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Sparkling Christmas spectacular



Swinney's broadband pledge as committee meets on Arran



Lamlash sparkles for Christmas spectacular

Santa's Sparkle served up a sizzling day of entertainment to get the festive season off to a flying start last Saturday. The day began in style with Santa arriving by boat before joining a parade along the main street on top of the Mogabout. The parade was joined by entertainer Dr Diablo, who is pictured with a rather well-known elf - Sheila Gilmore of VisitArran. For the full report and lots of pictures, see pages 10 and 11. 20_b49fire01

REPORT

by HUGH BOAG

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The Scottish Government is committed to bringing next generation broadband to rural island communities like Arran.

But Deputy First Minister John Swinney said the biggest frustration was that there was 'no absolute obligation' on broadband providers to provide a service to more isolated communities.

The MSP, who is also finance secretary, was speaking at a special meeting of the finance committee held on Arran this week.

Mr Swinney said: 'It is very frustrating but it is important that we keep up the pressure and work in collaboration with the companies as comprehensively as we can.'

He said the final costs of next generation broadband would run to £250 million.

And he told MSP Jean Urquhart that the government remained committed to supporting Community Broadband Scotland, which supports digital connectivity across Scotland's hard to reach communities with £1 million of capital funding earmarked for 2015-2016.

It was Arran's MSP Kenneth

Gibson who had arranged for the Scottish Parliament's Finance Committee, of which he is convener, to meet on Arran for the first time.

A small group of interested members of the public had applied for tickets for the event which was also attended by students studying for their Higher Modern Studies exam.

During the session held in the community theatre at Arran High School in Lamlash Mr Swinney gave an outline of his draft budget for the next financial year before answering questions from the committee MSPs.

During the questions he was asked by MSP John Mason if the government had considered the capacity of the Arran ferries following the introduction of RET fares.

Mr Swinney said RET had been introduced on the Arran routes in line with the pilot exercises which had taken place on other islands.

He said the government saw RET as a way of encouraging 'economic development' and said they had a 'clear obligation' to ensure effective capacity was in place. During the session Mr Swinney also answered questions on the government taxation.

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Young Arran fiddlers make important Celtic connections

Two young Arran fiddlers have been chosen to take part in a concert of traditional music at the Celtic Connections event in Glasgow early next year.

Bethany Walsh from Whiting Bay and Fraser Blain of Sannox will perform at a concert to showcase the best young musicians who have come up through the Feis movement from across Scotland.

It will take place on 24 January in the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall.

At the event Bethany and Fraser will be representing both Feis Arainn and The Arran Fiddle Club, whose classes they have attended over many years.

Performed

The youngsters, who both go to Arran High School, have already played as part of the prestigious Blas festival and performed at the grand finale for the event in September.

They will play again at Eden Court, Inverness, as part of the Scottish Trad Awards ceremony in December, where they will have the chance to mix with some of the most influential figures in Scottish traditional music, before playing at Celtic Connections.

Couple stable after crash

An elderly couple remain in hospital following a car crash on the island.

As reported in The Banner last week, the accident happened about one mile north of Whiting Bay at Kingcross Bridge last Wednesday night.

The 90-year-old male driver and a woman aged 87 were both taken to Arran Memorial Hospital before being airlifted to Crosshouse Hospital, Kilmarnock, where they remain in a stable condition.

The main A841 road re-

mained closed following the accident until lunchtime the following day while a Police Scotland crash investigation team carried out work at the scene.

The car involved, a blue Honda Civic, was bad-

ly damaged when it hit the bridge. No other vehicle was involved.

Enquiries into the accident are continuing and Police Scotland are appealing for any information.

Sergeant Ian Thornton, who

is leading the investigation, said: 'I would ask anyone who was on the road around 5.50pm on Wednesday 26 November and who may have information in relation to the incident to telephone the non emergency number 101.'



Fraser Blain makes a point to Deputy First Minister John Swinney as the other students who attended the session look on. They are: Alastair Innes, Lewis Bennett, Charlie Weir and Jack Ewing.

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Arran engineer wins UK bus apprentice prize

Stuart attends British truck racing event at Brands Hatch as part of Stagecoach prize

Arran Engineering apprentice Stuart McMaster has been recognised at the Stagecoach UK Bus 10th annual Apprentice of the Year awards.

Nine bus engineering apprentices were awarded for their outstanding performance at a ceremony at Manchester City's Etihad Stadium.

The winners received cash prizes and individual trophies and tools supplied by event sponsors ADL, Optare, the Society of Operations Engineers, Roadcrew and QA Supplies.

Stuart McMaster from Stagecoach West Scotland was awarded first place in the third year apprentice category, sponsored by Optare.

Stuart works at Stagecoach's Arran depot and has proved to be an outstanding member of the team.

As part of Stuart's prize

Juratek Ltd hosted a very special and exciting event for Stagecoach UK 3rd year apprentices at Brands Hatch Racing Circuit earlier this month bringing together what may seem at first an unlikely union of the race track and public roads.

Stuart and two other apprentices had a full weekend staying in the Thistle Hotel right at the gates to Brands Hatch to take part in the British Truck Racing event.

Ten times British Truck Racing Champion Stuart Oliver 'opened the gates to the paddock' so Stuart could get up close to the machines and work alongside Team Oliver as part of their pit crew in the lead up to the big race.

Team Oliver is sponsored by Juratek which provides braking products. The OEC2 brake pads and discs used in trucks are exactly the same as

those used in some vehicles by Stagecoach. Stuart was presented with a certificate to congratulate him on his excellent work with the pit crew.

Emma McNaught marketing manager, Stagecoach West Scotland, said: 'Stuart has excelled himself and set an exceptionally high standard over the past 12 months and he thoroughly deserves to be recognised as Apprentice of the Year in his category.'

'The Stagecoach apprentice scheme is widely recognised as one of the most comprehensive in the bus industry and it is vital to the future success of our business. We are delighted to have such skilled people within our ranks which is great news, not only for Stagecoach, but also for the millions of passengers who travel on our buses day in, day out.'



Stuart McMaster at the Etihad Stadium with his awards.

Christmas lunch is cancelled

A popular Christmas Day lunch on the island has been forced to be cancelled this year.

For the last five or six years, the Salvation Army has hosted a meal on Christmas Day, at MacKelvie Road Sheltered

Housing complex in Lam-lash. This has been made possible through selfless volunteers who have gladly given up their own time on this special day, to provide a homely, happy time for those who might otherwise spend the day on their own.

Territorial Envoy for Irvine and Arran Salvation Army Lexie Andrade said: 'Through natural processes, people moving away, and various other factors and challenges, we are truly sad to announce that for the first time in a number of years, we will not be able to host the lunch this year. We have tried to find ways to continue with the meal but, unfortunately,

we have been unable to resolve things sufficiently to allow us to go ahead.'

'To all of the folks who normally join us to celebrate the birthday of Christ, please accept our sincere apologies that we will not be with you this year. May we also take this opportunity to thank you for your regular attendance in previous years. To our trusty and faithful volunteer force, you are all very much appreciated for your giving in the past few years. Thank you.'

She added: 'It may be that other groups in the community are able to provide this service in the future.'

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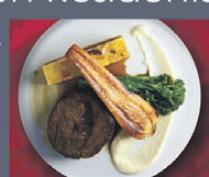
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Joy as Weasley is found after going missing for three days

A relieved dog owner has told of his joy after his beloved pet turned up after going missing for three days in the hills of Arran.

Weasley, a five year old ginger labrador, turned up safe and well last Wednesday after he went missing the previous Sunday in the northern hills.

A huge community effort swung into action after Weasley went missing while his owner David Lilly, who used to live on Arran, and partner Pauline Kell were out hill-walking.

As well as help on the ground the plight of Weasley was widely shared on social media sites including Facebook and Twitter as the whole island tried to help.

David said: 'The people of Arran are truly a community-spirited, animal-loving, roll-the-sleeves-up and get-

on-with-it kind of supportive and caring folk who I have missed.'

Weasley was last seen by the couple in the Caisteal Abhail area and it is thought he may have got lost following deer.

During the search David even had missing posters printed which he posted across the island.

Weasley, who was wearing a distinctive blue rucksack, was eventually found after more than 60 hours in the wild by Pauline and Lucy Wallace, who runs Arran Wild Walks.

David, who now lives in Edinburgh, said: 'Pauline and myself, my entire wider family, friends and all who have met Weasley want to thank Lucy Wallace and Wally Wallace for the incredible help and support they gave us in the search for him from Sunday right through to Thurs-

day. 'Lost, in the middle of around 200 square miles of wilderness in the high northern mountains of the island, without them we would never have found our much-loved dog.'

'From an early morning bag drop in Glen Easan with urgent supplies, to trudging up Glen Iorsa to clear a huge area; and picking us up on the north road at all manner of times, to keeping us hopeful with their text messages whilst in our tent high up on Castles on cold rainy nights, to their final grid search of the North Glen Sannox forest where together Lucy and Pauline eventually found him. And finally accommodating us in their home to fill our stomachs.'

'They were also the incredible leaders of a whole com-



Weasley pictured the day before he went missing with his distinctive blue rucksack.

munity of Arran people and businesses, far too numerous to mention, but equally appreciated by us, that support



Weasley pictured the day before he went missing with his distinctive blue rucksack.

ed us and our search for our dog who was born on the island a few short years ago.'

Help kids by using their Christmas card delivery

Local youth group Arran Youth Foundations will once again run its Christmas card scheme around Brodick, with young members delivering cards for 30p each. All funds raised will go towards the group's work with local youngsters, providing weekly activities, one-off events and trips to the mainland.

Youth worker Graeme Johnston said: 'This is now the third year running that young folk have delivered cards to their local community. It was originally the idea of the Bilslands, who have been fantastic supporters of AYF.'

'At 30p a card, islanders can both save money and help raise funds for the work that the group does with our local young people.'

The service starts today (Friday) and the last date for popping cards in will be Friday 19 December.

AYF would like to remind everyone that young people will be delivering cards on foot and so cards should only be sent to addresses accessible on foot within Brodick.



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Brothers switch on Brodick Christmas lights

The big Christmas light switch-on attracted a big crowd to Brodick Hall last Sunday afternoon.

The audience enjoyed a Christmas concert by the Arran Brass Band as they sipped mulled cider as well as teas, coffee, mince pies and cakes as the children had their faces painted, some with Christmas designs.

It was followed by a short performance by the newly formed Arran Cheer Group, which now meets in the hall on a Friday afternoon for girls to learn cheerleading skills and has already attracted a healthy interest.

Host of prizes

The famous Brodick Christmas auction followed and featured a host of prizes all

donated by local businesses and master of ceremonies Nicol Hume thanked them for their continued support.

The winner of the top prize to switch on the Christmas lights was won by the Ferguson family and brothers Frazer, 6, and eight year old Reece, who both attend Brodick Primary School, jointly performed the honours.



The lights are on at Brodick Hall. 20_b49light05

The table groaning with raffle prizes. 20_b49light01



The new Arran Cheer Group give a display. 20_b49light03

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Frazer and Reece Ferguson perform the big switch-on. 20_b49light04

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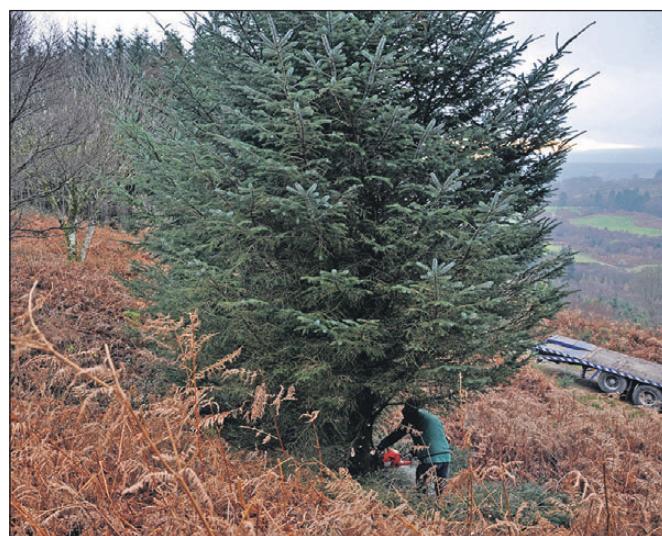
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The Sitka Spruce on the hillside where it has stood for 20 years. 20_b49tree01



Gordon moves in to chop down the tree. 20_b49tree02



The tree on its way down. 20_b49tree03



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Above: The tree lies felled as Gordon's faithful cocker spaniel Laxi looks on.
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Murray lifts the tree onto the flat

Christmas tree j from hillside to Sitka spruce has pride of pl

The residents of Brodick are justifiably proud of their landmark shorefront Christmas tree. But where does it come from and how does it get there? The Arran Banner went along on the day to find out.

Standing on a hillside near Clauchlands Road is a self planting Sitka spruce. It has been growing for around 20 years and is now more than 25ft high.

Now it has been chosen to have a starring role as the centrepiece of Brodick's Christmas decorations.

The Banner joined Forestry Commission craftsmen Gordon Boyle and Robin Irving, after a quick safety briefing, as they felled the chosen tree. It took Gordon only 10 minutes to bring it down with his chainsaw before it was pulled down

the hillside by a crane operated by Murray Boal and, assisted by Robin, loaded on to a flatbed truck to transport it to Brodick.

At the foreshore the new hole, which was dug last year, was uncovered and the tree carefully dropped into place by the crane and then packed by hand into the hole.

The whole operation took less than two hours.

Sale

Gordon and Robin then headed back to Clauchlands Woods to cut the first Christmas trees, which were going for sale to Cumbria.

ourney foreshore ace in Brodick

The woods are home to the largest Christmas tree plantation on the island where 80 per cent of the trees sold in the run up to Christmas by the Forestry Commission are harvested.

Three types of tree are grown here - the traditional Norway Spruce, the Lodgepole Pine and by far the most popular tree nowadays the Noble Fir as, unlike the spruce, it does not shed its needles as much.

The plantation was established nearly eight years ago and the Forestry Commission plants 1,000 new trees every year. It also has a policy of replanting

every tree it fells on the same spot, if it is a good site.

But not all the trees grow to be fit and healthy and the biggest problem they have is damage caused by deer.

Experience

Today the men, who have nearly 80 years' experience between them, are felling 8ft to 9ft Noble Firs and in the run up to Christmas will cut between 260 and 300 for homes and businesses all over the island.

The trees go on sale from today (Friday) at the Forestry Commission office in Auchranie Road, Brodick.



Above: The tree is lowered into position. 20_b49tree15



Robin, Murray and Gordon are pleased with a job well done. 20_b49tree18



Right: Robin with two of the Noble Fir trees Gordon has just cut. 20_b49tree19



Robin and Murray prepare the hole to erect the tree on Brodick foreshore. 20_b49tree13



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But for some people in our community, the festive period is one of the worst times of the year.

Many people don't have enough money to feed their families, never mind go out and buy them presents to open on Christmas morning.

And sadly there are large numbers of older people living alone on Arran with no family to celebrate with.

For many years a popular Christmas Day lunch has taken place in Lamlash, organised by the Salvation Army with a number of generous volunteers.

Last Christmas The Banner went along to MacKelvie Road Sheltered Housing complex in Lamlash to see these 'angels' in action.

The cosy dining room was packed with people - not just the elderly - who had gathered to celebrate Christmas and enjoy the company of others.

They tucked into a delicious three-course lunch and celebrated what should be one of the most joyous days of the year in a room full of friends.

For six years this event has been made possible through selfless volunteers who have gladly given up their own time on this special day, to provide a homely, happy time for those who might otherwise spend the day on their own.

But this year territorial envoy for Irvine and Arran Salvation Army, Lexie Andrade, has been forced to cancel.

Through natural processes, people moving away, and various other factors and challenges, for the first time in a number of years, they will not be able to host the lunch this year. They had tried to find ways to continue with the meal, but unfortunately, it just has not been possible.

So this Christmas stop and think about those who live nearby, are there any on their own, perhaps a family who could benefit from a little kindness?

After all we are celebrating the birth of the greatest of men - the Son of God, the saviour of mankind.

Let's spread some festive cheer to all!

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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Clever squirrels

Sir,

When I lived in England, several grey squirrels used to come into my garden and I was amazed at their apparent power of solving problems.

1. Access to bird feeders defeated one of them for a while, but on the day after it discovered the answer, it returned with another squirrel and the first one then showed it how to access the feeder.

2. One of them ran along the top of my trellis, then stopped, glancing up at the roof of my bungalow. Instead of leaping straight on to the roof, it stopped, checked the angle, backed up a short distance before jumping on to the roof.

3. They used to bring acorns and horde chestnuts for future use, and after the soil had been scraped back over the nut, they used their tail to pat over the earth so that no one could tell where the store was buried.

Not that they always remembered either, over the years I acquired a miniature forest of oaks and chestnuts.

Yours,
Willie Maude
McKelvie Road
Lamlash

Remembrance timings differ

Sir,

Further to Alan Reid's letter (29 November), several places have long held their Remembrance Service at

times other than 11am, and have done so for decades e.g. Penrith where it is a 2.15pm march to church and service at 2.30pm; Keswick and Epson in Surrey are both held at 3pm.

As to 1914 postcards (29 November Banner), in November 1914 senders were warned not to send postcards caricaturing the Kaiser or the German army to soldiers at the front, as the Germans beat up or shot any 'bound' British they find with these in their pockets'.

Yours,
Jeremy Godwin
Drovers Lane
Penrith

Funding available

Sir,

The Kilbride Benevolent Fund is a small grant making charity.

It was previously known as the Kilbride Nurses Fund.

The fund is able to consider making one-off grants to people of all ages who are 'in need' and who are unable to obtain funding from statutory sources.

These funds are available to people in need living only within the villages of Lamlash and Whiting Bay, on the Isle of Arran.

We have limited funds available for distribution on a quarterly basis.

If a request is particularly urgent, it may be considered between meetings.

Application forms and further information can be obtained from the secretary: Mr Ian Watt, Rozelle, Lamlash, KA27 8JT.

Yours,
Elizabeth R L Watson
Chairman
Kilbride Benevolent Fund

Disability forum disbands

Sir,

I am writing to let your readers know that due to a long period of inactivity we are winding up the Arran Disability Forum.

As per our constitution any remaining funds should be transferred to another local group with similar aims.

We therefore intend to

transfer all remaining funds to 'Art in Mind' at the beginning of January 2015.

If any former members wish to discuss this, please contact me before the end of December: nigelhunter1@msn.com

Yours,
Nigel Hunter
Lamlash

Saving a life

Sir,

May I, through the letters page, convey my thanks to all those friends and neighbours on Arran who have sent cards, good wishes and offers of help since my recent kidney-pancreas transplant.

I can't give enough thanks to Arran's GPs, practice nurses, district nurses, dialysis support and hospital staff, amongst others, who have kept me going over the last

few years until a suitable donor was found.

Both the transplant team at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary and the renal team at Crosshouse Hospital have commented on how efficiently the Arran GPs have worked with them in my care.

Finally, could I say a huge thank you to everyone who has registered as an organ donor.

In the UK 3,000 people a year die while on dialysis, and more than 350 people a year die while waiting for a kidney transplant.

I can never thank my own donor for saving my life, but I can thank those of you who might save someone else's.

Yours,
Laura Selkirk
Brodick

Carol concert cancer fundraising success

The annual Arran Carol Concert was held in Lamlash Church on Monday much to the delight of a large audience.

The excellent concert performed by around 100 people raised £672 for CLIC Sargent cancer care.

Musical items were performed by groups from Arran

High School, as well as the choirs of Vivace, Arran Singers, Ain't Misbehavin' and the Arran Brass band.

Readings

In addition there was carol singing and traditional Christmas readings from the Bible.

Thank you to all who contributed.

Folksinger returns to entertain Arran

Folksinger and entertainer Alastair McDonald is going to be back on Arran this Sunday (December 14) for 'A Christmas Celebration' to be held in Brodick Hall.

In his unique way he'll be strumming his guitar, and singing Christmas songs and carols.

Audience participation will be encouraged, giving everyone the opportunity to join in.



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Organised by Arran Baptist Church there will be drama too from 2.30pm onwards, with a group from New Scottish Arts performing.

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Plans will help Arran villages to communicate in a crisis

Villages on Arran are now better prepared than many places on the mainland in the event of an emergency.

The preparation of community emergency plans are currently underway by village committees across the island.

And last week the groups got together at a special resilience meeting organised by Scottish Hydro Energy Power Distribution (SHEPD) and attended by Arran Community Council, North Ayrshire Council and 17 community delegates.

The 'Communications in a Crisis' event was held at Ormidale Pavilion in Brodick and took the form of a workshop that provided an opportunity to share ideas before they were formalised into individual plans for the nine main communities on Arran.

The workshop set out to identify and unlock the skills, knowledge and resources held by the residents and with the support of Arran Community Council, seven resilience

plans have now been drawn up, with a further two to follow shortly.

Most importantly though, they give a point of contact in every village which can range from the post office worker to the shopkeeper, district nurse, police officer or anyone with an interest in the community they live or work in.

This network will form a clear line of communication from the community to resilience members; sharing information, helping to identify people who need help and perhaps offering additional resources.

The event was led by resilience expert and retired chief superintendent John Harkin, of Foresee Associates, and Mo Bates, SSEPD community liaison manager for Scotland, who was joined by Shona Horn.

Mo said: 'It's been 18 months since the unprecedented storms on Arran and Kintyre which had such a

catastrophic effect on the electricity network and left the island without power.

'Since that time the electricity network has been rebuilt and our teams have been working with the community and sharing their experience to help them plan for emergency events of any kind.'

She added: 'We have built a close working relationship with the community in Arran, listening to the residents and working with them to be better prepared. In each village there are key individuals who can make a real difference in emergency situations as well as providing invaluable information and resources for those who need help most. This event has given us another opportunity to listen and respond to the community, as well as producing the individual village/area community emergency plans.'

Further plans from SHEPD to help the island build its resilience include the provision of satellite phones, a so-



John Harkin of Foresee Associates gives his advice on preparing a community emergency plan.

lar powered mobile variable message road-sign and solar powered community notice boards to share information.

Mr Harkin said: 'Mo and Shona are to be congratulated on the work they have done in getting the emergency plans on Arran to this stage. Arran is better prepared than many places on the mainland to deal with an emergency.'



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Alice Kinniburgh, Eilidh Swandells, Courtney Drummond and Nastassja Alberti ran the Island Cheese Company stall themselves to raise money for Alice's school trip to Paris. 20_b49santa11



The Arran Singers perform in the marquee. 20_b49santa13

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Published on 13th December

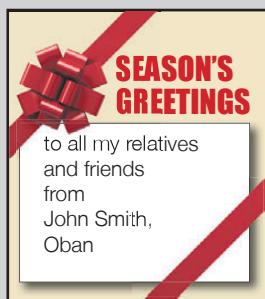
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All day crowds thronged the events and the Christmas market, the burger stall and mulled wine bar did a roaring trade all day in the marquees on Lam-lash Green.

Even a late glitch with the fireworks and some light rain could not dampen the enthusiasm of the large crowd who had gathered to watch the show.

Organised every year by the Glenisle Hotel, owner Geoffrey Dallamore said it had been the busiest Sparkle in five years.

Performed

'I think the day went really well and everyone seems to like Dr Diablo's Medicine Show,' he said. The Vests, who performed at a busy after fireworks party, also went down a treat.

The day began in style with Santa arriving by boat before joining a parade along the main

street on top of the Mogabout.

The parade was led by Heather Queen Lucy Welch followed by the Arran Pipe Band and entertainer Dr Diablo, with a rather well known elf in Sheila Gilmore.

Even by the time Santa arrived in the Glenisle marquee there was already a queue across the tent and out onto the pavement of children waiting to see him.

Dr Diablo's Medicine Show also went down a treat with two performances of fire eating and other dangerous and death defying stunts.

While there was entertainment of a rather more refined nature when the Arran Singers performed songs from Ain't Misbehavin' during the afternoon.

The Christmas market, which this year featured a wide range of local craft stalls, was thronged throughout the day and outside the Arran Outdoor Climbing Wall was popular with the kids.

Outside the village in the hills MotoScotland was offering an

off-road taster experience on its motorbikes.

As evening fell it was time for the lighting of the community Christmas tree and as the Arran Brass Band performed Christmas carols the tree was lit by Heather Queen Lucy.

Then came the wait, with the planned six o'clock firework show not bursting into life until more than half an hour later. But it was worth the wait with a spectacular show to end a terrific day.

Power failure

The Glenisle's Timothy Billings said: 'We ran through the lights and firework sequence several times on Friday and everything seemed to be fine but on the night we had a power failure to the garden so we had to abandon the light show. We don't really know what went wrong, perhaps the wiring got damp.'

'However, I am grateful for everyone's patience and I think the firework display was awe-inspiring and the best display we have had so far.'



Paul Smith at the burger stall which did a roaring trade. 20_b49santa08

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Heather Queen Lucy Welch leads the parade ahead of the Arran Pipe Band 20_b49santa03



The Heather Queen leads Santa into the marquee.
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Santa arrives at Lamlash pier in a rib. 20_b49santa01



The Heather Queen switches on the community tree. 20_b49santa14



The fireworks light up the Lamlash night sky. 20_b49santa17



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Primary school children came from all over the island to celebrate a day of Scottish dance.

Pupils from all seven schools made their way to Whiting Bay Hall for the 16th Arran Primary 'Dance Scottish' Festival last Wednesday where they were joined by family and friends.

Each of the schools Brodick, Lamlash, Whiting Bay, Shiskine, Kilmory, Pirnmill and Corrie were easily recognisable in their different coloured uniforms.

Joint master of ceremonies were Liz Kennedy and Susan Kelly with Ian Muir on the accordion.

Seven dances

The festival began with the Standard Bearers Parade led by piper Oisean Gold and during the afternoon the children enjoyed learning seven dances including the Gay Gordons, the Orcadian Strip the Willow and the Dashing White Sergeant.

One of the organisers said: 'We would like to thank all helpers, staff and children for taking part and family and friends for their support today.'



Brodick pupils get into the swing of things. 20_b49dance01



Kilmory, Lamlash and Corrie pupils are put through their paces. 20_b49dance03



Lamlash pupils lead the rest of the schools round the hall. 20_b49dance05



Above: Brodick children enjoy the dance. 20_b49dance04



Left: Hannah-Louise Fraser from Corrie gets into the spirit of the dance. 20_b49dance02

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Malawi trip update from fundraising student

I was the last student to join the Arran High School group that will be heading to Malawi in July.

I found the idea of this very daunting at first but I feel the latest team-building activities and fundraising efforts are bringing the group closer together.

Our most recent fundraising activity saw us prepare calendars to sell at the school Christmas Fayre.

We still have a few left at £4 each plus lots of the magnetic fridge calendars at £1 each, these maybe available at the Whiting Bay and Corrie Christmas Fayres.

In preparation for the fayre, Aidan and his mum produced some Malawian food called Nsima.

This is maize flour and can be mixed with other ingredients to make it more palatable. Most of our meals will include Nsima in some form. I'm hoping for lots of scone style biscuits.

These fundraising efforts are pivotal for our team as the money raised will cover the cost of our inoculations and group expedition equipment as we prepare to embark on our adventure to southeast Africa.

Last week the team and parents met with our expedition leader, Lucy Wallace, and we discussed the trip from start to finish.

Lucy lives on Arran and is part of Arran Mountain Rescue Team.

We are really excited to go with Lucy as she was in Malawi with another group last July, this means we will benefit from her knowledge of the country.

Lucy explained the challenges that we will face on Mount Mulanje along by showing us pictures of the wonderful landscape.

The surrounding area is some of the most beautiful in the world, let alone in Africa.

By Alan Dillon

High school wall plaques still available

Wall plaques engraved with the names of former Arran High School pupils are still available for purchase.

So far a huge number of former pupils have seen their names displayed on the wall in the foyer but there is still room for more.

It costs just £10 per name and all enquiries can be made at the school office.

Mystery bird manuscript update

Following on from the recent article 'Exploring the mystery behind a handwritten bird manuscript' in Arran Life: Winter 2014 Jim Cassels, the bird recorder for the Arran Natural History Society has heard from a nephew of the author.

In August the Arran Heritage Museum received a hand written document on Arran birds.

Information

It consisted of 114 A4 pages and each page started with the name of a bird, followed by information on each bird which was a combination of quotes from various historical sources plus the author's own observations.

The earliest observation was 1929 and the latest 1974. It was an extensive piece of work.

There was no name on the

manuscript and no introduction giving an indication of why it had been written.

Through research and local contacts Jim was able to eventually find out that the author of the manuscript was John Lawrence Craigie, a law clerk from Edinburgh, who was born in 1918, married in 1952 and died of broncho pneumonia in 1976, aged 59.

In Jim's article in the Arran Life magazine in November he indicated that he would be interested in hearing from anyone who could add to his understanding of the man who wrote the manuscript. Jim was particularly interested in finding out what his intentions were for the manuscript.

Stewart Brotchie, nephew of the author, has since contacted Jim.

The document had come to

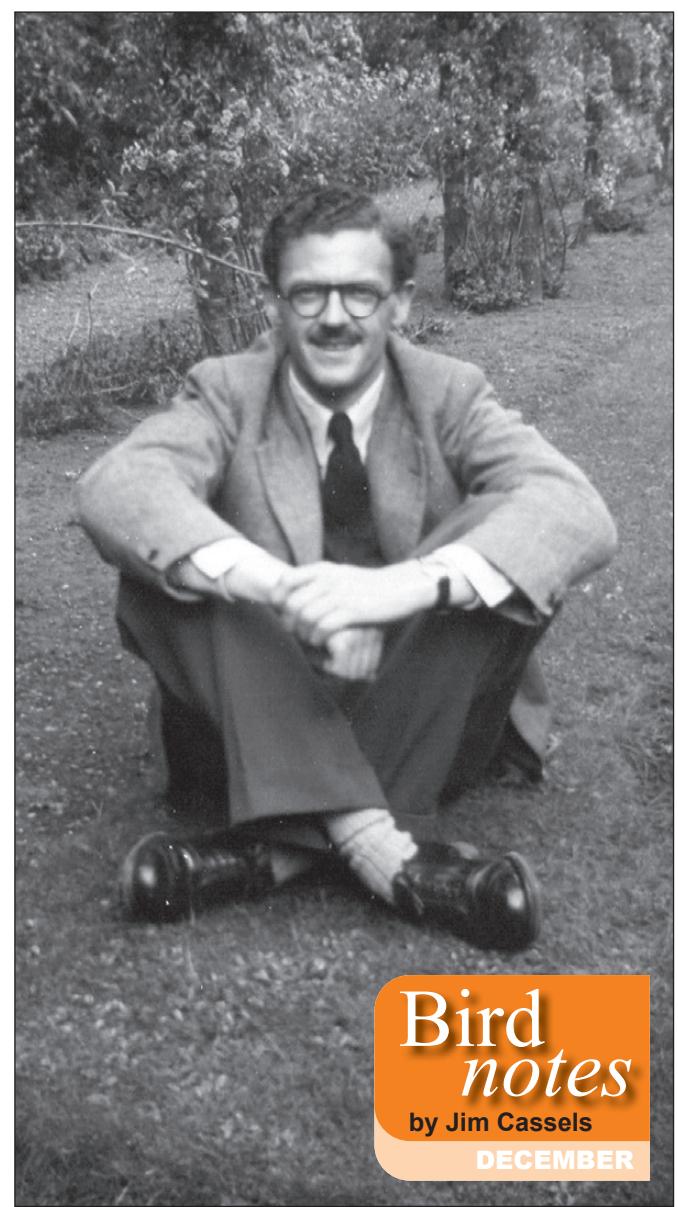
light when Stewart had been clearing out his aunt's possessions following her death.

Stewart indicated that his uncle had worked for Dundas and Wilson, 25 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh. Stewart was also able to provide a photograph of his uncle, John Lawrence Craigie.

Permission

While Stewart was unaware of his uncle's interest in birds, he is delighted that the document is now available from the archivist section in the Arran Heritage Museum and has given his permission for the document to be scanned and made available on the internet.

Jim said: 'Thanks to Stewart, I am now in a position to write up some background notes on John Lawrence Craigie to go along with his bird manuscript in the museum.'



John Lawrence Craigie

Bird notes

by Jim Cassels

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Arran pupils venture into the 'Dragon's Den'

High School News

Budding entrepreneurs from Arran High School battled it out in a Dragons' Den-style competition last week.

The team from Arran joined pupils from Ardrossan Academy, Auchentharrie High, Irvine Royal Academy, Garnock Academy and St Matthew's Academy at Greenwood Conference Centre to take part in the event based on the hit TV show.

And playing the role of the fearsome 'dragons' were Councillor Ruth Maguire, Lynne McEwan and Ken Campbell from North Ayrshire Council and Alan Cunningham from Totalize Media.

Each team was asked to develop a street food brand, listing key products and services, proposing merchandise and developing advertising campaigns.

The representatives were then asked a range of searching questions as they were grilled about their new service.

At the end of an interesting afternoon, Largs Academy's brilliant 'Street Food' entry was declared the winner of what had been an informative and hugely worthwhile exercise.

Councillor Ruth Maguire, said: 'The event was fantastic for all the pupils involved.'

'It helped develop their business skills but perhaps more importantly it got them working together and encouraged team-working skills.'

'Every presentation provided the council with an idea that will be used in future branding.'

The team from Arran High School: Back from left, Cameron Logan, Louise Shankland, Abbie McKelvie; front left, Trefor Goronwy and Cailean Robertson.



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Goatfell path repairs

A five-man team of professional mountain footpath repairers are working on some of the most chronically eroded mountain paths on Goatfell.

Pathcraft Ltd has just completed a 300m stretch on the main Cladach route and are now tackling the first stretches of the High Corrie path.

It is estimated more than 20,000 people climb to the summit every year, the bulk of whom go up in the summer and, over the years, this has inevitably taken its toll on the landscape. The work is being carried out under the watchful eye of Jane Barker, the National Trust for Scotland ranger with responsibility for Goatfell.

To date approximately 1.5 miles of path to Glen Rosa and one mile on Goatfell have been repaired and the trust hopes to continue repairs, targeting the most vulnerable and rapidly eroding paths first.

All change

The centre of Brodick is set to change. With 'foyer' housing, the Strabane site at Invercloy, the seafront improvement study and the Co-op moving to new premises all being looked at, whatever happens in two years time it will be very different.

Cunningham District Council has set up a sub committee of its planning department to specifically consider the area from Ormidale Park to the Book and Card Centre. This committee will be on site on 21 December to appraise the area.

However, a study which has been commissioned does not favour retail unit, small firms

or local service industries for the area. However it would favour residential use and in particular rural 'foyer' housing for the site.

Free Church sale

Corrie Free Church, last used for worship two years ago, has been put up for sale.

Although hidden by trees from the road it is a rather fine building believed to have been designed by John James Burnett and is 100 years old this month.

Outside it is quite grand and next to the front door are some low fancy windows which hint of a Breton church. Inside it is as austere as only a Free Church can be. Inside there are rows of pews which, if full, could hold 200 worshippers but seldom held half that. There is a pulpit in front but no other adornments.

The church was built on ground given by the Duke of Hamilton with the help of a considerable donation from the Coates family of threadmaking fame in Paisley who were devotees of Corrie holidays.

Champion record

Shiskine farmer Colin Soutter was picking up rosettes at The Royal Smithfield Show in London last week and this week picked up the champion's ticket once again at A & J Wilson's Christmas Show and Sale.

Colin was Arran champion from 1990 to 1992 but missed out last year when neighbour Willie Kelso took the honours. Over the years Colin has perfected the art of breeding and his Arran champion this week was called General of Shiskine, an 18-month-old pedigree Aberdeen Angus home-bred steer.

The champion was sold for £1,150 which was believed to be an Arran record.



The annual Arran Challenge Golf Tournament trophies were presented at the Kinloch Hotel last Sunday. This competition, run by the hotel, is open to golfers from anywhere in the world and uses the unique attraction of Shiskine's 12-hole course to pull them in. Being from a' the airts, however, means that not all can return to collect their trophies. Thus we have, left to right, club captain Robert Waine, B Hone from East Renfrewshire with the Arran Challenge Trophy, W Whyte (East Renfrewshire), Liz Kerr, ladies Arran Challenge nett cup winner, Willie Kelso, second gents scratch, Stuart Black, third scratch and best overall single score and E Keohone of Loudoun, third in the ladies scratch competition. b49twe04



Betty McArthur and Mike Bailey as the two genii in the Lamlash Drama Club pantomime Aladdin. b49twe01



Ranger Jane Barker with the path building team on Goatfell. b49twe02



Colin Soutter and his Arran champion steer receive the Bank of Scotland Trophy from local manager Jim Hall and Eleanor Bone at Brodick Market. In the box above are father Alan Soutter and auctioneer Robbie Wilson sampling a dram from the Champion's Cup. b49tew03

What's on

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Everyday

Trout Fly Fishing
Brodick Castle, Garden Open
Arran Brewery
Arran Brewery tour
Lamlash Tennis Courts/Putting Green

Saturday 6th December

Army Cadets
Over 21s Disco
Family Games
Fun in the pool
Live music
Brodick Market
Blackwaterfoot bowling club rink game
St Bride's Christmas Fayre

Sunday 7th December

Family Games
Fun in the pool
AA Meeting
Mackerel Lottery
Open Session - All musicians & Singers welcome
Live music

Monday 8th December

Over 50s Badminton
Badminton
Citizens Advice
Morning Fitness
Table Tennis
Badminton
Arran Junior Football Club
Yoga
Circuit Training
Live Music
Scottish Country Dancing Beginners & Improvers
10/10 Total Body workout
Lunch Club
Arran Angling AGM

Tuesday 9th December

Pop Quiz
Auchrannie Winter Bowls
Alcoholics Anonymous
Youth Club
Rotary club
Healthy Outdoors
Blackwaterfoot bowling club rink game
Session with the Arran Ceilidh Band
RunArran
Live Music
Bridge for beginners
Scottish Country Dancing

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Auchrannie Road 11am –1 pm.
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Auchrannie Spa pool, 4-5pm
Fiddlers, Brodick from 9.30pm
Auchrannie Road, Brodick, 10-4.30pm
Blackwaterfoot bowling club, 1.45pm
Brodick Church Hall, 2pm

Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm
Brodick church Hall, 5pm-6.30pm
Kinloch Bar, 5pm
Fiddlers, Brodick 2.30pm
Fiddlers, Brodick from 9.30pm

Lochnerza Village Hall, 2-4pm
Lochnerza Hall, 6.30pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30-1.30pm
Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
Corrie Hall, 6.30pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm
Ormidale Park, 6-7.30pm
Corrie Village Hall, 11am - 12 noon
Auchrannie Gym, 6-7pm
Fiddlers, Brodick, 7.30pm
Corrie & Sannox Hall, 2 - 4pm
Arran High School, Lamlash, 6.45pm
Glen Estate Sheltered housing, Brodick, 12.30pm
Forestry Office, Brodick, 7.30pm

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Auchrannie 7pm
Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
Kildonan Hall, 7pm
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 7.15pm
10am-1pm NTS Ranger Centre
Blackwaterfoot bowling club, 1.45pm
Fiddlers, Brodick, 7.30pm
Hospital Hill car park, Lamlash, 5.30pm
Fiddlers, 7.30pm
Learning Centre, Lamlash 7-9pm
All Stages, Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm

Wednesday 10th December

Rock & Pop Bingo
Tae Kwondo
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Brass Rehearsal
Yogalates
Aquafizz
Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy service
Traditional & Contemporary Ballads with Mike Bailey
RunArran mixed ability
Yoga-Arran
Drift Inn Quiz
Mixed Hockey
Coffee Morning

Ormidale Hotel 9.30pm
Arran high School Kids 6.30-7.30pm Adults 7.30-8.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 8pm
Brodick Church Hall, 7-9pm
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am
10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30
Fiddlers, Brodick, 7.30pm
Auchrannie car park, 5.30pm
Kinneil, Lamlash, 7-8.30pm
Lamlash, 9pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall 7.30-9pm
Brodick Church Hall, 10.30am - 12noon

Thursday 11th December

Morning Fitness
General Knowledge Quiz
Folky, Country, Bluesy Night with Cams & Friends
Yoga
Bridge Club
Open Music session
Ladies Hockey
RunArran Men
Pilates
Country Park Volunteer Day
Brodick Embroidery Group
QuiltArran
Auchrannie Winter Bowls
Arran Yacht Club AGM

Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Fiddlers, Brodick, 7.30pm
Corrie Village Hall, 6pm - 7pm
Brodick Golf Clubhouse, 7pm
Drift Inn, Lamlash, 9pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 7.30-8.30pm
Auchrannie Car Park, 5.30pm
Auchrannie gym, 6-7pm
Brodick Castle, 10am - 4pm
Brodick Library, 7.30-9.30pm
Lamlash Fire Station, 2-4.30pm
Auchrannie 7pm
Clubhouse, Lamlash, 7.30pm

Friday 12th December

Aqua Fizz
Yogalates
Arran Youth Foundations
Lochnerza Kids Badminton
Lochnerza Adults Badminton
Family fun night
Brodick Market
Ceilidh Dance
AA Meeting

Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am
Church Hall, Brodick 7pm-9pm
Lochnerza Hall, 6-8pm
Lochnerza Hall, 8pm
Brodick Golf Club 4.45pm
Auchrannie Road, Brodick, 10-4.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall 7.30-9.30pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7.30pm



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Kenneth Gibson MSP

will hold advice surgeries at the following times and locations.

Monday 08 December

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Shiskine Village Hall	13.15-14.15
ACVS Office, Park Terrace, Lamlash	15.00-16.00

No appointment necessary

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**Tuesday 16th December at 7.30pm
at the Ormidale Pavilion**

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Format: Application No; Address; Proposed Development

14/00630/PP; Site to North East of Bridgend Cottage, Shiskine, Brodick, Isle of Arran; Increase in number of Camping and Caravan pitches including associated works to form a circular access road, 8 hard stands, 3 level soft stands, 14 electric hook ups, 2 log cabins for toilets/showers/washing up area, chemical toilet disposal point, bin area and septic tank (retrospective).
14/00684/PP; Water Depot, Corriegills Road, Corriegills, Brodick; Erection of office building to replace existing portacabin and store.

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St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.

Sunday 7th December

Holy Communion, 11.00 am.

Rt. Rev. Kevin Pearson,

Bishop of Argyll and The Isles.

Coffee after service.

The Annual Church Meeting is to be held on 14th December.

ALL WELCOME

ARRAN CHURCHES TOGETHER

The offering for Christian Aid at the Christingle service on 27th November amounted to £190.71.

There will be Carol Singing outside Brodick Co-op from 11.00 am – 12.00 noon on

Saturday, 13th December

Collection for charity

ALL WELCOME TO COME ALONG AND JOIN IN!

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Parishes of North Arran Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirnmill and Shiskine Independent but working together Minister:

Rev Angus Adamson, Parish assistant:

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Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times to which all are invited

Sunday 7th December

Lochranza and Pirnmill Churches. 10.15am Morning Worship in Pirnmill.

Shiskine Church, 12noon Morning Worship.

Brodick Church, 10.30am Family Service with ARCO String Group.

Corrie Church, 11.30am Prayer Meeting

12noon Family Service with ARCO String Group.

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

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

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Sunday 7th December

Kilmory 10am

Lamlash 11.30 am

Both Churches:

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Sunday 7th December

Morning Service, 11am Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick

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Prayer Meeting

Wednesday 10th December

5 Glen Road, Brodick

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Sunday 7th December

Worship for Advent will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson, at 10.30am. Tea and coffee will be served in the Transept after the service.

All most welcome. There will be a service in Cooriedoon at 2.30pm. All welcome.

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday mass 11am

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev Vince Jennings

Sunday 7th December

11am Morning worship in the Ormidale Sports Pavilion, Brodick

Tea & Coffee after the service.

Wednesday at 7.30pm Home Fellowship Group for Bible Study and Prayer.

Contact phone no 600222

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ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 7th December

Shiskine 11am (Church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)

Brodick 7pm (Church behind post office)

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

GRAHAM - John (Hooks).

Julie and family would like to thank all friends, colleagues, coastguard and other essential services, for help and support given to us over the last three months – too many to mention by name. His popularity was reflected by the amount of people who came to his funeral and so generously donated just under £1,400 for Arran Resilience.

MEMORIAM

ANNA LOGAN

Who passed away 20th November 2013. A whole year without you in our lives but your beautiful smile will forever shine on in our hearts.

Sorely missed, Hazel and family.

Golf

Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday 26 November, eight played for the D Graham Pairs competition trophy. The winners were D Roxburgh and J Hartley with a score of 129. There were three twos, one each for J Green, C O'Neill and D Robertson. 1 J Hartley 82-22=60, 2 D Robertson 78-16=62 BIH.

Sunday 30 November, Winter Cup, 17 played, non-handicap counter. 1 Iain Sillars (15) 41pts, 2 David Hendry (14) 39pts acb, 3 Brian Smith (12) 39pts. There were five twos from Alastair Dobson (2), David Hendry, Gordon Hendry and Terry Raeside.

Fixtures: Sunday 7 December, Sweep, open draws at 9am and 12noon. Sunday 14 December, Brandon and Winter Cup, open draws at 9am and 12 noon.

Arran Golfers Association

Arran Golfers Association Winter League/Duncan Trophy 2014-2015. Second round at Whiting Bay Golf Club Sunday 7 December, AGA Winter League at Whiting Bay. Shotgun start at 10am.

Corrie Golf Club

Saturday 29 November, Winter Cup from white tees, 13 played, CSS 61. 1 A McDonald 33-34=67-9=58, 2 B Rooney 32-40=72-13=59, 3 L Hartley 37-41=78-16=62. Best scratch A McDonald 67. Magic twos from B Rooney, Stephen Beardsley and A McDonald.

Monday 1 December, Monday Cup from yellow tees. 1 T Kerr 76-21=55, 2 D Crawford 72-16=56, 3 A Burke 71-11=60. Magic twos from T Kerr and A McDonald. Best scratch A McDonald 66.

Fixtures: Saturday 6 December, Saturday Medal at 8.30am and 12noon. Please note 12noon start from white tees.

Sunday 7 December, Arran Golfers Association winter league at Whiting Bay, shotgun start at 10am.

Monday 8 December, yellow tees medal at 12noon.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday 25 November, Winter Cup. 1 Sally Brookes 66, 2 Brian Sherwood 67, 3 Alastair MacDonald 70. Scratch Brian Sherwood 74.

Fixtures: Saturday 6 December, Lochranza Hotel Cup, tee-off 12noon. Tuesday 9 December, Winter Cup, tee-off 12noon.



Machrie Bay Golf Club

Arran Ladies Golf Union

Saturday 29 November, 24 ladies played in the second of five Drumadoon competitions at Shiskine Golf Club.

The course was in superb condition and there were some great scores. Thanks to Hamish in the pro shop for his help and to Debbie and Jennifer in the clubhouse for the lovely lunch.

1 Sally Brookes 88-24=64, 2 Fiona Scott 92-25=67, 3 Kema Genda 79-11=68. Best scratch Kema Genda 79.

Fixtures: January 24, Drumadoon competition at Whiting Bay Golf Club.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday 20 November, Yellow Medal. 1 Jim Young 64-13=51, 2 John O'Sullivan 80-23=57, 3 Colin Richardson 74-14=60. Twos from Jim Young at the 4th, and Colin Richardson at the 13th.

Sunday 30 November, Winter Stableford. 1 Alan Smith 35pts to stableford, 2 Graeme Andrew 32pts to stableford (BIH over Mark Wren and Billy O'Connor).

Magic two from Alan Smith at the 17th.

Fixtures: Sunday 7 December, Winter League (team match) Lamlash v Shiskine at Whiting Bay, 10am shotgun start.

Thursday 11 December, Yellow Medal, draw at 11am.

WEDDINGS



Jennifer Emsley (Whiting Bay) and Mark Wetton (Brodick) were married last Saturday in Blackwaterfoot, where the Kinloch Hotel provided a wonderful wedding experience. Jennifer and Mark have a house in Stirling, where Jennifer is a Sales Administrator. Mark is a soldier, based in Catterick, Yorkshire. Karen, Steve, Jan and Paul, plus both families, wish the new Mr and Mrs Wetton every happiness in their life together.

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Sheena still shining after 20 years

Lamlash Golf Club ladies' section hands out the trophies

History seemed to be repeating itself at the Lamlash Golf Club ladies' prizegiving on Friday 14 November when The Banner's Twenty Years Ago page on that day featured the club's trophy winners with champion Sheena Murchie at the centre.

Twenty years on Sheena, in a different dress this time, has triumphed yet again in what has been a Federer like dominance in all competitions. But there are some new faces who, along with some

older ones, look forward to challenging Sheena in 2015.

Prizewinners

Main prize winners: new year game Susan Butchard; winter stableford Sheena Murchie; Kilbride tray Jo Hastings; McGill cup 2013 Rachel Wren; McGill cup 2014 Sheena Murchie, Grace Cannon, June Richardson and Jo Hastings; Ann Cook tray June Richardson; away day Susan Butchard; Marella cup June Richardson; Flag competition Sheena Mur-

chie; Thistle brooch Sheena Murchie; LGU breakthrough brooch Kate McAdam; Red Cross eclectic Jacki Winship; Captains prize Sheena Murchie; LGU silver medal Liz Sinclair; LGU bronze medal June Richardson; Progress cup Jo Hastings; Fleet cup Jo Hastings; Stroke quaich Sheena Murchie; Centenary tray Sheena Murchie; Ladies open Kate McAdam; Glenkiln rosebowl June Richardson; Club champion Sheena Murchie.



All the main Lamlash trophy winners with Ann MacVicar who presented the prizes.

Prize night for bowlers

The annual dinner and presentation of trophies was held by Whiting Bay Bowling Club in the Altachorie Hotel in Lamlash last Saturday.

After an excellent meal the trophies were presented as follows: Co-op Salver - K Irving and I Kelsall; Angus Cook Memorial Trophy - T Kelsall, I Kelsall and T Curtis; Royal Bank Triples - K Kelsall, C Wannop and J Caldwell; Anniversary Triples - I Davidson, J Douglas and K Kelsall; Fun Week Shield - E Picken, R Lammie, K Turner and J

Ainsworth; Shurig Shield - E Picken, R Lammie, K Turner and J Ainsworth; Kiscadale Pairs Shield - D Squirrell and K Turner.

Ladies Singles Champion - J Douglas; Gents Singles Champion - R Frame; The Gordon MacDonald Memorial Trophy - N Pringle and M Pringle; Tom and Jennie Robison Memorial Trophy - K Irving and A Frame; Whiting Bay BC (Jim's trophy sets) - N Pringle and M Pringle; Best 10 scores Smith Trophy - I Davidson; Federation Rinks - Whiting Bay BC.



The Whiting Bay Bowling Club prizewinners with their trophies.

Isle of Arran bridge club results

The bridge club match points results for the second round of the trophy at Brodick on Thursday 27 November were as follows: 1 Jan and John Beattie, 2 Pat Adamson and

Brenda Livingstone, 3 Linda Trickett and Elizabeth McKellar. In Lamlash on Monday 1 December, the winners of the second round match

points tournament were: 1 Janette McBride and John Baraclough, 2 Tricia Martin and David Campbell, 3 Janie Maclure and Anne McKelvie.

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