it hadn't scudded off the pin into the hole. Dougie Robertson had an excellent game to win easily from L Hartley and J Dick. 1 D Robertson 61, 2 L Hartley 63, 3 J Dick 64. League (best five results) 1 J Green 317, 2 D Robertson 319, 3 J Dick 320.

Sunday 4 December, Sweep, 13 played. 1 I MacDonald (7)37pts, 2 H Tait (17)36pts, 3 D McKinnie (9)36pts. There were no twos.

Fixtures: Sunday 11 December, Brandon and Winter Cup, open draws at 9am and 12 noon.

Arran Golfers Association
Winter league, Duncan Trophy 2011, second round. Due to the inclement weather on Sunday the matches had to be cancelled, weather permitting they will now take place at Whiting

Bay Golf Club on Saturday 10 December. Draw: Whiting Bay v Brodick at 10am, Corrie v Shiskine at 10.50am, Machrie Bay v Lamlash at 11.50am.

Could all Club Captains please leave team sheets and results for Dougie to pick up from the clubhouse please? Please note, if the weather beats us again this weekend, half points will be awarded to all teams and December's games will not be played.

Northend Vikings

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

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

Shiskine Golf Club

Sunday 4 December, Gents 12 Hole Medal and Winter Cup, 10 played. 1 B Green 54-12=42, 2 and Scratch D K Henderson 46-3=43, 3 C Rae 51-7=44. Magic twos from C Rae and B Sherwood.

Fixtures: Ryder Cup Sunday 11 December and Sunday 18 December.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

The AGA Winter League match due to be played at Whiting Bay on Sunday 4 December was postponed due to the weather conditions and will now be played on Saturday 10. First match, Whiting Bay v Brodick starting at 10am.

Sunday 11 December, Winter Cup Round three. Usual draws at 9am and 11am.

Machrie Bay Golf Club
Saturday 3 December, Lochranza Hotel Cup and Freebie Final. With wintry showers and the course already very wet underfoot scoring was difficult for the few hardy souls who turned up. The winner of the Freebie final was Hamish Bannatyne.

Sweep results: 1 Hamish Bannatyne 30pts, 2 Brian Sherwood 25pts, 3 John McGovern 24pts.
Fixtures: Tuesday 13 December, Winter Cup tee-off at 12noon.

Lamlash Golf Club
There was no golf last week due to the inclement weather.

Fixtures: Saturday 10 December, Winter League game at Whiting Bay, Lamlash v Machrie (postponed from last week). Sunday 12 December, Glenburn Cup, 9.30am and 12noon starts. Thursday 15 December, 15 Hole Competition, make up own groups. Sunday 18 December, Winter Friendly with Whiting Bay at Lamlash 10.30am for 11am start. Monday 26 December, Boxing Day Game, 11am start.

Corrie Golf Club

Saturday 3 December, third round of Winter Cup, seven played, CSS 61. 1 S Beardsley 66-6=60. There was one magic two from Bob Rooney.

Monday 5 December, Monday Cup, 10 played. 1 J Adams 69-6=63, 2 B Barr 80-16=64. There were magic twos from A McDonald and J McGovern.

Fixtures: Saturday 11 December, AGA Winter League at Whiting Bay, same times – best of luck to the team.

Saturday 11 December at Corrie, Sweep at 8.30am and 12noon.

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SATURDAY 10th DECEMBER

Karate
 Family Games
 Fun In The Pool
 Over 21's Disco
 Arran Dancers (4 years and up)
 Teddy Bears Picnic
 Kids Family Quiz
 Friends of Lochranza Kirk Christmas Fayre
 Christmas Market
 Lamlash Pantomime

Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am - 12.30pm
 Auchrannie Games Hall 3pm - 4pm
 Auchrannie Spa Pool 4pm - 5pm
 The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
 Arran High School, 10am
 The Playbarn, Auchrannie, 2pm - 3pm
 The Playbarn, Auchrannie, 5pm - 6pm
 Lochranza & Catacol Hall, 2pm - 4pm
 Whiting Bay Hall, 11am - 2.30pm
 High School, Matinee 2pm, evening 7.30pm

SUNDAY 11th DECEMBER

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

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

MONDAY 12th DECEMBER

Over 50's Badminton
 Badminton
 Weight Wise
 Ladies Netball
 Citizens Advice
 BreathWalk Class
 Table Tennis
 Hatha Yoga
 Lamlash Bridge
 Activity Time The Playbarn, Auchrannie 1pm - 2pm (toddlers)
 Come Dance with Me - LeRoc Modern Jive
 Scottish Country Dancing for Beginners and Improvers
 Yoga
 Arran Junior Football
 Circuit Training

Lochranza Village Hall 2pm - 4pm
 Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
 Hospital Bungalow, 5pm - 5.30pm
 High School Sports Hall - Seniors 7.30pm - 9pm
 Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 10am - 2pm
 Kinneil, Lamlash 5.15pm
 Corrie Hall, 6.30pm
 Arran High School, 6pm - 7.30pm
 Lamlash Golf Clubhouse, 7pm
 Whiting Bay Hall, 7.30pm
 Corrie Hall, 2pm - 4pm
 High School, 6pm
 Ormidale Park, 6pm - 7.30pm
 Auchrannie Spa Gym, 6pm - 7pm

TUESDAY 13th DECEMBER

Lochranza Swimming Club
 Army Cadets

Kinloch 11am - 12pm
 Auchrannie Road, 7.30pm - 9.30pm



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

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

WEDNESDAY 14th DECEMBER

Hockey
Tae Kwonko
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Brass Rehearsal
Selt Making Class
Senior Badminton
Museum, Archives & Geneology Service
Yogalates
Live Country Music
Aquafizz
Musical Mayhem Class Parents & Little Ones
Kids Games
Circuit Training
Coffee Morning

Auchrannie Hall, 7pm - 8pm Games Hall
 KA Leisure, Kids 6.30 - 7.30pm. Adults 7.30 - 8.30pm
 Lamlash Church Hall - 7.30pm- 9pm
 Whiting Bay Hall 7.15pm
 Shipfield, Lamlash, 10am - 4pm
 High School Games Hall, 8pm - 9pm
 10.30am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 3.30pm
 9.30am to 10.30am Auchrannie Studio
 Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
 Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45am - 10.30am
 Auchrannie Dance Studio, 10.45am
 The Playbarn, Auchrannie, 5pm - 6pm
 Auchrannie Spa Games Hall 6pm - 7pm
 Lamlash Church 10.15am - 12pm

THURSDAY 15th DECEMBER

General Knowledge Quiz
Lochranza Craft Club
Coffee Morning
Youth Club
General Knowledge Quiz
Brodick Embroidery Club
Brodick Bridge Club
Winter Bowls
Lunchbox

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
 Hall, 2pm
 St Molios Church 10.30am - 12pm
 Youth Cabin, Lamlash 7-9pm
 Kinloch Bar, 9pm
 Brodick Library, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
 Brodick Golf Club, 7pm
 Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7pm - 9pm
 Ormidale Pavilion, 12.30pm - 2.30pm

FRIDAY 16th DECEMBER

Quiz
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Kids Party Games
Arran Ceilidh Group
Coffee Morning

Whiting Bay Golf Club, 9pm
 Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45am to 10.30am
 Auchrannie Studio 10am - 11am
 The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
 Church Hall, Brodick, 7pm - 9pm
 The Playbarn, Auchrannie, 5 - 6pm
 Corrie Hall, 8pm - 10pm
 Corrie & Sannox Hall, 10.15am

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Format: Application No; Address; Proposed Development

11/00717/PP; 25 McKelvie Road, Lamlash, Brodick, Isle of Arran; Formation of access ramp to front of semi detached dwelling house.

11/00782/PP; The Stags Pavilion, Lochranza, Isle of Arran, KA27 8JF; Erection of extension to side to provide storage and toilet facilities.

Elma Murray
Chief Executive
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Kenneth Gibson MSP

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Monday 12 December

Kildonan Village Hall
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13.45-14.45
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Corrie Church, 12 pm

Lochranza/Pirnmill

10.15am at Pirnmill

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My Surprise Party

Thank you to everybody who made my surprise birthday party so much fun. Special thanks to Elinor who hosted it, to Kate who organised it and to everybody else who contributed to a memorable day.

Finally, thank you all for being such wonderful friends.
Jean

Hospital Supporters League

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Xmas Fayre last Sunday. Those who donated prizes and home baking and those especially who so cheerfully gave of their time to help run such a successful event. £842 was raised for hospital funds.

We would like to thank everyone who came to support us so generously on the day

THE ARRAN BANNER - on holiday . . .

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

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

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

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

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

When space permits we will continue to print the photos that we have on file.

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



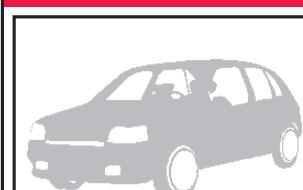
Is this the furthest travelled Banner ever? Charlie Newton took his newspaper from Dallas to Cape Town and back to Texas. He is pictured with The Banner at the Cape of Good Hope in South Africa.



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Sport

Arran's Weekly Newspaper

Handball lessons for schools from Olympic hopeful Scott

Scott Frew of Troon made a sporting visit to Lamlash Primary and Arran High School recently.

He is in line to be on the British handball team at next year's Olympic Games and gave tuition and exhibitions to the Arran youngsters.

Scott's aunt, Heather Allison, lives in Lamlash and he was over staying with the family and took part in

an Olympic project at both schools.

His cousins Joley and Gabrielle, pupils at the primary and the high school, were especially delighted to have their big cousin in class. Big is the operative word, because Scott stands at six feet four inches tall, a great attribute for the sport of handball.

He is relatively new to handball, having played rugby for

his local club Marr College as well as playing basketball in the United States.

Scott said: 'My dad filled out an application form for the Sporting Giants, and to be honest, that was the first I'd ever heard of handball.'

'They were looking for tall and talented athletes to take up this new sport that had the potential to go to London 2012. I went down to Nottingham for some inductions to the sport.'

Scott plays with the East Kilbride 82 Club and is in the final 18 for selection to the British Olympic team.

Arran Junior Football Club

Monday 12 December will be the last training session for the Arran Junior Football Club before the Christmas break.

Training will restart on Monday 16 January.



Olympic hopeful Scott Frew with pupils at Lamlash Primary. b49sct01



Brothers Neil and Rory Hunter are aiming for a place in the RYA British Sailing Squad.

Hunter brothers end season in style

Lamlash's talented sailing duo, Neil and Rory Hunter, have completed a busy sailing season that included a change of boat.

During August they travelled to Pwllheli in Wales for the 420 National Championships where they ended as fourth junior boat - which is the best result so far in a National Championship.

Following the Nationals all efforts were put into their new boat, a 29er class dinghy, which is a fast and exciting boat to sail, and the fastest growing class in the country. Their aim for the end of the season was to be chosen to be part of RYA Scottish Squad.

During September they sailed at Prestwick Regatta where they won the 29er Class.

They then won the Scottish 29er youth championships at Largs giving them a place in the Scottish Youth Squad.

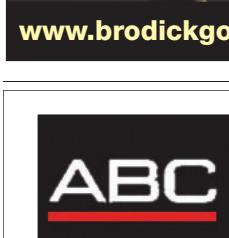
Mainland

On the few weekends that the boys didn't travel to the mainland to events they took part in Arran Yacht Club races and this year won the Brodick Cup, the Ormidale Cup and the John Thomson Quaich.

They are continuing to train and race throughout the winter with Scottish Squad at the National Watersports Centre on Cumbrae.

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