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Helicopter 'rescue' at sea



A search and rescue Sea King helicopter hovers over the *Caledonian Isles* while a crew man is lowered. b01ea11

A dramatic mock rescue with Caledonian MacBrayne's *MV Caledonian Isles* and the *HMS Gannet* Search and Rescue Sea King helicopter took place during a scheduled crossing between Brodict to Ardrossan at 1.50pm last Friday.

Ken Mills of Brodict was one

passenger aboard the ferry at the time.

He said: 'The rear deck of the ferry was cleared although we were allowed onto the upper deck from where we had a superb view. The exercise involved lowering a man from the helicopter on to the quarter-deck of

the ferry and also dropping a stretcher.

'This stretcher was subsequently winched back up and followed by the helicopter crewman.'

The ferry maintained speed and remained on course throughout the exercise.

A Royal Navy spokesperson

said: 'This event was used primarily as a training exercise and also for winch practice.'

The Sea King Mk 5 helicopter is one of two based at Prestwick Airport and provides a medical evacuation service to the many island communities on Scotland's west coast.

All change for island restaurants

The long-established Whiting Bay restaurant The Pantry will close next Sunday 8 January and re-open the following week as The Golden Dragon Chinese restaurant.

Meanwhile, the Taj Mahal Indian restaurant will open in Whiting Bay in February.

Proprietor Ross MacKay bought The Pantry last year from Jon and Alison Hollingworth.

Ross also owns The Cameronia Hotel in the village where The Golden Dragon has operated from the first floor restaurant and ground floor kitchen for three years.

Award-winning chef Jackie and his assistant Jason have built up a successful reputation serving oriental food to residents and holidaymakers.

So much so that Ross feels this side of his business needs more room to operate.

He said: 'The kitchen at The Pantry is bigger and it helps being on the same floor. There is more scope for expansion and more parking spaces for cars.'

'When Jackie re-opens next week it will be a Chinese restaurant, both sit-in and carry-out, and he will also still be doing take-away pizzas.'

This move frees-up space at The Cameronia to enable a welcome

return to Arran. 'The Taj Mahal is coming back,' said Ross.

This popular Indian Tandoori restaurant first opened on the Island in March 2004 at the Aldersyde Hotel in Lamlash.

It moved to the McAlpine Hotel in Brodict in June 2005 and subsequently closed on 3 October when the hotel was in the process of changing hands.

The Banner reported on 8 October that manager Hossain Sahadath and his staff were sorry to leave the Island and hoped to re-open in new premises in spring 2006.

Now it seems that the Taj Mahal is coming back to Whiting Bay sooner than expected.

On Wednesday Hossain told *The Banner*: 'We have missed Arran and look forward very much to coming back. We hope to open at the Cameronia on Wednesday 1 February or soon after.' Ross MacKay said: 'Hossain will be opening the tandoori restaurant upstairs in early February.'

He added with a chuckle: 'Deep down I think one of my bar staff Kerry Sim was the instigator of the whole thing coming back.'

The arrival of a tandoori restaurant in the village goes one step further to making Whiting Bay the eating-out mecca of Arran.

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MV Clansman returns

This Sunday 8 January marks the return of the *MV Clansman* ferry as the *MV Caledonian Isles* departs for its annual overhaul.

It is anticipated that the *MV Clansman* will undertake the Brodict to Ardrossan service for three weeks.

The *MV Clansman* sails from Oban this Saturday and will take up the service on Sunday.

Last year *The Banner* covered the annual overhaul at Garvel Graving Dock in Greenock.

This year, however, the *Caledonian Isles* is undertaking a 36-hour journey to Aberdeen for its overhaul.

As reported in last weeks *Banner* the 12.30pm sailing from Ardrossan and the 1.50pm from Brodict will not take place on Saturday 7 January or on Monday 9 January.

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Christmas Day dip in the sea



The first tentative steps into the icy waters of Whiting Bay on Christmas Day. b01dip2

Anne Hodge of Spindrift, Sandbraes, Whiting Bay went for a dip in the sea on Christmas Day morning with her two 10-year-old grandchildren Daisy and Johnathan.

Anne's daughter Heather, who was here on holiday from Inverness with the children, took the photographs to prove it. She said: 'They all went right under and took a few strokes. When they came out they were frozen so I

ran a big deep hot bath for them.'

Her mother Anne stays at Spindrift which is just across the road and yards from the beach.

'She does this every year,' said Heather. 'I'm not mad enough to join them but someone had to hold the camera.'

'Mum also went for a swim in the sea on New Year's day. She doesn't know I have sent this to you so she'll get a giggle when *The Banner* comes out.'



Anne Hodge with her grandchildren Daisy and Johnathan about to strip off and take the plunge. b01dip1



As part of the Arran New Year festivities a roman candle lights the sky at 1.10am on Sunday 1 January. b01fir1

Three festive drink drivers

Three people were reported for alleged drink-driving over the new year period.

On Saturday 31 December a 43 year-old Lamlash man and a 43 year-old Brodick man were stopped in separate incidents and provided positive breath tests followed by positive readings on the

intoximeter in Lamlash police station.

Both men appeared in Kilmarnock Sheriff Court on Wednesday 4 January.

On Sunday 1 January a 68 year-old Lamlash driver was stopped by police in Lamlash and found to be allegedly under the influence of alcohol.

A report has been sent to the Procurator Fiscal pending the result of a blood test.

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Alison Bilsland MBE. b01mbe1

Alison Bilsland MBE

Alison Bilsland of Brodick received an MBE in the New Year honours.

Her award is for 'services to the community on the Isle of Arran.' Alison has been involved in the local Red Cross for over 25 years and with the Lifeline alarm phone service for 15 years.

Husband Alistair told *The Arran Banner* that this voluntary work sees her out on duty two or three nights a week all year round. 'I'm incredibly proud of her,' he added.

Alison said: 'In October I received a letter from the Prime Minister. It went to the effect 'I am commanded by Her Majesty The Queen to put your name for-

ward for the New Year honours.' All you had to do was tick a box and we forgot all about it. Now it's a bit like a wonderful dream. I just want to say thank you to the people of Arran.'

Her voluntary work with the Red Cross involves medical equipment loan such as wheelchairs. 'This is particularly useful for holidaymakers and short-term patients,' she pointed out.

Alison said that although their shop, Bilslands, was changing hands, new proprietors Jon and Chloe Hill would still be happy to have wheelchairs based on the premises.

Work with Lifeline service

means regular home visits for Alison as one of a number of volunteers to check on alarm systems in the homes of 80 elderly people. 'It helps to keep folk independent and in their own homes,' she explained.

'Retirement from the shop means I will have more time to

get round and see my people.'

It will be a few months before Alison is summoned to receive her award. She said: 'If it comes to a choice between going to Holyrood or Buckingham Palace it will definitely be Buckingham Palace.'

'And with a new hat.'

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Walter Marshall 1918-2005

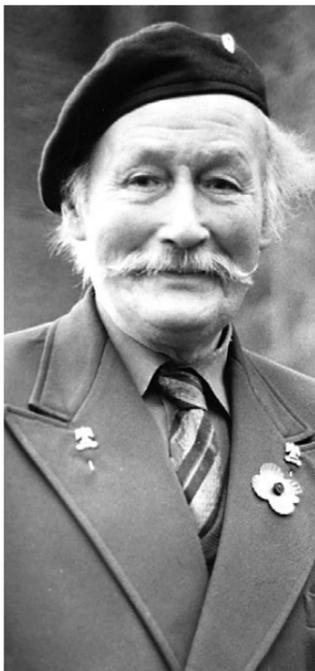
Walter Marshall of Lamlash, who died at the age of 87 just before Christmas, was remembered by all who met him.

Of military bearing, ever courteous, even in his final years, nobody seeing him walking down to the shops in Lamlash could have had any doubt that this was an old, and very proud, soldier.

Born in Paisley in 1918, he became a cavalryman by joining the Royal Scots Greys at the outbreak of war. However, the idea of setting up a 'commando' had been presented to the coalition government. This was to be a small, aggressive, force to strike anywhere, even behind enemy lines, at a time when Britain was entirely on the defensive. So dangerous was it considered to be that they asked that everyone should be a volunteer. Walter Marshall volunteered.

Set up in Galashiels in the Borders under Colonel Richard Pedder, the 11th (Scottish) Commando set off on a long march to their training ground on Arran. There the adventurous young men, who had no idea what lay ahead, were billeted with Arran families. For four months they enacted war games all day in the Arran hills and in the evenings they acquainted themselves with the young ladies of Arran. Walter was billeted with Mrs Jenny Hamilton of Murray Place, Lamlash. Her daughter, also Jenny, worked at Ardeer but came home every weekend. And after the war, and after many adventures, Walter came back and they were married. They also lived there and, even at the time of his death, he was still living in the backhouse at Murray Place.

But much happened before that. The Commando was shipped off to the Litani River in the Middle East where they were knocked back by the Vichy French. Then they were involved in North Africa in the plot to kill the German general Erwin Rommel. This also failed, though only just. In this raid secrecy was of the utmost importance. The password challenge



Walter Marshall. b01wml1

was 'island', and the reply was 'Arran'.

With the Commando not being as successful as hoped and having lost so many men, those in this first group were disbanded and Walter found himself fighting in Burma against the Japanese. He was commissioned in the Indian Army and later seconded to the 204 Military Mission to China. There a small group endured incredible hardships, even marching in bare feet, giving training and support to the Kuomintang in fighting the Japanese.

When the war ended Walter married and settled on Arran and worked for Crawford and Barbour as an electrician. Later

he became the very popular janitor of Arran High School and so became known to a whole generation of Arran children. Then, in 1971, he joined Caledonian MacBrayne and worked as a pierhand at Brodick Pier where his gentlemanly manner caused him to be remembered by passengers. In 1985 it was Walter who was the driving force for bringing together those who had trained on Arran as commandos. This was a resounding success and was repeated every year although, through age and death, fewer came as the years passed. Walter did not harbour any grudges. Not for him the anti Japanese attitudes so widespread among those who fought in the far east. In 1995 he was pictured in *The Banner* with a Japanese lady and quoted as saying that both nations had suffered.

Nor was he a warmonger. Asked once if Armistice Day was overdone, Walter replied, 'With Northern Ireland and Bosnia people are saying, what have we done, we haven't put an end to it at all, except parading in front of cenotaphs. But we can't let it slide. It's not a glorification of battles.'

'I don't talk to my grandchildren about my war experiences. They'll make up their own minds.'

Walter Marshall was pre-deceased by his wife who died six years ago.

He is survived by his daughter Janice who is head teacher at Lamlash Primary, by his three grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. JM

Kilmory SWRI

At the ladies December meeting Mr Jack Paterson showed slides of gardens along the west coast of Scotland.

This was a most enjoyable and welcome reminder of spring and summer days.

Competitions

Rock Buns - Marjorie Climmie, handmade Christmas decoration - Marion Jones.

Any member wishing to go to Pirnmill on Monday 9 January and/or Kildonan on Tuesday 10 January should please phone Sarah Thomas.

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T'ai chi to take place in Brodick

Fans of t'ai chi will be pleased to learn that classes restart next Wednesday in Brodick Primary School.

Coach Glen Williams makes a welcome return and he will be teaching adults in the ways of t'ai chi.

Glen has been involved in this ancient Chinese system of exercises and self defence for the last 11 years and 2006 marks the fifth year of his classes on Arran.

Glen said: 'I am hoping to be able to get a beginners group started this time if there is enough interest.'

'The intention will be to have two classes running.'

Anyone who is interested in taking part should contact Liz Sloan at the Arran Learning Centre in Lamlash.

The course will run for 10 weeks and in the past has been fully subscribed very quickly.

Arran dancers

Arran Dancers will start on Saturday 7 January in Brodick Primary school and they will be welcoming Andrea their teacher back again.

The group wishes a Happy New Year to everyone and looking forward to welcoming everyone back.

Councillor's Surgery

Please note Margie Currie will hold her surgery on Saturday 14 January at 1pm in Brodick Library.

Slate sculpture sinks the competition

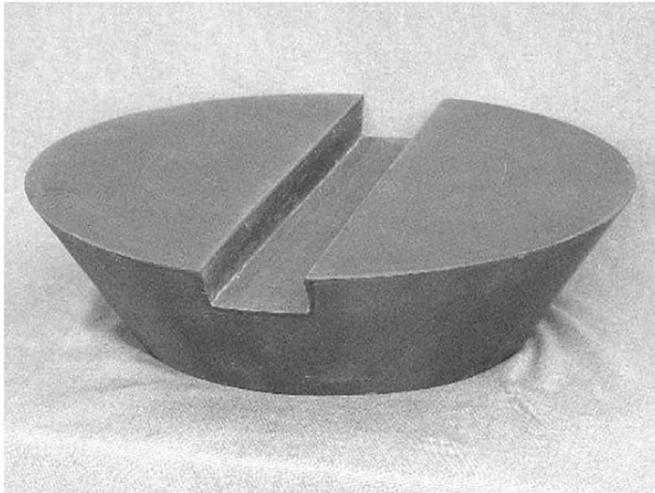
Renowned Lamlash sculptor Tim Pomeroy has scooped an award for a slate sculpture that has only just seen the light of day.

Made of Cumbrian slate, Tim's piece titled simply 'Screwhead' is 21 inches in diameter and took the Crispin Oday award after it was exhibited for the first time at the Discerning Eye exhibition in the Mall Galleries in London last November.

Tim said: 'My prize consisted of £1000 and I also received a mention in dispatches.'

'Screwhead' takes the shape of a slotted screw head with a chamfered underside for the counter-sinking. Tim said his inspiration for it comes from the dynamism which is inherent in good engineering.

The prestigious Discerning Eye exhibition has been organised since 1997 by a group called Parker Harris from Esher in Surrey and they contacted several notable people - Joan Bakewell,



'Screwhead' sculpture by Tim Pomeroy. b01erk2

Dr Jonathan Miller, Nicholas Usherwood to invite artists to show along with the open selection.

Tim continued: 'I was one such invited and consequently my work was accepted without question.'

'I drove it down and delivered it to the Mall Galleries early in November.'

'Naturally I am delighted with the award and a prize like this is good not only for the money but also for the CV addition.'

'Since showing in the exhibition I have been approached by another well-established gallery to ask if they might have some of my work for sale.'

'A prize like this helps get you noticed.'

Tim is currently busy with several projects around Arran and is working with the NTS Ranger Service making several interpretative sculptures for Merkland Wood. Tim hopes that these should be placed in the landscape by February next year. Tim is also working on a large public sculpture for the Harbour Arts Centre in Irvine which will be installed around May 2006.

He concluded: 'I continue to show in Studio 4 in Lamlash and the Arran Art Gallery on the Island and in several galleries in Glasgow, Edinburgh and London.'



Sculptor, Tim Pomeroy. b01erk1

Corrie and Sannox Wednesday Club

The first meeting of the new year for Corrie and Sannox Wednesday Club will be Wednesday 11 January when the club look forward to hearing

Alastair Hume talk about Arran Mountain Rescue. All meetings are open. Please join them and come with suggestions for their approaching Summer outing.



Vandalism continues

Last week *The Banner* reported that a van belonging to the Arran Adventure Company was vandalised as all six tyres plus the spare wheel were slashed.

Now the van has also had its windscreen smashed. It remains parked on Brodick seafront opposite the company premises. b01van1

Christmas at Corrie Parish Church

Picture Corrie Church with Christmas tree decorated in gold and red and flower arrangements which would enhance a Cathedral. Such is the setting which Marilyn and Robbie Brown create in love in December of each year.

What a treat we had on Sunday 18 December when Peter Alexander Wilson, tenor, Peter Thomson, baritone, and accompanist Michelle Thomson returned for their second Christmas concert. What a team they are, how professional, and what a treat it is for David Underdown and Elma Stevenson to be allowed to appear on the same bill!

Ian Mcleod in his last Christmas as minister of Corrie Church welcomed the audience and led with a

poem by John Coult's *A Prayer for Christmas Eve*, which ends with 'Welcome to this holy, happy place' - and the scene was set.

The first half flowed without pause as soloists created the Christmas atmosphere with songs and duets interspersed with readings, some new, some traditional and familiar.

After the interval when mince pies and coffee were served the second half began with readings and songs which prompted bursts of applause and with very little encouragement audience participation.

Angus Adamson gave an excellent vote of thanks and we all went home cheered, uplifted and anticipating the joyful days to come.

Robert Stevenson

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At 9pm on Sunday night Robbie came in from the byre and told his wife that they had a first little Suffolk arrival.

The next night a set of twins was born to another of their pure Suffolk ewes.

These young lambs will be kept inside for a few days then able to



Libby Cook with three new Suffolk lambs at Torrylin Farm. b01twe2

venture outside into the fields during daytime.

Victory for East rugby team

The annual east versus west rugby match ended in a 18 points to six victory for the east. Teams were:

East; D Adamson, P Jamieson, R Oakes, D Stuart, S Vernon, I McDonald, R Logan, C Marriott, G Evans, G Bell, A Dobson, E McNee, D Stewart, I Sillars, M Boal.

West; J Morrison, S Crawford, C Currie, A Currie, R Robb, R Crawford, H Lochrie, G Crawford, D McAllister, J Bannatyne, J Murchie, S Briggs, A McMaster, I McPherson, D McAllister.

New Year's day dip

Lenny Costello of Denniston, Glasgow was brave enough to take a dip in the sea on New Year's day.

His friends watched him from Lamlash pier but none were brave or daft enough to follow suit. Does he make a habit of this? 'Only when I've got a hangover,' he answered.



Lenny Costello emerges from the sea in Lamlash on New Year's day afternoon after an invigorating dip. b01twe1

A quick quiz for local gardeners and garden lovers

Ten questions to test your local gardening knowledge

- 1 The new head gardener at the castle is 'a bit of alright.'
- 2 The world famous potato breeder of Arran Pilot, Arran Victory and Arran Banner.
- 3 They aim to please providing plantpots to petunias, compost to camellias.
- 4 A very rare tree which only grows on Arran.

- 5 The three conifers native to Scotland.
- 6 We call them palms, New Zealanders call them cabbage trees what is their latin name.
- 7 Where is the new Mandala garden.
- 8 This is a west coast garden, tucked out of sight behind walls and rarely open to visitors.
- 9 A plant collection at Brodick Castle connected to your supper drink.

10 What is happening on Arran 21-23 July 2006.

- Happy New Year!
Kathy Sayer. end.
10 Arran Open Gardens week-
9 Horticks
8 Dougare Lodge
7 Holy Island
6 Cordyline australis
5 Yew, Juniper and Scots Pine
4 Arran Whitebeam
3 Jacke and Colin
2 Donald Mackelvie
1 Mr Torry

Arran Visual Arts draw on local artists

Following on from the tremendous success of last years art workshops held by Arran Visual Arts, AVA, the new year programme kicks off on Saturday 28 January.

This begins a new emphasis on utilising the skills of well known Arran artists and tutors bringing an Arran dimension to the sessions.

Planning

Albeit in the planning stages the 'Arran artist' tutor theme promises to be an exciting venture for AVA members.

A landscapes in acrylics workshop under the supervision of local Corrie artist Bob Lees starts the theme and this will be followed in March when local sculptor Tim Pomeroy will give a class on letter carving in stone. This will be held in his workshops at White Rock in Lamlash.

In previous workshops invited artists from the mainland have

always been more than willing to take part and in this respect 2006 promises to be the same boasting a line up of across the water artists.

Hats

Maggie Murray from Bearsden in Glasgow will conduct a creating hats class on Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 February. Marjorie McDougall tutor and co-ordinator of workshops for AVA said: 'Maggie really has a fascination for hats which should make her class very interesting for the ladies.'

Local experts

The group has many plans for the year ahead and Nicki Gill is currently giving monthly lessons for AVA's life class. Three further local experts are being invited to work with the group ensuring that this planned utilisation of local artists is fruitful.

Marjorie concluded: 'AVA members are in for a very busy year.'

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A new year begins and we wonder what brave new world is ahead. In the interminable end of year lists of best books there was one which came out head and shoulders above the others. Kazuo Ishiguro's *Never Let Me Go*. Having just finished it I found it moving and disturbing.

It is its understatedness which is so disturbing. Young people happily growing up in an exclusive boarding school protected from the outside world and with only their petty squabbles to make life difficult. Only gradually it becomes clear that they are clones being farmed for their organs. Later it turns out that their happy school was a one-off establishment run by enlightened people hoping to show that these clones had full human properties and emotions. Other clone farms round the country were not so enlightened.

As adults they become 'donors' until they finally 'complete'. The enlightened experiment is abandoned and the pretence of their being well looked after almost gone. They have one purpose in life, to be donors so that other, normal humans, might benefit. The most chilling sentence of all was perhaps, 'how can you ask a world which has come to regard cancer as curable, how can you ask such a world to put away that cure, to go back to the dark days?'

Last week there was a report of a doctor being recruited by a Chinese organisation to supply patients for transplants. The transplants are from executed prisoners and, as he looked into it, he found that prisoners are being executed to order as organ recipients become available. In this case the doctor refused and publicised his findings.

Most change happens gradually and is hardly noticed. In all areas, not just in medical science, life is being sanitised with forceful arguments being put forward to show that all advances put the 'dark days' behind us. In fact, as Ishiguro's book shows, it will be when we reach that perfect world with no pain, no effort, no illness, no uncertainty, that we shall really have found the dark days. Fortunately we are not likely to achieve that in 2006. But it is coming.

Who runs Britain, Radio 4 has been asking? The prime minister, the government, the media, the civil service, the EU, profit, fashion, consumers, men, bloggers, the judiciary, health and safety, all of these have been put forward. Many people do believe that one, or some of these do run the country. My suggestion would be that nobody does. It is careering on a course without direction, but dictated by changes in society that nobody controls. The pill, the micro chip, the attitude that everything should be grant-aided, feminism, political correctness, all these creep in and are taken on board lock, stock and barrel, with no thought that they may have as many bad as good points. Once begun, the clock cannot be turned back.

And so with Arran. Nobody runs it, certainly not North Ayrshire Council. Like the country as a whole, change takes place, and people are involved in it, and do push it on here and there. But the end result is something in which we are all involved and yet not one of us can do much to influence, and are often barely aware of until it is too late.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Because Jesus has Himself passed through the test of suffering, He is able to help those who are in the midst of their test. *Hebrews*

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Letters to the Editor**Arran roots for Slade?**

Sir,

I found your report in *Banner* edition 1523 entitled 'Slade Christmas song may be rooted on Arran' rather desperately speculative, since there's no evidence whatever that the song *Merry Christmas Everybody* has anything at all to do with Arran or might have been inspired by the place.

The fact that Slade played a couple of gigs on Arran in 1969 (when they were a skinhead band anyway, rather than the glam rock outfit they eventually became) is neither here nor there.

I also found the reference about an advertising flyer being printed by the 'lentil-munching hippy bunch' in Whiting Bay rather silly.

I assume this refers to the Gill family who were living in the old church at the time. But Steve Gill is not a hippy, but an artist and a master printer.

Yours,

**Mark Swindale,
5 Glen Place, Brodick**

Ferry sickness

Sir,

I would like through *The Arran Banner* to thank the crew of the *Caledonian Isles* and Dr Prestwich for their help on the night of Thursday 8 December when I took ill aboard the ferry.

Yours,

**J Barbour,
4 Hillfoot Place, Corrie**

Lifeline ferry service

Many people are now talking about Caledonian MacBrayne and lifeline ferry services.

It was what I hoped for when I attended the public meeting concerning the tender process. I was not out to scare people, but the Islanders are entitled to the facts.

Everything I said at that meeting was based on facts. It is time to remove the blinkers. If we do not act now to stop this economic madness there will be a heavy price to pay in the future in terms of the economy and employment.

This is about lifeline services to our islands not about profit.

Yours,

**Brian Reynolds
Rail and Maritime Transport
(RMT) representative
MV Caledonian Isles**

Pricey potatoes

Sir,

As a regular visitor to Arran in recent years I have been able to eat many meals at a variety of eateries on the Island.

In one cafe I was stunned to read that a jacket potato with butter would set me back £5 and with cheese and pickle or mediterranean vegetables would be £6.65.

My initial fear was that there was an acute potato famine on the Island. This was laid to rest when I passed another establishment and saw that I could buy a jacket potato and butter for £1.65 or £2.50 with cheese.

I could also have purchased four raw baking potatoes from the Co-op for less than £1. I can only surmise that this cafe is importing a superior brand of potato than that sold at the Co-op.

Alternatively they could simply be charging ridiculous prices for very basic lunch items.

Yours,

**Katherine Lemon
Belper
Derbyshire**

Lamlash thanks

Sir,

Lamlash primary school would like to thank everyone who contributed to the gift hampers, including parents, Paterson Arran, Arran Aromatics and Lamlash Co-op.

We would also like to thank everyone who contributed raffle prizes for the concert. The raffle raised £283 towards school funds. We wish you all Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you again in the New Year.

Yours,

**Catherine McIntyre,
Principal Teacher,
Lamlash**

A good read

Sir,

It seems appropriate and timely to say how much I and my friends enjoy reading the *Arran Banner* which has a nice balance of news - not all sensational gloom and doom.

And I am reminded of all the hoo-hah when you changed to the new format in glorious colour. I bet there are few readers who would want to return to the old format in black and white - even if that were possible.

Of course you also have to re-

port the depressing news such as the acts of vandalism and one wonders what motivated the slashing of the van tyres belonging to Arran Adventure Company - was it an act of vengeance or simply mindless vandalism?

I hope that the police discover and prosecute the offender because such behaviour must not be allowed to happen on a small island where people should have mutual respect for their community and their property.

Here's wishing all our friends on Arran a really Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Yours,

**Ginger Bright
Engine House
Dacre Banks
Nr. Harrogate**

Hogmanay Hoolie

Sir,

On behalf of Deep Joy I would like to thank everyone who contributed towards making our Hogmanay Hoolie such a resounding success.

To Gail, Tony, Trixi, Niall, Joseph and Stephen for their excellent stewarding; to Bill and the rest of the Whiting Bay Hall Committee for the use of absolutely the best hall on the island; to George for shedding light on proceedings; to Murray for his unique contribution to this year's event - dragging us into the modern era (sorry for the teething problems!); to Fish and Biskit for injecting some life into this old dog of a band; to those men in the fluorescent jackets for taking such a welcome interest in us this year; and lastly, but most importantly, to all those who came along and had a good time!

We look forward to seeing you all at gigs throughout 2006 and, of course, same time same place next year...!

All the best for the coming year,
Yours,
**Andrew McCallum,
pp Deep Joy**

Plagiarism

This is a reply by a Mr Peter Aitchison to our editorial of December 10, 2005.

Any suggestion that he might have been responsible for any form of plagiarism was inadvertent and not our intention.

Sir,

I was surprised and disappointed to read your editorial in *The Ar-*

ran Banner of December 10, 2005, which suggested a forthcoming BBC radio programme which I produced was - in any way - plagiarised from an article which you wrote last year. That is a serious and potentially actionable accusation.

The programme *Revolution! From Brodick to Vladivostok* was broadcast on BBC Radio Scotland on Boxing Day, was wholly based on access which was offered, not requested, to me by the Hendry family to the remarkable First World War diaries of Charles Hendry of Brodick.

I have been working on the programme for more than six months and this involved detailed research which went far beyond a single page article printed in the *Banner*. Full credit and acknowledgment was given to all of those who were interviewed or who participated in the production of the programme. Not least Mrs Barbara Hendry and several other Arran residents who knew Charlie.

To clarify the accusation of plagiarism. I telephoned *The Arran Banner* both as a courtesy to advise you of the transmission date of the programme but also in the hope that you would wish to carry a piece on the documentary. Subsequently the BBC press office and the *Herald* newspaper asked me to provide email pictures of Charlie Hendry for use in features which are being written and which are based, not on your article but on the BBC radio programme. I was unwilling to trouble the Hendry family further and suggested that they contact *The Arran Banner* - which had printed pictures in last year's piece - assuring both of a warm and courteous reception from the editor.

You could, at any time, have telephoned me to ask why other outlets had been in touch.

All of this is a great shame as the memory of Charlie Hendry and his amazing exploits deserves as wide an audience as possible. Yours

**Peter Aitchison
BBC Scotland**

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Some seasonal celebrations around Arran



This group of revellers brought the new year in with gusto in Mac's Bar in Brodick on Saturday night. b01hog1



Ceitidh Anderson with Santa Claus at the Pirnmill Christmas party held in the village hall. b01pir1



Friends Stuart Paton, Greg Kilkillen and Robert Smith enjoy a beer at the bells. b01hog1



The new year of 2006 was brought in with bonfires and fireworks in some villages. These four young ladies were delighted with their sparklers in Whiting Bay as the lights of the Ayrshire coast flicker in the distance behind them. b01fir2



This colourful nativity scene finds the children of Brodick playgroup in full Christmas costumes having just entertained their parents and friends in Brodick Hall. b01nat1

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We continue a look at the year just closed as seen through the pages of *The Arran Banner*



John Sillars welcomed Katy Clark to Arran as the Labour candidate for the forthcoming General Election.



Margot Wheeler collected the R W McKenzie cup for her husband Malcolm's prizewinning display of daffodils at the spring bulb show.



Zoe Clark of Shiskine won the Bilsland plate for verse speaking at the music festival.



Arthur Duncan and Eddie Picken were winner and runner-up in the pool league champion of champions tournament.



Carol Boon was one of 24 'casualties' in a simulated bus crash on the Ross Road in an emergency services exercise.

Catacol Bay lifted the Arran ladies darts league championship in March. Drift Inn ladies were runners-up.

A shortage of teachers at Arran High School was highlighted by head teacher Douglas Auld. The high cost of housing and lack of a distant islands allowance were cited as two reasons.



Sheena Miller of Brodick was named Scotland's Volunteer of the Year at the Hilton Hotel in Glasgow.

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Italian Buddhist Luigi demonstrated the Jahinga pipe, an ancient Tibetan instrument, in the former byre at Glenscorrodale which is now a temple.



James Milner of *The Wisden Cricketer* magazine visited Sannox cricket ground with club captain Tim Pomeroy. The ground had reached the last six in Britain's Loveliest Cricket ground competition.



The children of Lamlash playgroup walked among cherry blossom in the rain in front of the high school with their new umbrellas.



The Arran team were runners-up in the plate final at the sevens rugby tournament at Ormidale Park in April.

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The Arran Banner moved to new premises after 25 years in the old Banner buildings next to Douglas Lodge. Around 70 people attended an open day to look round the new offices in the Douglas Centre.

Colin Totty took over from Nigel Price as head gardener at Brodick Castle.

The Scottish Jazz All-stars brought back golden memories of music in Whiting Bay Hall.

In April it was announced by Scottish Water that it would take six months extra work to rebuild the new but faulty sewage tanks in Market Road, Brodick.

Arran Exiles rugby team defeated London French Cuvée Speciale in London



ALGU golf trophy winners for the year were Fiona Crawford with the Drumadoon tray, Ellie Jones with the ALGU championship trophy, Lillian Tod with the Cir Mhor trophy and Brenda Stewart with the Flockhart trophy.

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Brodick contractor Murray Boal took little time to demolish Lamlash Golf Club tearoom.



After 13 years planning and fund-raising a refurbished Kilmory Hall and bunkhouse was nearing completion in May.



A two-tonne wooden statue was created by Corrie sculptor Marvin Elliott to grace the garden of Culzean Castle.

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Almost 100 people turned up to a meeting at Auchrannie to discuss the possibility of Arran joining the crofting counties.

A new wind farm was proposed above Skipness in north Kintyre by npower renewables.



Arran Music and Drama Club performed *Fiddler on the Roof*. Bob McLaren played Tevye and Helen Todd and Campbell Seaton played lovers Hodel and Perchik.

Aldersyde pool team was crowned 2005 league champions.

Billy Connolly gave a sell-out one-man concert in Brodick Hall.

Twenty-nine year old Gavin Robertson died tragically in a car accident on the String Road.

The Lochranza ferry came to the rescue of a stricken tanker drifting towards the rocks at Catacol.

Katy Clark was elected Westminster MP for North Ayrshire and Arran in the General Election.



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Gymnastics, Auchrannie Games Hall 5yrs plus, 10am
Blackwaterfoot Junior Football coaching, 10.30am- noon
Football coaching, Ormidale park, boys & girls 5-15, 10-11.30am
Machrie Table Tennis & Games Club, Machrie Hall, 7.30-9pm
Karate Club Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am
Indoor bowls. Auchrannie Hall 2-4pm
Ormidale Hotel Brodick over 21's Disco 10pm
Arran Art Gallery Whiting Bay 11am-6pm

SUNDAY 8th January

Family Games Session, Auchrannie, 2-3pm
Alcoholics Anonymous, St Margarets Church, Whiting Bay, 4.30pm
Mixed Hockey, Ormidale Pavilion 12.30pm
Childrens Art Class, Burnside Gallery, 10.30 - 1pm
Arran Art Gallery Whiting Bay 11am-6pm

MONDAY 9th January

Shiskine Playgroup, Shiskine Hall, 9.25am to 12.05pm
Senior Fitness, Auchrannie, 9.30-10.30am
Citizens Advice Office, Park Terrace, Lamlash 10am-2pm
Over 50s Badminton, Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm
Dancercise, Arran High School gym, 4.30-5.30pm
Football coaching, Ormidale Park, 6-7.30pm (8-15yrs)
Lamlash Tennis Club, Lamlash Pavilion, 6pm
Circuit Training, Auchrannie Spa, Brodick, 6-7.15pm
Badminton, Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm

Dancercise, Auchrannie, 7.30-8.30pm
Scottish Country Dancing, W. Bay School, 7.30pm
Adult Art Classes, Burnside Gallery, 10.30-12.30 and 1.30-3.30pm
Childrens Art Class, Burnside Gallery 4.00-5.30pm
Scottish Country Dance class. Corrie Hall, 2pm
Citizens Advice open 10am-2pm
Arran Art Gallery Whiting Bay 11am-6pm
Quiz, Cameronia 9.30pm
Weightwise, Hospital bungalow 6.30pm-7pm

TUESDAY 10th January

Shiskine Brownies, shiskine primary 6.45-8.15pm
Shiskine Playgroup, Shiskine Hall, 9.25am-12.05pm
Senior Fitness, Auchrannie Spa, 9.30-10.30am & 10.45-11.45am
Citizens Advice Bureau, Park Ter, Lamlash 10am-2pm & 4-6pm
Brodick Toddler Group, Church Hall, 10.30am-noon
Lochranza Swimming Club, Kinloch, 11am-noon
Alcoholics Anonymous, Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
Legs, Bums & Tums, Auchrannie Spa, 6-6.45pm
Jnr Rugby Training, S1-U18s, Ormidale Park, 7pm
Indoor bowls, Auchrannie, 7-9pm
Arran Rotary Club, Auchrannie Spa Resort, 7.15 for 7.30pm
Army Cadets, Auchrannie Road, 7.30-9.30pm
Open Darts night, Kinloch Hotel, Blackwaterfoot, 8pm
Scottish Country Dancing, Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm
Bowling Corrie and Sannox Hall, 2pm
Citizens Advice open 10am -2pm
Indoor bowls. Auchrannie Hall 7-9pm
Carpet Bowls, Kilmory Hall 2.30pm and 7pm
Art Group, Kilmory hall 2 - 4pm
Pop quiz, Ormidale Hotel 10pm
Kildonan SWRI Bingo and Supper 7.30pm
Indoor bowling Corrie and Sannox Hall 2pm

WEDNESDAY 11th January

Advocacy service, drop in session, ACVS office, Lamlash 11am-1pm
Shiskine Playgroup, Shiskine Hall, 9.25am-12.05pm
W Bay Parents & Toddlers Grp, Church Hall, 10.30am-noon
Circuit Training, Auchrannie Spa, Brodick, 6-7.15pm
Mini rugby training, Ormidale Park, 6-7pm
Mixed Indoor Hockey, Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-8pm
Arran Runners, meet NTS Castle Car Park, 7.15pm
Life drawing workshop, Ranger Centre, Brodick Castle, 7-9pm
NAL Gymnastics Coaching High school gym 10am - noon
NAL Hockey Coaching Ormidale Park 1-3pm

Gymnastics Auchrannie 6pm and 7.30pm 5yrs plus
Youth Club, youth centre Lamlash 7-9pm
Heritage Museum, Archives & Geneology, 10.30 - 12.30pm and 1.30pm -4.30pm
Aerobics class, Brodick Hall 8pm - 9pm
Arran Art Gallery Whiting Bay 11am-6pm
Corrie & Sannox Wednesday club, Hall 2pm Mountain rescue
Whiting Bay SWRI, hat party, lesser hall, 7.30pm
Lamlash Coffee Morning, 10.30am -12.00 noon, Church Hall

THURSDAY 12th January

Shiskine Playgroup, Shiskine Hall, 9.25am-12.05pm
Senior Fitness, Auchrannie Spa, 9.30-10.30am & 10.45-11.45am
Citizen's Advice Office, Park Ter, Lamlash 10am-2pm
Brodick Toddler Group, Church Hall, 10.30am
Pilates, Auchrannie, 6-6.45pm & 7-7.45pm
General Knowledge Quiz, Ormidale, Brodick, 10pm
Pub Quiz, Kinloch Hotel, Blackwaterfoot, 9pm
Power Boat Tarbet and return
Spinning Demonstration Whiting Bay Hall 11am-2pm
Gymnastics Auchrannie 1pm pre-school
Rock School, youth centre Lamlash 7-9pm
Brodick Embroidery Group. Brodick library, 7.30-9.30pm
Lamlash Beavers 6-7pm Cubs 6.15 -8pm, Scouts 7.30-9pm
Brodick Bridge Club, McLaren Hotel 7.15pm
Coffee Morning St Molios church, Shiskine 10.30 - noon
Citizens Advice open 10am -2pm
Indoor bowls, Auchrannie Hall 7-9pm
Badminton, Kilmory Hall, 7 - 9pm
Arran Junior Singers choir practice, W/Bay school 6.45pm
Corrie & Sannox SWRI, Hall 8pm
Arran Music & Drama, Brodick hall 7.30pm
Arran Natural History Society 8pm Black grouse

FRIDAY 13th January

Citizens Advice Bureau, Park Ter, Lamlash, 10am-2pm
Shiskine Toddlers, Shiskine Hall, 10am-noon
Arran Pipe Band practice, Brodick Hall, 7.30pm
Quiz night, Whiting Bay Golf Club, 9.30pm
Citizens Advice open 10am - 2pm
Seniors Badminton Club, Auchrannie 2-4pm
Ormidale Hotel Disco 10pm
Mothers and Toddlers, Kilmory Hall 10.30am - 12noon
Ceilidh Dance Group, Lamlash Hall 8pm - 10pm
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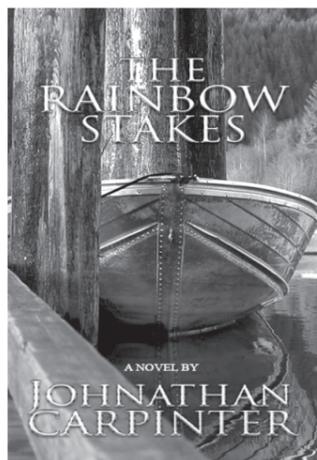
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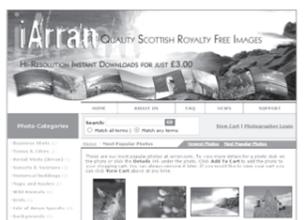
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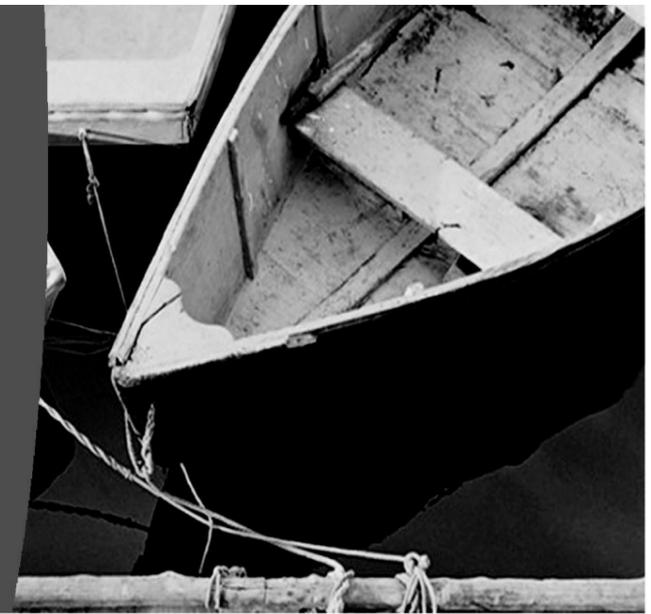
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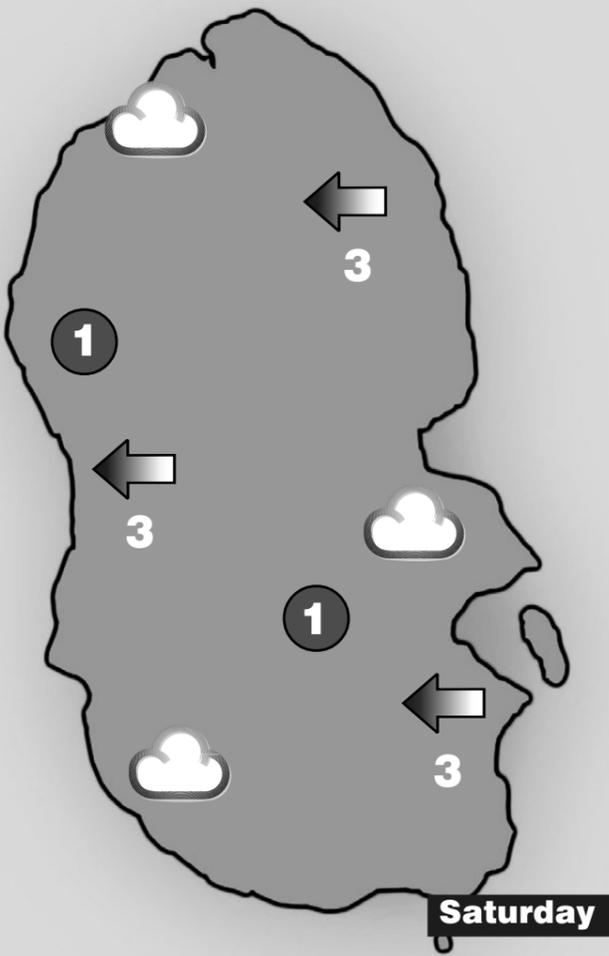
Tide tables for Lamlash during the week from **Saturday, January 7 2005** are listed below with differences for major ports listed beneath. All times are GMT (add one hour BST)

Date	am				pm			
Sat	05.37	2.9	11.20	0.9	17.48	3.1	***	**
Sun	00.09	0.6	06.30	2.8	12.25	1.0	18.52	3.0
Mon	01.14	0.7	07.30	2.8	13.37	1.0	20.13	2.9
Tues	02.17	0.7	08.48	2.8	14.48	0.9	21.36	2.8
Wed	03.16	2.8	09.58	2.9	15.48	0.8	22.40	2.9

Tidal information for Thursday & Friday not available at time of going to press, we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Tidal Constants: (Add or deduct from High Water at Lamlash)

Blackwaterfoot	+0.25	Machrie	+0.25
Corrie	+0.20	Lochranza	+0.15
Whiting Bay	-0.02	Brodick Bay	+0.25
Kildonan	-0.05		



the weather

Saturday, January 7

The day will be mainly cloudy. Light easterly winds.

A cold day with temperatures between 0°C and 2°C.

Sunday, January 8

Sunday should be slightly warmer and brighter with some sunny intervals.

Moderate south easterly winds. Temperatures around 3°C or 4°C.

Monday and Tuesday

Will bring heavy rain.

Temperatures between 7°C and 9°C.

Will be a strong southerly wind on Monday.

Ferry Crossings/Sea States

Ardrossan/ Brodick - Moderate
 Claonaig/Lochranza - Moderate

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH NEWS

Arran Free Church of Scotland

Sunday 8 January
 Shiskine 11am.
 Brodick 7pm.
 Rev David Karoon.
 All welcome

Lamlash, Shiskine, Lochranza and Pirnmill

Lamlash Church 11.45am, St Molios, Shiskine 10.00am.
 Both services by Mr Colin Mills.
 St Brides, Lochranza, 10.30am,
 Pirnmill Church 12 noon.
 Both services by Rev Kenneth Fisher.
 All welcome.

Brodick and Corrie Churches

The Sunday nearest to Epiphany.
 Worship will be conducted in Brodick Church on Sunday 8 January at 10.45am and in Corrie Church at noon. All welcome. Coffee is available in the hall at Brodick after the service.

Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church

Worship will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson, at 10.30am on Sunday 8. Tea and coffee will be served in the Transept after the service. All welcome. The Kirk Session meet immediately after the service.
 The Young People's Group for all in S2 and older meet in the Manse at 7pm.
 All welcome

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Holy Cross Catholic Church

Sunday Morning Mass 11am
Scottish Episcopal Church (in full communion with the Church of England)

St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
 Sunday 8 January: 11.00 am, Holy Communion. Mrs Janis Gallagher.
 Coffee after service.
 Wednesday 11 January: noon. Holy Communion.
 All Welcome

Arran Baptist Church

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 Sunday 8 January at 11 a.m.
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Arran Free Church of Scotland (continuing)

Sunday 8 January
 Trust housing lounge, Brodick, 11am.
 Evening service, 5 Glen Road 7pm.
 Rev D Macleod.
 All welcome.
 Wednesday 11 December, 7pm, prayer meeting

Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

Will hold a Meeting for Worship on Sunday, 8 January at 2.30 in 11, Glen Estate, Glencloy Road., Brodick, followed by discussion. Enquiries to 302779. All very welcome

PERSONALS

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 Lots of love
 Mum and Steven

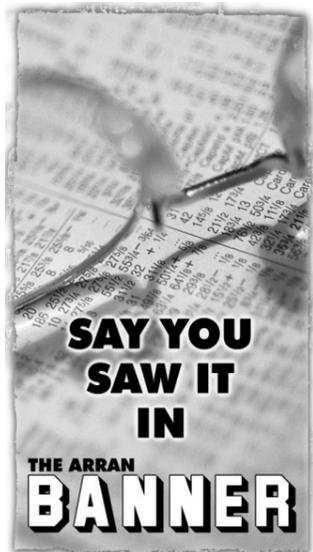
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Lamlash wedding



Married at Lamlash Register Office by registrar Linda Murchie on Wednesday 28 December were Margaret Watson, middle daughter of James and Jean Murchie of Brodick and Peter Middleton of Galashiels. The couple will live in Northumbria where Peter is a livestock farmer. Peter's parents have had a holiday house in Brodick for some time. b01wed1

New Year's Day in the bay



The perfect weather on New Year's day encouraged many residents and holidaymakers to take to the open air. This group of dinghy sailing enthusiasts even took to the water in Lamlash Bay in the afternoon. b01din2

First golf winners of the year at Shiskine

Rab Robertson and Sheila Gilmore (seated) were winners of the D S Bannatyne trophy at Shiskine Golf Club on Monday 2 January. D S himself, who presented the trophy to the club in 1988, is seated centre. Also pictured are David Price who won the Mahogany trophy on Hogmanay, Marilyn Muirhead who was this year's Alan Smith plate winner and Kenny Rice who won the Colditz quach. b01g011



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Brodict Bridge Club

Results for Thursday 8 December

NS 1 D. Scobie, D. Bruce +3650 ,2 J. & J. Beattie +1990, 3 J. & J. Murchie +1390

EW 1 H. Boyd, L. Paul -1490, 2 J. Maclure, A. McKelvie -2510, 3 A. Bilsland, E. Duncan -2630

Thursday 15 December

NS 1 J. Fulton, E. McConnell +3120, 2 E. McKeller, B. Hendry +2510, 3 M. Alexander, M. McGill -670

EW 1 J. & J. Murchie +690, 2 A. Bilsland, E. Duncan +310, 3 R. & J. McBride +190

Shiskine Bridge Club

Results for Wednesday 14 December

N/S: J Beattie & H Boyd +1870, C & M Bannatyne +980, C McAlister & Jas Murchie -690

E/W: M McGill & E Sillars + 1300, M Iutz & J Murchie -200, P Adamson & D Henderson -3940

Thursday 22 December

N/S: J Beattie & H Boyd +2770, Vic Iutz & C McAlister +1880

E/W: F Crawford & D Henderson -1470, M Iutz & J Murchie -2550, N McGill & E Sillars -2610

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No show for east v west annual challenge match

The annual east versus west rugby match was scheduled to take place last Tuesday 3 January but did not quite come to pass.

Only eight young men turned up at Lamlash Recreation Park and coaches Angus Adamson and Murray Boal had to make do with a training session.

Murray recalled playing in this fixture 20 years ago: 'There were 15 players on each side and it was a struggle to get into the team then. 'There was no rugby taught at

the school in those days, but the youngsters get plenty of training early on now. Then when they leave school there is no Arran rugby for them.'

Angus lamented the lack of commitment and declared that he would arrange a full home fixture before April for a 15-a-side match.

'We'll have a third and final attempt to resurrect the Arran rugby club,' he said.

Practice sessions will continue on Wednesday nights.



Angus Adamson and Murray Boal with eight players who turned up eager for the east versus west match. b01rug2

Chess champ



James Todd with his trophies. bolche1

Lamlash lad James Todd continues his success in the world of chess having returned from the annual North Ayrshire Inter-Schools Chess competition as a winner.

Held at Cunninghame House in Irvine, James came up against 15 other competitors. This had been whittled down from 50 at the pri-

mary schools heats which took place in November.

James won his event and North Ayrshire Councillor Drew Duncan and Councillor Donald Reid presented him with his prizes.

James is no stranger to winning at chess and regularly competes and succeeds in many various tournaments around the UK.

Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf...

Corrie Golf Club

Results
Monday 19 December, Monday competition: 1 K Barclay 35+37=72-17=55, 2 A MacDonald 34+31=65-8=57, 3 J McConnachie 36+36=72-12=60. Five magic twos

Saturday 24 December, Christmas Sweep Stableford, 1 E McKinnon 17+21=38 points, 2 T Cotton 15+20=35 points, 3 A MacDonald 20+14=34 points. Two magic twos

Monday December 26, Stableford, 1 C Pattenden 19+21=40 points bih, 2 E

McKinnon 20+20=40 points, Six magic twos

New Year's Day shield, 1 D Allsop 69-8=61 bih, 2 J Wilson 82-21=61

Fixtures
Saturday 7 January, sweep at noon.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Results
Monday 2 January. 18 Ladies and Gents played the course 'cross country' style over a re-arranged 9 hole course.

The winner (on the better four and a half holes) was Michael

Beesley with 27, 2nd Michael Augier also with 27, and third Ian Burke with 30.

Fixtures
Next Sunday is the Winter League fixture against Lamlash at Shiskine, with a tee off at 11.50.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Fixtures
Lochranza Hotel cup, Saturday 7 January at noon. Winter cups continue on Tuesdays at noon. Happy New Year to everyone.

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