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Concerns new footpath could create an accident blackspot

Road will be too narrow for larger traffic to pass

Concerns have been raised over roadworks taking place at Cladach to the north of Brodick.

REPORT
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traffic, which far outweighs pedestrian traffic.

A new footpath is being created on the the A841 between the Wineport and the entrance to Brodick Castle, where a 14-year-old cyclist was tragically killed in 2003. But there are concerns that the road now appears to be too narrow for cars and cyclists and could, when completed, become an accident blackspot.

a guideline size for newly built roads. As well as safety concerns, there are worries about the ability of larger cars, buses and lorries being able to effectively pass each other on this narrow stretch of road which could become a traffic bottleneck.

A North Ayrshire Council spokesman said: 'The works taking place on the A841, which are being funded by Strathclyde Partnership for Transport, will see the width of the road being increased marginally.

The works are part of £700,000 of improvements being carried out on the road between Glen Rosa Bridge and Cladach which started last month.

Perspective
One concerned resident told The Banner: 'To put the road width into perspective, an average car parking space is 2.5 metres wide so if two were placed next to each other the total width would be less than the road width and not conducive to safely passing.'

'Next to the existing road, in agreement with landowners, we plan to construct a new footway and to install two new bus laybys to improve pedestrian safety.

Lights
While works until Christmas will be undertaken using temporary traffic lights, there will require to be road closures in the new year.

While the footpath along the side of the road is seen as a welcome addition, as pedestrians previously had to run the gauntlet on the road between the castle and coast walls, the concerns of the resident is that the new pathway is being created at the expense of the vehicular

'These are both key conditions of the external funding. 'We will continue to monitor traffic movement over this short length of carriage-way to ensure road safety is not compromised but are confident the works will ultimately create a far safer and sustainable road for motorists and pedestrians.'

After measurements were taken it seems the new road will only be 4.6 metres wide, which falls far below the required 7.3 metres that North Ayrshire Council gives as

It is understood that while new-build roads are subject to the 7.3m rule, consideration is given to older roads and these do not have to adhere to these regulations.

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Woodworker Tom Buchan (centre) and designer Simon Horne (second right) with project co-ordinator Rachel Sedman and the coastal way workers who built the monument. 02_b50coastal01

Coastal Way monument unveiled

The Arran Coastal Way monument on Brodick shorefront has been unveiled as the new official start and finish point of the 65-mile circular route round the island.

Hugh in the 1990s. Christine said they would have been thrilled at the development of the project. 'It is incredibly heart-warming to see that the vision continues long after they have gone,' she said.

popular regional trails that receive visitors from all over the world.

At the ceremony on Wednesday, Val Sim and Christine McKerrell cut the ribbon which marks a significant development for the project originally devised by their husbands Dick and

The landmark monument will give the coastal way project a huge boost as the monument is the last step in gaining Scottish Great Trail Accreditation, which will place it firmly on the map of

Designer Simon Horne and woodworker Tom Buchan were at the unveiling and both thanked project co-ordinator Rachel Sedman for giving them the opportunity to be part of such an important local project that would be admired and photographed by generations to come.



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Mixed feelings as debate heats up over Holy Isle wind plans

The wind farm plan for Holy Isle has sparked a flurry of online protest.

As reported in The Banner last month, a full planning application has now been submitted to erect six wind turbines to provide the electrical needs on the island.

The public now has just days to lodge any objections to the plans which were first revealed by The Banner in May.

But clearly the proposals by Buddhist monks, who run

the retreats on the island, has deeply divided local opinion.

The debate started on the unlikely forum of the Arran For Sale and Wants Facebook page at the weekend.

Opposition posts included comments like: 'They should never be allowed, too many wind farms blighting the landscape already. And: 'I love Holy Isle and the people who live on it but I certainly do not want wind turbines to look at, like I didn't on Arran either.'

They also included warnings like: 'Holy Isle today, Scorrosdale tomorrow, then all over Arran. Can they not put them on the Clyde side rather than the bay?'

Which was repeated in the comment: 'Why can they not be built round the back of the island so they cannot be seen. I am Arran born and bred and have never been so angry at the people who are applying for permission to deface the Holy Isle.'

Amusing

Another comment stated: 'I find it amusing that they were so against having the mobile phone masts put on the Holy Isle for the sake of the islanders getting connected but quite happy to put up eyesores for our viewing pleasure instead.'

Alternatives were also suggested: 'What about a wee compromise, half the turbines (which is probably what they will settle for) for a phone mast. And: 'A few discreet fields with solar panels in the south would do the same job with minimal impact.'

However, The Rokpa Trust proposals have also received support.

One islander commented: 'I love wind turbines. If they help save the earth I am all for them. Build away, better than a power station any day. What's wrong with turbines,

they're one of the three safest renewable energies around. We can have a planet for our kids, or some 'eyesores'. I know which one I'd choose.

Another said: 'If the turbines will be at each end of the island they won't block the view of the hills. I personally feel that they are greener and better for our world than other power solutions, however, solar panels would have been a better option.'

Selfish

And finally: 'I am ashamed to see so many selfish people so disgusted by the idea of their view being changed. It's for the greater good, no? Count yourselves lucky you have the lives you do. It could be far, far worse than turbines 'obscuring' your view.'

The debate has sparked the setting up of the community Facebook page, Discuss Proposed Wind Turbines on Holy Isle Properly where the debate is continuing.

The application is for the erection of six 20.2-metre high turbines and associated underground cabling. Three would be sited at each end of the island.

The public has until Friday December 18 to make any representations to planning officials, who are due to decide on the application by mid January.

However, Arran Communi-

ty Council has asked for more time to consider the plans after they were discussed at its last meeting so it can seek local opinions.

With no meeting in December it has told planners it will be the end of January before it can respond.

The Ropka Trust said that while it had considered solar and biomass it had been decided that wind was the most effective way of harnessing power.

Holy Isle volunteer Martin Hird, who drew up the application with Howard Sargent, told The Banner that wind

turbines were not much higher than the buildings currently located at each end of the island.

He also said the project was to make the island carbon neutral and would provide most of its electricity needs, which is mainly heating in the winter.

He said: 'It is small scale and not a large commercial project.'

'For this application I have been studying climate change and I am not sure how widely known just how serious the situation is. It really is quite grave.'

Road will be too narrow



The roadworks showing the width of the road and the newly created footpath.

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The council has met with businesses and community groups to discuss the closure of the road in the new year.

The council spokesman added: 'The second stage is due to start in February when major reconstruction of the road will take place and will require the road to be closed while certain activities are carried out.'

'We met with Arran Community Council and businesses and agreed that the road will only close when certain activities dictate, which will be during off-peak times still to be agreed. We have yet to finalise our timetable but will endeavour to find the best options available.'

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A night of Christmas joy at annual carol concert

A large audience was treated to an evening of festive musical entertainment at the annual carol concert held last Monday at the Lamlash Church.

The Rev Lily McKinnon welcomed everyone before the congregation started off the singing, which continued without further announcement until the final carol, O Come All Ye Faithful, was sung accompanied by the organ and the Arran Brass Band.

Adding to the incredible quality of the talented carol singers were the angelic voices of Emily Divine who sang Have yourself a merry little Christmas and Oisean Gold's pitch perfect rendition of Silent Night.

While the wind and rain surged outside, attendees in the warm, wood-panelled church also enjoyed the singing talents of the Arran Singers and Ain't Misbehavin', who sang a powerful version of a 16th century Spanish carol called Riu Riu Chiu.

The penultimate piece was the ever-popular Stop the Cavalry played by the Arran Brass Band, who had the audience tapping their feet and bobbing their heads every time the trumpets reached the chorus.

During the evening a collection was taken, which raised £543 for the Clic Sargent Cancer Fund, before the concert concluded with the benediction by the Rev McKinnon.



Arran Singers perform the Holly and the Ivy. 02_b50carol02



Ain't Misbehavin' performed Infant Holy and Riu Riu Chiu. 02_b50carol01



Arran Brass Band and the organ combined well for their performance of oh come all ye faithful. 02_b50carol03

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New tourism training initiative

A new training initiative has been launched by VisitArran to help drive the island into becoming a world class destination.

Executive director Sheila Gilmore said there had been a good response from partners to the launch-lunch of the Arran Training Initiative at the Kinloch Hotel in Blackwaterfoot on Monday December 14 at 12.30pm.

Sheila said: 'This will offer all businesses and community groups on Arran an accessible, affordable and consistent delivery of training to support customer service and help to drive Arran to becoming a world class destination.'

A few spaces remain for any businesses still interested in attending which should contact VisitArran as soon as possible on 302043, email: info@visitarran.com, website: www.visitarran.com

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Shoppers Janice MacVicar and Heidi Macfarlane took advantage of some of the fantastic deals at Arran Aromatics. 02_b50shop06



Sandra Bentley of Inspirations said that shoppers came in waves. 02_b50shop03



Arran Aromatics elves, from left, Irene Currie, Mags Bulger, Ha hand to help customers. 02_b50shop07



Stacey Smith and May Crawford offered shoppers a warm welcome and tasty fudge at Red Door. 02_b50shop02



Nicola Greig at the Blackwaterfoot Post Office wholeheartedly supports any buy-local initiative. 02_b50shop09

Bargain bo Shop Arran

Words and pictures by COLIN SMEETON

The fourth annual Shop Arran event held last weekend might have had an encounter with storm Desmond, which played havoc with would-be visitors and ferries, but it could not stop determined locals from going out to take advantage of all of the great Christmas deals on offer.

The weekend-long initiative Shop Arran encourages shoppers to take advantage of special discounts and unique offers among participating businesses

and to make Arran a festive and welcoming destination to visit and shop.

Many shops offered a 10 per cent discount across their entire range with individual special deals, while all of the participating shops provided festive nibbles, a warm welcome and special treats.

Some businesses took it even further, dressing up and offering cooking demonstrations or warming mulled wine or even glasses of bubbly for shoppers to enjoy while browsing the Arran quality products on offer.

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zel Robertson, Caitlin Robertson and Gillian McCrae, were on



Gillian Ingham of the Blackwaterfoot Harbour shop reported a steady flow of patrons despite the inclement weather.

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It was a busy weekend for Stuart Fraser of the Bay Kitchen and Stores, who ran a host of mini events including a successful build-a-basket promotion.

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Fiona Thorne and Sally Gandon of Jolly Molly reported a successful Shop Arran weekend.

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Elizabeth Bell of the new Belle's Boutique in Brodick did a roaring trade over the weekend.

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Stephanie Jenkins, aka Steffy Claus, and Lynn Raeburn did a brisk trade at Friday's Child.

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Sheila Sams of the Old Byre was kept very busy in the Brodick store.

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nanza at 1 weekend

All shops report an increase in business to varying degrees and with the bulk of sales being to locals.

Best weekend

Shop owner Janelle Paton of The Curtain Shop in Lamlash said: 'This has been the best weekend since I opened seven years ago. The best thing is that it has been 95 per cent local people shopping.'

Nicola Greig of the Blackwaterfoot Post Office said that she could not attribute the increase in business directly to the event but added: 'I wholeheartedly

support any initiative that encourages people to shop locally; that is what it is all about.'

So while business owners might not of have had the additional custom of mainland visitors due to the cancellation of ferries and the wild weather on Saturday, islanders who had planned on heading to the mainland instead did their shopping locally, which is exactly what the initiative aimed to promote.

The general consensus was that the Shop Arran weekend worked out really well, despite the weather.



Janelle Paton of the Curtain House with young customer Jemma Totty.

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New ferry will be able to operate in 50-knot winds

Arran's new ferry terminal will be built in five consecutive phases over the next 18 months, a meeting on the island heard last week.

The meeting, attended by around 40 residents, was held last Thursday in Brodick Hall when staff from Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd (CMAL) gave a presentation, lead by Ramsay Muirhead, on the expansion plans for the Brodick ferry terminal. CMAL owns the ferries, harbours and infrastructure in Scotland, on behalf of the Scottish Government.

The CMAL party included Andrew Duncan, director of vessels and Lorna Spencer the director of harbours. Mr Muirhead, who is head of civil engineering, reminded those attending of the general concept of the structure and purpose of the project.

He also informed the meeting how the work would progress in five consecutive phases over the predicted 18 month duration. As previously reported in The Banner, the contract for the majority of the project has been awarded to George Leslie Ltd with the work on the Passenger Access System, to be tendered separately and completed within the same timescale. Some of George Leslie's staff, who will be resident engineers on site, were introduced at the meeting.

The meeting heard Phase 1 had already commenced and involved clearing the sand plant car park of Japanese knotweed, along with the erection of signage and safety panels.

Phase 2 will last four months, and will involve the reclaiming of land within the existing pier basin. During this time, car marshalling will be amended with

appropriate signage.

Phase 3 will last around three months, and will see the new bus stances ready, then work will commence on the existing bus stances. Phase 4 should last two months and will involve works on reclaimed land.

Phase 5 should also take two months and this is when the new road and marshal-

ling lanes will be completed.

The last area to be finished will be the new car park, before, finally, the old pier will be closed off.

The meeting also heard from Jim Anderson, project director and senior technical manager, who presented details of the two new hybrid (dual fuel) vessels, one of which is scheduled for

Arran and which are on order from Ferguson Marine Engineering of Greenock. The vessels, which are scheduled for delivery in 2018, will be approximately 10 metres longer than the MV Caledonian Isles and wider in the beam. They will be able to carry the same number of passengers as the present ferry but up

to 26 more cars on a main deck which will be five lanes wide and two mezzanine decks. Mr Anderson was keen to stress that the significant difference would be that the new boats would have three bow thrusters for the required manoeuvrability.

Questions were raised about specific details of the

ferry including the different fuel types, disabled access, manoeuvrability and suitability for the Arran run and Ardrossan in particular. The audience heard that manoeuvrability was a key feature of the new boat, and it will be designed to manoeuvre in 50-knot winds, meaning more sailings are likely to go ahead.



Fergus Muirhead chaired the meeting on the new ferry terminal. 20_b50meeting01

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Split on wind farm plans

The wind farm plan for the Holy Isle has this week sparked, a sometimes heated, social media debate.

And the conclusion has to be that the community is completely split down the middle on whether it is for it or against it.

As reported in The Banner two weeks ago, a full planning application is now being considered by planners and anyone who wants to have say on the proposal had better be quick as a rant on a Facebook page, as is always the case, does not constitute any real support or opposition at all.

Anyone wishing to make any real representation about the proposal to site six wind turbines on Holy Isle only has a week to do so - but that is not a criticism of the Buddhist monks on Holy Isle or the planning process.

The Banner first reported the proposals on the front page in May when The Rokpa Trust first approached North Ayrshire Council seeking a pre-planning report.

Since that time a considerable amount of work has been put into reports and site investigations all needed to comply with the strict planning regulations.

Now the planning process is reaching the business end with a decision expected in mid-January - although Arran Community Council has now asked for more time to consider the plans.

At least the debate, on, of all places, a buying and selling social media site, has resulted in a community Facebook page to discuss the proposals and also a wider forum to discuss community matters.

Social media has an important role to play in many aspects of people's lives these days, whether that is a good thing or a bad thing is a debate for another day.

What people must realise is it is not the only way to exchange ideas and information. There is a whole world outside social media.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end.' (Isaiah 9: 6-7)

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Letters to the Editor



Gibson: why I voted against Syria bombing

Sir,
Last Wednesday night (December 2), along with my SNP MP colleagues, I took the decision to vote against military action in Syria.

Following the debate and developments closely over the last fortnight, SNP MPs collectively agreed that the case for military action had not convincingly been made and that UK intervention in Syria may, in fact, exacerbate an already desperate situation. This was also the view of the all-party House of Commons foreign affairs committee which stated that the Prime Minister had 'not adequately addressed concerns'.

The division bell sounded after 10 hours of debate which saw 157 MPs submit a request to speak. As the votes were counted, it became clear that the Government had won - ultimately passing the motion by 397 votes to 223.

On the eve of the debate, SNP Westminster leader Angus Robertson MP tabled an amendment to the government motion to block air strikes in Syria. This was signed by 110 MPs from six parties, but was not agreed.

Disappointingly the Prime Minister chose to label those intending to vote against the Government as 'terrorist sympathisers' - a disgraceful slur on MPs who carefully weighed up the arguments and concluded that bombing Syria was not the best way forward. To his shame, David Cameron never apologised for these appalling remarks, despite being invited to do so on 15 separate occasions during the debate. Considering that those who voted against military action included former members of the armed forces, spouses of current service personnel, three former Tory leadership candidates and MPs from Northern Ireland - which has suffered from terrorism first hand - it was the least the prime minister

could have done. The civil war in Syria has created one of the worst humanitarian crises in decades, with 300,000 people killed, nine million fleeing their homes and historic cities devastated following sustained aerial and artillery bombardment. On top of this, we have witnessed the rise of Islamic State (ISIS) an Islamo-fascist death cult that has brought dark-age barbarism to Iraq and Syria and terror to the beaches of Tunisia and streets of Paris.

To say that nothing should be done is not an option. However, acting when the consequences of action are not fully understood is foolhardy. Military analysts made it clear that air strikes will not defeat ISIS. The prime minister claims there are 70,000 rebels ready to join them. However, despite repeated questioning, he was unable to spell out who these fighters are, how many are 'moderate' and how many belong to rival jihadist elements as bad as those we want to defeat. And despite claims that technology used by the RAF would minimise civilian casualties, we know from past experience that using high explosives in urban areas leads inevitably to innocent lives being lost.

The UK should have - and still should - press for Turkey to seal its borders to ISIS volunteers crossing into Syria and Iraq and cut off the export of the oil and antiquities ISIS relies on to pay its fighters. Jihadis who had trained and fought in Syria returning to France and Belgium played a major role in the Paris attacks. Clearly more work needs to be done to counter radicalisation of Muslims in communities across Europe.

The UK should press forward with diplomatic efforts to end the Syrian civil war and work with the UN and others to develop a peace plan for the next round of peace talks between Syria's Assad regime and opposition groups, which are due to take place this month.

Opting to drop more bombs

on an already beleaguered nation without an exit strategy or a credible peace-building plan can only delay a lasting solution.

Yours,
**Patricia Gibson SNP
North Ayrshire
and Arran MP**

French bombing did not stop Paris attack

Sir,
Deeply depressing that so many should be moved by the Hilary Benn bombast in favour of bombing. Rhetoric of that sort should have been followed by a careful, detailed and comprehensive plan to end the Syrian civil war and defeat Daesh. Instead we were subjected to an act of self advertisement in support of a woefully inadequate, ill thought out, aggressive gesture likely to kill more people to no avail. Benn was amply rewarded by Tory cheers and should consider his own political realignment. Little notice has been taken of the fact that French bombing of Syria did not defend against the horror in Paris.

A comprehensive plan must involve overwhelming Islamic forces on the ground backed with all the resources they need from the West and, learning from our destruction of civil society in Iraq, the Assad regime should be aided, as the Russians are trying to do, to re-establish control in Syria.

We have interfered massively, destructively and illegally in the Middle East and given credence, in our behaviour, to the Islamist notion of us being 'crusaders' ie attacking Islam. To counter this and gain the confidence of the Muslim world we need to be openly contrite about what has happened and able to show a change of heart so that we may ally with them in opposing Daesh and other groups whose victims are largely Muslim. This would allow British Muslims to more confidently support us by expressing their own

sense of outrage, reduce recruitment to terrorist organisations and make Britain safer.

Yours,
**John Inglis
High Corrie**

Grasping the nettle

Sir,
I would like to thank the first responders, ambulance staff, hospital workers, nurses and doctors who helped me during my recent sudden illness.

All these groups of people deserve equal respect but unfortunately market forces dictate that a surgeon who may be on £100,000 a year gets an increase of £1,000 when his pay is increased by one per cent. A hospital porter who may be on £15,000 a year gets an increase of £150.

Therefore in this country, like in most of the world, the disparity between the well paid and the not so well paid inexorably grows.

This is a nettle that people and politicians must grasp. Surely we have the wit to override the well worn excuse of 'market forces' and make it our business to right this injustice.

Yours,
**Tony Baboolal
Lochranna**

Charity tree

Sir,
I'd just like to say a huge 'thank you' to Faye at the Arran Butchers for delivering our Christmas tree. She was accosted at Ardrossan harbour by Chris, a community fundraiser for the Bethany Christian Trust, and asked if she could deliver the tree to us.

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Hearing aid users urged to take part in survey

A campaigning hearing loss charity is urging Arran residents, who use NHS hearing aids, to complete a survey about their experiences of audiology and hearing support services.

Action on Hearing Loss Scotland has produced the survey to gather information to see whether the individual communication, accessibility and support needs of people who are deaf or hard of hearing are being met.

Arran residents who use NHS audiology services are invited to complete the survey online at www.hearingloss.org.uk/SCOsurvey or email: scotland@hearingloss.org.uk to request a paper version.

Director Delia Henry said: 'We want to find out about the types of information and support provided by NHS audiology and charity-run aftercare services which are most effectively helping people in Arran to manage their hearing loss and also where there could be room for improvement.'



Community council chairman Richard McMaster (centre) welcomes new village representatives Marilyn Woods and Barrie Mochan. 20_b48council01

New councillors take their seats

Two new village representatives were welcomed to their first meeting of Arran Community Council recently.

Marilyn Woods won a rare election contest, attended by more than 40 Shiskine Valley residents, where she was chosen to represent the area ahead of James Clark.

Barrie Mochan was elected unopposed to represent Corrie and Sannox.

Chairman Richard McMaster welcomed

the new councillors and said they had been delighted at the turnout for the Shiskine election meeting on what had been 'a miserable night' the previous week.

'The election went very well and residents were presented with a choice of two very good candidates,' he said.

The meeting was also told that Whiting Bay representative Peter Randell had been forced to resign on medical grounds.

Arran bridge results

The results of the Arran Bridge Club aggregate competition held at Brodick on Thursday, December 3 were as follows: N/S 1 Douglas and Margaret Bruce, 2 John and Jan Beattie, 3 John Baraclough and Jennifer Wales. E/W 1 Douglas Hamilton and Tricia Martin, 2 Janie Maclure and Anne McKelvie, 3 Alison Bilsland and Elaine Duncan. The results of the match points competition held at Lamlash on Monday, December 7 were as follows: 1 Tricia Martin and David Campbell, 2 Jan and John Beattie, 3 Margaret and Douglas Bruce.

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To all our friends from Pat & David, Lamlash



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To all of my friends, relatives and carers. Best wishes, Johann McHarg, Lamlash



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To all of our friends and neighbours on Arran from Norval & Jane



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Margaret Hamilton, Shiskine



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To all our friends on the island from Frances, Mark, Carol and Scott Harwood



MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Graham, Barbara and Mark Tinto now reside in Perthshire and would like to wish all their friends on the island season greetings. A donation is being sent to Save the Children Fund



SEASONS GREETINGS

John Corbett, Iona, Brodick



Council acts after dog bin complaints

Dog owners in Lamlash have raised concerns that the dog waste bins in the village are not being emptied often enough.

The overflowing bins on the Lamlash Green and those behind Arran High School were described as 'disgusting' at the weekend.

The unsightly and hazardous bins were pictured with a large amount of plastic bags collecting on the ground and on top of the full bins posing a health hazard as dog faeces may contain parasites which can cause blindness and liver disorders in humans, as well as being a criminal of-

fence if incorrectly disposed of. North Ayrshire Council, which is responsible for the bins, admitted there had been a problem.

Oversight

A council spokesman said: 'We can confirm that after investigating the situation, the bins located on the green and next to the high school in Lamlash were missed due to an oversight on the operative's part.'

'The bins have now been emptied and are scheduled to be serviced once per week on a Saturday. The local supervisor will ensure the bins are serviced on their scheduled

day to prevent any future issues arising.'

North Ayrshire Council has a page on its website dedicated to reporting dog fouling, advising about a full bin or to request a dog bin. The council is also the first council in Scotland to release a free app for Android and Apple devices, called 'Report It', where users can report and track a variety of incidents and faults including dog fouling, fly tipping, potholes and road or pavement faults.

More information can be found on the North Ayrshire Councils website at www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk

Lamlash party

The Lamlash children's party for ages ranging from newborns up to and including primary five will be held in AHS hall on Saturday, December 19. The party starts at 2.30pm, with time out for party food and ice cream and jelly. Everyone's favourite visitor, Santa Claus, will be arriving with his laden sack. The party finishes at approximately 4.30pm. Please look out for posters that will appear nearer the time.

Festive fun and frolics at Christmas market

A successful Christmas market was held in Whiting Bay Village Hall last Saturday.

The hall was full of festive fun and packed with craft stalls, which did a roaring trade as did the tearoom selling Christmas treats.

The event raised £720 for hall funds and the committee would like to thank all stall holders and shoppers for making the market such a huge success. They would also like to say a special thanks to Arran Brass Band for their delightful music.



North Ayrshire dementia adviser Donna Paterson and policy and engagement manager Gerry McCoy receive a giant cheque from Arran volunteer Emma Campbell for the amount raised at the Memory Walk. 20_b49memory01

Second walk raised £1,500 in support of Alzheimer charity

The second Memory Walk, held in September, again raised more than £1,500 for Alzheimer Scotland.

Nearly 100 took part this year in the colourful

event along Brodick shore-front which comprised of a one-kilometre or five-kilometre walk.

The event raised £1,534.70, just a few pounds short of last year's total and this week Alzheimer Scotland representatives visited the island to collect the cheque.

Policy and engagement manager Gerry McCoy said: 'This was another tremendous achievement on Arran and I can't thank the local

volunteer organisers enough and would just like to thank everyone who participated and gave money.'

Arran volunteer Emma Campbell added: 'This is now firmly on the Arran calendar as an annual event.'

This year it was also a dropping off point for the collection of clothing and shoes for refugees in the Balkans, which was being organised through Glasgow the Caring City.

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Children inspired by COAST sealife story and colouring book

Brodick Library hosted the launch of 'Kirsty, Jamie and the Pipefish man' last week, which has been produced by the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST).

This story and colouring book has delighted children and adults alike by taking the readers on a magical journey to discover the South Arran Marine Protected Area.

The event was well attended in the colourful and cosy library with more than 40 adults and children who also took part in a craft session to create marine turtles for the youngest.

After the author, Cicely Gill, had read out an extract from the story, a young participant

raised his hand and said: 'I am a big animal fan, especially underwater animals and I want to colour in all these pictures.' Another child asked: 'Why can't you read us the whole story?'

Lesley Van Bogerijen's illustrations for the book will be exhibited until Christmas at the library, alongside diver Howard Wood's photographs of Arran's amazing sealife, to inspire visitors.

Lesley said she hoped children would react to the story with 'pure excitement and disbelief that all these creatures and colours exist in our waters'. 'The thrill of being at the seaside has always been there, especially for children,

but so often it is somewhere to just build a castle or have a paddle. Nothing wrong with that, but hopefully our book might make them think a little about the bigger picture.'

Cicely added: 'I would hope that they will be as excited as Kirstie and Jamie and feel enthusiastic about the story and tell their parents.'

COAST executive director, Andrew Binnie said: 'Our vision is that of an island where every single person knows, cares and benefits in a responsible way from our wonderful marine life and resources'

The book is available for purchase priced £5 from the library or from COAST. Contact email@arrancoast.com

Bunkhouse celebrates anniversary

This week marked the 10th anniversary of the official opening of Kilmory Bunkhouse.

It was opened by former first minister Jack McConnell, now Baron McConnell of Glenscorrodale, to a packed Kilmory Hall on December 10, 2005.

In its 10 years it has seen a wide variety of visitors from all over the world; MSPs, wedding parties, university groups and even an army of concertina players.

Newly-appointed hall and bunkhouse manager Andrea Thomson, who recently took over from Jean Clark's sterling stewardship, has already made numerous plans to continue promoting the bunkhouse and attracting new visitors, particularly in light of the RET-reduced ferry fares.

It has certainly found favour with visitors over the years, with quotes such as: 'This was the best place to have my hen weekend!' and 'What a lovely and successful idea - a village hall doubling up as a bunkhouse.'



Cicely Gill reads at the book launch.



Children take part in the craft workshop.



One of the turtles takes shape.

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Gardens are a safe refuge for varied birds in winter

The weather in November was characterised by regular, sometimes storm force, Atlantic fronts sweeping across the island. In comparison to October it was windier, colder and wetter. There was more than twice as much rain as there had been in October - winter had arrived. In these conditions there were only two records of lingering summer visitors, two lesser black-backed gull in Whiting Bay on 5th and two gannet off Kildonan on 20th.

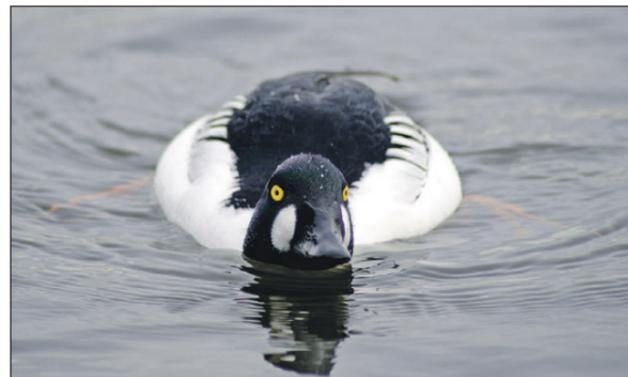
Despite the weather there

were lots of interesting bird sightings this month, which is hopefully reflected in these bird notes. For example there was the first report this year of Slavonian grebe, an occasional winter and passage migrant. There was one on the sea between Catacol and Lochranza on 15th and, later in the month, two in Brodick Bay on 22nd.

Throughout the month there were widespread reports of foraging fieldfare and redwing, sometimes in mixed flocks. The largest group

reported was at Sliderry on 1st with over 800 fieldfare and over 300 redwing. Other records of wintering birds included: two yellowhammer at Sliderry on 3rd, three purple sandpiper at Kildonan on 4th, a brambling at Cordon on 9th, 20 turnstone at Blackwaterfoot on 10th, 10 twite at Blackwaterfoot on 19th, 10 rook at Pirrmill on 20th and eight Woodcock at Clachlands on 23rd. Large groups of gull were also reported including at Machriewaterfoot on 5th: 300 herring gull, 200 kittiwake, 100 common gull and 10 great black-backed gull.

Groups of wintering wildfowl included: barnacle geese heard flying over Sliderry in the dark on 3rd, two Goldeneye on Mossend Pond on 10th, 11 whooper swan in Shiskine on 11th, 10 wigeon at Machriewaterfoot on 17th and three pink-footed geese and three white-fronted geese with greylag geese in Shiskine on 18th. The largest group of greylag geese re-



Goldeneye is regular winter visitor. Photo Brian Couper



Bird notes
by Jim Cassels
NOVEMBER

Slavonian grebe, first record this year of the occasional winter visitor. Photo Brian Henderson

ported in November was 262 on 30th.

Gardens are safe refuges during the winter months with many people providing regular food and water for their feathered friends. These are a small selection from the many reports from gardens round the island in November: a male bullfinch in Lochranza on 4th, two siskin in Shiskine on 8th, six Blackbird in Balmichael on 9th, twenty Chaffinch in Lam-lash on 10th, a Great Spotted woodpecker in Whiting Bay on 15th, a female blackcap in Kilpatrick also on 15th, six long-tailed tit in Whiting Bay on 20th, seven goldfinch in Dippin on 21st and eight coal tit in Lochranza on 29th.

Other November highlights included: two jack snipe at Hazelburn on 1st, a juvenile merlin at Sliderry on 3rd, three common crossbill at High Kildonan on 5th, three moorhen at Port na Lochan on 13th, two great northern diver off Fairy Dell on 14th, three black-throated diver off Dougarie on 21st, one short-eared owl at the top of the String also on 21st and a red-throated diver in Whiting Bay on 25th. The first reports of shelduck returning after their moult were on 24th at Kildonan and on 25th at Carlo.

Finally, there were widespread records on dippers feeding on the coast. With many burns in spate, feeding

is often easier at river mouths in winter than further inland. Records included: two at Glenashdalewaterfoot on 5th, two at Merkland on 7th, one at Newton on 14th, one at Kildonan on 15th and two at Machrie on 19th.

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 jim@arranbirding.co.uk. I look forward to hearing from you. For more information on birding on Arran purchase the Arran Bird Atlas 2007-2012 as well as the Arran Bird Report 2014 and visit this website www.arranbirding.co.uk

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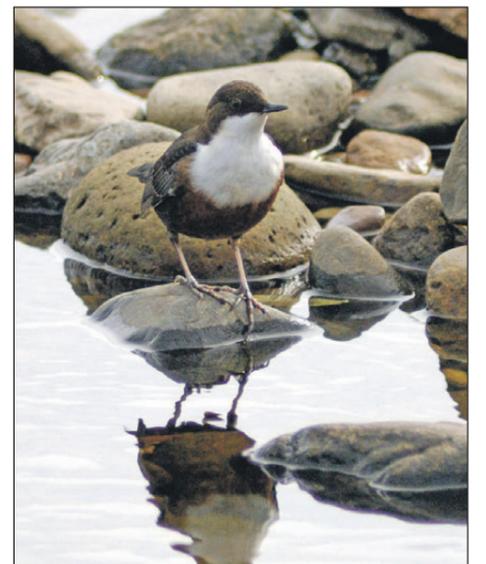
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A female blackcap increasingly visiting gardens in the winter. Photo Angela Cassels



Dipper move to the coast for the winter. Photo Brian Couper

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Stewards fight

Three crew members of the Caledonian Isles were involved in a fight on the Brodick front last Tuesday night.

All stewards, one was taken to hospital with a broken collar bone. It is believed that the group had been drinking in Brodick bar and on their way back to the ship encountered a group of local men when the fighting broke out.

Neither group wanted to press charges.

Retiring again

Kilmory Hall secretary of 21 years, Mrs Edna Picken has stood down from her position.

At the hall's AGM last Monday she announced her retirement which she has offered before, but was always persuaded to stay on. This time, however, she will be retiring with

Postmen sorting through the Christmas mail are using a new filing system which should speed up the sorting process. Earlier this week they also started with early morning deliveries which will help ease the pressure at this very busy time of the year. b50twe04



her successor named as Sally Brooks.

Special cruise

The Clyde River Steamer Club is to charter the MV Caledonian Isles for a special cruise off the coast of Arran on Saturday, January 16. The self-professed 'steamer nuts' will join the vessel for a normal sailing from Ardrossan and then commence a one-and-a-half-hour charter from Brodick where they hope other enthusiasts will join them. The price will be £12.50 and CalMac will provide lunch on board.

Cheese upset

Local shopkeepers have expressed their disappointment at the Torrylinn Creamery for stopping the production of its 1lb cheese. Citing it to be one of their top sellers they wrote letters to Scottish Pride expressing their disapproval. Mr Adam McCarthy of Scottish Pride said: 'We understand the Arran gift market but we also have to consider the wider cheese market where a 1/2lb cheese will bring us in line with the new Highlands and Islands range.'



Around 40 people attended the Arran Tourist Board AGM last Wednesday. Present at the meeting were the new chairman and chief executive of the new Ayrshire and Arran Tourist Board; Jim Tildisley and Paul Buchanan. b50twe03



Above: In November the BT Scottish Ensemble and the Isle of Arran Tourist Board were shortlisted for the Scottish Thistle Award for Tourism in the Arts for their presentation of the first Arran Festival of Music. Pictured in the Brodick Hall is the BT Ensemble after one of their concerts last May. b50twe02



Lamlash primary pupils admire the decorative garden at the school, which is one of the many projects created by people on community service orders. Behind the children are John Mooney, who organises the work stints, and former police sergeant Jim Wilson, who supervises the offenders on Arran. b50twe05



Left: Fergus Judge learns about responsibility from a young age when he is put in charge of the 'guess the number of sweets on the Christmas tree' at Shiskine Primary School's Christmas Fayre last Saturday. b50twe01

What's on

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 Arran Brewery tour 2pm (limited spaces call for availability)
 Lamlash Tennis Courts/Putting Green Open all day

Saturday 12th December

Army Cadets Auchrannie Road 11am - 1pm
 Over 21s Disco Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
 Family Games Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
 Fun in the pool Auchrannie Spa pool, 4-5pm
 Arran Vets - Surgery Brodick, 9.30am - 11am
 Live music from The Splinters The PHT, 8pm
 Live music from Arran Ceilidh Band Fiddlers, Brodick from 7.30pm - 9.30pm
 Brodick Castle Visitor Centre Brodick, 11am - 3pm
 Arran Physiotherapy & Acupuncture Clinic arranphysiotherapy.co.uk 9-12noon
 Blackwaterfoot bowling club rink game Blackwaterfoot bowling club, 1.15pm
 Lamlash Bowling Club Rink Game Lamlash Bowling club, 2pm
 WBay Bowling Club Rink Game Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2pm
 Ceilidh Dancing Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
 Christmas concert Corrie Parish Church, 7.30pm
 Corrie Christmas Fayre Corrie Hotel, 12 noon - 5pm

Sunday 13th December

Family Games Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
 Fun in the pool Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm
 AA Meeting Brodick church Hall, 5pm-6.30pm
 Open Session - All musicians and singers welcome Fiddlers, Brodick 2.30pm
 Brodick Castle Visitor Centre Brodick, 11am - 3pm
 Corrie Film Club Corrie & Sannox Village Hall, 8pm
 Corrie Christmas Fayre Corrie Hotel, 12 noon - 5pm

Monday 14th December

Over 50s Badminton Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm
 Badminton Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
 Live music - North Country Winters Fiddlers, Brodick, 7.30pm
 Morning Fitness Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
 Table Tennis Corrie Hall, 6.30pm
 Badminton Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm
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 Lamlash Aerobix Arran High School Dance Studio, 6.30pm
 RunArran Jogscotland Beginners Whiting Bay, 5pm
 RunArran Mixed Ability Whiting Bay, 5.30pm
 Bridge Club Lamlash Golf Clubhouse, 7.15pm
 Scottish Country Dancing for beginners and improvers Corrie Hall, 2-4pm
 Tae Kwondo Brodick Church Hall Adults and over 10s, 7.00pm - 8.30pm

Tuesday 15th December

Pop Quiz Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
 Alcoholics Anonymous Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
 Youth Club Kildonan Hall, 7pm
 Arran Vets - Surgery 9am - 10.30am
 Rotary club Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 6.30pm
 Healthy Outdoors NTS Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm

Blackwaterfoot bowling club rink game
 RunArran Run Coaching
 Open Cricket Session
 Non- competitive bridge
 Lamlash Drama Club
 Winter Bowls
 Shiskine Primary Christmas Concert

Blackwaterfoot bowling club, 1.15pm
 Lamlash, 5.30pm
 Brodick Astro Turf 7pm-9pm
 Brodick Golf Clubhouse, 7pm - 9pm
 Arran High School, 6.30pm - 9pm
 Auchrannie, 7pm
 Shiskine Hall, 7pm

Wednesday 16th December

Rock & Pop Bingo Ormidale Hotel 9.30pm
 Tae Kwondo Arran High School Kids-6.30-7.30pm Adults-7.30-8.30pm
 Alcoholics Anonymous Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
 Arran Brass Rehearsal Brodick Church Hall, 7-9pm
 Arran Vets - Surgery Brodick, 9am - 10.30am & 6pm - 7pm
 Yoga Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am-10.30am
 Hydrofit Auchrannie Hotel leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
 Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy service 10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30
 RunArran Mixed Ability Brodick, 5.30pm
 Brodick Castle Visitor Centre Brodick, 11am - 3pm
 Yoga-Arran Kinneil, Lamlash, 7-8.30pm
 Live music Fiddlers, Brodick from 8pm
 Drift Inn Quiz Lamlash, 9pm
 Mixed Hockey Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7.30-9pm
 Dog classes Whiting Bay Hall, 1pm
 Knitting & Crochet drop in group Brodick Library, 4pm - 6pm
 Coffee Morning Brodick Church Hall, 10.30am - 12noon
 Church guild Coffee Morning & Bring/Buy Lamlash church hall, 10.15am

Thursday 17th December

Morning Fitness Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
 General Knowledge Quiz Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
 Arran Vets - Surgery 9am - 10.30am
 Ladies Hockey Ormidale Pavilion, 7.30-8.30pm
 RunArran Mixed Ability Brodick, 6pm
 Brodick Castle Visitor Centre Brodick, 11am - 3pm
 Live music with Arn Bru Fiddlers, Brodick from 7.30pm - 9.30pm
 Cardiac Rehab Auchrannie leisure club, 2-3.30pm
 QuiltArran Lamlash Fire Station, 2-4.30pm
 Brodick Embroidery Group Brodick Library, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
 Burger & Quiz night Felicity's at Eden Lodge, from 7.30pm
 Winter Bowls Auchrannie, 7pm
 Bridge Club Brodick Golf Clubhouse, 7.15pm
 Lochranza Kids Badminton Lochranza Hall, 6.15pm - 8pm
 Lochranza Adults Badminton Lochranza Hall, 8pm

Friday 18th December

Yoga Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
 Hydrofit Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
 Arran Youth Foundations Church Hall, Brodick 7pm-9pm
 Arran Vets - Surgery 9am - 10.30am & 3pm - 4pm
 Live music from the Buchaneers Fiddlers, Brodick, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
 Brodick Castle Visitor Centre Brodick, 11am - 3pm
 AA Meeting Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
 Live music Fiddlers, Brodick, 8pm
 Tae Kwondo Arran High School, Lamlash Adults, 7pm - 8.30pm
 Carol singing at the castle Brodick Castle Drawing Room, 7.30pm - 9pm



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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT
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2013 REGULATION 20(1)**

Format: Application No; Address; Proposed Development

15/00722/PP; Site to South West of Blairbeg Farm, Lamlash, Brodick, Isle of Arran; Change of use of agricultural land to outdoor riding arena and associated vehicle and horse box turning and parking area (part retrospective).

15/00721/PP; Lamlash Bay Hotel, Lamlash, Brodick, Isle of Arran; Erection of extension to the rear of hotel.

15/00712/PP; Site to North of Doonhill (Plot 4), Harbour View, Blackwaterfoot, Brodick; Amendment to planning approval N/11/00776/PP to amend house type on plot 4.

Elma Murray
Chief Executive
Cunninghame House
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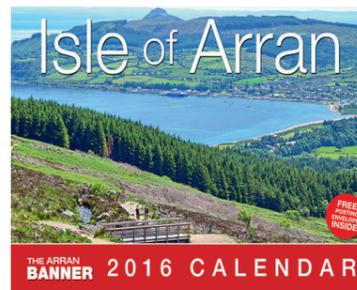
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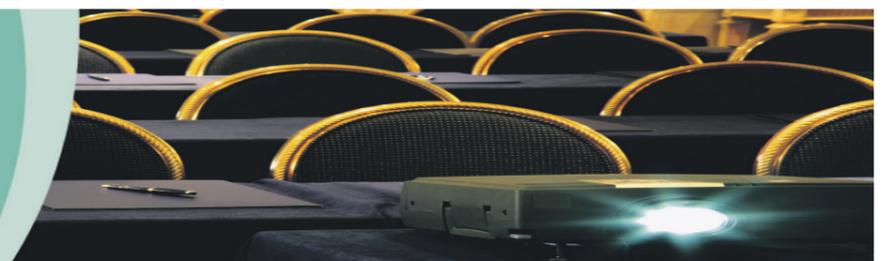
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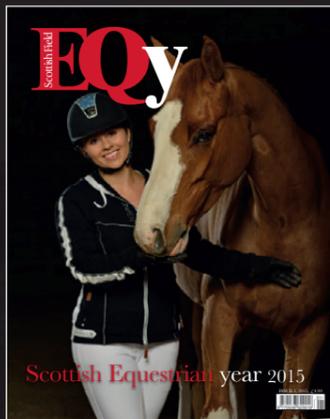
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Sunday, 13th December
Holy Communion, 11.00 am.
Mr John Roberts.
Coffee after service.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Parishes of North Arran Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirmill and Shiskine Independent but working together
Minister:
Rev Angus Adamson
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Mrs Jean Hunter:

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

Sunday 13th December

Lochranza and Pirmill Churches, 10.15am Morning Worship in Lochranza Church led by string group ARCO. Shiskine Church, 12noon Morning Worship led by string group ARCO.

Brodick Church, 10.30am Morning Worship.
Corrie Church, 11.30am Prayer Meeting,

12noon Morning Worship.

There will also be a Service of Worship in Montrose House at 1.30pm.

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Sunday 13th December

Kilmory 10am
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ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)

Sunday 13th December
Morning Service 11am
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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

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Sunday 13th 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.

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday Morning Mass 11am

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev Vince Jennings
Sunday 13th December
11am Morning worship in the Ormidale Sports Pavilion, Brodick
Tea and Coffee after the service.
Wednesday at 7.30pm
Home Fellowship Group for Bible Study and Prayer.
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ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 13th December
Shiskine 11am (Church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)
Brodick 6pm (Church behind post office)
Rev Benjamin von Rensburg

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DEATH

CONNOR (Skye) - Passed away suddenly on 28th November 2015, Sarah Ann (nee Budge) aged 56 years. Much loved wife, mother and granny. Funeral service held at Kilmuir Free Church and interment at Kilmaluag cemetery on 3rd December. Richard and family would sincerely like to thank all family, friends and neighbours for support received following our loss. Thanks also to Dunvegan ambulance crew, the hospitals at Portree, Broadford and Queen Elizabeth, Glasgow (Ward 61 ITU) for the wonderful care given to Sarah. Heartfelt thanks to Rev. J Maclean for his comforting service, to Simply Flowers, Broadford for their beautiful flowers and M & D Macleod for their continued professionalism during our difficult time. A collection of £893.44 was raised for the ITU, Glasgow.

IN MEMORY

COOPER - NANCY
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Arran Golfers Association

Arran Golfers Association Winter League/Duncan Trophy 2015 second round matches took place during a break in the horrendous wet weather at Shiskine on Sunday December 6.

The course stood up well to the persistent rain over the last few weeks and thanks went to Stewart and his team for all the hard work. Thanks also went to Dougie in the shop for collecting results and starting everyone off. Also the soup and sandwiches were great for everyone bar those playing the last two games, who unfortunately found the club locked when they got off the course.

Could all teams please make sure they are at their tee offs at the correct time in future as any delay in the morning has a knock on effect for the rest of the teams later on in the day.

First out were hosts Shiskine against Brodick, home advantage counted and a great result for Shiskine saw them take the match 2.5 games to 1.5. Next was Whiting Bay against Machrie. A good result for the Whiting Bay boys saw them take the match three games to one, although the overall result didn't reflect how close the games were with two going to the last green. Finally league leaders Lamlash took on Corrie, Lamlash kept up their great form from Machrie last month with another comfortable victory three games to one.

Heading into the new year its Lamlash that top the League and with their home game still to come it could be theirs to lose.

Fixtures: 3rd Round at Brodick Golf Club Sunday, January 10 Draw: Brodick v Corrie, Shiskine v Machrie, Lamlash v Whiting Bay. All games start



Arran Challenge 2015 winners Margaret Jefferies and Alan Stewart both Shiskine.

at 10am. Could players be there sharp to get to respective tees please.

Dougie Macfarlane and all the committee would like to wish all Arran golfers a very happy Christmas and prosperous new year.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday December 6, the second round of the AGA Winter League campaign saw Whiting Bay drawn against Machrie Bay GC and following the downpours of the preceding week it was perhaps just as well that Shiskine was the host course.

It was in amazingly good shape; its sandy subsoil coping well with recent weather conditions and the golf got under way hampered only by a stiff breeze under bright skies.

The first pairing out for WBGC was Jamie Macpherson and Sandy Pringle who prevailed on the final green by one hole.

Gus Macleod and Ronnie Mann then endured a gutsy fightback from Machrie who, from being four holes down early in the match, came back to win by one on the final green. In the third pairing David

Brookens and Stan Rainey saw off a spirited Machrie challenge to win two and one while in the last game, Graeme Crichton and Adam Kelso prevailed by three and one. A win for Whiting Bay by three points to one, a fine performance against a good Machrie team for many of whom Shiskine is a second home.

Thanks to Shiskine for the fine condition of the course and for the lovely soup and sandwiches afterwards, very welcome after a chilly morning on the course.

Fixtures: Saturday, December 12, Christmas tree party, 3pm at the clubhouse. Sunday December 13, Winter Cup rnd 3, usual draws at 9am and 10.30am.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday December 3, Yellow Medal, CSS 63, Par 61. 1 Drew Wales 68-8=60, 2 Billy O'Connor 82-21=61. Magic two Allan Winship at the 16th.

Sunday December 6, Congratulations to Lamlash who beat Corrie 3-1 in the Winter League at Shiskine.

Fixtures: Sunday December 13, Glenburn Cup 9.30am and 12 noon start. Thursday, De-

ember 17, Yellow Medal 11am start.

Machrie Golf Club

Tuesday November 24, Winter Cup. Seven played. 1 Alastair Macdonald 78-10=68, 2 Campbell Laing 88-18=70, 3 Fiona Scott 100-29=71.

Tuesday December 1. Four played. 1 Phil Betley 77-12=65, BIH, 2 Campbell Laing 82-17=65, 3 Brian Sherwood 81-9=72.

Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday December 2, Wednesday game. Two played in reasonable conditions. The winner was, yet again, Charles O'Neill 83-16=67.

There were no magic twos so there is a fourth rollover - not very skilled these oldies. Tee off at noon every Wednesday, all welcome.

Sunday December 6. It was wet, very wet, but remarkably the greens were in good condition and four people managed to play in the afternoon sweep.

There was only one winner Chris Pattenden, with a net 67, which was not bad considering the conditions.

The Brodick Duncan Trophy team recorded the following on Sunday: the last away to Shiskine at Shiskine, 2 1/2 to 1 1/2. Well played Shiskine.

Fixture: A third attempt to play the Saturday Cup will be made on Saturday, December 12. Players are to arrange their own games and it is a stableford, non counter.

Shiskine Golf Club

Margaret Jefferies won the 2015 ladies' Arran Challenge with 52 pts while Alan Stewart won the gents' event with 53 pts. Both are Shiskine members.

The Kinloch Hotel has been in touch with all the prize winners.

There was a record 358 ladies played this year and we look forward to seeing everybody again next year.

Corrie Golf Club

Fixture: Saturday, December 12, Winter Cup. Ballots 8am and noon.

DEATH

ROBERTSON, Catherine DONELLA — 1923 - 2015

On November 27, 2015, Donella passed away peacefully in her sleep at Point Grey Private Hospital.

She is survived by her sister Grace, nephew Paul (Jacqueline), neice Sydney (Michael), great nieces and nephews Christie, Marina, Adam and Simon Sharpe and great-great neices Carter Lynn, Caden and Lila. Predeceased by her father Archie, mother Mary (both her parents were born and raised in the Isle of Arran, Scotland, before emigrating to Winnipeg, Manitoba) sister Wilma, brother-in-law Major Eric Sharpe and her nephew Dr. Colin Sharpe.



Donella grew up in Winnipeg and moved to Vancouver with her mother and sister in 1957.

She joined Air Canada in the same year and took early retirement on January 1st, 1985.

During her years with Air Canada, she was involved with the Vancouver Employee Special Projects Association and the Air Canada Employ-

ee Charitable Foundation.

From 1988 - 1991, she was District Director of the Air Canada Pioneers Association.

Throughout her life, Donella had a passion for music and was a member of the Vancouver Bach Choir.

For over 50 years she was a member of the Jericho Tennis Club where she loved to play tennis and in later years, enjoyed entertaining her many friends at 'the club'.

The family wishes to thank the doctors and nurses at the Point Grey Private Hospital for their care.

Her latter years were brightened by the presence of Mila who took

exceptional care of her at home and who Donella referred to as her 'guardian angel'.

She enjoyed visits and lunches with her Air Canada friends and from her friend Sjaan who visited her often with her favourite treats — coffee and ice cream. Donella had a very generous heart; she loved to help people and will be greatly missed.

Her longtime friend Minister Brad Newcombe will be holding a memorial for Donella at Lakeview Multicultural United Church on January 16th 2016 at 1:00pm The address is 2776 Semlin Dr Vancouver BC V5N 4R6. Email: paul@sharpesound.com

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The RunArran members who took part in the Santa dash.



Allan Souter jnr is hiding under a huge Santa suit with Karen Smith and Jean McInnes.

Dashing Santas put fun into Christmas run

Photographs by Christopher Hogge
The biggest Santa dash yet seen on Arran saw 24 hardy runners take to the streets of Brodick on Sunday afternoon. Held by RunArran the event is now a fixture in the Arran

calendar and the runners were cheered on during the 5km course by hardy shoppers and those out walking, with car drivers sounding their horns in support, or bemusement, on a miserable afternoon. The event started in the rain

and the weather even threw some sleet at the Santas, elves and snowmen just to make them feel at home. But it dried up as the race proceeded with even one of Brodick Bay's regular rainbows managing to make an appearance.

The course took the runners out and back to the Auchrannie before bringing them along the Brodick promenade and back to the resort. Afterwards prizes were handed out to various winners at a Christmas get together

in Cruize. Snowman Emma Campbell won the prize for the best fancy dress costume. One of the runners, Lorna Logan, even completed two Santa dashes in the same day, rushing back from Glasgow to take part in the fun Arran event.

She was among a record 6,000 Santas who took part in the Glasgow event including Arran runners Allan Souter and his teenage son Johnnie. Auchrannie HR manager Lorna Jackson also took part in the Glasgow event. Laura Aitcheson of RunArran said: 'It's great to see everyone having fun with their running.'



Teresa Beckett with fancy dress winner Emma Campbell.



Jon Smith is a speedy snowman.



Allan Souter and son Johnnie at the Santa dash in Glasgow.



Pauline Robertson brings a little ray of sunshine to the race.



Lorna Logan, who completed two Santa dashes on the same day.

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