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**'Frightful' fun at Arran's
Hallowe'en parties**

Whirlwind wreaks havoc at Corrie's Sandstone Quay

'It was over in seconds but to see those boats being moved as if they weighed nothing was scary'

Colin Smeeton
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A powerful whirlwind wreaked havoc in Corrie when a localised vortex of wind picked up boats and trailers at Sandstone Quay and tossed them more than 100 feet from the harbour.

Nine boats, some with solid metal trailers, were the casualties of the devastating gust which reduced some boats to splinters and sent others crashing through a fence and onto the main coast road.

The only two eyewitnesses, Sarah and Robert Blair, who live opposite the quay, witnessed the event at exactly 3.12pm last Friday. They describe seeing the boats being thrown 30 foot

over the road and nearby playpark.

Sarah said: 'It was over in seconds but to see those boats being moved as if they weighed nothing was scary. Thank goodness no one was cycling along or walking through the playpark.' Robert, who also witnessed the event, said it lasting for only 10 seconds, adding: 'Police Scotland were quickly at the scene as was the Arran Coastguard rescue team.'

Later in the day a spindrift was also witnessed off the coast by local weatherman Glen Sloss. Having heard the eyewitness reports of the whirlwind coming from the trees to the sea, he described the winds as moving up into the air and dumped

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All fright on the night as island celebrates Hallowe'en



A host of Hallowe'en parties were held across the island during the past week. Here we see the P3 to P7 pupils at Brodick primary school who make a scary sight.

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Boats were smashed by freak winds

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ing from west to east, going against the prevailing winds. He also reported a top gust at his weather station at Sannox as only having recorded a maximum wind

speed of 60 miles per hour.

Following the extraordinary event, Corrie residents and emergency crews rapidly cleared the road and returned what could be salvaged of the vessels to the quay.



Some of the vessels were thrown more than 100 feet, landing further down the coast.



Corrie residents rapidly sprang into action and cleared the road of debris and returned the boats to the Quay.



Boats, trailers and parts of a fence were strewn across the main road in Corrie.

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Hurricane winds can't ruin Kenny and Samantha's wedding day

A determined couple refused to let foul weather ruin their wedding day on Arran, despite being caught up in near-hurricane force winds during storm Ophelia.

Newlyweds Kenny and Samantha Gribble of Kilmarnock, who have been coming to Arran for more than 10 years, tied the knot on Monday October 16 just as the named storm was gathering impetus and which would later blow off roof tiles across the island, cause minor flooding in Sannox and bring down an old beech tree in Lamlash.

Keen to ensure that there were no issues with ferry disruptions blocking deliv-

ery of wedding goods, the only items the couple brought with them were the kilts and the wedding dress and everything else came from Arran. Hairstylist Laura Milligan created the hurricane defying hairstyles, Eleanor's Flowers delivered the floral bouquets without a hitch and the favours contained Arran cheese, Lochranza miniatures, coasters from Arran Graphics and candles from Arran Sense of Scotland.

Mrs Gribble said: 'Guests were varying degrees of green when arriving off the ferry, however, they loved Arran and said the backdrop was amazing. The wild weather just added to the occasion.'



The wedding party brave the elements for a photograph at Lamlash shore.

Photograph by PhotoGnick

Castle lights up red for Poppyscotland appeal

'It's fantastic to see Scotland lighting up red once again for the Scottish Poppy Appeal, and we've been blown away by the country's support'

Brodick Castle has joined a host of Scotland's most famous buildings, structures and sculptures to light up Poppy red to raise awareness for the annual fundraising campaign run by the Poppyscotland.

While the 'Light Up Red' campaign has been running for six years, 2017 has seen the most support yet with more than 30 iconic landmarks taking part to support this year's Scottish Poppy Appeal. The castle will be lit red until Sunday November 12.

Gordon Michie, head of fundraising at Poppyscotland, said: 'It's fantastic to see Scotland lighting up red once again for the Scottish Poppy Appeal, and we've been blown away by the country's support.'

'We hope that when people see a wonderful iconic structure like Brodick Castle glowing red over the Remembrance weekend they will think about the many ways they, too, can go the extra mile in their support for this

year's Poppy Appeal.

'Whether it's putting a little bit more in the Poppy tin, or doing something completely different to raise money, every penny helps us to offer life-changing support so we can be there when they call for backup.'

Among the venues taking part are Ayr Racecourse, Edinburgh Airport, The Kelpies, The Royal Yacht Britannia, Edinburgh Castle, Scone Palace, Glasgow Cathedral and Mel drum House Hotel.



Brodick Castle.

Fond farewell to farming stalwart Mary after 38 years of working

Agricultural industry supplier Mary McGinn, who has retired after 38 uninterrupted years of serving Arran and Ayrshire, will be guest of honour at a special retirement lunch at the Brodick Bar where past customers will acknowledge their appreciation of the years of help received from Mary.

Mary, of Agricultural Central Trading (ACT), started out in the office in New Cumnock but it wasn't long before her potential was recognised and she was 'thrust out into the field' as a 'wee slip of a lassie' when, in April 1979, Gloria Gaynor was at number

one with 'I Will Survive'. Mary not only survived the initial challenge of trying to please her sometimes awkward customers in a then mostly-male dominated industry, but she won their respect and affection by her unstinting dedication to her job and her sunny personality.

Through difficult trading times, such as escalating fuel prices, the introduction and final demise of milk quotas, foot and mouth disease and the financial upheaval of 2007, as well as ever volatile market trends, Mary attended her customers unfailingly.

It's likely that Mary was

the first female farm representative in Scotland, if not the whole of the UK.

She will be missed on Arran by her many customers who will acknowledge their appreciation of Mary at the lunch on Wednesday November 8 in the Brodick Bar at noon.

Any customer wishing to attend can book through Margie Currie on 860525 or Keith Irving on 700358 or email margie.currie@btinternet.com by Saturday evening.

The service from ACT will continue as before under Mary's colleague and successor, Andrew Primrose.

Arran Mountain Festival meeting

The Arran Mountain Festival organisers have already set their sights on

next year's festival with a special meeting next week which will include the presentation of two cheques to island charities.

At the mountain rescue base at Cladach on Tuesday November 7, at 6.30pm organisers will present a cheque to the Arran Mountain Rescue Team and to Lucy Wallace and Kirstie Smith who, earlier in the year, did a charity walk to raise funds for the Mulan-

je Mountain Rescue Team in Malawi.

Participants at the annual meeting will also learn more about next year's festival which takes place between May 18 and 21, 2018.

If anyone is interested in getting involved, as an organiser, participant, walk leader or even an event sponsor they are invited to attend and meet the organising committee.

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CalMac ferry turns up in France

Arran Banner reader Alan Hewitt of Shannochie was surprised to see a model of the MV Caledonian Isles in a play-park in La Rochelle in France.

Alan said: 'I'm not sure how a CalMac ferry managed to be featured but I thought it may be of interest.' On board the vessel, which more resembles the MV Isle of Arran, are Oliver, 8 and Lucy 6, who were on holiday with their parents Laura and Gordon Barr from Troon.

Oliver and Lucy enjoyed playing on board the Caledonian Isles in France.



New funding available for youth projects

Young people from Arran and across North Ayrshire are being urged to get applications in for the chance of winning up to £1,000 of funding to help deliver projects in their communities.

A total of £50,000 has been allocated from North Ayrshire Council's youth bank fund to deliver this special youth participatory budgeting event which aims to celebrate the Scottish Government's Year of Young People (YoYP) 2018.

The event will see local youth groups, organisations and individuals aged

8 to 25 given the chance to pursue their ideas which will bring benefit to young people in the area.

Applications must be based around one of the six YoYP themes: culture, education, enterprise and regeneration, equality and discrimination, health and wellbeing and participation. The application form can be found on the Young Scot website and should be submitted no later than 5pm on Friday November 24. Completed application forms can be sent by email to youthpb@north-ayrshire.gov.uk or posted to:

PB Team, St Johns Primary School Base, Stevenston, KA20 4HH.

After the closing date, a short-list of up to 15 projects per locality will be selected to progress to an online vote via the Young Scot website on week commencing Monday February 5, 2018. Young people from across North Ayrshire will then vote on the projects they want to see happen during the YoYP, and the winners will be announced.

Councillor Louise McPhater, cabinet member for communities, said: 'Partic-

ipatory budgeting is an important and much-loved initiative that forms part of our approach to work together to develop stronger communities.

'It is vital that we involve young people in the PB process as we recognise how important their roles are within our communities. We have already successfully delivered a couple of PB events tailored specifically to young people. However, this time we are doing it slightly different, as we are theming it all on the Year of Young People 2018.'

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Tourism award is for the whole island

VisitArran has picked up yet another prestigious prize at the regional finals of the Scottish Thistle Awards.

The Open at Royal Troon and Heads of Ayr Farm Park were also among the winners at the west of Scotland finals, which took place last Thursday at Glasgow's Science Centre.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the awards, which celebrates success, innovation, excellence and best practice in the country's tourism and hospitality industry.



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Executive director Sheila Gilmore said: 'VisitArran is delighted to receive a regional Thistle Award in recognition of our destination organisation's commitment to partnership working across all sectors – public, private and community. On Arran, tourism really is everyone's business, and VisitArran gratefully receives this award for the island as a whole.'

The winners of the regional finals will now go on to fly the flag for Ayrshire and Arran, and the wider west region, at the glittering national final of the awards at the EICC in Edinburgh next March.

Credit

Rebecca Brooks, chairwoman of the awards industry panel and VisitScotland board member, said: 'On behalf of the panel, I'd like to congratulate all our regional winners. They are a credit to themselves, their local area and the entire Scottish tourism sector.'

'Tourism is more than a

holiday experience, it creates jobs and sustains communities. These awards let us recognise the unsung heroes of our industry who show real dedication and enthusiasm for Scotland's tourism industry. As we prepare to celebrate our 25th anniversary I'd like to wish all our regional winners the very best for the next stage of the competition.'

Congratulations

Anniqwe Armstrong, regional director at VisitScotland, said: 'I would like to say huge congratulations to all of the winners from Ayrshire and Arran at the regional final.'

'These awards recognise the drive and passion the industry has for creating an unforgettable experience for visitors and I'm delighted that so many of our local heroes have been recognised for their outstanding contribution to the region.'

'This has been a fantastic night for Ayrshire and Arran, with three winners from across the area showing the quality and diversity of the visitor experience. I wish the winners all the very best as they go forward to represent Ayrshire and Arran at the national final next year.'



VisitArran are presented with the award, from left: Scottish Thistle Awards regional final host, Jennifer Reoch, Sheila Gilmore and Cecilia Paul of VisitArran and VisitScotland national partnerships manager Gordon Smith.

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Paper cutting exhibition at library

Karen Bell has been drawing and making art since the tender age of four, progressing to take an art O' Level at the age of 12 and an A' Level when just 14 going on to study design at Durham University.

Originally from County Durham, she visited Arran with her family for the first time two years ago and eventually moved here early this year. Her passion for paper cutting started two years ago when creating a gift for her husband. She has gone on to make some striking and very intricate pieces of art in this media, influenced by everything around.

Some of this will be displayed in the library exhibition space until December 1 so why not go along and have a look. All works are for sale so if anyone is searching for an unusual and beautiful gift they need look no further!

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Martin Stephenson and the Daintees

Prolific singer songwriter Martin Stephenson and his band the Daintees will be performing at Corrie and Sannox village hall later this month with special guest Davey Cowan.

With an extraordinary catalogue of 40 albums, eight of them of original Daintees material, the band will have no shortage of songs for their performance on Friday November 17. Martin and the band are no strangers to Arran but it is a long time since they were last here.

Not limited to a particular genre, Martin, who released the critically acclaimed debut *Boat to Bolivia* in 1986, has exhibited a variety of styles through the years which range from folk, ragtime, jazz, rockabilly, showtunes to punk, pop and country.

The band's live performances are described by music aficionados as a 'must-see tour-de-force combining heart-in-your-mouth intimacy with romanticism and spiritual depth'.



Martin Stephenson and the Daintees who will be performing in Corrie and Sannox village hall.

Over the last three decades Martin and the band have performed thousands of times at events throughout the UK but their shows still provide unique moments with an engaging and spontaneous performance.

Martin Stephenson and the Daintees are currently on tour with performances booked throughout October to October next year

from Doncaster to Dundee and Leeds to London.

After their Arran performance the group will then perform in Brighton, Gateshead and then Leeds, Bristol and London, with many of the events already booking up fast.

This year's tour coincides with the release of their newest album, *Baywater Road*, which will

be included in the tour performances along with a number of favourite Daintees classics.

Last year's re-recorded release of their debut, *Boat to Bolivia*, was accompanied with a sold-out tour throughout the UK and Ireland and the band plan to do the same with *Gladsome* in 2018, *Salutation* in 2020 and *Boys Heart* in 2022, all of

which will be supported by tour performances.

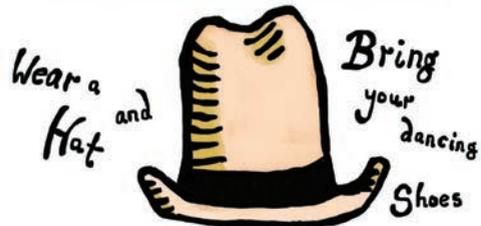
The performance at Corrie and Sannox Village Hall will take place on Friday November 17, with doors opening at 7.30pm and the music starting at 8pm. It is a bring-your-own-bottle event and tickets are available at the Brodick Post Office or online at www.arranevents.com.

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Date set for opening of Brodick ferry terminal



The new Brodick ferry terminal with the increased marshalling area and the passenger access system to the pier. 01_B44ferry01

The delayed official opening ceremony for the new Brodick ferry terminal will take place on Monday November 27, it was confirmed this week.

However, the new terminal is now expected to come into use some days before the official opening, although a date has not yet been announced.

The terminal had been due to be officially opened last month but was postponed as a mark of respect to Lady Jean Fforde, whose funeral coincided with the planned event.

The Scottish government's finance secretary Derek Mackay will conduct the opening ceremony with Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited (CMAL) chairman Erik Østergaard. Humza Yousaf, minister for

transport and the islands, will also be in attendance. The ceremony will begin at 11.10am, after the 11.05am ferry to Ardrossan departs the terminal. The local community and those with an interest in ferries and harbours are invited to attend the opening event, which will include entertainment provided by Lamlash Primary School Brass Band.

The extensive redevelopment project at Brodick ferry terminal represents a major investment of around £30 million, led by CMAL, with support from Transport Scotland, North Ayrshire Council, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport and the coastal communities fund.

Work to transform the har-

bour began on site in January 2016. The project has delivered a new pier, an increased marshalling area through reclaimed land and a modern terminal building, with bus stances and parking facilities. It is the single biggest port infrastructure construction project delivered by CMAL.

CMAL's head of civil engineering Ramsay Muirhead said: 'This is a hugely significant project for our team and we are delighted to reach the official opening of the new terminal. The local community and visitors to the island will benefit from an improved passenger experience and greater operational flexibility. We hope as many people as possible can join us at the opening.'

Advertorial

Exploring Arran's relationship with the sea

Aspiring filmmakers, environmentalists and those interested in community activism are invited to attend a film workshop called Shore, which deals with Arran's relationship with the sea.

The project, an 18-month, multi-art form initiative aims to encourage debate about preserving and protecting the aquatic world, taking into account the role of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs).

Award winning artists Margaret Salmon and Ed Webb-Ingall will each create a new film in collaboration with marine scientists and coastal communities across Arran and the Western Ross region. In their contrasting island and Highland coastal positions, these two sites will provide an ideal setting for the artists to explore the relationship between humans and the seas using their onshore and offshore MPAs as a lens for this enquiry.

The open screening which

will take place at the Old Pavilion at Lamlash, near the tennis courts, on Thursday November 9 at 6pm, will introduce the audience to the new video project being made about Arran and the sea. A number of films about island life and the ocean will be shown and will be followed up by a discussion between the artists.

Alice Sharp, director of Invisible Dust, which is the commissioning organisation, said: 'We are thrilled that Creative Scotland has awarded Open Project Funding to Shore. Margaret Salmon who is known

for her elegant and beautiful filmmaking and Ed Webb-Ingall who works with pioneering community film methods will collaborate with marine scientists and local people to create new films. Invisible Dust has set up exciting new partnerships to tour the artists' films to 10 venues across Scotland - sparking a national conversation through art about our relationship with the sea and the role of Marine Protected Areas preserving Scottish wildlife.'

The event is free and open to anyone and refreshments will be provided.



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Editorial

All hail Hallowe'en

It is great to see the Hallowe'en tradition alive and well on Arran.

Going round the various parties on Arran the *Banner* is always amazed by the amount of work and effort many of the children, and their parents, put into their costumes.

Shiskine used to have the bragging rights about having the best costumes but other villages are now giving them a close run for their money, and what is particularly heartening, is that a good many of them are still home-made.

Supermarkets and shops on the mainland are stuffed with ready-made costumes and an increasing amount of Hallowe'en related tat trying to turn All Hallows Eve into a US-style trick or treat extravaganza. But where's the fun in that?

We want to see the kids doing it for themselves. Getting messy costume making, dooking for apples, going out guising and enjoying fun parties. We even don't mind them, and their mums and dads, carving pumpkins, when they should of course be carving turnips - but we'll let that pass.

With Hallowe'en itself falling on a Tuesday this year, the event has lasted most of the week on Arran, but with it now being over for another year, you know what is now just around the corner? Christmas!

Thought for the week

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. John 15:13

Arran branch of CND reformed

Sir,
Despite dreadful weather, 24 people attended an interesting meeting at the Ormidale Pavilion in Brodick about nuclear disarmament.

The meeting heard from the Rev John Webster about the history of CND and the long-standing policy of the Church of Scotland in favour of nuclear disarmament. Elsa Rodeck and Isla Blair of Arran Women in Black spoke about their regular witness for peace on Arran.

The inclusivity of Scottish CND was emphasised: being for people of all faiths and none, for pacifists and those who saw the need for conventional military forces, for supporters of all political parties and for those on each side of the Scottish independence debate.

After a full discussion it was agreed that there was real interest in forming a branch of Scottish CND on Arran.

Two key issues were highlighted in this interesting discussion:

1. How risks from nuclear conflict have recently been exacerbated due to the present challenging political climate and

2. The need for increased awareness of this issue among younger people.

People can easily join SCND online or at the next meeting which will be held on Saturday December 2 in the Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick from 2pm to 4pm.

Yours,
**John Page
Lamlash**

Adapt driving for road conditions

Sir,
It was with interest that I read the criticism of Ar-

ran's roads as described by the correspondent from Weston-super-Mare in the last week's edition of the *Banner*.

I am minded to draw your correspondent's attention to page 48 of the 2015 edition of the Highway Code, Rule 146 which says: 'Adapt your driving to the appropriate type and condition of the road you are on ... take road and traffic conditions into account ... be prepared for difficult situations.' That says it all, doesn't it?

Writing as a cyclist, I can attest that Arran's roads have improved but when descending the Boguillie at 40 to 50mph there are some potholes that constitute a serious risk to the imprudent rider.

Yours,
**Brian Grindall
Torbeg**

Development at all costs

Sir,
Last Saturday I opened the *Arran Banner* and read that the Isle of Arran Distillery is up for the best brewery/distillery tour category in the Scottish Outdoor Leisure Awards.

At the same moment, I received notification by post from the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) that it has reached its determination to grant a licence to the Arran Lochranza Distillery to discharge up to 60,000 litres per day of mixed distillery effluent over 2 x 3-hour periods each day into Kilbrannan Sound. It is proposed that effluent from the distillery is transported to the outfall head by road tanker.

The sea outfall is to be located at Rubh Airigh Bheirg, an important geological area, 2.5km SW of

Catacol on scenic, unspoilt coast. SEPA decided that the 'relative remote isolation', 'relatively small volume' and 'lack of protected areas' reasons that formal consultation with external organisations was unnecessary.

I have no doubt the distillery runs brilliant tours and tastings but what will their punters and Arran residents and visitors think of the discharge, a tanker every day spilling effluent down a pipe by the roadside? The smell of organic effluent along a wonderful stretch of coast where tourists often stop to look at the Lennimore and North Thundergay graveyard, and at the geology of metamorphism and the tectonically deformed Dalradian rocks? It is an ideal picnic area.

What is happening to Arran? Is it economic development at all costs, especially to our precious marine environment, our sense of beauty as we travel the island, our sense of community? If the distillery is doing so well, and their PR tells us that, 'the award-winning Isle of Arran Distillery visitor centre at Lochranza welcomed a record number of visitors last year. 104,000 people made the journey to find 'the Arran Waters' in 2016 - a 93 per cent increase since 2012, and 18 per cent increase on 2015', then come on distillery and treat your waste properly, on site, produce power for your establishment, and do not use the discredited 'dilute and disperse' method of no payment waste disposal into our beautiful marine environment. SEPA is setting a dangerous precedent for Arran waters.

Arran needs some strategy for development, or we will lose the very precious things people come here for

... the coast, the marine environment, the sense of unspoilt place. First the Scottish Salmon Company, now Arran Distillery, what next?

Yours,
**Sally Campbell
Lamlash**

Kalaa Jyoti thanks

Sir,
I wanted to send my most sincere thanks to the staff and owners of the Arran Whisky Distillery, also to the Craft Fayre in Whiting Bay and the Whiting Bay market for all the support over the summer and autumn months.

The distillery exhibition in June, July and August raised about £2,000 selling the Nepalese children's paintings. A further £600 was raised at the Whiting Bay markets and fairs over the summer. All the stall holders were so helpful and kind.

Much of the money will go to the safe house called Arran House which takes on any of the poor kids, or orphans, we work with who have nowhere to go once they are too old for their homes or orphanages. Our first success has been Saroj who has spent the last two years with us. He qualified from his hotel course and our Gurkha boss got him a place in Kathmandu.

One last thanks goes to the ladies of my art class over the last year, who have sponsored a youngster we've known for six years who turned up on our doorstep having been beaten with sticks in his orphanage. We have found a safe house for him and he is so pleased to have sponsors looking after him.

Yours,
**Gordon Davidson
Corrie**

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'Frightful' fun at Arran's Hallowe'en parties

Hallowe'en events have been in full swing around the island this week. With the day itself falling on Tuesday this year, events started last week and continued over the weekend.

From Brodick to Pirnmill, in Lamlash and in Kilmory

children and adults went to huge lengths to produce some great fun and scary costumes to wear at the various parties.

Cancelled

However, the weather on Saturday put paid to

one event when The Stoats Creepy Crawl had to be cancelled at Brodick Country Park.

This week in our first round up we highlight the weekend parties and watch out next week for lots more fun photographs for our second round up.



The motley but imaginative crew who attended the Kilmory Hallowe'en party. 01_B44hallow12



Hazel Gardiner judges the costumes at the Brodick primary P3 to P7 party.

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Miss Hallowe'en and a couple of scary chums at Pirnmill. 01_B44hallow06



Ghostly sightings and



Pumpkins Louise Moyse and Sandra McLaren with vampires Isla and Ella. 01_B44hallow04



Fright night at Kilmory produced some imaginative costumes. 01_B44hallow08



The gang's all here at the Lamla

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A frightening Daisy Campbell and Vicki Sturgeon at Kilmory. 01_B44hallow07



The Monteith family, Rory, Isla, 01_B44hallow10

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The goulsh gathering at Pirnmill. 01_B44hallow03



Some of the costumes at Pirnmill



sh primary school party last Friday night. 01_B44hallow18



David Jamieson is a cute little dragon. 01_B44hallow01



Two year old Tod McNeish beside some of the splendid carved pumpkins. 01_B44hallow15



Zach Tatterfield poses in his pumpkin outfit. 01_B44hallow02



Harris Sturgeon emerges from under his giant wheel. 01_B44hallow14



Jenny and mum Danielle.



Witches Lia and Ava spell double trouble at Kilmory. 01_B44hallow13



01_B44hallow05



Andrea Picken is a zombie popcorn seller. 01_B44hallow11

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Everyday

Trout fly fishing
Brodict Castle
Soap making and candle dipping Arran Aromatics
Arran Brewery

Loch Garbad, bank fishing
Garden only open 9am-dusk
Brodict, 10am - 4pm
Mon - Sat 10am - 5pm & Sun 12.30pm - 5pm

10th Ayrshire Shiskine Cub Scouts and Beavers
SHORE Project
Ladies' Hockey
COAST Public Meeting
Arran Soul Choir
Arran Bridge Club
Brodict Embroidery Group
General knowledge quiz

Shiskine Hall, 6pm - 7.30pm
Old Pavillion, Tennis Courts, Lamlash, 5pm
Ormidale Pavillion, 6.30pm-8.00pm
Church Hall, Lamlash, 7pm
Arran High School, Lamlash, 7pm - 8.30pm
Brodict Golf Clubhouse, 7.15pm
Brodict Library, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm

Saturday 4th November

Flow Yoga
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Christmas Fayre - Save the Children
RNLI Christmas Shop
Army Cadets
Blackwaterfoot Bowls
Family games
Fun in the pool
Mic Clark
Live music - Used Blues
Over 21s disco

Ormidale Pavillion, Brodict, 9am
9.30am - 11am
9.30am - noon
Brodict Hall, 10.30am-1pm
Lifeboat Station, Lamlash, 10.30am-12.30pm
Auchrannie Road 11am - 1pm
Bowling Club, 2pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4-5pm
The Douglas Hotel, Brodict, 9pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm

Friday 10th November

Arran Vets
Arran Vets
Yoga
Hydrofit
Knit and Natter
Smart Recovery Meeting
Lochranza Children's Badminton
AA meeting
Arran Youth Foundations
Lochranza Adults' Badminton
Quiz
Tae Kwondo

Surgery 9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm
Reception 9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm
Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
Ormidale Pavillion, Brodict, 1.30pm - 3pm
Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
Church Hall, Brodict 7pm-9pm
Lochranza Hall, 8pm
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 8pm
Arran High School, Lamlash, adults, 7pm - 8.30pm

Sunday 5th November

Family games
Fun in the pool
Live music - Tim Pomeroy
AA meeting

Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 4pm
Brodict Church Hall, 5pm - 6.30pm

Saturday 11th November

Flow Yoga
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
RNLI Christmas Shop
Army Cadets
Crafts & Company Christmas Fayre
Blackwaterfoot bowls
Family games
Fun in the pool
Mic Clark
Live music - The Skunnered
Over 21s disco

Ormidale Pavillion, Brodict, 9am
9.30am - 11am
9.30am - noon
Lifeboat Station, Lamlash, 10.30am-12.30pm
Auchrannie Road 11am - 1pm
Whiting Bay Village Hall, 11am-3pm
Bowling Club, 2pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4-5pm
The Douglas Hotel, Brodict, 9pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm

Monday 6th November

Morning fitness
Citizens' Advice
Arran Vets Surgery
Arran Vets Reception
Over 50s badminton
Adult Tennis
Arran Skinnymalinks (festive focus)
Arran Skinnymalinks (festive focus)
Arran Junior Football Club
Circuit Training
Lamlash Aerobix
Badminton
Badminton
Arran Bridge Club
Tae Kwondo

Auchrannie Gym, 9.30am - 10.30am
Ormidale Pavillion, Brodict, 9.30am - 1.30pm
9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm
9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm
Lochranza Village Hall, 2pm-4pm
Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club from 5.30pm
Shiskine Church Hall 5:15pm
Brodict Church Hall, 6pm
Ormidale Park, 6pm-7.30pm
Auchrannie Gym, 6pm-7pm
Arran High School Dance Studio, 6.30pm
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7pm-9pm
Lamlash Golf Clubhouse, 7.15pm
Brodict Church Hall adults and over 10s, 7.00pm - 8.30pm

Tuesday 7th November

Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Healthy Outdoors
Alcoholics Anonymous
Blackwaterfoot bowls
Bridge class (beginners/improvers)
Every Tuesday - Metafit Class
Flow Yoga
Pilates
Lamlash Junior Drama Club
Auchrannie Winter Bowls
Youth club
Arran Rotary Club
Scottish Country Dancing
COAST Public Meeting
Pop quiz

9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm
9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm
NTS Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm
Brodict Church Hall, 2pm
Bowling Club, 2pm
Brodict Golf Club, 2.30pm - 4.30pm
Arran High School, 6pm
Corrie Hall, 6pm
Kilmory Hall, 6pm - 7pm
Arran High School, 6.30pm - 9pm
Brodict, 7pm
Kildonan Hall, 7pm
The Douglas Hotel, Brodict, 7pm for 7.30pm
Brodict Church Hall, 7.30pm
Lochranza & Catacol Village Hall, 7pm
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm

Wednesday 8th November

Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Yoga
Hydrofit
Coffee Morning
Chair Yoga
Attachment and Adverse Childhood Experiences (session)
Arran Heritage Museum archives and genealogy service
Knittery and Natterry
Rock and pop bingo
Tae Kwondo
Alcoholics Anonymous
Zumba Gold
Arran Skinnymalinks (festive focus)
Just Jhoom (Bollywood dance fitness)
RUNclub - Mixed Ability
Flow Yoga
Yoga-Arran
Mixed hockey
Burger and quiz night
Lamlash SWI
Family friendly pub quiz

9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm
9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am-10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15am - 12pm
St Molios Hall, Shiskine, 11am
Lamlash Fire Station, 12pm-3pm
10.30am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-3.30pm
Kilmory Hall, 2pm - 4pm
Ormidale Hotel, 9.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
Brodict Hall, 4pm - 5pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 5pm
Brodict Hall, 5.50pm-6.50pm
Little Co-Op Car Park Brodict, 5.30pm
Shiskine Hall, 6pm
Kinneil, Lamlash, 7pm - 8.30pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7.30pm-9pm
Felicity's @ Eden Lodge, from 7.30pm
Fire Station, 7.30pm
The PHT, 8.30pm

Thursday 9th November

Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Morning fitness
Arran Skinnymalinks (Festive Focus)
Chair Yoga
Whiting Bay Thursday Club
Quilt Arran
Adult Tennis

9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm
9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm
Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
Brodict Church Hall 10:30am
Ormidale Pavillion, Brodict, 10.30am
Lesser Hall, Whiting Bay, 2pm
Lamlash Fire Station, 2pm - 4.30pm
Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club from 5.30pm



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Signatures sought at second WASPI meeting

The Arran Women Against State Pension Inequality group (WASPI) are appealing for more people to sign their petition for a debate in parliament on state pensions.

The petition will be available at the second WASPI meeting on the island which will be held at the Ormidale Pavilion on Wednesday November 15 from 6.30pm to 8pm.

The newly formed Arran group has joined women across the country fighting for fair transition for 1950s born women who will lose on average around £40,000 in state pension. The campaigning group is apolitical and is gaining support from

all of the major political parties including Labour's Grahame Morris MP, who raised the WASPI petition to get a second debate at Westminster.

WASPI are calling on the people of Arran to support the women affected by the accelerated state pension age changes and to sign the petition in support of local women.

The petition can be signed by anyone, provided they are on the electoral role, and another 18,000 signatures are needed to secure a new debate.

For more information on this group or to get involved please email ayrshirewaspi@gmail.com



South Ayrshire WASPI members make their voices heard at a recent South Ayrshire Council meeting.

Truly scrumptious demonstration at Lamlash SWI October meeting

As the first meeting of the new Lamlash SWI session featured Pretty Gorgeous bespoke millinery, the October meeting could justifiably have been entitled Truly Scrumptious.

Kathy Allan of Lamlash brought along three sponges layered with jam and butter cream and crumb coated ready for decorating. Even at that stage the precision of the cake stack hinted at the care Kathy puts in to all her cakes. She had brought with her lots of different pieces of equipment that were new to many members.

After colouring and rolling fondant it was draped over the cake and skilfully smoothed and trimmed to perfection.

Various tools and materials for edible decorations were explained and used to decorate the cake be-

fore a band of edible lace Kathy had made at home was applied round the outside.

Amazing

In the short time the demonstrator had available it was amazing how much she achieved and how lovely the finished cake looked. Kathy very generously donated the cake to be taken along to Trust Housing

in Lamlash the following Sunday.

During the tasty supper that followed, members took the chance to look at the photographs of some of Kathy's latest cake creations for all occasions.

Members thanked Kathy for a very entertaining and instructive demonstration that was enjoyed by all the members. *Janet Mair*



The beautifully finished demonstration cake by Kathy Allan.

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Podcasts from the Isle of Arran by Joni Keen

If you want to really get to know the wonderful Isle of Arran, often described as Scotland in miniature then you need to visit the podcast website "Stories From a Scottish Island".

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Anne Rhead prepares for a busy home baking stall at the Hospital Supporters' League coffee morning.

Coffee morning raises funds for Arran hospital

The Arran Hospital Supporters' League raised more than £800 at its coffee morning which was well-attended with a happy, family, community atmosphere with people of all age groups from around the island.

The coffee morning was held last Saturday in Whiting Bay village hall. While seeking to raise funds for the charity, it also accomplished its aim of being an opportunity for supporters to meet and gather and en-

joy each others' company.

Commenting on the success of the event, both financially and socially, secretary Jim Arnold said that the achievement was the result of both the hard work of the committee and the support of the community.

He took the opportunity to thank all those who had

helped to make the event a success – those who had come along and spent their money and those who had donated prizes, home baking and their time.

'The league's committee is very appreciative of the support and co-operation it receives from the people and businesses of this is-

land and beyond,' Mr Arnold added.

The coffee morning included a tombola, home baking and a raffle. All of the funds raised are used as grants, donations or gifts to provide comfort and help for the patients and staff at the Arran War Memorial Hospital in Lamlash.

Saltire Society hear about the arts at autumn talk

The autumn talk of the Arran branch of the Saltire Society took place at the Arran Lodge where two illuminati of Scottish culture, Alexander Moffat and Alan Riach, were the guest speakers.

These are two names that will be very familiar to those who follow Scottish arts and literature. Alexander (Sandy) Moffat is ex-head of painting at Glasgow School of Art and author of the painting 'Poets' Pub' in the Scottish National Portrait Gallery. Alan Riach is a poet and professor of Scottish Literature at Glasgow University and is also convener of the Saltire Society itself.

Both men talked eloquently of different aspects of the general educational neglect of Scottish literature. They demonstrated that, albeit slowly, Scottish literature was begin-

ning to be brought into the Scottish schools curriculum. Similarly in the visual arts, Sandy pointed out that many indigenous painters and sculptors, particularly women artists had been overlooked in favour of artists championed by the wider British arts scene.

Sandy showed slides of some very striking paintings by largely unknown Scottish women from the last 100 years or so, paintings that should be much better known.

Unfortunately an IT failure meant that instead of a projector presentation, the bijoux audience had to 'corioroon', as Sandy put it, the laptop, to view the images. Scottish orchestral music was not overlooked and mention was also made of several Scottish composers whose work merited more attention and acclaim.

While not a book launch as such, both men were referring to and presenting their new book, *Arts and the Nation*, a critical re-examination of Scottish literature, music, painting and culture.

This is a collection of essays and articles arguing that the arts in their widest possible meaning, should be central to any notion of an independent Scotland. Arran branch convener Hazel Gardiner, who gave a spirited introduction, thanked the two speakers for their interesting and informative talk.

The next Saltire Society event is on Wednesday November 15 at Arran Lodge, Altachorvie. Catherine Brown food writer and broadcaster, and now Arran resident, will be guest speaker.

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The 'Lose the Blinkers' campaign is aimed at all road users, with particular emphasis in places like Arran, where many horse riders exercise their mounts in the evenings and at weekends. According to the British Horse Society, since 2010 there

have been 50 riders injured, two deaths, 43 horses injured and 10 horses killed on Scotland's roads. Many of these have been due to vehicles either colliding or passing too close to the horse, causing them to throw the rider or to panic and bolt.

Society director of safety Alan Hiscox said: 'We want to remind drivers that horses can be unpredictable, and even the most well-trained horse can react to its instincts and want to move quickly away from what they consider to be a threat.'

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Saturday November 8, 1997



Not all the costumes were that scary. Included in this group were an alien, a doctor and a pixie. 01_B44twe07



Hallowe'en special

The appeal of Hallowe'en never seems to pall. Dressing up, venturing out into the darkness, having a laugh with your friends, collecting a bag of loot – there are so many things which make it popular. This year had the added advantage of being on a Friday. The weather was okay - not that rain ever deterred the Arran guiser - but above all, with no school the next day, meant staying out late and lying in the next morning. Bliss.

Across the island children and adults attended events held at village halls and even local shops got in on the celebrations. At the Village Shop in Whiting Bay, shopkeeper Barbara I'Anson and her staff hosted a competition in aid of Yorkhill Sick Children's Hospital which saw customers guessing the name of their 60lb monster pumpkin donated by nurseryman Gavin Mutch.



Showing off her claws in Brodick, Aimee Middleton dressed as a witch. 01_B44twe02



A huge turnout of ghosts, goblins and ghouls, and some young firemen attended the Corriecravie Fire Station Hallowe'en party. 01_B44twe01



Fangs a bunch. Donald Murchie, Donald Bannatyne and Craig Ingham at Shiskine Hall's Hallowe'en party last Friday. 01_B44twe05



An inventive and smiling trio cleverly came dressed as a the lion, the witch and the wardrobe. 01_B44twe03



Around the island children took part in traditional games including dooking for apples and bobbing for doughnuts on a string. 01_B44twe06

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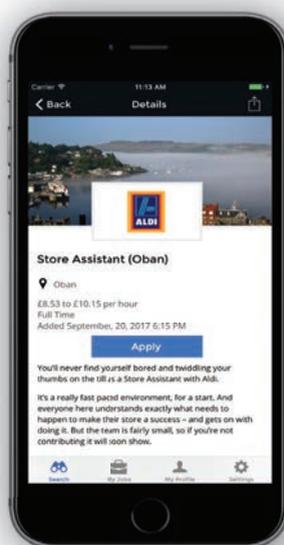


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Invitation to Public Meeting

We will be presenting an update about Arran's Marine Protected Area, as well as sharing views on the impacts of the Scottish Salmon Company's proposal to double production in Lamlash Bay.

Please join us to share your opinions.

The final two meetings are:

- 7pm, Tuesday 7th November 2017, Lochranza & Catacol Village Hall
- 7pm, Thursday 9th November 2017, The Church Hall, Lamlash

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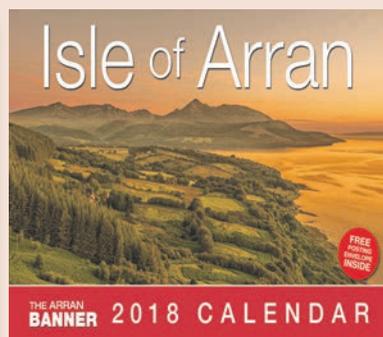
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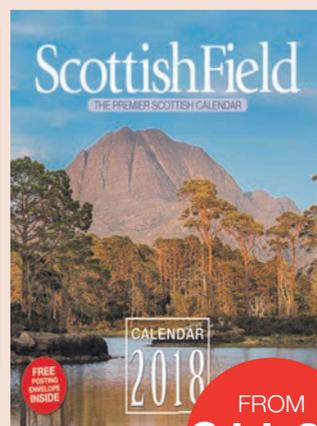
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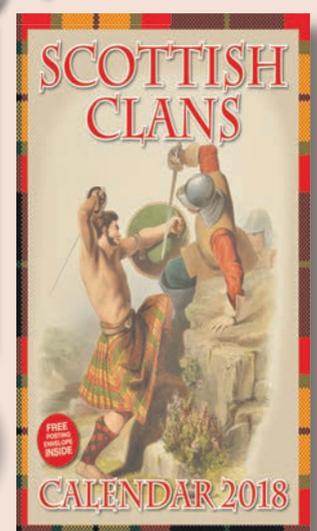
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Minister:

Rev Angus Adamson

Parish Assistant:

Mrs Jean Hunter:

Worship will be conducted

Sunday 5th Nov

St Molios Church, Shiskine, 11.15am

Morning worship including the Sacrament of the Lord's supper and a Baptism celebrated by the North Arran Linkage of Pirmill, Lochranza, Corrie, Shiskine and Brodick Churches

There will also be a

Service of Worship in

Montrose House at 1.30pm.

Linkage evening Communion in Corrie Church at 7pm.

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Church)

St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.

Sunday 5th November

11am Holy Communion

Mr John Roberts.

Coffee after service.

All welcome

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ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)

Communion Weekend

Saturday 4th November

Preparatory Service 7pm

5 Glen Road, Brodick

Sunday 5th November

Morning Service 11am

The Lord's Supper will be

dispensed at close of

Morning Service

Evening Service 6.30pm

5 Glen Road, Brodick

Monday 6th November

Thanksgiving Service 7pm

Hazelbank, Pirmill

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fellowship to share"

Saturday 4th November

In Lamlash:

Setting Apart Service,

2.15pm

Sunday 5th November

Rev David Watson

Moderator, Ardrossan

Presbytery

In Kilmory 10 am

Service of Communion

Lamlash 11.30 am

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ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 5th November

Shiskine 11am (church on

road between Blackwaterfoot

and Machrie)

Brodick 6pm

Rev Benjamin Van Rensburg

WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(Charity Number: SC014005)

Sunday 5th November

The Sacrament of

Communion will be

celebrated by the

minister, Rev Elizabeth

Watson, at 10.30am.

All welcome.

The Young People's Church

will meet as usual in the Hall.

Tea and coffee will be served

in the Transept after

the service.

There will be a service in

Cooriedoon at 2.30pm.

All welcome.

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev Vince Jennings

Sunday 5th November

Service 11am

Ormidale Pavilion

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Wednesday at 7.30pm Home

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Sunday 5th November

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Sustrans volunteers celebrate on Arran

The work carried out by Sustrans Scotland volunteers across the country was recently celebrated at two-day event on Arran.

More than 40 volunteers attended the 'festival' weekend, which took place at Lochranza Youth Hostel. Attendees learned more about how Sustrans helps people across Scotland to walk and cycle for more of the journeys they make every day, and were updated on regional volunteering projects.

Volunteers also braved the stormy weather to go on led bike rides and walks across the island, guided by Sustrans ride and walk leaders.

Sustrans Scotland volunteer coordinator for routes Laura White said 'festival' was a chance for Sustrans to recognise



The Sustrans volunteers came together for their 'festival' in Lochranza.

and celebrate the time and support people gave to the charity.

'Our volunteers are what makes Sustrans special. We have so many fantastic volunteers

across Scotland who are grounded in communities and make a real difference in their local area.

'Festival has been an opportunity for Sustrans to give something back to

the people whose passion and dedication is so vital in helping us to achieve our vision of happier, healthier communities and a better environment for us all.'



Lamlash Golf Club

Sunday October 29, Stableford competition. 1 I Taylor 34pts, 2 A Wales 31pts, 3 J O'Sullivan 30pts. Scratch M Wren 25pts. Magic twos, J O'Sullivan @16th, A Wales @13 and I Bremner @4th. As this was the final day of the magic two accumulator, I Bremner scooped the pool.

Monday October 30, committee meeting. Details emerging from the meeting include the end

of season results: Summer Cup, best four scores, winner, Serge El Adm 62, 60, 62, 62, runner up, Iain Murchie 64, 66, 60, 62. Jamieson Cup, best two scores, winner, Alan Smith 71+67=138 BIH, runner up, Ian Bremner 68=70=138. Hamilton Bowl, winner, John O'Sullivan, runner up, Ian Bremner. Medal Shield, best 2 scores, winner, Mark Wren 69+66=135, runner up, Andrew Wales 72+71=143.

The accumulator for September was drawn on Friday October 6 with the £20 and the first prize going to Serge El Adm. Serge chose hole 17 which revealed a 'gimme', so the jackpot of £670 carried forward to the October draw.

The October draw was on Friday October 27 with £20 and the first prize going to David Heenan. David chose hole 4 which revealed 'ace' hole in one giving him the jackpot sum of £715. £10 won by Margaret Parker.

Fixtures: Thursday November 2, Winter Yellow Medal, ballot at 11am. Sunday November 5, AGA Winter League, hosted by Lamlash, shotgun start at 10am.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday October 24, Winter Cup. 1 P Betley 75-

11=64, 2 C Laing 81-15=66, 3 B Sherwood 82-14=68.

Fixtures: Saturday November 4, Lochranza Hotel Cup at 12noon. Tuesday November 7, Winter Cup, at noon. Last chance to put your name down with the secretary for the club dinner.

Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday October 25, Wednesday Cup, 8 played a 12 hole stableford. 1 C O'Neill 28pts, 2 D Roxburgh 26pts.

Sunday October 29, Winter Cup, Stableford. 19 played, non counter. John May 20, 40pts, Bob McCrae 8, 39 pts, Kenny McMillan 13, 37pts.

Fixtures: Saturday 4 No-

vember, Saturday Cup, arrange own games. Sunday November 5, Sweep, 9am and 12noon.

Shiskine Golf Club

Sunday October 29, Stableford. 1 D Bannatyne 24pts BIH, 2 A Kerr 24pts. Magic twos, W Kelso, C Rutterford and Q Oliver.

Fixture: Sunday November 12, 12-Hole Medal and Winter Cup.

Corrie Golf Club

Monday October 30, Monday Cup. 1 Alan Smith 59, 2 Jim Henderson 60 BIH, 3 Lenny Hartley 60.

Fixtures: Saturday November 4, Sweep, ballots at 9am and 1pm. Monday November 6, Monday Cup, ballot at 12.30pm.

Arran Bridge Club results

The Arran Bridge Club held the first round of the Boyd Trophy at Brodick on Thursday October 26. The results were: 1 Jan and John Beattie, 2 Douglas and Margaret Bruce, 3= Margaret MacGill and Jessmay Peacock, 3= Douglas Hamilton and Tricia Martin.

The results of the aggregate competition at Lamlash on Monday October 30 were: N/S 1 Tricia Martin and David Campbell, 2. John and Jan Beattie, 3 Alison Bilsland and Elaine Duncan. E/W 1 Margaret and Douglas Bruce, 2 Doug Chase and Jennifer Wales, 3 Brenda Livingstone and Pat Adamson.

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Mountain bike club in bid for double award

The Arran High School Mountain Bike Club has been shortlisted for the Scottish Mountain Bike Club of the Year award.

In addition to this, a photograph of the club members out enjoying a ride with the sun setting over Holy Isle has also been nominated as a finalist for the Photograph of the Year at the same awards run by the Scottish Mountain Bike Awards.

Attendees at the awards' ceremony in Glasgow later this month will vote for their favourite mountain bike related image and the winner of the Mountain Bike Club of the Year will also be announced.

The Arran club was established in October 2014 and has rapidly increased in popularity. What started out as a cycling group to encourage healthy outdoor pursuits has blossomed into a burgeoning club which operates from its own incredibly well stocked workshop which has not only offered cycling proficiency lessons to primary schools in the area, but through their mechanic qualification courses, has offered free bicycle MOTs to school children and the public at its open days.

Opportunity
In addition to this, members of the group are given the opportunity to visit cycling camps held throughout the country and the group has also established a public bike repair station at the high school where passing cyclists can use the equipment to perform minor repairs and maintenance on their bicycles.

The club, which is run by teacher Robert McNeice, has described the group as being elated and 'stoked' to be in the running for the club and photography award. Speaking about the image Mr McNeice said: 'It was one of the wettest days but typical that our club



The photo of the Arran Mountain Bike Club which has been shortlisted for the Photograph of the Year Award.

members left school undeterred knowing that some of their best memories of mountain biking have been on the wettest and muddiest days. Then, as we arrived at Duinn Fionn the sun was setting and the clouds parted to reveal this view. The image was taken on my phone, one of many

that has succumbed to water damage during mountain biking with the club.

'I think it's important we capture and share the moments our members have while experiencing everything that is awesome about mountain biking on an island like ours.'

The winner of the Moun-

tain Bike Club of the Year Award, which aims to celebrate clubs run by dedicated and passionate and committed individuals, will be decided by an expert panel and the winning club will be announced at the awards ceremony on Thursday November 16, at the Drygate Brewery in Glasgow.



A small group of Arran High School Mountain Bike Club enthusiasts who have been shortlisted for the Scottish Mountain Bike Club of the Year Award.

One over the eight for Arran hockey ladies

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how a reverse stick sweep at goal should be done and was rewarded with one of the six goals of the second half. Her jubilant celebra-

tion dance brought smiles to the faces of all the spectators and players of both teams.

It was no surprise when she was also nominated dame

of the game by the Clydesdale team.

The final score ended 9 - 1 to Arran, as any time a challenge from Clydesdale did break through the Arran defence in this half of the game, Goalkeeper Ali 'Ninja' McKie had it covered with her quick and agile footwork and swift stick and pads.

The end of match cheers were led by captain Anne to show appreciation to the effort the young MCCW girls had made and Clydesdale were quick to respond in kind.

A spokeswoman for the club said: 'Appreciation and thanks also goes to Pauline Reid for continuing to give up her place on the team to umpire the



Arran's Elyse Aitken successfully works her way through the opposition players. 01_B44hockey01

match and to the spectators who came out to support the team on the sidelines. Hearing cheers and encouragement really spurs the team on so thank you all again for coming.

'Anyone who would like to be part of the club or

team are welcome to join us at Thursday night training at the Ormidale Astro-turf from 6.30pm to 8pm.

'We are always happy to welcome more players and team umpires. Training is open to both men and women and boys and girls

over the age of 12.'

The Arran Ladies are playing at home again, next Sunday November 5, against GHK 3s, with a 2.15pm push back time.

All supporters are very much appreciated and warmly welcome.



Clydesdale goalkeeper blocks an attempt at goal by Arran's Lorraine 'Hurricane' Hewie. 01_B44hockey02

SPORT



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Arran Ladies on cloud nine after home win

Arran Ladies 9
MC Clydesdale Ladies 6s 1

After last week's torrential rain the sunshine at Sunday's hockey match was a welcome change for the ladies of Arran Hockey Club who were playing Milne Craig Clydesdale Western Ladies 6s from Glasgow.

Clydesdale won the toss and chose direction of play, giving Arran the first pass back of the game. The action started right from the first whistle. Team captain Anne Watts passed to mid-field player Jenny Stark, who flew quickly up the pitch with the ball, passing to the waiting stick of Lorraine 'Hurricane' Hew-

ie. She deflected it back to Anne to put it past the goalkeeper, having run into a perfect scoring position. This all happened in the first minute of the game.

Clydesdale came back with determination to this quick attack and a period of turnover play followed for the next half hour. Both teams had strong defence players who blocked challenges at their goals. With sweeper Cat Galbraith feeding balls out to Elyse Aitken, Mia Walker, Hannah McCartney, Kirstie Barton and Dawn McKinnon on the defence and mid lines, it didn't take long for new team player Hazel Malakoty, Becky Ear-

ly and Susie Murchie, also in midfield, to pass it on to forwards Helen Thomson, captain Anne and left wing Lorraine to make their presence felt in the Clydesdale goal area.

However, the continued pressure from the visitors' midfield players, with slick stick work and spirited sprinting, did create a successful break through the Arran defence. Their forwards then pressed into the Arran goal and Clydesdale brought the score back to an even 1-1 with five minutes left to play.

The Arran Ladies weren't having that, with captain Anne sending mental telepathic messages to



Kirstie Barton and Suzie Murchie work as a team to claim ownership of the ball from opposition players. 01_B44hockey03



An opposition player leaps into the air to avoid a sideways pass from Lorraine Hewie. 01_B44hockey04

Lorraine on the left wing - along with some boggly eyes - she took a quick self-pass at the whistle and sprinted straight towards the Clydesdale goal, knowing Lorraine would understand what she was planning to do. And justifiably so, as Lorraine was in the right place to collect Anne's pass and put Arran back up to 2 - 1. Not content with one goal ahead,

Anne planted the team's third goal in the back of the net a couple of minutes later, completing a practised set piece from the only short corner of the game.

It was nine minutes into the second half, when a deflection off an ill-positioned defender's stick resulted in an own goal which gave Arran their fourth of the match. Five more goals were to follow, with excel-

lent ball skills, one-handed stick control and dribbling, drawing out the goalkeeper, switch passing and deadly accurate rocket shots executed by the Arran midfielders and forwards.

Special mention has to go to young player Mia Walker, who received the ball in the D and dropping low, superbly demonstrated

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