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First sod cut for centre

Pupils eagerly awaiting the opening of Arran's new outdoor centre were on site this week to help to cut the first sod to mark the construction of the £4.5 million premises at Lamlash Bay.

Brodick Primary School pupils Gillian Anderson and Ross Bell will be among hundreds of people of all ages who will be able to use Arran Outdoor Education Centre when it opens at the end of next year.

They were on hand to help Councillor Peter McNamara, chairman of North Ayrshire Council Education Committee, to cut the first sod for the centre, being built by Barr Construction.

The site for the new building, which will be available to youngsters aged 11 to 17, has Holy Isle as a stunning backdrop and is ideal for the facilities which it will be offering.

Councillor McNamara said he was delighted that work was under way.

'This centre will have the lot,' he said. 'North Ayrshire Council and Arran in particular is leading the way in outdoor education with the opening of the Cloudbase facility at Whiting Bay earlier this year and work now starting on this.

The new centre will have facilities for young people with special education needs and will include a wheelchair pathway and a dormitory specifically located for easy access to it. Included in the centre is an IT networked classroom.

It is the first purpose-built outdoor education centre to be constructed in Scotland for 30 years.

One reason for its location is that Lamlash Bay offers excellent sailing and the nearness of the Clauchland Hills minimises the need for transport young people to walk the hills.

Councillor McNamara said that outdoor activities among young people had been declining for some years and it was hoped that the new centre would help to address this.

Also included at the centre will be advanced hill-walking and mountain leadership courses. The centre will have a new slipway for the launching and recovery of boats and lecturing and changing facilities.

Councillor McNamara added: 'Arran will be a centre of excellence for outdoor education because of Cloudbase, which is a unique opportunity for children. This new centre will offer children access to 21st century facilities.'

Also at the sod-cutting ceremony was Nigel Marshall, NAC's learning manager in outdoor education. He said he hoped the centre would help to attract more youngsters to the outdoors so they could benefit from being in the open air.

'It is using the environment as a classroom and want to get young people involved in the real experience of the outdoors,' he said.

Cloudbase was opened this year in an old quarry 600ft above Whiting Bay. It has timber cabins for and offers residential outdoor education for young people including wheelchair-users.

Councillor Peter McNamara, chairman, North Ayrshire Council Education Committee, with Brodick Primary School primary seven pupils Gillian Anderson and Ross Bell.

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Islanders commemorate Remembrance Sunday

Residents all over Arran will remember the Island's war-fallen on Remembrance Sunday tomorrow with services planned at churches and war memorials all over the Island.

Services at the war memorials will include the laying of wreaths, including at Brodick War Memorial at 10.15am.

Details of services can be found on page 19 of this week's Arran Banner. A service will also be held at 1.30pm in Arran War Memorial Hospital to which all are welcome. The services will remember the fallen of the two world wars and other conflicts since.

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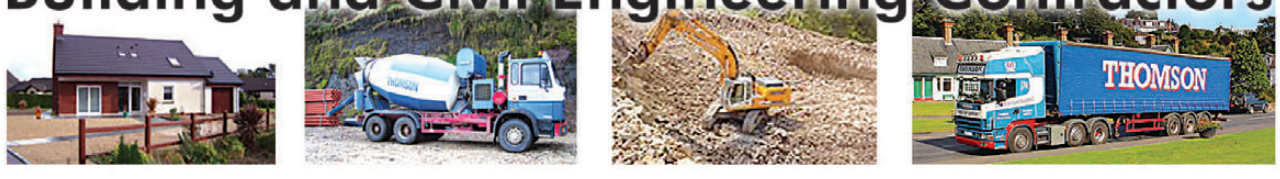

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Arran answers Blue Peter Appeal

More than £470 has been raised by members of the public bringing in old and foreign coins to the Bank of Scotland in Brodick for the 2006 Blue Peter Appeal.

The appeal is raising money to help the children's charity Childline to be able to answer more telephone calls from youngsters with problems.

The account is now closed at the Bank of Scotland.

Hallowe'en Lunch

A Hallowe'en Lunch for Arran Transport and Escort Service at the Kinloch Hotel, Blackwaterfoot on October 31, arranged by the island's Red Cross branch, raised £1,037.

Vic and Margaret Shaw are joined outside their home, Monawilline, by Councillor Margie Currie and representatives of Caledonian MacBrayne, Lowmac and North Ayrshire Council. b45bin01

Arran's blue bin scheme here to stay

Arran's 'blue bin' recycling strategy was officially put into action on Monday when bin lorries began collections from the Island's homes.

The blue bins will hold recyclable waste such as paper, plastic bottles and cans.

As the new scheme comes into force, the coup in Brodick, the current landfill site on the island, will close at the end of the month.

The new initiative has been brought in by North Ayrshire Council (NAC) to help to meet UK government recycling targets, although the same scheme has not been set up in the council's mainland towns.

Yvonne Hunter, NAC Litter/Recycling Officer, said: 'We have government targets to recycle 30 per cent of our waste by 2008, so we need to look at ways of recycling and these blue bins are helping us to achieve that. One of the biggest complaints we got from Arran was that the council did not supply enough in the way of recycling.'

The man tasked with running the scheme is Brodie Pearcey, NAC's new Waste Awareness Officer for Arran. He said: 'We will get all the residents recycling properly and put any other recycling initiatives into practice, starting with bottle banks. We have someone coming over who can recycle clothing and we will build on that.'

He added that there would be more new bottle banks coming to the Island. On Monday Mr Pearcey monitored the process of the new waste initiative from the lifting of bins outside houses to the new building on the site of the old coup where the waste is compacted and put into a container ready to be shipped to the mainland where it will be treated.

The bins will be picked up every other week as the existing bins, now only for non-recyclable material, will be picked up on the weeks in between.

Mr Pearcey and other NAC staff were joined by representatives of Caledonian MacBrayne which will transport the waste to Ardrossan, Lowmac, which will take the waste from the ferry, and Arran councillor Margie Currie at the Lamlash home of Vic and Margaret Shaw for the official launch of the initiative.

Vic and Margaret live next door to the council offices.

Vic told The Arran Banner: 'I think it is a great idea if people can adapt themselves to it.

Putting the right things in the right bin might be confusing for some people, especially some of the older residents.'

Councillor Currie said: 'Any change on the island causes hassle. This is quite a major change because it is a change of attitude as well as structure. I would hope in time people will appreciate the benefits of the new system.'

'Ultimately we hope the environmental benefits will be justified. I share the islanders' concern that we can't cope with our own waste on the island as we previously did with landfill but it would be hard to justify the cost involved.

'I would be in favour of a new landfill site on Arran for inert waste, garden waste and building waste, not domestic waste. I think there will be a need for that when the coup closes.'

Brodick choir and friends record CD

BRODICK Primary School choir has crossed the Clyde to make its first album of songs, along with Glebe Primary School, Irvine.

The two choirs have combined to record eight songs, two of which are sung by both choirs together.

As the only recognised primary school choir on the island,the Brodick contingent travelled to Glebe to sing with the Irvine children.

The enterprising collaboration forged the CD, Voices Across the Sea, which will be sold to raise funds for a return trip by Glebe to Arran.

Craig Masterton, a music teacher at Arran's schools, was instrumental in setting up the exchange as he works in Glebe on a Friday.

He said: 'We were trying to find something to link the choirs.

Brodick Primary School choir's oldest and youngest members, Gillian Anderson and Jessica Demaezeax show the CD as the choir and Craig Masterton look on. t45cd01

We had taken the primary sevens across to show them what life is like at in a mainland school. So we then took the choir across and recorded the songs.

'The children thought it was fantastic and next summer we hope to bring Glebe across to Brodick.

'A lot of the children have kept in touch with each other via e-mail.'

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Barr says 'sorry'

The chairman of the major sub-contractor for the new Arran High School at Lamlash has issued an apology to Islanders following claims that a problem at the site in Lamlash was 'none of their business'.

Barr Construction has through its chairman Antony Rush said no offence had been intended.

Islanders were angry after being told last week to 'mind their own business' by a site manager about possible defects in wall construction, as reported in last week's Banner.

However, Mr Rush said he was extremely disappointed that any of his staff gave the Banner's reporter reason to believe Barr did not care about the community.

He said: 'I can only extend my apologies to the people of Arran for any offence they may have felt.'

Mr Rush confirmed that remedial works were being carried out on a very small part of the blockwork.

'It was thought best to demolish something in the region of 200 square metres of blockwork to instal some additional ties,' added Mr Rush. 'There are 15,000 square metres on this contract.

'This is not a significant issue and will have absolutely no effect on the completion of the works by August 2007. The quality of our work is thoroughly inspected and this incident is a demonstration of the effectiveness of those inspection procedures.'

North Ayrshire Council has said construction will proceed as scheduled and the new community school will open as planned.

A spokesman said there were regular site inspections by council staff. The new school is being built behind the present one and will have classroom and community wings, with a 350-seat theatre and extensive sports facilities, together with pre-school and administration accommodation.

The existing Arranton Centre for adult education will be incorporated into the school. Traditional materials of slate and render are being used so the new school can blend in with its setting.

There will be a seven-a-side synthetic pitch for the school and nearby Lamlash Primary School as well as the local community.

The new school is part of an £84 million PPP package to provide four new schools on Arran. The others are St Matthew's Academy, Greenwood Academy and Stanley Primary School. All will be community schools.Work on all four schools is progressing.

Legion makes its cash on the Clyde

Members of the Royal British Legion Scotland Arran branch spent a day on board the *MV Caledonian Isles* collecting donations for the Scottish Poppy Appeal. Members Jenny Faulkner, Ted Godfrey and Alan Milligan collected £396.14. They are pictured with ferry crew members Diana Maxwell, Paul McGinlay and Ross MacDonald. b45pop01

Police Files

Speeding

Police on Arran have warned that they will take action if a driver is caught speeding on the Island's roads.

Sergeant Helen Muirison of Arran police said police officers had been using speed guns in Brodick and Whiting Bay to catch speeders.

As a result, two people reported to the Procurator Fiscal for excessive speeding. One was a 24-year-old Lamlash man and the other was a 31-year-old Glasgow woman. Two other drivers were issued with fixed penalty notices. A further eight drivers were given warnings about their speed.

Sergeant Muirison said officers will continue to monitor drivers' speeds and warned that each case would be reported. She urged motorists to adhere to the speed limits.

Car vandalism

A BMW car in Gorton, Lamlash, was scratched from front to back along its side panels overnight between Saturday November 4 and Sunday, November 5.

Police are appealing for anyone who may have seen or heard about the incident to contact Arran Police through the police call centre on 01770 302573 or phone Crimestoppers on 0800 555111 where anonymity will be guaranteed.

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Arran trees are rarest species in Scotland

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In global terms they are officially classed as dangerously close to extinction by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF).

Only a few hundred of each tree exist, clinging perilously to the steep and rocky slopes of two remote glens in the north of the Island.

Rare

These rare whitebeam trees have been included in the new Heritage Trees of Scotland, produced by the Forestry Commission and the Tree Council.

Welcoming its publication, Rhona Brankin MSP, deputy minister for environment and rural development, said:

'Scotland is blessed with many stunning and fascinating heritage trees.

'Inspired by public enthusiasm, many of these trees have been nominated by the public as Scotland's heritage trees.

'Beauty is always in the eye of the beholder, though, and some of these trees are more weird and wonderful than beautiful.'

A cluster of Arran's rare whitebeam trees clings to the side of a remote glen on the north of the Island.

Photo Archie Miles

The book was written by East Lothian woodland consultant and heritage trees project officer Donald Rodger, Jon Stokes of the Tree Council and James Ogilvie of Forestry Commission Scotland.

Waterworks failure leaves Kildonan dry

Water supply to homes and businesses in the village of Kildonan ceased after a technical failure at the water treatment works in Balmichael last weekend.

Among the businesses affected was Kildonan Hotel.

Owner Rod Acuna said he was disappointed with the lack of information from Scottish Water.

He said: 'On Saturday morning we had someone come in to deliver 50 gallons of water. He told us we might have a problem with our water supply but couldn't tell us what the problem may be.

'On Sunday there was dirty water coming out of of the taps but still no one phoned us to say what the problem was and when it had been fixed.

'I would have liked them to tell us how big the problem was so we could have prepared for it, and tell us when it was over.

'The man who came to deliver the water could only say 'something might happen, something might not happen'.' Mr Acuna said he was frustrated at the lack of contact from Scottish Water as he could not plan water provision for his guests.

He said he set aside the water for his guests.

Stewart Driver, who was staying at his parents' house in Whiting Bay, said he found six bottles of water on his doorstep on Sunday morning.

But he too was worrried and confused by the lack of contact from Scottish Water.

Stewart said: 'We found these bottles on the doorstep but there was no explanation as to why they were there.

There was nothing to say what was wrong and the water from our taps looked clean but I didn't know whether to drink it or not.

'I was a bit worried about what the problem was but also confused as to why the water bottles had been dropped off here.

'I thought there would be some sort of compliments slip explaining the problem or a phone number for people to call to find out what was wrong.'

Scottish Water claimed it was quick to react to the problem and prevented similar problems in the villages of Kilmory and Lamlash.

Residents in and around Kildonan had bottles of water delivered to their door after Scottish Water detected a failure in the high lift pump at Balmichael water treatment works.

A spokesman for Scottish Water said a crew rushed to catch the last ferry from Ardrossan with three water tankers and six transit vans pulling trailers with 36 smaller water tanks in them.

He added: 'Initially, 42 properties were affected at but, because of the quick action taken, by 8pm only 18 properties were without water.

'All water supplies were restored by the morning.'

Islanders help Lindsey to gain first-class honours

Arran locals played their part in helping a Wolverhampton student to receive high marks for her dissertation.

Lindsey Buster completed her final-year dissertation on the supposed convent of St Bride's at Ballarie, near Lochranza, thanks to help and support she received.

The convent is mentioned in Sir Walter Scott's poem 'Lord of the Isles' which was written in 1815. Through research she has found it to be a fabrication by him. Lindsey said: 'Having undertaken research at Arran Heritage Museum and with local residents, together with a small amount of fieldwork at the site, I was able to produce a substantial paper which concluded that there was indeed evidence of a building having existed on site, but that the convent was almost certainly a fabrication by Scott.'

Her dissertation was awarded high marks which contributed significantly to her gaining a first-class honours degree from University College London in the summer.

Lindsey said: 'I now go to the University of York to study for an MA in Medieval Archaeology, where I hope to pursue similar topics in the future. I am really grateful to all those who assisted me in my research without which my dissertation would have been impossible to undertake.'

A copy of Lindsey's dissertation can be accessed at Arran Heritage Museum at Rosaburn.

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VisitArran is launched

A new tourism initiative for Arran was launched this week with funding from local businesses and North Ayrshire Council.

VisitArran replaces Destination Arran which has run for the last three years. VisitArran is a limited company and an interim board of directors made up of local business folk is already up and running with Arran Dairies chief Alastair Dobson as chairman.

The idea behind the new set-up is to market the island better. Board members have so far devoted £40,000 to the initiative and the council will give £150,000 over three years. More pledges are expected soon.

The other board members are Gerald Tattersfield and Donal Boyle of Arran Adventure Co, Penny Brass of Arran Hideaways, Robert Waine of the Kinloch Hotel, Douglas Davidson and Robin Bell of Isle of Arran Distillery, Ken Thorburn of Brodick Castle and Linda Johnston of the Auchrannie Hotel and Spa Resort.

The promotion and development of the island is being overseen by the directors of VisitArran in partnership with tourism and marketing experts Yvonne Crook and Terry Stevens, who recently led the launch of Aviemore and the Cairngorms Destination Management Organisation.

Alastair said he was optimistic about VisitArran. He added: 'It is great that public bodies and private businesses all have confidence in what we are trying to do.

'Arran is a fantastic place and together we can get that message across to those who have yet to experience it.

'With a wealth of fine produce and great places to visit, Arran is now a brilliant destination whatever the time of year.'

Yvonne, who is based in Inverness, said Destination Arran had been successful but members could not devote enough time to it and a lack of full-time staff had made progress slow. Go to www.visitarran.org to get involved in the development of Arran.

Apologetic farmers' slogan tells drivers to be patient

FARMERS on Arran are on course to deliver a new slogan cooked up by NFU Scotland to try to avoid drivers becoming too impatient if they are stuck behind a farm trailer.

They and their counterparts throughout the country are being asked to display the slogan 'Sorry for the delay – farm gate to dinner plate – good food comes to those who wait' on their farm vehicles on public roads in the hope that drivers will understand better what farming delivers – food.

The idea was thought up by the farmers' union to provide farmers with a way to apologise to motorists for any delays caused by their slow-moving vehicles, particularly with dark nights and wintry conditions approaching.

At the same time, farmers are being reminded by NFU Scotland that they should make every effort to pull over if a queue of traffic forms behind them, to avoid drivers becoming frustrated and risking an accident on the roads.

But the union also wants motorists to understand what farmers are doing – growing good food for them.

Alison Mitchell, NFU's Business Development Manager, said: 'The farming industry has a very important job to do in providing food for 57 million people and taking care of Scotland's world-famous countryside.

'Sometimes this job requires farm vehicles to travel on the road and these vehicles can, at times, cause delays.

'We are therefore asking all farmers and farm workers to take extra care and to pull over and allow motorists to overtake.

'We are also asking motorists to recognise all that farmers do in terms of food production and taking care of the environment and to have patience with the fact that this sometimes requires the slow movement of farm traffic. Drivers do get frustrated when they are delayed on the road and in extreme cases this frustration, along with dark of potentially icy conditions, can cause accidents.

'A simple apology by farmers and an understanding by motorists of why there are sometimes delays can go a long way.

'The public is Scottish farming's ultimate customer and farming produces much of the quality food consumed on dinner tables every day.

'It is important, therefore, that we develop a mutual understanding so that everyone can be supportive of Scottish farming and nobody is frustrated by short delays.'

Ready to respond after latest training

Jeff Dawson shows First Responders Fiona Laing and Gemma Blythe how to administer oxygen. Responder Susan Logan is in the background.

Voluntary group North Arran First Responders is going from strength to strength with members completing their latest training.

The first responders have all completed their training in the use and administration of oxygen, where appropriate, and have taken possession of their first set of oxygen equipment.

One more set and the group has enough for both 'on duty' first responders who will be able to cover the entire north end more efficiently.

Scottish Ambulance Service Community Resilience Manager Jeff Dawson trained the responders in the administration of oxygen and, as former senior paramedic on Arran.

He was instrumental in obtaining the first oxygen equipment on the Island.

MSP nominated

A West of Scotland MSP has been nominated for a political award for the second time in three years.

Stewart Maxwell (SNP) who is Shadow Minister of Sport, Culture and Media, has been nominated for the Johnnie Walker Award for Progress for his work in pushing the smoking ban and in attempting to halt alcohol abuse.

Stewart said: 'The smoking ban was an important landmark for the parliament and for Scotland and I am pleased that my part in bringing it about has been recognised in this way.

'I am also keen to play my part in the fight to end the abuse of alcohol in Scotland.'

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October bird notes - by Jim Cassels

A Turtle Dove spotted in Brodick

A wide variety of birds was reported throughout October's autumn migration including two very scarce visitors; a Red-necked Grebe in Whiting Bay on 23 and 24 October; and a Turtle Dove in a garden in Brodick from October 20 to the end of the month.

The dove was with a group of up to 15 Collared Doves. All were enjoying the bird seed being put out by the householders. There have only been six previous records on Arran this century, five in June/July and one in September. This one is certainly the longest staying.

Other sightings included a Kingfisher at Port-na-lochan on 10 October; a Little Grebe in Lochranza and 17 Common Scoter in Machrie Bay on 14 October; an Arctic Skua off Cordon on 15 October; a Great Skua off the Fallen Rooks on 21 October; and 20 Long-tailed Tits in Pirnmill on 28 October.

In the September notes I wondered when the last Swallow would be reported on Arran this year or when the migrating geese would arrive from the north. The last report for Swallow was two in Machrie on 16 October. The first report for Grey Lag Geese was six in the Shiskine Valley on 17 October. The latest reports for some other summer visitors were; three Sandwich Terns in Whiting Bay on 13 October; a Wheatear in Lamlash on 16 October; a Willow Warbler in Shiskine on 24 October and four Gannets off Clauchlands on 25 October.

The first reports for some other winter visitors were; two Wigeon at Cleat on 1 October; 26 Rooks in South Feoline on 7 October; 12 Redwing in Brodick Country Park on 13 October; two Whooper Swans in Whiting Bay on 20 October; eleven Pink-footed Geese in Lagg on 22 October; and up to 100 Fieldfare at Thunderguy on 25 October.

With the hedgerows almost red with haws and other berries the wintering thrushes, the Redwings and Fieldfares, from the north have plenty to feed on. On 22 October up to 1,000 Redwings in seven or eight large flocks were seen in north Corrie and on 31 October, there were 300-400 Redwings in Sliddery. The Whooper Swans were also reported from various places on the Island including; 37 flying over Balnacoole, and 16 at Pirnmill both on 21 October; 17 at Cleats shore on 22 October; nine at Kildonan on 23 October; 20 west of Lagg on 24 October; and 19 flying over High Kildonan on 25 October. Most of these groups other than the two in Whiting Bay seemed to be passing through.

Please send any bird notes with "what, when, where" to me at Kilpatrick Kennels, Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot, KA27 8EY, or email me at james.cassels@virgin.net.

High school news

Sports Extravaganza

This week Arran High School has been involved in a number of exciting and tense sporting activities.

Football

Arran High School under-16s had an amazing result at Hamilton College on Wednesday 25 October.

The game began with a goal after only five minutes when Arran put the ball across the opposition's goal and a Hamilton defender hit it into his own net.

Hamilton equalised, scoring in the 14th minute, but Arran quickly went ahead again with a great goal in the 21st minute; the play began when Hamilton gave away a free kick just inside the halfway line. Danny Head stepped up and took the kick, it struck the cross bar and rebounded into the net off the goalie's head!

Then, just before the half-time whistle, Hamilton scored from a quick piece of play and again one minute before half-time, from an indirect free kick, which rebounded off the Arran wall and into the net, bringing the half time score to 3-2 to Hamilton.

The second half began with Euan Smith scoring for Arran, who then continued to pressurise the Hamilton defence.

This quickly lead to a goal by Archie McNicol, closely followed by another from him, bringing the score to a final 5-3 victory to Arran, who will now go on to play Auchinleck Academy.

On Wednesday 1 November an Arran under-14 team lost to Stewarton 7-0. Although Arran played gallantly they lacked experience and were unable to compete against the more experienced team. There were brief moments of inspiration for the Arran team but unfortunately these came to nothing as Stewarton's defence was too strong. Arran showed brave effort throughout the game and proved to everyone that they still have a lot of potential.

Cross Country

On Thursday 26 October 50 pupils went to Irvine to compete in the Ayrshire Cross Country Championships.

In the individual races, Michael Jenks – competing against 200 other runners – won silver and Cameron Paul was in gold medal position until the last 30 metres when he was overtaken by two other runners in a sprint finish, leaving him to take bronze.

Unfortunately, no Arran team managed to win a medal, the first time in many years.

Rugby

On Saturday 28 October two Arran rugby teams travelled to Troon to compete against Marr College in a friendly rugby match.

The S3-4 team started a strong game with Steven Gill scoring early on. But things went downhill from there with an Arran player being sent off and Marr scoring twice. Gregor Adamson brought it back to two tries each after scoring both a try and a conversion just before half time.

But the second half started badly for Arran, as they were still one man down and were finding it increasingly difficult to compete in the scrums and lineouts. Marr pushed home their advantage scoring two more tries and a conversion bringing the score to 22-12 to Marr.

Then, with three minutes to go, Arran won the ball in a ruck and a quick run from Patrick McMaster gave Arran a much needed try.

In the last passage of play, Gregor Adamson was passed the ball just inside the halfway line and with a quick run scored the equalising try for Arran.

It then all came down to the conversion.

Gregor Adamson put the ball over the bar to make the final score 24-22 to Arran.

The S1-2 team also enjoyed victory over Marr, beating them 19-17 in a very close game.

Marr drew ahead with an early try but Arran, in the form of Robert Taylor, equalised near the half- time whistle. Arran then took the lead when Sam Tattersfield scored the conversion.

After half-time Marr began to pressure Arran, leading to a further two tries scored by Marr, making the score 17-7 to Marr. Arran then (as so often is their style) began to pick up and gain confidence, leading to two more tries by Robert and another conversion by Sam, taking the score to 19-17 in Arran's favour.

Arran then endured harsh attempts by Marr to score, during which one Arran player was injured and had to be taken off but despite this they defended well and went on to win 19-17.

Patrick Mc Master, Scot McMurray, S4, John Tilbury, S3

New drama

On Tuesday October 31 of October the new Arran High School Drama Group met for the first time to read through its entry for the Arran Drama Festival.

The chosen play is *The Romantic Legend of Don Quixote: A Knight to Remember*. It is a comedy which follows the disastrous quest of Don Quixote to steal the heart of the lovely Lady Rosamunda.

The parts of Don Quixote and Rosamunda are set to be played by Sam McDowell and Emily Tilbury, who are accompanied by faithful servant Sancha, to be played by Zoë Tomalin.

The play has many parts, and in an act of extreme generosity by the organisers, Calum Johnston and Jamie Cleland have given everyone who auditioned a part, and those who did not make the main cast have the opportunity to become extras. On behalf of the whole club we would like to thank Mrs Gough for helping to organise the auditions and being one of the main judges.

Zoe Tomalin and Stephanie Jenkins S3

Motorists to the rescue of Arran wedding party

A bride almost missed her dream Arran wedding when the car taking her to Lamlash Church broke down but passing motorists got the bridal party to the church only five minutes late.

Kirsty Davis, her mother and father and three bridesmaids arrived at the church in three very different vehicles but the bride was only too happy to praise the helpfulness of the Arranites.

The bridal party was travelling to the wedding in Simon Horne's 1953 Packard Clipper when it broke down.

Motorists

Simon flagged down passing motorists to help get the party to the wedding in time.

Kirsty said: 'The first car flagged down to rescue the bridal party was a Landrover and, with no back seat, could only take one of us.

'When I asked the driver, 'Will you take me to the church to get married?' he replied, 'and why would you want to go and do a stupid thing like that?'. It seemed best he took the Matron of Honour.

'The next car was driven by a kind lady who apologised that her car smelt of horses, prompting the thought, 'how many horses can you fit in a car?' I don't know the answer to that but I do now know you can fit a bride and three bridesmaids.'

However, there wasn't enough space for the father of the bride, Ian, who was picked by a joiner in his van.

Kirsty said: 'The van driver must have been running on auto-pilot and continued on his usual route home, taking a left on entering Lamlash, prompting the lady who's car smelt of horses, who could see the navigational mishap through her rear view, to say 'I hope you have a plan B for who is walking you down the aisle'.'

Kirsty added it might be a comfort to Mr Horne to know the incident wasn't the first to happen to her family. Days before the wedding Kirsty's grandmother slipped and broke her hip making it impossble to take the ferry, and the very next day her great auntie Anne from Argyll, already on the island, broke her ankle.

The next morning she was bandaged by the very kind and highly professional staff of Arran Memorial Hospital and Dr. Tinto.

Kirsty said: 'I firmly believe the moral of the story is: if you're going to have series of incidents and unfortunate accidents have them on Arran where the people couldn't be any more helpful, or have a better sense of humour.'

Mr Horne repaired his car in time to escort the newlyweds to their reception in Brodick.

Newlyweds Robin and Kirsty Davis were marrried on Arran thanks to three helpful motorists.

Emma Sanderson Photography

Father of the bride Ian Lyall arrived by van in the nick of time. Emma Sanderson Photography

HIE chairman calls for stronger island communities

William Roe, chairman of Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE,) has called for positive policy measures to strengthen island communities and suggested ways that Scotland might help.

He was speaking at the Convention of the Highlands and Islands in Forres which was opened by First Minister Jack McConnell.

A number of islands such as Arran and Gigha have seen their populations increase in recent years and Mr Roe believes this success can be extended through the application of a forward-looking strategy.

'The physical barrier of a sea crossing exerts itself in every facet of island life,' said Mr Roe. 'We need to create greater equivalence for island communities with their counterparts on the mainland. This concept establishes a presumption of trying to treat all citizens similarly in the delivery of services and policies.'

The First Minister said: 'It is crucial for Scotland's future that we sustain and develop our rural communities and islands. As an islander, I know that they have an important role to play in protecting our environment and creating a vibrant and dynamic future for Scotland as a whole.'

Among other measures suggested by Mr Roe were increased support for community projects, continued investment in community-owned projects and for islands to be given priority in advance for things such as next generation broadband.

Mr Roe chaired an HIE conference on Arran earlier this year.

Antiques talk

Corrie and Sannox Wednesday Club's guest speaker on October 11 was Jim Lees whose talk on antiques, illustrated with references to items he had brought along, was followed by identification and dating of pieces brought by members. The club meets on the second Wednesday of the month, 2- 4pm in the village hall

Paula conquers

The second annual Arran Conker Championship at Lagg Hotel on October 29 saw 34 people taking part with the winner being Paula Rouine of Auchareoch who beating last year's winner John Smith in the final.

She also won the prize for largest conker while Jean Fitzpatrick took the prize for smallest conker.

Happy Hallowe'en Party at Kildonan

Kildonan WRI's Hallowe'en Party was on October 31. The varied outfits gave judges a difficult task to choose the outstanding ones.

In the pre-school age group, Liam 'Frogged' his way to first prize, then Katy as a 'Little Devil' was chosen from the next age group. In the 9-12-year-olds, Hamish won as a 'Mutant Human' – frightening! Marjorie was the prizewinner in the adult group as an 'Old Crone'. First prize was awarded to Liam for his beautifully carved lantern.

Happy, noisy games were then enjoyed and after tea and some spooky tales the children proceeded to 'dook' for apples. Participants said it was a very happy evening.

Twelve snap digital photography course

A course giving people the chance to develop computer skills in downloading photographs was held in Brodick Library.

The two-hour course in digital photography was an initiative by North Ayrshire Council Adult Learning/Literacies Action Plan Team.

It was conducted by Susan Hall, co-ordinator and tutor, and was well attended by 12 adults students and local computer enthusiasts.

The initiative will be rolled out to cover other subjects and the council is seeking ideas from islanders on topics they wish to see covered.

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Most of us on Arran feel pride in Brodick Castle. It belongs to The National Trust for Scotland, but, in a sense, it also belongs to all of us. Not just do we head for it whenever we have guests, or enjoy its gardens and its walks, free of charge, during the winter but, over the years, there have been so many other reasons to go, from Banner visits, to meetings, to art shows.

And knowing it so well, like family, one is not without criticisms. Several months ago I made a criticism of the tearoom, which I have not visited since. Earlier experiences made me go elsewhere, even if I had been visiting the castle. I may have also made the criticism that all the Trust properties are too similar. That is easily refuted for they vary enormously, from Brodick Castle, to the Hillhouse, to my favourite Trust property, the tenement house in Glasgow. Yet there is a sameness, a heavy burden of corporate identity which, in a small way, takes away some of the excitement and anticipation on entering. The contrast is to visit a privately owned property and find a quirkiness not present in the over professionalism pursued by the Trust.

The other criticism which I have felt over the years is, for want of a better word, the poshness. There was always such a plethora of committees with every decision was always taken from on high. There were so many people who seemed very important but did not appear to do much, if anything. And there were always large numbers of grand folk coming from the mainland for lunches. Easily refuted too, no doubt, but I do recall so many times being called to the Castle to take pictures of these groups of grandees. They would always be perfectly charming, almost condescending, but wandering around aimlessly after, say, the head gardener had shown them some new feature, before settling down to a hearty lunch in time to catch the 4.40 ferry back.

Okay, that is the stuff of North Ayrshire councillors and our representatives at the Scottish Parliament, but this is the National Trust, an altogether finer organisation. Junketing is a way of life for some people, but should we not expect more from the Trust?

With these thoughts in mind, and as a member of the Trust, I received their magazine last week. The new chairman, Shonaig Macpherson, is interviewed in it. And imagine my surprise to find on reading about her that, while not putting in the way I have done above, her thoughts appear to echo most of these points. 'I keep looking back to the past, to the early years, when the Trust seemed to be more engaged with Scotland.' she says. 'I'm concerned about the profile which the Trust presents to the Scottish people. Clearly we don't have the welcoming image that we should.' Between these lines I detect an awareness that the Trust, though excellent in many ways, still offers room for improvement. Of course Brodick Castle has, in a dozen different ways, been doing more and more to be welcoming and to become a real part of the community. But for the chairman to say the things she does suggests that there is scope for a greater down to earthness, a greater involvement. She only hints at answers, but identifying a problem is the first step on the road to improvement.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK Many peoples will come and say "Let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war any more."(Isaiah 2: 3-4

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Letters to the Editor

Unfair play

Sir,

Having been blind for a number of years, I have been a grateful recipient of Arran Sound tapes. I am surprised at the criticism of Arran Sound by a former editor of the Arran Banner, though this seems to be based mainly on history and hearsay. Any former disagreement between Arran Sound readers and the Arran Banner has no relevance to the present readers.

We are not all blessed with the diction of Sir Laurence Olivier but should be grateful to those who keep us abreast of events.

Concerning readers making their own comments, it is true we did have one young reader who persisted in making fun of items and prices in the 'What's for sale', and assured us that he would be sick if he attended a concert advertised in the Banner. I spoke to other senior readers and complained about his delivery and they promised to look into the matter. The next time he read the Banner he prefaced his reading with the comment 'I have been forbidden to make any comments'. We have had no further incidents of this kind.

The former editor of the Banner says he would not like to hear the tapes. Perhaps it would be a good idea if he did.

Yours,
Stella MacRae,
Flat 4,
Glen Estate,
Brodick.

Lifeline changes?

Sir,

I enclose a report on Arran Lifeline in which I hope readers will be interested.

Since its inception in 1988 Arran Lifeline has experienced a number of fundamental changes. Not least has been the change from being the provider of the emergency telephone service to being the voluntary support for it and which is now mainly funded by North Ayrshire Council Social Services Department.

In 1995, 42 community alarm units were installed with 12 volunteers servicing them. Today there are 100 units, with 20 volunteers supporting them and the vulnerable, elderly island residents who are the service-users.

Arran Lifeline is registered as a charity with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator and the Central Registered Body Scotland.

Recently, volunteers Elizabeth Cook of Sliddery and Bob Hallyburton of Lochranza, who have stepped down, were thanked for all their work. New volunteer Shona Marsden of Sliddery was welcomed.

With George Baines as secretary doing the paperwork, the Reverend Alan Thompson, as chairman, oversees the service. Vic Shaw is the group's master technician, dealing with all the electronic equipment which becomes more and more sophisticated. Vic's wife, Margaret, co-ordinates the records of service-users, equipment and volunteers. Finances are handled by Ann Hollingworth, widow of John Hollingworth, who founded the service. Ann has presented an audited annual financial statement since the charity's inception.

A revised version of the constitution will be presented for agreement at the annual meeting on Thursday, November 23, at 3pm, in the Glen Cloy Suite at the Auchrannie Spa.

Yours,
George Baines,
Secretary,
Arran Lifeline.

Shed bid support

Sir,

Considering that Robin Gray has significantly added to the good life on Arran, supplying fresh organic produce, providing work for people and enhancing Arran's reputation as a quality destination for tourism, it would be nice to think that North Ayrshire Council planners would do their best to help him to continue his enterprise. Surely a packing shed which looks like a house and gives a pleasant working environment is more appropriate for Arran than something that looks like an industrial building.

Yours,
Amanda Cree,
Crawford Lea,
Whiting Bay.

Lennox line search

Sir,

I am looking for information about the surname Lennox as I am doing my family tree. My grandfather had a brother called Alexander Craig Lennox, born in Avondale, Strathaven. Alexander's parents were James and Bethia Lennox. Alexander married Elizabeth (Lizzie) Helen McLardy in 1897. At the time of their marriage Elizabeth stayed in Brodick.

From what I can make out from Alexander and Elizabeth's death certificates, they stayed in Whiting Bay and Kilbride. There is a mention of a Lennox private hotel and also The Laurels in Whiting Bay. Do these hotels still exist?

I would be more than grateful if anyone would be able to give me any information about the family.

Yours,
Jean Millward,
6 South Avenue,
Carluke,
South Lanarkshire.

Tenement plan

Sir,

I received the Banner as usual through the post and the headline 'Tenement for Brodick' hit me. I hope it never comes to fruition. My uncle's house overlooked the Kingsley and it was such an elegant hotel in its day. Good for 200 folk crammed into Brodick Hall!

Let's hope it is turned into a boutique hotel of very high quality. Let Mr Bulman build tenements elsewhere – leave Arran in all its beauty. Get a buyer for the Douglas too - someone who cares for the look of our beautiful island.

Yours,
Mari Rennie,
11 Sharpe Avenue,
Dreghorn,
Irvine.

Affordable homes

Sir,

Your editorial provides some valid points which warrant further brief comment.

Until a few weeks ago, officialdom on the mainland gave Arran the lowest priority in this regard, believing there was no shortage of houses, indeed not even being aware of the number of people on Arran Homes's waiting list (apparently the highest population percentage in Scotland). Also, This is not a problem faced solely by the young. Businesses and professional services are subject to increasing difficulty in filling vacancies for the dearth of anywhere for applicants to live.

The planners themselves admit to being shackled by the nonsense that is the Local Plan. As important as where we can build is what we are allowed to build. We know about it, we talk about it and we are determined to change it.

I don't see many young people driving new cars. Putting off buying an iPod this week or for the next 1,000 weeks will not finance a home here at current prices under current legislation. Hard work, determination and the ability to tighten belts are not what most people lack - it is opportunity. Where is the land available for development at a price affordable to ordinary working people? The average annual salary on Arran is estimated to be £15,000.

Truly affordable housing does exist. Cheap homes with character, individuality and quality can be built here, to own or to rent. Finance exists to aid the process. Without a conscious and determined effort by the residents of Arran, that money will be spent elsewhere.

At www.hifar.co.uk, you will find people willing to illustrate the problems and make suggestions for change. You can also contribute to this debate, anonymously or otherwise, in as much detail as you wish, but this is about real people so the more names and faces the greater the persuasiveness of the argument.

The ordinary folk of Arran are fully aware of the issues. It is up to us to educate those with power for change.

Yours,
Andrew Grazier
Machrie,
www.hifar.co.uk

CAS on the look-out for new volunteers

North Ayrshire Citizens Advice Service is seeking volunteers for its offices at Saltcoats, Irvine, Arran, Kilbirnie and Largs.

The service is looking for people from different backgrounds and says it has a variety of roles which would suit all interests.

A spokeswoman said the service's comprehensive training programme ensured that volunteers did not need prior experience or knowledge of the service.

Volunteers will need to devote a few hours each week to the service.

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November isn't a month that we associate with fresh bright colours and new ideas.

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Osdin's popularity comes from the range they offer, the wonderful service experienced by their customers and the fact that Osdin's have a design team who will advise you on colour, fabrics and styling.

The Company's own manufacturing unit supplies customers of all the Osdin's outlets which will shortly include a new branch in London.

In addition to curtains and blinds Osdin's also provide matching bedspreads, headboards and cushions. The service is total including curtain design, measuring and fitting plus all tracks and poles supplied. Thousands of proud householders all over the country are regular customers of Osdin's and the company also provide a very professional service to hotels, restaurants, guesthouses and nursing homes. First time visitors to an Osdin's store or roadshow are usually amazed by the prices, value for money is another big part of the Osdin appeal.

By controlling the entire process from measuring to fitting and by purchasing materials in huge quantities Osdin's are very hard to beat. November the 18th promises to be a busy day in Brodick when Osdin's come to town. So why not pay them a visit between 11.30am and 4pm.

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Lamlash Bonfire Night is ‘best ever’

Residents of Lamlash hailed their Bonfire Night as, ‘the best ever’ following the community-run event on Lamlash Green.

This is the fourth time Lamlash Green has been the venue for the bonfire and fireworks display, organised by Lamlash Improvements Association, and many villagers believe it gets better every year.

Lamlash was just one of the events taking place on Saturday November 4, with Blackwaterfoot sticking to the traditional November 5 for its Guy Fawkes Night.

Other displays on the Saturday took place at Brodick, Whiting Bay and Kilmory.

Carol Mitchell, secretary of Lamlash Improvements Association, said: ‘It was the best ever. It was a community event with children coming down to help set up the bonfire.

‘Usually there are just a few of us building the bonfire but this year so many people helped.

‘We wanted more community involvement and the community responded. It was a magical day.’

Carol added a number of people had told her how the village’s bonfire night has continued to improve over the years.

A big bang over Lamlash

Members of Lamlash community groups helped to build the bonfire on Sunday.

A firework over Lamlash Green lights up the sky.

Arran Distillers a hit in US

Isle of Arran Distillers are ‘over the moon’ to have been featured in an American drinks magazine this month.

Wine Enthusiast magazine carried a story on Scottish Island distilleries by spirits writer F. Paul Pacult and Arran’s distillery was featured. Visitor centre manager Robin Bell said: ‘We are over the moon to have been featured in this American magazine and to get this level of exposure. It could encourage people to come to the island and get more to buy our products already for sale out there.’ The company have been successfully selling their whiskies in the States for some time. In his article F. Paul Pacult spoke of his arrival on Arran from the Ardrossan ferry and Brodick’s ‘lack of flair compared to other small Scottish seaside towns’ recommending a visit to Lochranza.

He gives a brief background history of the distillery and takes up the story of the product itself: ‘In a little over 10 years Isle of Arran single malts have earned deserved kudos for their freshness, vibrant malty flavours and finesse.’

Attendance high at Catacol display

Lamlash wasn’t the only well attended display as the fireworks in Catacol attracted a number of people young and old.

Organisers agreed the bonfire night went very well and the firework display, organised by Catacol Bay Hotel, had one of its best attendances for many years.

The hotel bar and barbecue was also well used.

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Castle art exhibition opens to public

One of the Island's most popular annual events opened this week at Brodick Castle for the ninth year running.

Brodick Castle Winter Exhibition of Contemporary Art was opened on Wednesday evening by the castle's property manager Ken Thorburn.

This year the exhibition is larger than ever with exhibits of paintings, wood sculptures and furniture, textiles, porcelain, glass and wax, as well as photographs, willow basketry and other artists' media.

The exhibition, which is open to any member of the public, is for amateur and professional artists, the majority of whom are based on Arran. Some have connections with the island such as relatives still living here.

Staff at the castle, now the property of the National Trust for Scotland but which was the ancient seat of the Dukes of Hamilton and until 1957 the home of the Duke and Duchess of Montrose, have spent a hectic two and a half days setting the exhibition up.

Not only has management staff been busy but gardeners and craftsmen have also been helping to ensure the exhibition looks as attractive and appealing as possible by cutting the nicest flowers and ensuring the arrangements are perfect.

The exhibition, which ends on Sunday, November 12, can be seen in several rooms including the kitchen, the restaurant (formerly the servants' hall), the China Room, corridors, sitting rooms, the dining room, main hall and elsewhere and has been set up with great care by trust employees, ever mindful of the castle's own precious artefacts and taking into account the light sensitivity of some of the rarer and more fragile ones.

The Battery, which dates from Cromwell's time, is being used for the annual exhibition for the first time.

Sue Tozer, administration manager at the castle, said this year there were more exhibitors and exhibits than ever before.

'Some people who come for the opening return later in the week and many of the exhibits tend to be sold during the exhibition,' she said.

'A lot of people come from the mainland to attend it.'

This year there are 331 exhibits from 93 artists and the list grows year by year.

The castle only closed recently after the season and workers have been busy 'putting the castle to bed' by removing more than 500 of the castle's own exhibits, thus making room for the artists' exhibition.

Sadly, the exhibition can only be staged for a few days after which staff make the building ready for re-opening twice a week up to Christmas. Several festive season events are planned.

Then work begins to bring the house into readiness for the start of the 2007 season.

Chris Mills, administrative assistant at the castle, with one of his watercolours in the castle sitting room. Chris exhibits his paintings every year at the castle. b45art03

Sue Tozer puts the final touches to a display in the kitchen of paintings by Sheila Finlay, Lamlash, and delicate wooden bowls and a felted bag by Ruth Mae, Pirnmill. b45art06

Graham McArthur's wooden seat entitled Wood Surf. b45art01

Equi-eye, part of a painting by Vanessa Lawrence of Whiting Bay. b45art07

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WHAT'S ON... BANNER

EVERYDAY

Brodick Castle Gardens & Country Park 11am - 4pm
Trout fishing, boat and bank fishing, Loch Garbad,
Hawk Walks, Lamlash

SATURDAY11th November

Blackwaterfoot Junior Football coaching, 10.30am - noon
Arran Dancers Brodick Primary School 11am - 4.15pm.
Over 21's disco, 10pm, Ormidale Hotel
Machrie Table Tennis & Games Club, Machrie Hall, 7.30-9pm
Karate Club Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am & 12.30pm
Winter indoor bowls, Auchrannie 2pm
RNLI shop open 10.30 - 12.30
Whiting Bay & Kildonan Church Winter Sale of Work, Village Hall 11.30am - 2.00pm
Contemporary Art Exhibition, Brodick Castle

SUNDAY 12th November

Alcoholics Anonymous, St Margarets Church, Whiting Bay, 4.30pm
Open Folk session night, Ormidale, 9pm
Asthma Breathing Workshop, Ormidale, 3pm
Family Games Kids & Adults. Auchrannie Games Hall 2 - 3pm
Contemporary Art Exhibition, Brodick Castle

MONDAY13th November

Senior Fitness, Auchrannie, 9.30am & 10.45am
Over 50s Badminton, Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm
Football coaching, Ormidale Park, 6 7.30pm (8-16yrs)
Badminton, Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Citizens Advice open 10am-2pm
Quiz, Cameronia 9.30pm
Weightwse, Hospital bungalow 6.30pm-7pm
Cardiac Rehab, Auchrannie, 12.45
Circuit Training. Auchrannie 6pm
Scottish Country Dancing,Corrie Hall, 2pm
Lamlash Bridge, Golf Clubhouse, 7.15pm
Indoor Cricket, Sannox CC, Auchrannie games hall, 7pm

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TUESDAY 14th November

Senior Fitness, Auchrannie Spa, 9.30am & 10.45am
Lochranza Swimming Club, Kinloch, 11am-noon
Pirmill Guild meeting - village hall 2pm
Legs, Bums & Tums, Auchrannie Spa, 6-6.45pm
Army Cadets, Auchrannie Road, 7.30-9.30pm
Citizens Advice open 10am -2pm 4 - 6pm by appointment only
Art Group, Kilmory hall 2 - 4pm
Pop quiz, Ormidale Hotel 10pm
Loch & Cat Coffee morning, hall 10am - 12pm
Alcoholics Anonymous, Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
Winter Bowls 3 carpets, Auchrannie 7pm
Scottish country dancing, Brodick church hall 7.30pm
Lamlash Burns Club, AGM, PHT, 7.30pm

WEDNESDAY15th November

Advocacy service, drop in session, ACVS office, Lamlash 11am-1pm
Mixed Indoor Hockey, Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-8pm
Youth Club, youth centre Lamlash 7-9pm
Aerobics class, High School 8pm - 9pm
Jnr Rugby Training, S1-U18s, Ormidale Park, 7pm
Aquafizz, Auchrannie Hotel, 9.45am
Hockey, Auchrannie Hall, 7pm
Accoustic Jam Session, McAlpine Hotel
Circuit Training. Auchrannie 6pm
Arran Heritage Museum, archives and genealogy 10.30am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-4.30pm
Senior Dance Excercise Class, Whiting Bay Hall, 2pm
Lamlash Ladies Golf AGM, Clubhouse, 7.30pm
Shiskine Beavers, 6pm - 7.15pm, Shiskine Hall

The Arran Art Store

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The Arran ART Store

THURSDAY 16th November

Senior Fitness, Auchrannie Spa, 9.30am & 10.45am
Pilates, Auchrannie Studio, 6pm
General Knowledge Quiz, Ormidale, Brodick, 10pm
Rock school, youth centre. Lamlash 7 - 9pm
Brodick Bridge Club,McLaren Hotel 7.15pm
Coffee Morning St Molios church, Shiskine 10.30 - noon
Citizens Advice open 10am -2pm
Badminton, Kilmory Hall, Juniors 6.30 - 7.30pm Adults 7.30 - 9pm
Lochranza Craft Club, Hall 2pm
Senior Fitness, Auchrannie Gym, 9.30am & 1.45pm
Only abs, Auchrannie Studio, 5.30pm
Cardiac Rehab, Auchrannie, 12.45
Outdoor run, Auchrannie, 6pm
Pilates, Auchrannie 6pm
Belly Dancing, Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
Brodick Embroidery Club, Library, 7.30pm
Winter indoor bowls, Auchrannie sports hall 7pm
Arran Junior Singers practice, Whiting Bay School, 6.45pm
Isle of Arran Society of Music & drama, rehearsal, Brodick Hall, 7.30pm

FRIDAY 17th November

Arran Pipe Band practice, Brodick Hall, 7.30pm
Quiz night, Whiting Bay Golf Club, 9.00pm
Citizens Advice open 10am - 2pm
Loch & Cat Coffee morning 10am - 12pm
Whiting Bay Golf Club Quiz nights 9pm
Aquafizz, Auchrannie Pool, 9.45am
Water Polo, Auchrannie Pool, 7.30pm
Over 21's disco, 10pm, Ormidale Hotel
Senior Badminton, Auchrannie Sports Hall, 2pm
Arran Ceilidh Dance, Corrie Hall, 8pm

SATURDAY 18th November

RNLI shop open 10.30 - 12.30

The National Trust for Scotland

Brodick Castle Exhibition of Contemporary Art on Arran
November 9th – 12th.
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Shop open 10.30 – 3.30pm during Exhibition and then Tues, Sat & Sun

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Drama festival

Entry forms are now available for the 1987 Isle of Arran One Act Drama Festival to be held on Thursday 26, Friday 27 and Saturday 28 February. Forms should be returned to the secretary Maureen Smith.

Youth leader wanted

Kilmory Youth Club needs a new leader. In order for the club to continue it needs a new senior and junior leader. Following the notice placed in The Banner a month ago there has been no response from parents at all.

Archers shooting

Members are reminded that the Greenhyde Archers Club's programme of indoor shooting commences this month in Lamlash Community Centre. Participation in the indoor shooting is open only to those who have successfully completed a course of training.

Dame in hospital

The Lamlash pantomime Ali Baba and the 40 Thieves has hit a snag with 'Dame' Allan Little having been hospitalised. At present they are still hoping to go ahead on schedule.

Music making

Peripatetic music teacher Moira Starks delivered a car load of new instruments to Kilmory Primary School this week. They included maracas, castanets, tambourines, chime bars and glockenspiels. The instruments were purchased with money raised by the PTA and Moira will use them in group music-making.

Golf pro leaves

Leaving the Island at the end of the year and selling all his stock now is Brodick Golf Professional David Pirie. After six years on Arran, David is planning to take his career to Australia or New Zealand.

Gondola rescue

Ron Stewart of Lagg was on holiday in Venice with his family two weeks ago. They were out in a gondola when a lady slipped on steps and fell into the canal. A large crowd gathered on the bank but nobody jumped in so Ron headed his gondola for the lady and safely whisked her out.

Scout collapses

Arran Mountain Rescue Team was called out at 9pm on Tuesday night when a member of a party of nine venture scouts from Renfrew collapsed on Goatfell. The scouts identified their position with a flare and were safely rescued.

Pram pushers

John and Carrie Dalby of Whiting Bay are preparing to walk from London to Arran pushing a pram. They will be replicating a similar walk 100 years ago by Mrs Ellen Sillars of Brodick. The walk will start from Regent's Park on Saturday 4 April and is expected to take three weeks.

Bread and Bombs

Arran Against the Bomb group will be holding a pre-Christmas sale on Saturday 29 November on the theme of Bread and Bombs to highlight the waste of resources on nuclear weapons and the need of Third World people.

Sunday lunch

Special Sunday lunch offer at the Greannan Hotel, Blackwaterfoot. Homemade soup, roast beef and trimmings,tea or coffee, £3.50.

Root show

Young Farmers root and industrial show. Due to declining entries in the past few years it has been decided to open the show to competitors of all ages, not just young farmers. The show will be in Shiskine Hall on Tuesday 18 November. All industrial exhibits must be the work of the exhibitor.

Mobile chippie

From Thursday 13 November the mobile fish and chip van will be in Whiting Bay on Thursday evening, Brodick on Friday and Lamlash on Saturday. Fish and chips £1.30, pie and chips £1.20.

47 year's butchering

As from 3 November the business of A Miller, butcher, Whiting Bay has been sold to D and R Hadley. Mr Miller thanks customers for 47 year's support.

Moira Starks with a load of new instruments for Kilmory kids. b45twe3

Vivien and Judy Keir enjoy sparklers at Brodick bonfire and fireworks display. b45twe1

Brodick Bowling Club
Isle of Arran

The Annual Dinner and Prizegiving for members and friends, will be held in Brodick Brasserie on

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Sensational Alex Harvey Band rock Arran

Members of the Sensational Alex Harvey Band were at the McAlpine Hotel earlier in the month playing two gigs.

They were backing up singer/songwriter Susan Taylor who described them as the best backing band in the world.

Ted McKenna, drums, Zal Clemenson, guitar, and Chris Glenn, bass, played a mixture of music with Susan having her own acoustic section in the middle.

On the second night the band were dressed as they were in their heyday with masks and big costumes.

Sensational Alex Harvey Band

Israel's botanical life enthralls Arran Garden Club members

It is difficult to believe that snow falls on Israel but a picture of trees broken by heavy, wet snow proved it when shown at the Garden Club meeting on October 26.

The photograph was one of many taken and projected by Bill Tait, formerly of Edinburgh Botanic Garden staff, during his talk about flowers in Israel.

He had been invited to participate in the development of a new botanical garden in Jerusalem and had been able to tour the country with welcoming 'botanical' friends.

Garden club members were taken, via the screen, from coast to hills, from deserts to canyons, from Nazareth to Jerusalem and to the Dead Sea. The sequence began with a close-up of the Star of Bethlehem, a beautiful white star-like flower.

The variety of flowering plants was astonishing given the hot climate and mostly arid land. Some minute flowers less than one inch tall flowered in coastal sand and other similar tiny plants flourished by occupying small holes in miniature pieces of rock.

It was amazing to see trees and shrubs from other lands and climates flourishing in this eastern Mediterranean land, with eucalyptus from Australia and frangipani from Africa.

It was even more amazing to see shrubs completely defoliated through drought and yet in full bloom of vibrant colours. Perhaps the greatest natural miracle was the full flowering of the desert after a rainfall: the tenacity of living plants is awesome. The greatest surprise of the evening was to see red buttercups!

Bill was reassuring about living conditions and tried to encourage volunteering for help in the Botanic Garden.

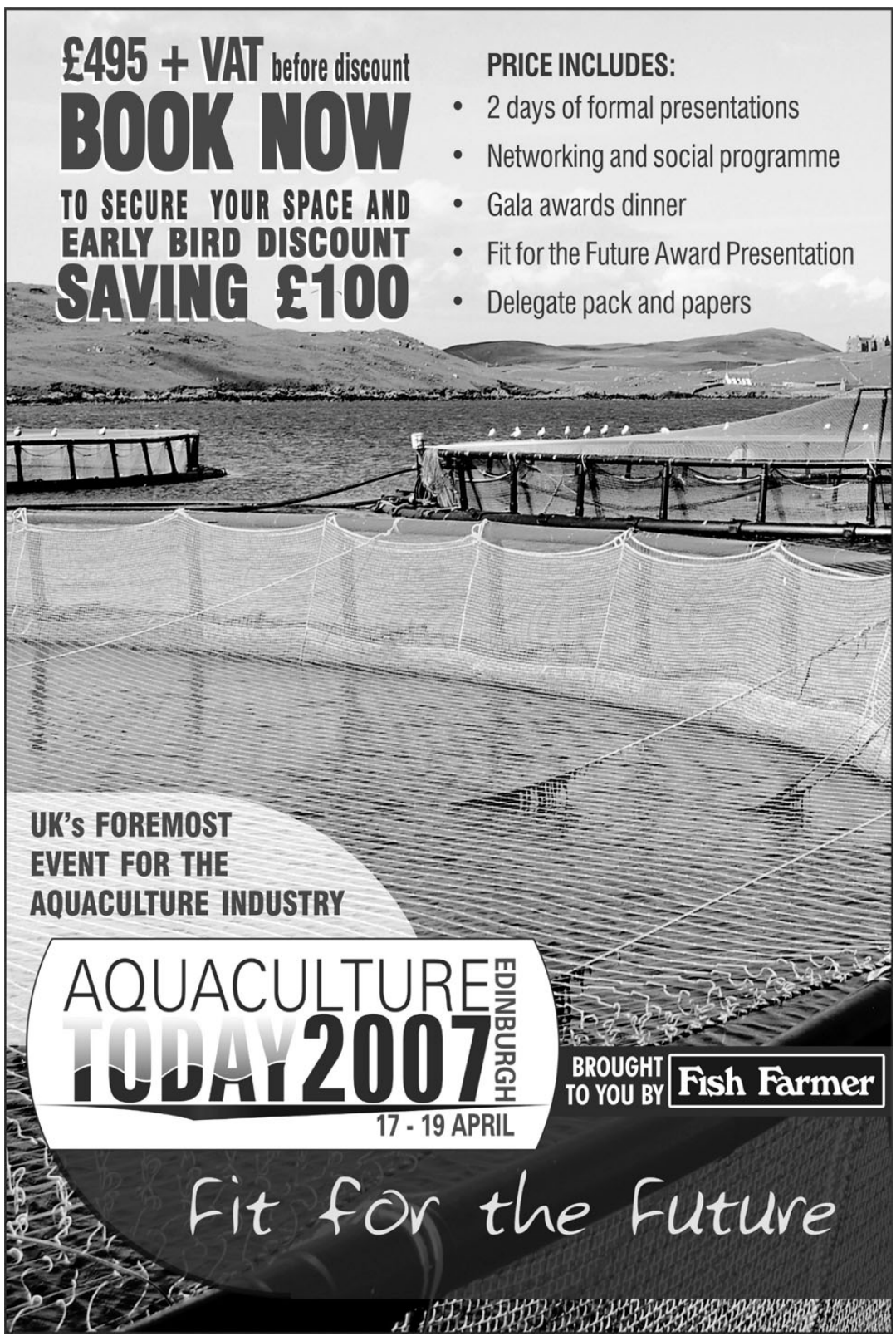
It was good to see evidence of Arab and Jewish men working together. It was also good to be reminded of the multi-faith nature of society in Israel with Bill's pictures of the Muslim Dome of the Rock, the Jewish Wailing Wall and the Christian Church of the Annunciation. There were, however, heavily guarded frontier posts to be seen. But it was the flowers that were more attractive and interesting with their conservation making much more sense.

Following his presentation and the raffle, a question-time session was held with Bill and master gardener Neil McLean as the panel of experts.

Questions became focused on potatoes with one member bringing unusual purple and blue samples for identification and another concerned with black flesh inside a tuber which is apparently caused by a fungoid disease called 'brand'.

All in all, another interesting and happy Garden Club occasion with chairwoman for the evening Carol Vella-Boyle thanking all involved and closing the meeting.

Next meeting is November 30 with the topic 'Why Do Bees Hum?'



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Application No: N/06/01055/OPP **Address:** Site To North Of Brae-An-Doune, Whiting Bay, Brodick, Isle Of Arran **Proposed Development:** Erection of detached dwelling house Ayrshire Structure Plan Policy(s) :- Arran Local Office Local Plan Policy(s) :- E1

Application No: N/06/01058/OPP **Address:** Lochranza Golf Club, Lochranza, Brodick, Isle Of Arran KA27 8JF **Proposed Development:** Golf chalet development Ayrshire Structure Plan Policy(s) :- Arran Local Office Local Plan Policy(s) :- E1, TOU 1

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All times are GMT (add one hour BST)

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Sun	0420	2.8	1028	1.4	1616	3.2	2253	1.1
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Tidal Constants: (Add or deduct from High Water at Lamlash)

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Whiting Bay	-0.02	Brodick Bay	+0.25
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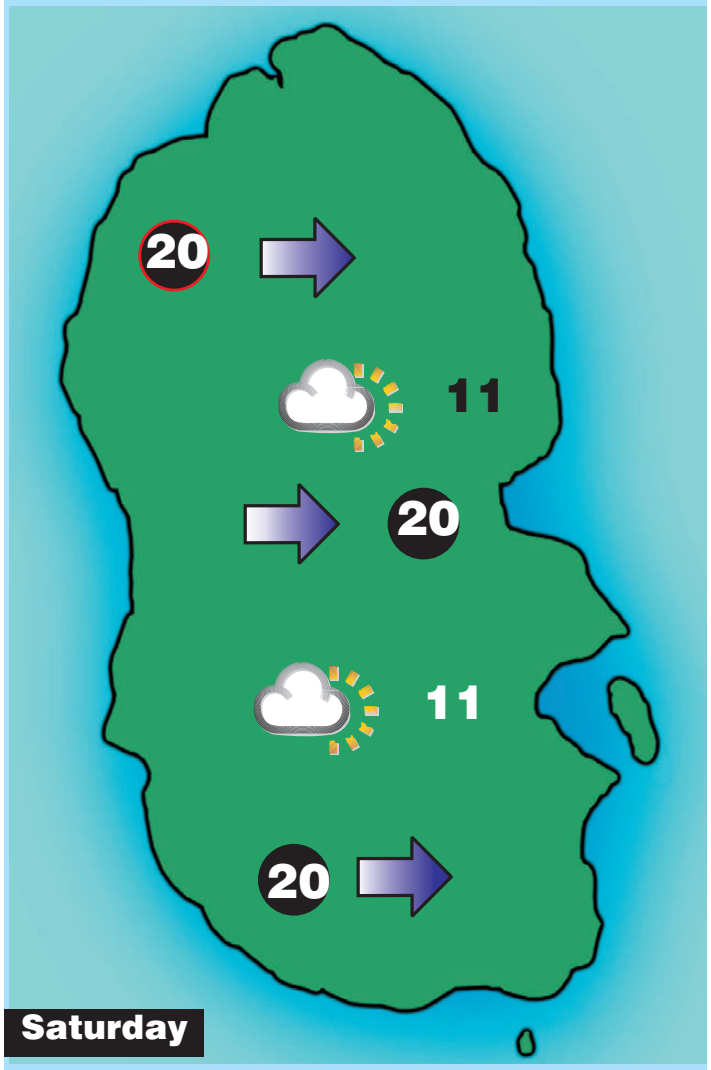

Saturday, November 11
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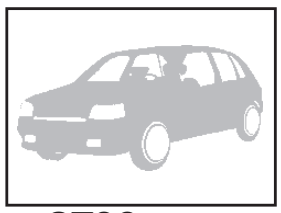

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CHURCH NEWS

Arran Free Church of Scotland

Sunday 12 November,
Shiskine 11am.
Remembrance Service
Shiskine War Memorial, after morning service.
Brodick 7pm

Lamlash Church

Sunday 12 November
You are invited to worship in Lamlash Church at 11 am.
Remembrance Sunday
Mr Alan Saunderson
Retiring Offering for Earl Haig Fund.
All welcome.

Church of Scotland

North Arran: Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirnmill and Shiskine.
Independent but working together.
Sunday 12 November
Brodick Church, 10.30am.
A short service will be held at Brodick War Memorial at 10.15am
Corrie Church, 12pm. A short service will be held at Corrie War memorial at 11.45am.
A short service wil be held at Pirnmill War Memorial at 10am and this will be followed by a service in Pirnmill hall with Lochranza Church at 10.15am.
Shiskine Church service at the War Memorial will be held at 12 pm followed by a service in the church at 12.15pm.

Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church

Sunday 12 November
Worship for Remembrance Sunday will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson at 10.30am. The wreath will be laid at the War Memorial immediately after the service. There will be a retiring offering in aid of the Earl Haig Fund. All welcome. Tea and coffee will be held in the Transept after the service. There will be a service of Remembrance in the Arran War Memorial Hospital at 1.30pm to which all will be welcome.

Arran Open Gate Ministries - linked with New Life Church Prestwick

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Rev John Webster, locum.

Holy Cross Catholic Church .

Sunday Mass 11am.

Scottish Episcopal Church (in full communion with the Church of England)

St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday, 12 November: Holy Communion, 10.55 am.
PLEASE NOTE EARLIER TIME
Mr J Roberts.
Coffee after service.
Wednesday,15 November: 12.15pm, Holy Communion.
All Welcome.

Arran Baptist Church

Sunday 12 November at 10.55am. in the Ormidale Pavillion, Brodick
'Building for God
Great Works and their Beginnings'
Nehemiah 3
Speaker Rev. Jack Paterson
Everyone warmly invited

Arran Free Church of Scotland (continuing)

Sunday 12 November,11am
Trust Housing Lounge,
Glen Estate,Glen Cloy Rd.
Brodick.
Evening Service,7pm
5 Glen Rd.
Prayer meeting
Wed 15 November 7pm
Rev. D.Macleod
All Welcome.

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PERSONALS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

CLARKE - Effie and family wish to thank everyone for the wonderful support received after Burnett's sad death. We were overwhelmed by all the cards, letters and phone calls which were of great comfort to us all. Grateful thanks also to Drs Hamill and Tinto and staff at AWMH and to Angus Adamson for a very moving service. Thanks, too, to David Hendry and the Kinloch Hotel

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REID
Morag & family would like to thank everyone for cards, donations & floral
tributes also the many people who ferried me to visit Arnot. Thanks also to Dr Tinto, Dr Campbell and all the medical staff who cared for
him so affectionately through his illness.
Rev Angus Adamson, Rev John Webster for a beautiful service, David Hendry
for funeral arrangements & Lagg Hotel for catering.

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Sadly missed every day.
Mum and dad

HAMILTON
Very happy and loving memories of my darling husband Gordon, who died 11th November 2004.
Never a day goes by that you are with me in thought. I miss you so very much.
My thanks go out to each & every one of my friends who continue to support me.
Sadly, Gordon's faithful retriever Rowan died on 26th October 2006.
He was never far from his side and is now reunited with his dad.
The slippers are gone from the fireside.
Remembering both my boys
Eleanor

Happy 21st

Party Party
Sharlenes 30th !
Drift Inn
Saturday 11th November from 9pm
All Friends welcome

Charity Football
Lamlash vs Arran Builders
Saturday 11th November
2pm
Lamlash playing fields
All welcome
Bring it on boys!

DEATH

WILSHAW, ERNIE
Much loved Dad to Sandra, recently moved from Kildonan to Stoke-on-Trent, died on 1st November, 2006 after a long illness. Funeral held on 8th November in Stoke-on-Trent

HAMILTON, WILLIAM,
beloved father of Nicola, peacefully at Arran Memorial Hospital on 24 October. Grateful thanks go to all friends, neighbours and the Thursday Club for their kindness, practical support, hospital visits and flowers, to the medical staff for their excellent care, to Elizabeth Watson for her thoughtful service and Fiona Boreland for her advice and understanding".

Happy 40th birthday Alison
Lots of love & best wishes
From
Alison,
Ashley,
Andy and
Mum

Congratulations Howard and Rosemary Walker
You made it to the big 50 and still crazy in love!!!

Love from all the family

Oh "Shaz" now you are thirty
Grown up since you left school,
No more the shy,
demure wee girl
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You'll see her along
at The "Drift"
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We just wish she would find
herself a man
Who'd take her off our hands.

Seriously though, when
she was born in '76
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"Special" friend
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M,D,D,L & Family

THANKS

May I take this opportunity to thank everyone who came to my assistance on the golf course on Wed 4th October, to Brian and Rosy who kept things calm until reinforcements arrived and to Hackey who did not know that he could still run and talk at the same time, and Drew for keeping the ambulance off the green. Also to Stevie for taxi and telephone service and in particular for financial aid without which I would have left The Western in my waterproofs and golf shoes.
Then came the professionals, the ambulance crew arrived in minutes, who would have thought I would be grateful for "being liftit by the polis". Thanks Scott. On arrival at Lamlash, Dr Tinto and his team were magnificent with their cool, calm professionalism, and even organising the helicopter in quick time, despite Hackey and Stevie's presence in the consulting room, and I know they went to Mr Gilmour's dispensary to oil the wheels of the NHS til late in the evening.
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Girls go swimming to launch sport pilot scheme

The members of Girls in Sport had swimming coaching sessions at Auchrannie's hotel swimming pool. b45swm01

A NIKE-backed initiative to encourage more girls to take part in sport has been launched in North Ayrshire and Arran has been chosen to pilot the scheme in the county.

Girls in Sport receives funding from the Youth Sport Trust through lottery cash.

As a result of a questionnaire distributed to P7-S2 girls in North Ayrshire, the Girls Only Swimming Club has started to encourage more girls to become active.

Because Arran is the pilot for North Ayrshire, the club is held at Auchrannie Hotel pool and will run for three six-week blocks between November and March. Organisers Sally Hunter, swimming coach, Eileen Auld and Julie McGhee, physical education teachers and Ann Hart, Active Schools Co-ordinator, hope girls will take the opportunity to swim in an all-female environment. On the club's first night on Wednesday, November 1, young swimmers took part in training which included technique and fitness.

However, much of the focus was also on the recreational and social side of sport. A number of parents has also offered to help with the running of the club.

Lamlash Bridge Club results

Lamlash Bridge October 30: N/S: 1 I McArthur and E McKellar +2370, 2 P Adamson and M Iutz +1180, 3 C Bone and M McGill +520. E/W: 1 J McClure and A McKelvie -70, 2 H Boyd and J Murchie -90, 3 J and J Beattie -770.

November 6: N/S: 1 I McArthur and E McKellar +2350, 2 J Murchie and Sloan -230, 3 M Cummings and E Paul -500. E/W: T Martin and J McArthur +1850, 2 E Sillers and L Primrose +1670, 3 J McBride and R McBride +1300.

Sport to the fore at Arran High School

Young Arran athletes have been representing their high school at a number of sports over the last week.

The pupils had success on the rugby pitch and the track but mixed fortunes on the football field. To see how the youngsters got on, see page 6.

Send your sports news to editorial@arranbanner.net

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Corrie Golf Club

October 30 Monday Cup: 1 R Welford 74-17=57, 2 K Barclay 76-16=60 bih, 3 B Sherwood 63-3=60.

November 4: Joe MacKenzie Rosebowl: 1 A Napier 38pts, 2 A MacDonald 37pts. November 5: AGA Winter League: Corrie beat Whiting Bay by two and a half points to one and a half points in a very close match.

Congratulations to P Moran on the condition of the course and the greens in particular.

Thanks to Hilary and Edwina for the catering and the music. Fixtures: Saturday, November 11 AGA Grouse competition, course closed all day.

Monday, November 13, Monday Cup, tee-off noon.

Saturday, November 18: Winter Cup, tee-off at noon, course closed from 10.30am to 4pm.

Junior Medal Leatherby Shield Sunday, November 12, 10am.

Pictured at the annual prizegiving dinner of Lamlash Golf Club's gents section are trophy winners, from left, John McGovern, Maurice Appleby, Lee Girbow, Andrew Neil, Neil Mitchell, Robbie McGunnigle, Euan Evans, Neil Young, Iain Murchie, Miller Crawford and Ian Bremner.

Lamlash Golf Club

Saturday, November 4, Glenburn Cup: five played n/counting for h/cap. Sweep: 1 John McGovern 73-7=66. Best scratch: John McGovern 73. Magic twos 1 at 5th. Ian Murchie. Sunday, November 5, AGA Winter League at Corrie, Lamlash beat Brodick. Sunday, November 12, Stableford at 9.30am and 11am.

Shiskine Golf Club

Sunday, October 29 (18-hole medal) sss 64, css 66. Class 1: 1 H Bannatyne 66-5=61, 2 A Napier 73-5=68, 3 D Markham 86-9=77. Class 2: 1 M Sherwood 85-17=68, 2 D Price 82-13=69, 3 B Green 100-22=78. Best scratch: H Bannatyne 66. Fixtures: Sunday, November 12, Arran Challenge ends.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

The Corrie Hotel Cup will be played at Whiting Bay on Saturday, November 18, with a draw at 10.50am for an 11am start.

Teams of four players nominated from each of the Island clubs.

Winter League fixture against Corrie at Corrie: Corrie 2.5, Whiting Bay 1.5.

Fixtures: Sunday, November 12, Winter Cup Round 2. Sunday, 19 November, friendly against Lamlash at Lamlash.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday, October 31, Winter Cup Yellow Tees: 1 Alistair MacDonald 69, 2 Eddie Cannon 70, 3 Hamish Bannatyne 72.

Scratch: Hamish Bannatyne 75. Saturday, November 4, Lochranza Hotel Cup: 1 Donald Campbell 38pts, 2 Bert Green 36pts, 3 Alan Jeffrey 33 bih.

Fixtures: Tuesday, November 14, noon start.

Brodick Golf Club

October 25: 1 M Holmes 72-15=57, 2 K Barclay 78-20=58, 3= W Frost 83-24=59 and T Raeside 67-8=59. Wednesday, November 1: 1 K Robertson 72-13=59, 2= J Rae 76-16=60 and J Dick 72-12=60.

Arran Golfers Association

Winter League 2006/07 at Corrie Golf Club, Sunday, November 5: the first match was played in good conditions, the strong breeze making some of the holes quite tricky to club and play.

The association thanks Corrie for the hospitality and quality of the catering in the tea room.

In the first match, with the host club taking on Whiting Bay, Corrie won by two and a half points to one and a half points.

In the second game, Brodick v Lamlash – Lamlash won by three games to one.

In the third match, Shiskine v Machrie Bay, saw the bay winning by three games to one.

Matches played and points: Lamlash 4, 3; Machrie Bay 4, 3; Corrie 4, 3; Whiting Bay 4, 0, Brodick 4, 0; Shiskine 4, 0.

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