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Donald's moustache is just champion

'I'm getting quite attached to this moustache; I think I'll just keep it'

Fifty-two Arran men have grown moustaches in November to raise awareness of the dangers of prostate cancer and to raise over £5,000.

This worldwide campaign involves growing a moustache in 30 days under the Movember Foundation slogan 'to change the face of men's health'.

And last Friday night Donald McKelvie of Brodick was officially declared Arran's Mr Movember 2010 for his magnificent moustache.

Duncan Yates of Kildonan is one of the prime movers of the Movember campaign, having suffered from cancer himself. Fraser Barr, Colin 'Coco' Cameron and Alec McDonald all joined together with Duncan to form the Arran Mobros group.

Campaign
Last Friday night many of these men met up in Eilean Mor in Brodick at the end of the month-long campaign. Some were going to shave off their moustaches, but many said they would keep them for a while. And many of the

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growths were spectacular with several splendid handlebars on show.

The judges for best moustaches were Donald Bannatyne, Richard Farquhar and Angus Adamson. Donald has a splendid moustache of his own but Richard and Angus are clean-shaven. Richard explained: 'We were drafted in at short notice because two of the moustachioed judges, Willie Cook and Ronnie Haggarty, couldn't make it tonight because of the weather.'

After all the men had been individually scrutinised, Donald McKelvie was declared the 2010 winner with second place going to Jaff McGovern.

After the award, Jaff declared: 'I'm getting quite attached to this moustache; I think I'll just keep it.'

Colin Cameron said: 'Prostate cancer is one of the most prevalent of cancers to affect young men. You never know when it might be you. This has

been all about raising awareness and early diagnosis.'

This annual worldwide movement started in Australia in 2003 with a bunch of young men joking over a few beers.

Highlight

That resulted in them growing moustaches for a laugh and to highlight the threat of prostate cancer. They soon realised the potential of this idea, and the following year the campaign went worldwide. Now thousands of groups of men up and down the country join in with the Movember campaign every year to raise awareness and to raise funds.

The Movember Foundation raises awareness in all men's health, but in the UK it specifically focuses on prostate cancer.

The Arran Mobros group has already been sponsored to the tune of £5,013 with notable individual totals of £400 for Donald Bannatyne, £395 for Tim Wilkinson and £303 for Alastair Yates. You can still make a donation by logging on to the Arran Mobros Movember website.



Arran Mobros founders with their moustaches, from bottom left, clockwise, Duncan Yates, Fraser Barr, Colin Cameron and Alec McDonald.
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Grounded buzzard found in Lamlash

Arran Hawk Walks man Ian Struthers reports on a rather sorry looking buzzard that he is trying to bring back to full health.

He said: 'Over the weekend there were reports of a red kite on the island with wing tags, however it turned out to be a buzzard.'

'This bird was one of 90 tagged in Perthshire in 2007

and was very underweight when picked up on Monday. It is hoped that it will make a full recovery.'

Ian keeps a variety of birds of prey at his Lamlash home and offers tuition on handling these creatures on his Hawk Walks. He can be seen at many summer events along with Murray Boal and their display of birds.



The sorry-looking buzzard being cared for by Ian Struthers. b50buz01no

Snow go as cold snap hits Arran

Weather causes chaos for roads and schools

Arran seems to have escaped the worst of the winter weather so far, but a sudden fall of snow on Friday and very cold temperatures for the last six days have made life a little difficult.

Last Friday a Stagecoach bus with five passengers was reported as having left the road at 10.15am in snowy conditions near to Bridge Farm on the String Road. Police attended and took the passengers home. There were no injuries.

Another vehicle left the road at 11.05am in the same vicinity and police took the two occupants to their home in Shiskine.

On Saturday, two cars were in collision in icy conditions

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near Derneneach on the String Road. There were no injuries and no police charges.

On Monday, December 6, the Boguillie between Sannox and Lochranza was closed for two-and-a-half hours after a heavy fall of snow.

Sergeant Bob MacKay said: 'The closure was caused by abandoned cars and an abandoned bus.'

'The council snowploughs couldn't get past them.'

'If anybody does get stuck and leaves their vehicle it is advisable for them to phone the police and let us know where their car keys are,' he added.

'Another vehicle was abandoned on the hill near Lamlash Golf Club.'

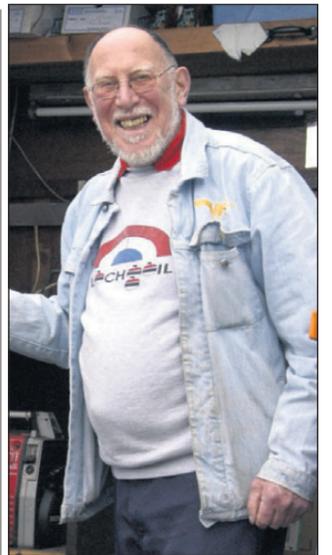
'We had to call Angus Lambie to come and lift it out of the way.'

'If people abandon their car and we have to get it shifted, then the owner will be billed accordingly.'

'Another car was reported to be on its roof by the bridge close to Kirkend Nursery north of Whiting Bay.'

At noon on Monday a decision was made to close Arran schools in order that Stagecoach buses could get the children home before conditions worsened.

Sergeant Mackay added: 'The NAC roads boys have done a great job in keeping roads passable. They have also been gritting as many pavements as possible in the villages.'



Mike the Knife on one of his visits to Brodick.

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Mike the Knife will be missed

Mike the Knife has died.

He was a popular figure on his frequent visits to the island, and provided an invaluable service in sharpening knives, shears, secateurs and virtually any kind of cutting tool you could imagine.

Real name Michael Dimmer, he passed away peacefully at his home in Lochgoilhead, Argyll. For 16 years he had made regular visits to Arran, staying three or four days at a time and calling in all villages.

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Mike the Knife will be missed on Arran.



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Some of the Corrie children with gifts for sale that they had made themselves. 01_b50cor01

Corrie Christmas fayre raises school funds

Corrie School Christmas Fayre was held in Corrie and Sannox Village Hall last Friday 3 December.

The many stalls included Coral's Crafts, Arran Asia, Three Dimensions, Arran

Gems, Aucheleffan, Fallen Rocks Jewellery and Bridgend Farm.

There were also Christmas cakes, Arran hampers, home baking, and a raffle.

The school children had made many

of the Christmas gift items that were for sale.

A total of £620.30 was raised and thanks are due to all who turned up to support the event.

Annual review for Arran tourism group

Arran's main tourism association, VisitArran, is holding its annual review next Wednesday 15 December at 7pm in the Glencloy Suite at Auchrannie Spa.

Marie Park of VisitArran said: 'We do hope as many of the participating businesses as possible can attend.'

'This meeting will review what VA has achieved over the past year, and as importantly, will also be presenting an

Events Programme for 2011. This evening promises to be informative and interesting.'

She also asks that people let family, friends and guests know that VisitArran is now on Facebook.

Desk

The VA ferry desk on board MV Caledonian Isles is not currently manned, but there will be someone on duty for sailings on 22, 23, 29, and 30 December.

Aitchison up for auction

Four paintings by Craigie Aitchison worth over £70,000 were due to be auctioned at Bonham's Fine Art sale in Edinburgh this week.

Aitchison, who died in 2009, had his ashes scattered on Arran on September 17 this year. He was one of Scotland's best-loved artists and spent much time on Arran at his brother's cottage in Lamlash.

Chris Brickley, head of pictures at Bonhams, said: 'Aitchison is one of the most important Scottish artists of the second half of the 20th century and his deceptively simple style has great appeal to collectors and art lovers alike.'

His dying wish was for his ashes to be scattered within sight of his beloved Goatfell and Holy Island.

Theft from Market Road

Local police acted last Friday on a report that there had been a theft from a vehicle yard in Market Road, Brodick.

There is an ongoing enquiry, but as a result of the incident, a 45-year-old Brodick man has been charged with theft.

Charged

So far three other men have been charged with receiving stolen goods; a 64-year-old Whiting Bay man, a 55-year-old Pirnmill man and a 56-year-old Brodick man.

Police enquiries are continuing into a number of other cases of reported theft and another case of receiving stolen goods.

Arran CD winners

Two weeks ago we ran a competition for readers to win a copy of 'Eilean mo Ghaoil, The Music of Arran' CD.

The CD has 13 tracks of traditional music reflecting the folklore and history of the island and featuring well-known local girl Gillian Frame on fiddle, viola and backing vocals. We asked what year Gillian won the Young Scottish Traditional Musician Award, and the correct answer was 2001.

From a bumper bag of entries the randomly-chosen winners are Mary Mackenzie, The Knowe, Kings Cross, Pat Waites, Houghton le Spring, Tyne and Wear, Jean Kelly, Wotton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire, Ann Hart, Gartconner, Brodick, Jean Platt, The Craggs, Catacol, Anthony Pearson, Attwood Green, Birmingham and Fiona Crawford, Lochranza.

Congratulations to all the winners. Their CDs are being entrusted to the Royal Mail.

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The fifth and sixth year pupils who successfully completed the Heartstart course at Arran High School.

Heartstart course for youngsters

Fifth and sixth year pupils successfully completed a Heartstart course at Arran High School last week.

The Heartstart course includes learning how to assess an unconscious patient, performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), dealing with choking and serious bleeding, and helping someone who may be having a heart attack.

Being able to administer CPR in a cardiac arrest case may buy the time needed for professional help to arrive.

Arran Bridge notes

Brodict Bridge Club

Results on Thursday 2 December.

N/S 1 J Barclay and M Gardner +100, 2 E Sillars and L Trickett -190, 3 P Adamson and J McBride -440.

E/W 1 T Martin and D Hamilton +1530, 2 M MacGill and E McConnell +1310, 3 F Crawford and D Henderson +980.

Lamlash Bridge Club

Unsurprisingly, given the weather conditions, only 10 hardy members braved the elements and arrived for bridge on a bitterly cold night on Monday 6 December, plus the intrepid Margaret McGill who came to collect the money.

It was decided to play a 'friendly' match with the team of Jean Barclay, Jennifer McArthur, Alison Bilsland and Trish Martin very narrowly defeating Dougie and Margaret Bruce, Eendie McNiven and Liz Paul. Hopefully next week the weather will be milder and we will have our full complement of members back again.



Ann Widdecombe with Banner reporter Howard Driver. b50wid01

Last dance for Ann and Anton

Former Tory MP Ann Widdecombe was finally voted off Strictly Come Dancing last week.

Sixty-three-year-old Ann and her long-suffering partner Anton du Beke had survived for nine weeks before facing the chop on Sunday night. Her performances could be said to be entertaining rather than graceful.

Preparing

Now she is preparing to join the Strictly Come Dancing touring show for a two-month stint round the country starting in Nottingham on January 14. And amazingly, she will be partnered by her fiercest critic, judge Craig Revel Horwood.

A couple of years ago Ann stopped and chatted to Banner reporter Howard Driver while out on the political campaign trail in Cumbria. He declares that she gave no indication at the time of her future ballroom dancing career.

Hospital Supporters League

Last Sunday a very successful Christmas Fayre was held in Whiting Bay Hall for Arran's Hospital Supporters League.

£613.88 was collected for the hospital, and many thanks are due to all helpers, to those who donated to the stalls and to everybody who braved the weather and the icy roads to come along.

The joint winners of the quiz were Anne Hodge and John and Cathie Steed.

Answers were: 1 Lighthouse, 2 Slight, 3 Shelter, 4 Shield, 5 Stealthy, 6 Hospitality, 7 Philosophy, 8 Thistle, 9 Shilling, 10 Publish, 11 Harmless, 12 Lash, 13 Sylph, 14 Outlandish, 15 Lush or Plush.

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Auchrannie staff outside the Spa Resort, with Linda and Iain Johnston second and third from left and Richard Small fifth from left.

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Quality staff 'vital' to the success of Auchrannie Spa

Auchrannie Spa resort needs to make £79,000 a week just to break even.

And in order to achieve that, the company is determined to make a top quality workforce a number one priority.

General manager Richard Small said: 'For much of the winter we don't clear that figure, but have to make up for it at other times of year. The quality of our staff is vital in our business success.'

The company has just scooped another tourism award in the Developing People category at the 2010 Highlands and Islands Tourism Awards at Drumossie Hotel in Inverness. Richard explained that staff are their most important asset.

He said: 'If you don't invest in staff, it has a knock-on effect; it's all about service. Our staff retention has improved dramatically over the last year.'

With a total workforce of 150, Auchrannie is the largest private employer on the island, and the average length of service is three years.

Turnover

The normal staff turnover in the hospitality industry is 64 per cent, but owner Linda Johnston revealed: 'Our staff turnover is only 19 per cent; that's quite remarkable for this kind of business.'

Richard added: 'Seven per cent of our staff have been with us for more than 10 years and 12 per cent have been here

for between five and 10 years. Any perception locally that we get through a lot of staff is quite wrong.'

Auchrannie prides itself on its level of in-house training.

Linda said: 'A lot of our training is internal. It is important to make sure that the initial induction training is right.'

'If the staff know what the company's objectives are, they get behind you. Our senior management team is very stable.'

'When vacancies occur we always try to promote from within. The vast majority of our senior management team have worked up from the shop floor.'

Richard explained how the company was involved in training for high school students. He said: 'Auchrannie works very closely with the high school. It represents our potential future customers and future workforce.'

'We are holding a tourism day in January for S1 pupils; they will be encouraged to come up with a marketing campaign for an Arran festival.'

'S5 and S6 students take part in mock interviews which prepare them for university and employment. Where possible it is our aim to introduce local youngsters into this industry.'

And as an example of how important staff are, Auchrannie has just reached a milestone of 10 years continuous membership in the Investors in People scheme.

Well done to Arran Life contest winners

The winners of the competitions in the latest issue of Arran Life are Mrs N McNally of Bishopbriggs, Glasgow, who wins dinner for two at COAST in Whiting Bay, and Mr John Lauder, of Brodick, who will enjoy a bottle of 14-year-old Arran Malt.

Congratulations to you both.

Prize night for bowlers

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Celebrate Christmas in Brodick Hall

Next Sunday, 12 December, is the date of the Celebrate Christmas event in Brodick Hall.

'See amid the winter snow' and 'In the bleak midwinter' are two well-known carols, but many people on the island will be hoping that the opening words of these carols will not be a description of the weather conditions in the next week or so, as it has been for many people throughout the country in recent days.

It was on Christmas Sunday last year that the snow covered much of Arran and prevented Arran Brass members from taking part in the Celebrate Christmas event. Most of the musicians couldn't get out of their driveways, and Baptist

minister Willie Wright ended up accompanying the carols on the accordion.

Hopefully the weather will be a little better this Sunday when Arran Brass will be playing the Christmas songs and carols at the event in Brodick Hall, starting at 2.30pm.

No Charge

Tea and mince pies will be provided and there is no charge for admission, although there will be an opportunity to give towards Arran's Riding for the Disabled group.

Perhaps Willie Wright, who will be compering the afternoon, will be standing by with his accordion just in case we find ourselves once again 'amid the winter snow' and 'in the bleak midwinter'.



Johnny McGovern and Margaret Pottle, disguised as Santa, were busy selling raffle tickets at the market.

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Whiting Bay Christmas market

Whiting Bay Village Hall had a festive look about it last Saturday when the regular craft event became a Christmas market.

There were gifts and crafts of all sorts on sale and members of the public were steadily

making their way up the hall drive to take advantage of buying some locally-made goods.

Ladies of the hall committee were busy providing home baking, teas and coffee in the lesser hall.



Barbara P'Anson with her attractive display of Arran Reflections hand-crafted scented candles and greetings cards. 02_b50whb02

Corrie Film Club

For all those young at heart, Corrie Film Club presents its double bill this Sunday. Hoping to attract some younger film buffs, there will be a presentation of a charming and heart-warming film version of the *Secret Garden* at 5.30pm followed by Christmas supper and then a showing of the classic *Casablanca* at 8pm.

Nibbles, drinks and more substantial eats will be on offer for an evening of film merriment. All welcome at Corrie and Sannox Hall Sunday 12 December.

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Clan Currie chief remembers his Arran ancestry

Robert Currie of Summit, New Jersey is president of the Clan Currie Society.

His great-great-grandfather left Arran during the Clearances in 1828, bound for Canada.



Robert Currie, president of the Clan Currie Society, pictured at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in North Carolina.

Drama Festival needs you

The annual One Act Isle of Arran Drama Festival needs you.

The festival ran for 80 years in Lamlash Community centre and this will be its fourth year in the new Community Theatre at Arran High School. But for it to continue to be a success, entries are needed from island drama groups.

The festival is scheduled to run from Wednesday 23 February to Saturday 26 February. Honorary secretary Fiona Crawford said: 'We have six or seven entries so far, but are always looking for new ones. The Community Theatre is a great venue and very well attended.'

'There are usually a considerable variety of entries with junior drama, comedies, farces and dramas. And you

don't have to be competitive if you'd rather not; you can just come along and put on your play for the audience to enjoy.'

'We would like to encourage new groups to enter. They will be given all the help they require with regard to how to enter, technical and lighting questions etc.'

The adjudicator this year is Brian Marjoribanks, and by coincidence, on the two previous occasions he has adjudicated, the winners of the main trophy, the Archie Kerr Wooley Trophy, were Pirmill Players.

For more information or an entry form, please contact Fiona at Crossaig, Lochranza, telephone 830270 or email fiona_david.crossaig@btinternet.com

In 1995 Robert was guest of honour at Brodick Highland Games and presented the prizewinners with their trophies.

Now he has contacted the Banner to inform us that the Society is organising the first public tribute to Private Bill Millin.

Private Millin died in August at the age of 88 and was famed for playing the pipes on Normandy beach during the D-Day invasion on June 6, 1944 to raise the morale of his fellow troops.

Organising

As head of the Clan Currie Society, Robert is organising The Pipes of Christmas, billed as a Celtic Holiday Concert and fundraiser for music scholarships, to be held in Madison Avenue, New York on Sunday December 19. The concert, now in its 12th year, will include a special tribute to the famed Scottish wartime bagpiper, Private Bill Millin.

A special invitation is being extended to all British and American Second World War veterans and their families.

Robert said: 'The 2010 concert is made possible by a generous gift from Oban Single Malt Whisky. Honorary chair for

the concert is Fiona Hyslop, Scottish Minister for Culture and External Affairs.'

Robert told the Banner: 'As you may know, the Clan Currie has strong Arran connections. I am proud of my Arran ancestry and come from a long line of Arran Curries. Our Currie family lived near Shiskine.'

'My Arran ancestry goes back to 1792 with the marriage of Peter Currie and Mary Crawford. Peter was my great-great-great grandfather and served in the Royal Navy on HMS Alfred.'

'Peter's son, Neil, was baptised in Slidery on 24 March 1793. He married his second cousin Flora Currie in Kilmory Church on 10 July 1828 and one month later they sailed for Canada, settling in Quebec.'

'There is a lovely monument in Kilmory Church cemetery for Flora's family. I do remember meeting a John Currie in Slidery on one of my visits to Arran in the late 1980s whom I'm reasonably certain was a relation of mine.'

'I would welcome hearing from other Currie families from the western Highlands and Islands.'

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Christmas is coming

There are just two weeks to go, and for Arran housewives it's time to plan for the Christmas festive meals.

Whether you are organising a large family get-together or just a cosy menu for two, it's not too soon to start making your shopping lists. And every good cook will already have the Brussels sprouts simmering on a low light.

Living on an island, we don't have access to a 24-hour Tesco or budget outlets like Lidl or Aldi. But we do have some first class local food producers of Arran vegetables and meat.

You only have to visit Kilmory Farmers Market to see them. At least the vegetables will not have travelled thousands of air miles to get to your dinner table. They may cost a little more, but you can enjoy a warm glow knowing that they are fresh and environmentally-friendly.

So what is going to be on your Christmas menu? Do you consult Nigella or Delia, or even Jamie for advice?

Perhaps you could go back to basics and dust off that copy of Mrs Beeton's cookbook. For example, the Victorian cookery expert recommends a Christmas dinner of Jerusalem artichoke soup followed by potted shrimps.

For the main course Mrs B suggests roast goose with fruit stuffing and red cabbage, or orange-scented braised venison, or a five-bird roast with quail, partridge, pheasant, duck and goose. Victorian Christmas puddings included baked apples stuffed with rice and nuts or bombe tortini.

In fact it would be a good idea for Arran housewives to pop along to Brodick Castle this Sunday and wallow in nostalgia at the annual Victorian Christmas afternoon. They might pick up some traditional menu suggestions.

The Castle staff will all be in period costume, and downstairs in the kitchen and scullery the cook will be preparing Victorian festive fare.

Also on your shopping list should be any medicaments that could be needed when the shops are shut. After all this rich food, a dose of indigestion mixture might come in handy.

Grandma Driver's own traditional indigestion mixture recipe called for one quarter ounce of nitrate of bismuth, half a teaspoonful of bicarbonate of soda and two drops of essence of peppermint.

If you fall foul of a winter cough over Christmas, Grandma Driver recommended a cough medicine of ipecacuana wine, syrup of squills, essence of aniseed, sweet spirits of nitre and a touch of opium.

If you can buy these ingredients from your local pharmacy nowadays and not get arrested, good luck.

And if it all sounds like too much hard work, you could always book a table at one of Arran's many fine restaurants.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

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

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Letters to the Editor



Calling 4x4 drivers

Sir,
Last week the Banner kindly carried a letter from me asking if there were four wheel drivers on the island who might help our care at home staff get about caring for vulnerable people in their homes during very bad weather.

There has been some interest but a lot more would be welcome. Since then Dr David Hogg of Brodick Health Centre has alerted us to a scheme in the Northern Grampian area which is similar: CO-TAG (Community Off-Road Transport Action Group) offers transport to medical and caring staff, and other essential services in very poor weather.

Typically the tasks undertaken would be of a 'fetch and carry' nature and may involve the movement of personnel, equipment and supplies. This sounds quite ambitious but perhaps something that could be aimed for on a smaller scale on Arran. Any volunteers used by Social Services would receive a mileage payment. I would certainly still welcome interest in this idea from Arran 4x4 owners and can be contacted at Social Services during office hours on 600742, or by email cturbett@north-ayrshire.gov.uk

Yours,
Colin Turbett
Operational Manager
NAC Social Services

Labour flying a kite

Sir,
I wonder if Allan Wilson and former First Minister, Jack McConnell have thought of consulting the civil servants in the finance department of the Scottish Government (SG) before propositioning Iain Gray to introduce 'fair and affordable fares for all islanders'?

The Scottish Labour Party's manifesto promise in 2007 of a 40percent fares reduction was nothing more than 'flying a kite' or as the LibDems in Westminster recently found to their embarrassment, an indication that they didn't expect to be in power.

It is good news that the SG in power is maintaining the

budget for Scotland's ferry network in 2010/11. The only way that ferry fares could be substantially reduced would be at the expense of some other hard-pressed service. 'Island parity' is laudable but there is no money realistically to roll out RET let alone reduce fares over all by 40percent in these times of economic stringency and with a reduced block grant from Westminster.

Politicians should not make assertions that raise hopes without accompanying statements of exactly how their aspirations might be financed. It is demeaning to the electorate and questions their own credibility.

Allan Wilson was MSP for Arran for many years. I don't recall his strenuous effort then for Arran's interest but maybe my memory is short or there is an election in the offing!

Yours,
Margie Currie
Eastlands
Shiskine

Incoherent nonsense

Sir
The idea of a 40percent reduction in ferry fares for island residents would be disastrous for the Arran economy, both encouraging residents to take their custom to the mainland and discriminating against visitors. It would do nothing to reduce the costs associated with incoming freight.

Allan Wilson was at Holyrood from 1999 until he lost the constituency to the SNP in 2007. Labour was in power for those eight years, and had the chance to introduce cheaper ferry fares. Instead the '40percent idea' was first mentioned during the 2007 election, in what turned out to be Labour's last three weeks in power. It hasn't been promoted in Parliament since then.

It has never even been Labour Party policy. It certainly isn't now: Charlie Gordon MSP, their transport spokesman, recently called for the successful Western Isles RET pilot to be extended.

So, the Scottish Government has never had to 'drop Labour's 40percent ferry discount scheme'. This sugges-

tion is incoherent nonsense. In reality, the money to extend RET to all Scottish islands was diverted – at Labour's insistence – to the Edinburgh trams project.

Yours,
Malcolm Kerr
Cairndale
Brodick

Arran excluded from islands VAT reduction

Sir,
On January 31, 2000, a deputation from Arran attended a Scottish Parliamentary inquiry investigating the high cost of road fuel on islands.

It was at the behest of the Arran Community through the intervention of MSPs Kay Ulrich and Annabel Goldie that the inquiry was set up in the first place. I was privileged as Chair of the ACVS to be part of that deputation. One of the solutions to the problem we put to the inquiry was to reduce the rate of VAT levied on road fuel on islands.

We asked the inquiry to lobby the Westminster Government, who had the reserved power over taxation, to implement that policy.

Now 10 years later such a policy is proposed for the Scilly Isles and all but three of the Scottish Islands. It does seem ironic that Arran, which was in the vanguard on this issue, should be one of the three islands excluded from the proposed reduction of VAT. This despite having as high or higher road fuel prices as the other islands.

One of the then MSPs who sat on that Parliamentary Committee all those years ago was one Allan Wilson who wrote last week in the Banner that he wished the current UK Government well in this matter. I assume Allan must have travelled to Damascus in the intervening years to view the bright lights. I say this because Allan was opposed to a variation in VAT then.

He said it could not be done under European rules despite the fact that Greece, then as now, operates a lower road fuel VAT rate on Greek islands from that of the Greek mainland. Allan is correct in say-

ing that a European member state does need a derogation to vary taxation rates. I am however puzzled by his statement that this is hard to obtain as 'previous Labour Ministers discovered'.

I suppose derogation on road fuel tax is hard to obtain if you do not apply for it. No application for derogation on road fuel taxation was applied for by the last Westminster Government.

The French Government, on the other hand, did apply successfully, with the blessing of the UK Government, to vary the VAT rate not just on islands but on all rural areas.

Surely we can all agree that it would be unjust to exclude the Clyde Islands from this scheme. One way of doing this is for all MSPs, irrespective of party allegiance, to sign Kenneth Gibson's Parliamentary motion on the subject.

Yours,
Jim Lees
Cir Mhor
Sannox

Celebrating Arran's heritage

Sir,
Having been involved in 'Eilean Mo Ghaoil, the music of Arran' I was sorry to read that Professor Broderick did not enjoy the CD.

Arran owes a debt of gratitude to Professor Broderick and others from the School of Scottish Studies who recorded the last native Arran Gaelic speakers. But the purpose of the CD was not to recreate the type of Gaelic singing that Professor Broderick would have heard on Arran in the 1970s.

Instead the CD offers a modern interpretation of the material to appeal to a modern audience. And the CD is not just about Arran's Gaelic heritage; it also includes a couple of Scots songs and some lively instrumental music. The purpose was to celebrate Arran's heritage as a living thing, and not as something fossilised or consigned to an archive to gather dust; and hopefully give listeners some pleasure.

Yours,
Alistair Paul
Brodick

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The carol singers turned away from the door by Ebenezer Scrooge. 02_b50pan03

'Scrooge, A Christmas Carol', the Arran panto

The Charles Dickens classic tale 'Scrooge, A Christmas Carol' is this year's Arran pantomime.

It opened last night (Thursday) in the Community Theatre at Arran High School and has three more performances, tonight (Friday) and Saturday afternoon and evening.

Alan Nicol takes the part of Ebenezer Scrooge, a cold-hearted, tight-fisted and greedy businessman who despises Christmas and the working classes.

Steve Garraway is his faithful, downtrodden clerk Bob Cratchit and the whole cast have a whale of a time with this happy-ending tale of repentance.

Campbell Seaton plays an ever-so-camp Ghost of Jacob Marley, Scrooge's former business partner who died seven years earlier and is

doomed to wander for eternity as penance for his own miserliness.

Producer Maureen Smith said: 'It's a miracle that we



Phillip Glover as Mr Fezziwig.

even got this onto the stage. Twice we have been let down by costume suppliers. And the third supplier almost didn't make it.

'The costumes were snow-bound in Edinburgh last week until Donald Bannatyne came to the rescue. He had an Arran Haulage truck in the city and the driver was able to go and collect the clothes last Thursday.

'Some of the cast couldn't get to rehearsals for the icy roads, then we had last minute difficulties with the lights, but finally, the show did go on.'

As usual with pantomimes, the cast relate closely with the audience and are guaranteed to have plenty of laughs.

There are three more chances to see this delightful and funny production. Tickets are available from KA Campus or at the door.

Islands federation seeks equality and fair deal from Europe

'One of the biggest issues is trying to ensure this is looked at in the broadest sense'

By Stuart Laundy
editor@arranbanner.co.uk

Scotland's island communities have become part of a Europe-wide campaign to ensure they get a fair deal from the EU.

The Scottish Islands Federation (SIF) has Arran representatives, and at its annual meeting in Oban last week heard how, as a member of the European Small Islands Network, isolated communities had supported the formation of Group 174, an EU cross-party, cross-country coalition representing islands, mountain regions and sparsely populated areas.

The group's objectives include promoting and defending the interests of islanders and ensuring that the EU is made fully aware of the challenges facing island communities.

SIF chairman, Sandy Brunton, explained that part of Group 174's role was to ensure EU legislation was fair to all within Europe, given the large number of people living in isolated places.

'This group is looking for equality in access to areas such as transport, health and education,' he said.

The issue of island depopulation within a European context was another issue raised at the meeting.

'One of the biggest issues is trying to ensure this is looked at in the broadest sense,' said Mr Brunton.

Recognised

'The EU group has recognised this and has been organising different exchange visits within Europe. We are trying to look into that so that the youth on the islands has the opportunities and the confidence to take those opportunities if they choose to either stay on the island or come back.

'Because we are part of this European network, we can contribute and make sure the Scottish context is heard.'

'A lot of our legislation is directed from the EU. If we don't influence that legislation, then we are basically left with what they decide for us.'

Mr Brunton said legislation needed 'island proofing' before it became law.

The final issue under discussion at the SIF annual meeting was marine policy and the effect on island communities of proposed offshore renewable schemes.

'The impact of offshore schemes on island communities can be far greater than that of onshore renewables and we need to make sure people are aware.'

The Scottish Islands Federation was formally constituted last year, having previously existed as the Scottish Islands Network. Mr Brunton added that the federation was keen to build up its membership.

More information is available at www.scottish-islands-federation.co.uk

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Christmas pyrotechnics light up Lamlash

The lights went on in Lamlash last Sunday evening.

And what a spectacular sight it was. Not one, but two trees and many other bushes were festooned in glittering lights.

On a cold and frosty late afternoon a crowd gathered

on the front green while Arran Brass entertained with a selection of festive tunes. Santa Claus was on hand with his jolly banter and a real live snowman added to the winter mood.

At 4.30pm, the 2010 Lam-

lash Heather Queen Hannah Bone threw a switch in the Hydro Board control box, and the traditional Christmas tree opposite Jimmy Gordon's was fully illuminated. The event was organised by Lamlash Improvements Group and vice chairman Gavin Lowe instructed the crowd to make their way along the green to watch the second half of the show at Glenisle Hotel.

Hotel owners Geoffrey Dalmore and Timothy Billings had gone to a great deal of trouble to bring some festive cheer to Lamlash.

Magic Wand

Around 5pm, Heather Queen Hannah waved her magic wand to trigger a firework display to match any ever seen on Arran before. It may only have lasted about 10 minutes, but it was quite spectacular and drew many oohs and aahs from the crowd.

The extravaganza started with blue ice fountain waterfalls from the hotel soffits, followed by 20 line rockets being fired into the first tree. The rockets were guided on wires and exploded dramatically on impact with the tree.

By now, the palm trees at the back of the garden were shimmering with lights and 70 gerb display fireworks were throwing up showers of sparks. Multiple guided rockets fired into the main tree before it shone with 1,800 tiny lights.

Geoffrey said: 'We used



The spectacular firework display at Glenisle.

Photo Richard Fletcher



Heather Queen Hannah Bone with Santa and a snowman.

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Arran Brass played carols on the front green.

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500metres of cable to rig the 70 gerbs and finished off with 20foot gold glitter mines and a 120 shot cake for the finale. The fireworks were done by top professional pyrotechnics company Hands On of Glasgow.

'We have 48 metres of icicle lights with 1,920 individual lights and 900 lights on the

hotel. The trees have 160 metres of lights wrapped round their trunks and there are six colour-change spotlights and 10 floodlights.

'All the lights are either LED or A rated, meaning that the entire garden display uses less electricity than three of the older-style floodlights that used to be on the front of the

hotel. They last for years and use very little electricity.

'All the electric work was done by David Boyle and his team, and we can't thank them enough for their dedication.'

For anyone who was unlucky enough to miss this show, a video of it can be viewed on the hotel's website www.glenislehotel.com



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Island's finest collection of moustachioed young men

A crowd of Arran's finest young men gathered in Eilean Mor, in Brodick, last Friday for the prizegiving award ceremony for the Arran Mobros group. The men had been growing moustaches and raising money for the month of November as part of the national campaign to raise awareness of prostate cancer.

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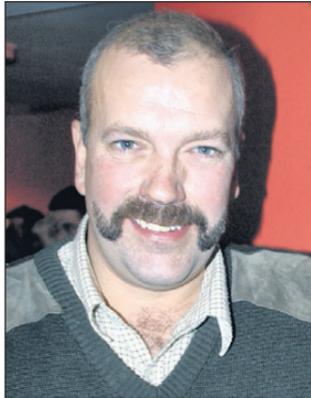
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Booby prize for worst moustache and title of Miss Movember was given to Donald Bannatyne junior.

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The overall winner, Mr Movember, Donald McKelvie.

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Runner-up to Mr Movember, Jeff 'Jaff' McGovern.

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Alastair Yates was one of a number of more mature entrants.

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The august panel of judges make their deliberations; Donald Bannatyne, Richard Farquhar and Angus Adamson.

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Sandy Kerr sported a fine moustache.

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Calum McNicol announced the results.

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The six shortlisted finalists, Donald McKelvie, Duncan Yates, Brian Farquhar, Robbie McDonald, Jaff McGovern and Sandy Kerr, with Freddie Galbraith trying to get in on the act.

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Scotland bill declared 'a toothless piece of legislation'

'It tinkers round the edges'

Local MSP Kenneth Gibson has expressed his disappointment at the Scotland Bill, unveiled on November 30, St Andrew's Day, by Scottish Secretary Michael Moore MP.

Mr Gibson said: 'This Bill was heralded as the greatest transfer of power from Westminster since Devolution.'



Kenneth Gibson MSP

'Unfortunately the truth is less exciting; it is a rather toothless piece of legislation which tinkers round the edges and does little to address vitally important issues. It is a missed opportunity to make The Scottish Parliament truly accountable by raising all its own revenues and, following the Bill's implementation, Scotland will still have fewer powers than the Isle of Man, Guernsey and Jersey.'

Responsibility

'The Scotland Bill transfers responsibility for a share of income tax, stamp duty and landfill tax to the Scottish Parliament. It also provides limited borrowing powers, although these will be much more restrictive than either Scottish local authorities or the Northern Ireland Assembly enjoy and, per capita, will be limited to a quarter of

Northern Ireland's. Borrowing is essential to fund capital projects such as housing, new schools, hospitals and vital road and rail projects which in turn helps to secure jobs and grow our economy.'

Outside

Mr Gibson continued: 'The Bill fails to provide Scotland with any significant new economic powers. Responsibility for key taxes, including corporation tax, 'green' taxes, fuel duty, North Sea oil and gas revenues, VAT and excise duties will remain outside Scotland's control.'

'Approximately 85 per cent of Scottish revenue will still flow to the UK Treasury. All rates of income tax in Scotland will be cut by 10p and the Scottish block grant reduced accordingly. Spending will be topped up based on an income tax rate set by the Scottish Parliament. This would amount to UK cuts by the backdoor as the Scottish Budget would remain at the mercy of London with Scotland fully exposed to the impact of UK tax changes. For example, the Coalition's plan to increase the income tax allowance would result in an automatic reduction to our budget of between £800 million and £1 billion a year. While the UK Government may argue that they will compensate Scotland if this happens, continual ad hoc adjustments with the Treasury acting as judge and jury are unsustainable.'

'The Bill partially devolves control over airguns - but not 'especially dangerous' ones. It is utterly unclear what this distinction means and why

it is being made. Airguns should be licensed just like other dangerous weapons.'

'In another section of the Bill, the Scottish Government has been handed control over speed limits for motorways and other national roads but not the 30mph limit on restricted roads. The Scottish Government will also be given the power to set speed limits for cars, but bizarrely not for other vehicles like buses, lorries or even cars towing caravans.'

'Scotland will be free to decide the blood alcohol limit, which would allow for SNP plans to cut the limit from 80 to 50mg alcohol per 100 ml blood in line with most of Europe. However, Scotland will not be able to introduce



Katy Clark MP

random breath tests or to set penalties for drink driving offences, needlessly curtailing Scotland's ability to make our roads safer.'

'Scotland needs real powers and responsibilities to in-

vest in infrastructure, create jobs and provide good public services. This Bill is yet to be scrutinised and approved by MSPs. Along with colleagues I will work to ensure that the final Bill becomes something meaningful which can make Scotland better.'

Pledge

Maurice Golden, Conservative Candidate for Cunninghame North, said: 'David Cameron gave a manifesto pledge to give the Scottish Parliament new powers and he has delivered on this pledge.'

'This Bill cements Scotland's place in the Union and gives the Scottish Parliament enhanced powers to meet the challenges of today. Devolution is about to enter a new era and we need to ensure that the Scottish Parliament will deliver. That means we need greater scrutiny of legislation plus increased accountability and transparency.'

'Instead of constant sniping and criticism, let's try and work together to make the Scotland Bill deliver for the people of Scotland.'

Sixes and Sevens

'The SNP Government seems to be at sixes and sevens; they want independence but don't want to introduce a bill to the Scottish Parliament. Next they want more powers for the Scottish Parliament but don't support the Scotland Bill which delivers more powers to the Scottish Parliament.'

'As we saw in another poll



Conservative candidate Maurice Golden with Tory leader David Cameron.

last weekend, independence is a minority aspiration and therefore the SNP are left like a rudderless ship with their raison d'être of independence fast becoming an aspiration of a bygone era.'

Katy Clark, Labour MP for Arran, said: 'The Scotland Bill brings forward important proposals to give more power to the Scottish Parliament and proposes to put into effect the proposals from the Commission headed by Arran resident Sir Kenneth Calman.'

'I personally welcome the Bill but it represents a real challenge to the Scottish Parliament as they get more

fiscal responsibilities. In the past they have been unwilling to discuss using the tax powers they have and indeed as we now know the Scottish Government have now given them away temporarily.'

Spending Cuts

'As we see huge spending cuts coming from the Coalition Government we have to have a serious debate about funding for public sector in Scotland and fight to protect public services.'

Full publication of this Bill and explanatory notes can be found at: <http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2010-11/scotland/documents.html>

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Arran Motocross Club at Southbank on Sunday



Gavin Burnett takes a perfect leap on his 450cc Yamaha. 02_b50bik04



Owen Thomson on a quad overtakes Tom Gilmore on the back straight. 02_b50bik06

Arran Motocross Club has become established as a safe means of learning how to handle a motorbike and have some fun at the same time.

Club members meet most Sundays at Southbank Farm, Bennan and practice on a purpose-built circuit. Club vice-president Murray Boal said that new riders are always welcome.



Gavin Burnett shows how to take a corner at speed. 02_b50bik05



Young Tom Gilmore on a 50cc bike. 02_b50bik01



Beginner Chloe Brookes gets to grips with a Yamaha PW 80cc. 02_b50bik02

Round the Rurals

Shiskine SWRI

At the Christmas meeting of Shiskine Rural on Wednesday 1 December in Shiskine Hall, Jerry Arthur welcomed a slightly depleted number than usual, due to icy and snowy conditions.

However the members were greeted by a very festive ambience with cheery Christmas tables, mulled wine and carols.

We were then introduced to our guest Eleanor McCue who gave us a very enjoyable and educational demonstration of Christmas Floral Art. Eleanor likes to use plenty of greenery in her arrangements, and so as well as being very beautiful, you also enjoy the lovely smell of fresh pine.

Competition winners were as follows: Yule Log, Marilyn Woods, second Elizabeth Kelso.

Best Wrapped Parcel, Morag Murchie, second, Jenni Turnbull. Raffle, Jenni Turnbull.

We look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting in

the New Year on Wednesday 12 January in Shiskine Hall at 7.30pm when our guest will be Jan McGregor with a talk on Fairtrade First Hand.

The annual Children's Christmas Party will be held on Christmas Eve, 24 December, in Shiskine Village Hall from 3.30pm to 5.30pm complete with fun and games, tea and a visit from Santa Claus.

Whiting Bay SWRI

Members of Whiting Bay SWRI along with friends and local Federation President Morag Gardner were treated to an evening of music on Wednesday 1 December by Diana Hamilton, Senior Moments and a surprise guest, Isobel Thomson.

With the bitter winds outside, it was very welcome to be warmed by the promise of better weather to come with Diana's playing of 'The Rustle of Spring'.

This lovely piece was followed by works by Greig and

Mendelssohn. Then, with Diana accompanying, it was the turn of Senior Moments with solo and ensemble singing of popular show tunes. Isobel's 'Don't be Cross' was less well-known but deservedly well-received.

There were plenty of chances for the audience to join in too, whether it was with the choruses of show favourites, the 'dowah's' of Elton John or the concluding item, the ever popular, nearly 40-year-old favourite 'Bridge over Troubled Water'.

A delicious supper was then enjoyed by everyone.

Thanks go to all the artists and hostesses for providing such an excellent evening of music and fellowship.

The next meeting is the Rural's own party on January 5. Please bring a plate of food, an inexpensive wrapped gift and a candle in holder. The 'Rural

Through the Ages' theme has been changed to any item of previous work you care to bring along. Looking forward to seeing you there.

The annual village Children's Christmas party will be hosted by the Rural on Saturday 18 December in Whiting Bay Hall. This is for children living in the village from birth to primary seven.

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Bird Notes for November

by Jim Cassels

November was drier but much colder than November 2009.

In the cold dry spell in the last 10 days of the month, temperatures fell to minus six degrees Celsius even in the milder west.

In the prolonged cold spell this month there was a wide variety of birds reported, over ninety species in total.

Among the wintering birds, as in October, Waxwings were still to the fore with widespread reports from Pirnmill to Kildonan.

The largest group was 80 in Brodick on the 7th.

Other winter visitors included: 12 Whooper Swans in Shiskine on the 1st, six Rooks in Sliderry on the 7th, more than 50 Fieldfares and Redwings in Shannochie on the 10th, a Greenshank at Clauchlands on November 11th, seven Purple Sandpipers at Kildonan

on the 14th, and two Goldeneye at Balliekin on the 29th.

The wintering geese in the Shiskine Valley included 250 Greylag on 16th, 18 Pink-foot



Long-tailed Tits graced many gardens in Arran during November.

Picture by Robert Lambie.

on the 18th and two White-front on the 16th.

The last report of White-fronted goose on Arran was in March 2008.

Not only was there a great variety of birds reported in November but some of the groups were unusually large for Arran, perhaps reflecting the severity of the weather on the continent and the adjacent mainland, with birds seeking the more snow free habitats of the island.

These included: eight Blackbirds at Porta Leach on the 10th, 1,000 Starlings at Kilpatrick also on the 10th, 23 Black-headed Gulls at Kildonan on the 16th, four Little Grebe at Lochranza on the 25th, six Moorhen at Port na Lochan on the 29th and 52 Lapwing at Corriecravie on the 29th.

Other sightings in November included: over 20 Snow Bunting in Corrie Lan near the top of Mullach Buidhe on the 10th, a Kingfisher by the well named Fisherman's Walk in Brodick on November 21, a male Goosander in Loch Ranza on 24th, a Short-eared Owl on Boguillie on the 25th and a Great Crested Grebe at Auchenew Bay on the 21st. This is only the third record of this species on Arran this year.

All three divers were reported round the coast. For example, on Sunday 14 November all three divers were in the bay at Cosyden south of Machriewaterfoot. There was a group of 12 Black-throated Divers, two Red-throated Divers as well as eight individual Great Northern Divers. Gardens were safe refuges during the wintry month and at bird feeding stations, as well as the more common species, there were reports of five Brambling at Balnacool on the 18th and three Yellowhammers in Shiskine on the 22nd.

Long-tailed Tits graced many gardens including 12 in Lam-



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lash on the 24th. Blackcaps were reported in gardens in Dhunan on the 7th, High Kildonan on the 13th and Shiskine on the 17th.

Blackcaps used to be considered as a summer visitor to the UK, but in 1980s increasing numbers were reported in the wintertime.

From information from ringed birds that have been recovered, the birds that are here in the summer are not necessarily the same birds that are here in the summer.

The birds that are here in the summer seem to migrate south to southern Europe and North Africa.

The birds that are here in the winter seem to be coming from central and northern Europe and are migrating to the milder UK for the winter.

Enjoy your birding.

Please send any bird notes with 'what, when, where' to me at Kilpatrick Kennels, Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot, KA27 8EY, or e mail me at james.cassels@virgin.net . I look forward to hearing from you. For more information on birding on Arran purchase the 'Arran Bird Report 2009' and visit this website www.arranbirding.co.uk



There were widespread reports of Waxwings all over the island. Picture by Dennis Morrison.

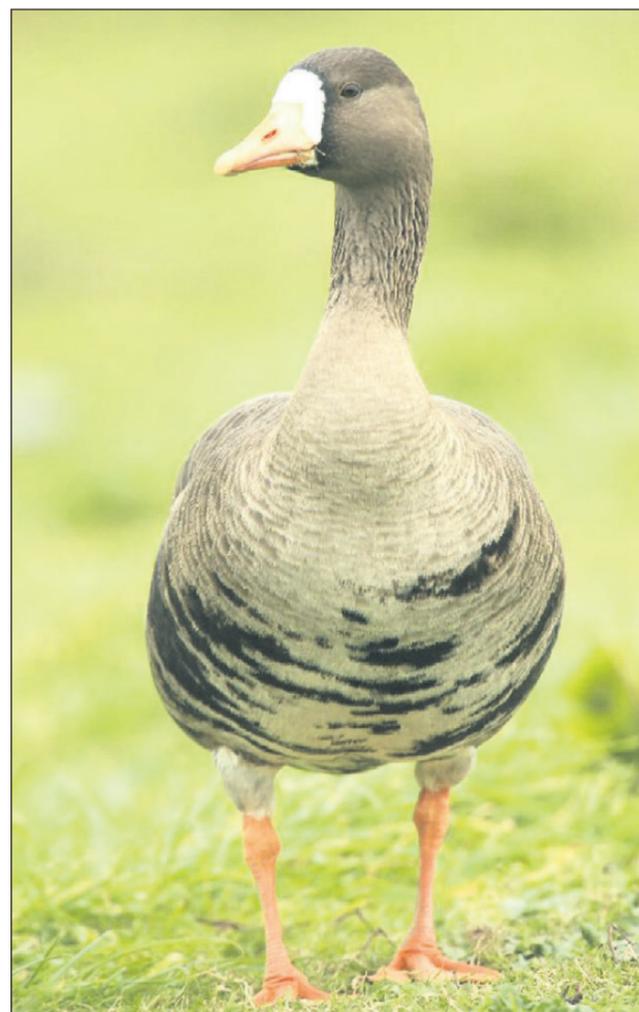
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The Wizard of Oz

Lamlash Drama Club is performing the much-loved children's classic 'The Wizard of Oz' as their Christmas pantomime this year.

The show brings together a large cast of seasonal thespians under the direction of Maureen Smith.

Dorothy is being played by the very talented Joanne Frew while her waifs and strays provide the comic relief.

Iain Parker is the brainless scarecrow, Stan Huyton plays the heartless Tin Man and Allan Little is the very cowardly lion.

Eastern visitors

Twenty-two young people from the Soviet Union spent Tuesday on the island with a visit to Arran Provisions.

Many have never left the Soviet Union before and some had never seen the sea until they arrived at Ardrossan.

Organised by Roy Wilson, an Arran provisions salesman who lives on the mainland, the trip was designed to let them see the workings of British rural life.

Trawler salvaged

The Carradale trawler Antares, sunk when a Royal Navy submarine caught her nets three weeks ago, was brought to the surface by a salvage vessel on Thursday.

The trawler had sunk in 450 feet of water near Sannox but, prior to salvage, had been towed eight miles to shallower water of Bute.

The bodies of three crewmembers were also recovered but a fourth man is still missing.

Chookie Christmas show

Once again the Arran Poultry Club held a very successful Christmas show.

The icing on the cake this year was the winning Champion Bird of the show, a beautiful cockatiel exhibited by David and Barbara Hendry.

Missing

One bra and a pair of knickers.

Last worn at the 18th hole.

Suspected stolen.

Contact greenkeeper at Lamlash Golf Club!

Pool results

Breadalbane 4 Drift Inn 8, Aldersyde 1 Lagg 11, Kinloch 10 Corrie 2, Anchor 8 Lochranza 4, Eagles 6 Nags 6, Andy's 7 PHT 5.

Men's darts league

The Ormidale are currently topping the island's Men's Darts League so far with 15 points.

In joint second place are the Breadalbane and Andy's Place who both have 11 points.

The results this week were: Brodick Bar 5 Catacol 7*, Ormidale 9* Kinloch 3, Cameronia 6* Breadalbane 6, Andy's 4 Rock 8*, Shurig 6* Anchor 6, Kiscadale 9* PHT 3.



Students from the Soviet Union were staying on the island last week. They are pictured at the Arran Provisions factory in Lamlash. b50twe02



After 10 years as Scoutmaster on Arran, Steve Girbow has decided to hand over the reins to someone else. Scouting on the island has been rejuvenated thanks to Steve. The new Scoutmaster will be Iain Lambert. b50twe04



Arran's youngsters have been flocking to see the Christmas pantomime in Lamlash - The Wizard of Oz. Pictured are Dorothy (Joanne Frew), the Wizard himself (Andy Perrie), the Scarecrow (Iain Parker) and the cowardly Lion (Allan Little). b50twe01



Barbara Hendry is pictured with Charlie her six month old Lutino Pearl cockatiel who was chosen as overall champion of the Chookie Show. b50twe03

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Last week Archie was sitting next to the Pirmill War Memorial. First correct answers came from two of Archie's doggy pals, Shep from Cheshire and that naughty little rascal Patch from Lochranza. This week he is making friends with a snowman, but where is that wintry scene?

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From Bangkok to Lochranza

We've been slowly sorting out our stuff, and we're almost done.

At least, I hope we are, because in a few days the men are coming to pack it all up, take it away, and start its long journey to Lochranza.

Among the 'stuff' will be the computer at which I'm writing these words - which means that there will probably be a bit of an interruption to your correspondent's communiqués, until the computer and he are reunited (I hope!) on Arran in February.

In theory, of course, I could carry on with pen and paper. That's how I made a living for years. But there are two snags. First, there is my handwriting, about which, the least said the blotter (banner? batter? bitten?).

The second is that compos-

Richard and Meilan Henderson are coming to live in Lochranza.

They bought The Anchorage in the village in 1988 and have stayed there many times on holiday. Now they are coming back to the UK after a career in the Far East and Richard is giving the Banner an account of the complicated experiences involved in moving lock, stock and barrel to Lochranza.

ing at a keyboard and composing on paper turn out to be different skills. I found that out after six years using a PC at work, when I turned up at my new office a week before the computer.

I tried to go back to the old ways, but it just didn't work. Instead of a manuscript, I ended up with pages of crossings-out, and no text.

You get used to going back to edit, to cut and paste a phrase here, change an adjective there, re-order a paragraph

somewhere else. And if your Stern Editor says you are allowed only 400 words and you've written 425, you adjust. (Well, actually you don't. You hope your Stern Editor doesn't count them. But don't tell him that.)

Paper is different. You think out your paragraph completely before you start, and then write it down. I just can't do it any more.

So, on the assumption that I'll be silent for a couple of months, at least as far as *The*

Banner goes, we would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas, and a good New Year 2011.

We'll be thinking of Arran and Lochranza then especially, and of the easy smugness which goes with being comfortably indoors looking out at a Scottish winter. Of course, Arran is more and more in our thoughts. We're looking at our photographs of home, reading *The Banner* more carefully, checking its webcam view more often, trying to think ourselves into the life ahead.

And getting a bit nervous. Do we really know what we are doing? Not really.

Does it matter? Maybe not. After all, as I pointed out only a few weeks ago, the best laid plans of cats and men gang aft agley. Go with the flow. RH



Meilan and Richard Henderson with Meilan as Chieftain of the Bangkok St Andrew's Society.

Archive talks for Antiquarians



Dr Christine Ewing with Norval Murray of Arran Antiquarians.

For the last meeting of 2010 Arran Antiquarians had the pleasure of being addressed by Dr Christine Ewing of Ayrshire Archives.

'Archives' sounds a boring subject, but Dr Ewing made it sound fascinating and left us wanting more.

The Ayrshire Archives was established in 1996 by a joint initiative by East, North and South Ayrshire, and is now based at Auchincruive. The aim was to preserve and make accessible the rich documentary heritage of Ayrshire. Historical, evidential and informative values provide the framework of our understanding of the past.

There are many different formats - papers, invoices, posters, old diaries being some,

together with maps, plans and photographs.

Increasingly, more archives are digitalised and some now are recorded on microfilm. Sources are varied, mostly from Council departments and private sources, but occasionally some have to be purchased. Sometimes this proves to be too expensive. Another source is 'Record Rescue', when premises are vacated or a business ceases trading.

Most documents require special storage and preservation. Some hazards are mice, too damp, too dry, and mould. Security and safety are paramount.

After all this hard work and expense then they are made available to the public.

Arran livestock sales

On Wednesday and Thursday 1 and 2 December United Auctions had forward 10,266 prime and store lambs and ewes at their weekly sales at Stirling Agricultural Centre.

- Arran prices:**
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 Easy-care cross lambs: Ceithir Gaoithe £62.
 Mule lambs: Craigraineach £65, Glenree £57, Ceithir Gaoithe £56.50, Auchenhew £52.
 Blackface lambs: Glenree £50, Drum-naghiner £56.50.
 Mule cast ewes: Swallowbrae £75.50, Auchenhew £72.50, Bridge £62.50, Bellevue £61.50.
 Cheviot cast ewes: Cosyden £60.50.
 Blackface cast ewes: Whin £57.50, Bridge and Sheddock £49.50.
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Lamlash Bowling Club held their annual prizegiving evening last week. All the trophy winners are pictured with their silverware.

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 Family Games 3pm to 4pm Auchrannie Games Hall
 Fun In The Pool 4pm to 5pm Auchrannie Spa Pool
 Over 21's Disco The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
 Arran Dancers (4 years and up) Arran High School, 10am
 Junior Badminton (5 - 11yrs) High School Games Hall, 1pm - 2.30pm
 Quiz Catacol Bay Hotel, 9pm
 Open Music Session Pirmill Village Hall, 8.30pm
 Quiz Catacol Bay Hotel, 8.30pm
 Panto "Scrooge" Community Theatre, Lamlash, 2pm & 7.30pm
 F.O.L.K. Christmas Sale Lochranza & Catacol Hall, 2pm - 4pm
 Christmas Market Home Farm, 12pm - 4pm

SUNDAY 12th DECEMBER

Alcoholics Anonymous Church Hall, Brodick, 4.30pm
 Brodick Castle, Shop and Tearoom 11am - 4pm
 Arran Fiddle Club- Childrens Classes Library Annexe, 1.45pm
 Family Games 3pm to 4pm Auchrannie Games Hall
 Fun In The Pool 4pm to 5pm Auchrannie Spa Pool
 Quiz PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
 BBQ Bar Eden, Whiting Bay, 1pm - 7pm
 Corrie Film Club 'The Secret Garden' 5.30pm 'Casablanca' 8pm Corrie Hall
 Music & Carols with Arran Brass Brodick Hall, 2.30pm - 3.30pm
 Victorian Christmas Brodick Castle, 12pm - 3.30pm
 Christmas Tree Lights Switch On Blackwaterfoot, 4pm

MONDAY 13th DECEMBER

Over 50's Badminton Lochranza Village Hall 2pm - 4pm
 Badminton Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
 Citizens Advice Open 10am - 2pm
 Weight Wise Hospital Bungalow, 5pm - 5.30pm
 Ladies Netball High School Sports Hall - Seniors 7.30pm - 9pm
 Arran Junior Football Club Coaching & Games Ormidale Park, 6pm
 Junior Basketball (P1 - P7) Games Hall, High School 6pm - 7.30pm
 Senior Fitness 9.30am to 10.30am Auchrannie Gym
 BreathWalk Class Kinneil, Lamlash 5.15pm
 Quiz Bar Eden, Whiting Bay, 8.30pm
 Lamlash Bridge Club Lamlash Golf Club, 7.15pm
 Circuit Training Auchrannie Gym, 6pm - 7pm
 Table Tennis Corrie Hall, 6.30pm
 Badminton Auchrannie Gym, 7pm - 9pm
 Roots of Arran AGM Ormidale Hotel, 6.30pm
 Shiskine Junior Drama Open Meeting Shiskine Hall, 4.30pm



TUESDAY 14th DECEMBER

Lochranza Swimming Club Kinloch 11am - 12pm
 Army Cadets Auchrannie Road, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
 Pop Quiz Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
 Alcoholics Anonymous Brodick Church Hall - 2pm
 Citizens Advice Open 10am - 2pm 4 - 6pm (Appointment Only)
 Youth Club Kildonan Hall - 6.30pm
 Rotary Club Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie 7.15pm
 Junior Hockey Club Ormidale Pavillion, 6-7pm
 Open Music Session Catacol Bay Hotel, 8.30pm
 Motocross Practice (Weather Permitting) Southbank Farm Track, 6pm
 Melody Movement. Ballet Class - 2½ yrs up Auchrannie Dance Studio, 1.30pm
 Dudes & Divas Funky Dance Class - 2½ yrs up Auchrannie Dance Studio, 2pm
 Country Dancing Brodick Hall, 7.30pm
 Scottish Country Dancing Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm
 Indoor Bowls Corrie Hall, 2pm - 4pm
 Youth Club Brodick Hall, 6.30pm - 8pm
 Cricket Arran High School, 7pm

WEDNESDAY 15th DECEMBER

Hockey Auchrannie Hall, 7pm - 8pm Games Hall
 Tae Kwon Do KA Leisure, Kids 6.30 - 7.30pm. Adults 7.30 - 8.30pm
 Alcoholics Anonymous Lamlash Church Hall - 7.30pm- 9pm
 Arran Brass Rehearsal Whiting Bay Hall 7.15pm
 Selt Making Class Shipfield, Lamlash, 10am - 4pm
 Musical Mayhem Class Parents & Little Ones Auchrannie Dance Studio, 10.45am
 Yoga for Every Body 10am - 11.30am
 Senior Badminton High School Games Hall, 8pm - 9pm
 Museum, Archives & Geneology Service 10.30am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 3.30pm
 Aquafizz 9.45am to 10.30am Auchrannie Hotel Pool
 Yopalates 9.30am to 10.30am Auchrannie Studio
 Circuit Training Auchrannie Games Hall, 6pm - 7pm
 Learn to Salsa Cruize, 7pm - 8.15pm
 Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy Sale Lamlash Church Hall, 10.30am - 12pm

THURSDAY 16th DECEMBER

General Knowledge Quiz Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
 Citizens Advice Open 10am - 2pm
 Arran Music & Drama 'Sweeny Todd' Rehearsals Brodick Hall, 7.30pm
 Lochranza Craft Club Hall, 2pm
 Coffee Morning St Molios Church 10.30am - 12pm
 Table Tennis Kildonan Hall, 3pm - 5pm
 Youth Club Youth Cabin, Lamlash 7-9pm
 Brodick Bridge Club Golf Clubhouse
 Athletics High School Games Hall, 4.45pm - 6pm
 Senior Fitness 9.30am to 11.30am Auchrannie Spa Gym
 Ladies Night Bar Eden, Whiting Bay
 Pilates 6 pm to 7pm Auchrannie Studio
 Pub Quiz Kinloch Hotel, 9pm
 Ladies Night Bar Eden, Whiting Bay
 Brodick Embroidery Group Brodick Library, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
 Hansel & Gretel & Tip Toe Nativity Kilmory Primary, 6pm

FRIDAY 17th DECEMBER

Arran Pipe Band Practice Brodick Hall, 7.30pm
 Brodick Castle, Shop and Tearoom 11am - 4pm
 Citizens Advice Open 10am - 2pm
 Quiz Whiting Bay Golf Club, 9pm
 Aquafizz 9.45am to 10.30am Auchrannie Hotel Pool
 Yopalates 10am to 11am Auchrannie Studio
 DJ Bar Eden, Whiting Bay, 9pm - 1am
 Seniors Badminton (Over 50) Auchrannie Games Hall, 2pm
 Ladies Indoor Bowls Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
 Mens Indoor Bowls Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm
 Over 21's Disco The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
 Christmas Coffee Morning Corrie & Sannox Village Hall, 10am
 Arran Ceilidh Dance Group Corrie Hall, 8pm - 10pm

SATURDAY 18th DECEMBER

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TWO SEATER settee and two matching armchairs in light brown velour. Donation if desired to Arran Hospice Rooms Charity. Tel 820612.

MOBILITY

ELECTRIC Riser/recliner chair
£90 Tel 302940

FURNITURE

BLACK FAUX leather sofa beds x 2 (identical). Click-clack action, Can deliver locally. £250 Tel 601278

IKEA COMPUTER desk £30 Tel 860308

PAIR OF PARKER KNOLL chairs in good con £12 each Tel 302179

AUDIO/VISUAL

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100 x white banquet chair covers. 43 brand new, 57 used once. Fully washable £300 Tel 601278

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Kenneth Gibson MSP

will hold advice surgeries at the following times and locations.

Monday 13 December	
Kilmory Village Hall	11.30-12.30
Shiskine Village Hall	13.00-14.00
Lamlash Fire Station	15.00-16.00

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CHURCH NOTICES

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 12 December
Shiskine, 11am
Sunday School in the Church Hall
(Church is between Machrie & Blackwaterfoot)
Brodick, 7pm (Church is behind Post Office)
Rev David Karoon
All welcome

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 12 December
Mr John Roberts
Holy Communion, 11am.
Coffee after service followed by Wednesday 15 December
Holy Communion, 12.15 pm.
All welcome

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND (SCO15072)

Kilmory linked with Lamlash
"A faith to proclaim ~ a fellowship to share"
Sunday 12 December
Rev Gillean Maclean
Kilmory 10am
Lamlash 11.30am
In both churches:
Family Service with Sunday School, Sunday Club and Cool Club
All welcome, including families; children's area
All welcome

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND (continuing)

Sunday 12 December
Morning Service 11am
Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick
Evening Service 7pm
13 Glen Avenue, Brodick
Rev. G Beers
Prayer Meeting
Wednesday 15th December 7pm
5 Glen Road, Brodick
Rev. D. Macleod
All welcome

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH.

Ormidale Pavilion Brodick.
Sunday 12 December
10.45 - Communion
Tea and Coffee from 11.10am
11.30am - For all the family
Speaker: Willie Wright
Everyone very welcome
Celebrate Christmas With
Arran Brass at Brodick hall
12th Dec, 2.30pm - 3.30pm
Friendship Hour
Thursday 16th Dec, 2.30 - 3.30pm

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

North Arran: Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirmill and Shiskine.
Independent but working together.
Minister
Rev Angus Adamson.
Parish Asst
Mrs Jean Hunter.
Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times, to which all are invited - Families, young people and children welcome
Sunday 12 December
Brodick Church 10.30am
Corrie Church 12pm
Lochranza/Pirmill 10.15am at Pirmill
Shiskine Church 12pm
A service of Worship will also be held in Montrose House at 1.30pm

WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 12 December
Worship for Advent will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson, at 10.30am.
Tea and coffee will be served in the Transept after the service and there will be the monthly sale of Traidcraft goods available. All most welcome. The Christmas Tree and Church will be decorated at 10am on Saturday 11th December.
All welcome to help

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)

Sunday 12 December
11am
Brodick Library
Enquiries to Jeny 302779

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Campbell Family wish to thank most sincerely all those who have supported us through the loss of our beloved Dorothy.

RECRUITMENT

Arran Natural History Society

Web Designer
Arran Natural History Society are looking for someone to build them a website.
For further details and specifications please contact Sue Archer on 600419 by December 17th

BANNER RECRUITMENT BANNER

Christmas Personal Greetings

Ella & Nan Lochranza
Wish all their friends a Happy Christmas and good health for the New Year.

Greetings from Auckland
Jessie Robb wishes all friends and relatives a happy Christmas and a healthy, prosperous New Year

Mary McSparran
Wishes all her friends and neighbours on Arran a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

JEAN MACNEISH
Would like to wish all her friends and relatives a Happy Christmas and good New Year.

Drew Crawford
Wishes friends and family a Happy Christmas and a good New Year

NEIL & ANN MCLEAN
Wish all our friends a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year

MAIRI & ERIC THOMPSON
Wish all their friends a very Happy Christmas and a good New Year

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Reunion golf match played at Shiskine

One of the features of the Arran High School Class of '72 reunion at the Kinloch Hotel last weekend was a special challenge golf match organised by Jack McConnell.

Although the course at Shiskine had 'closed' signs displayed on Saturday, the eight-strong party was able to play a round in snowy conditions.

For some of them, it was the first time they had met up in 33 years since leaving school.

Brodick Golf Club

Kroner 80-14=66 and in third Wednesday Winter Cup: Another dry but bitterly cold day with 13 turning out trying to win the rollover twos pot.

There were two lucky gents, Don Rudge and Dougie (the Bandit Banker) Robertson sharing the money. Don got his two at the 13th and Dougie got his at the 15th, well done to you both. In the sweep John Beattie joined us for the first time in many years and won with an 83-18=65; well done John nice to see you winning again. In second place was Wolfie

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The Class of '72 golf match at Shiskine with reunion organisers Fiona Carswell, James Hamilton and Jack McConnell.

Motocross on the menu at Southbank

The Arran Motocross Club is getting excellent use out of its course at Southbank Farm, Bannan. The course is in a field belonging to local farmer and former international motocross rider Geoff Brookes.

The club began laying out the course in February 2009 and Murray Boal has recently added a few challenging features such as table-top jumps with his digger.

Murray said: 'Membership is quite healthy with up to 17 riders turning up some Sundays but we are always keen to get new members, particularly youngsters. Our youngest member is six years old.'

Safety Clothing

'If anybody has any motocross-type of safety clothing that they no longer need, we would appreciate donations.' More pictures on page 13.



Neil Currie of Shiskine takes a corner on his 250cc KTM at Bannan last Sunday. 02_b50bik03

Copperwheats Arran Pool League

There were two 'surprise' results last week, with Mac's Bar beating PT1934 and last years league champions Bar Eden going down to their own Eden B team.

Results: PHT 4 (G) Drift Inn 6, Bar Eden B 6 (G) Bar Eden 4, Mac's Bar 7 (G) PT1934 3, Catacol 7 (G) teamGoil 3. Fixtures for next Thursday 16 December: teamGoil v Bar Eden, Catacol v Mac's Bar, Drift v Kildonan, Bar Eden B bye.

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Bar Eden	5	3	1	1	10
Catacol	5	3	1	1	10
PHT	6	3	2	1	10
PT1934	5	3	1	1	10
Eden B	6	3	3	0	9
Drift	6	1	2	3	6
teamGoil	5	1	2	2	5
Kildonan	5	1	3	1	4
Mac's	5	1	4	0	3



There was very little golf played on the island last week, with most of the courses under a layer of snow and with frozen ground. This 'course closed' sign at Brodick was a familiar sight at the other island courses. 02_b50cld01

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