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Arran bid to be first 'no cold caller' island

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A major campaign has been launched to make Arran the first 'no cold caller' island in Scotland.

There are concerns that the island is seen as a soft touch for unscrupulous workmen and bogus callers who target Arran's ageing population with RET fares making it cheaper to bring their vans across.

A petition has been launched to gauge support for the initiative which would see the whole island come together to say 'no' to uninvited salespeople.

The plan would be to erect signs on the Arran ferries announcing that the whole of Arran is a 'no cold calling zone'. There would also be notices around the island and warning stickers made available for householders to post to their front doors.

The campaign is being spearheaded by Lam-



P1 to P3 pupils at Brodick Primary School enjoyed their Hallowe'en party on Tuesday as did children – and adults – across the island this week. The Arran Banner travelled around the island to capture these celebrations and the first instalment of our two-week special can be seen on pages 11 to 14. 01_B44halloween01

lash resident Liz Rose, who is working with Andy Moynihan of North Ayrshire Council Trading Standards.

It was a personal experience by Liz of a cold caller at her home, that she shares with husband Mike,

that prompted her to take action. 'I had a salesman at the door offering green energy grants and despite telling him I have a biomass boiler and solar panels he was insistent I could still qualify for more. I contacted Trading Stand-

ards and they told me they believed he had not been genuine.

'I want to make the residents of Arran safer from bogus and fraudulent callers and help them to have the confidence to say no to sales people and to warn

rogue traders and cold callers they are not welcome,' she said.

Over the past month Liz has distributed petition forms around the island and has already collected more than 200 signatures with more forms still going out.

Liz said she has been given positive support by the various island improvement associations, ACVS, the SWI Federation representatives and various shops and tearooms, all of whom she thanked

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Bid to be first 'no cold caller' island

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and gave a special thanks to Ashley in the Wooleys shop in Lamlash.

She gave an update on the campaign to Tuesday's meeting of Arran Community Council which pledged its support.

A 'no cold calling zone' is established to protect residents from unwanted doorstep callers. They are designed to act as a deterrent to stop businesses cold calling in areas that are clearly marked as no cold calling zones. The zones empower residents to feel confident about sending unwanted callers away.

It involves a massive education and engagement exercise supported by Trading Standards, Police Scotland and a range of partners.

It will start with door stickers and posters going up across the island and information packs being sent out to residents. The partners will look at ways



Liz Rose with the petition signatures she has collected so far. 01_B44petition01

the community can support vulnerable residents and find volunteers who will play active and important roles in providing that help.

It is similar to the Neighbourhood Watch schemes which were set up across the UK in the 1980s – but focusing on cold callers.

For the move to get the go-ahead, there must first

be support from the community.

While cold calling zones exist across the UK, they are usually within residential areas.

Councillor Alex Gallagher, cabinet member for economy, said: 'Criminals find it easy to come on to islands and then simply get on a boat and leave without trace. There is fre-

quently a population of elderly residents on islands, which makes them an attractive place for criminals to target.

'We are trying to make Arran a place that cold callers and scammers won't want to visit.

'If we have support from the community, backed up with messages displayed everywhere – on lamp-



The door sticker warning sign. 01_B44petition02

posts and people's doors – it will send a message that cold callers are not welcome in Arran.

'The outcome is then a reduction in overall crime, including less doorstep crime and distraction sneak thefts.'

Zones are selected on the basis of risk and resident demand or enthusiasm.

The move will be discussed at the next Locality Planning Partnership meeting and the council hopes it can move things forward early next year.

Blackwaterfoot road closure

Drivers are being warned that delayed road repairs in Blackwaterfoot are now due to start on Monday November 5 leading to weekday road closure until Friday November 16.

The restriction will be between Blackwaterfoot Lodge to Almarran with a diversion using the A8421, B880 and the Machrie Moor Road, which will be signposted.

Staggering the closures, vehicles will be unable to use the road for one hour durations from 9.30am to 4.30pm with the carriageway expected to be closed between the times of 9.30am to 10.30am, 12.20pm to 1.20pm and 3.15pm to 4.15pm – although these times are not guaranteed and are subject to change.

Roadworks will also see the closure overnight of the ZC147 at Largybeg from Tuesday November 6 for six days, except Sunday, from 9pm to 6am.

Fabulous first food festival

The first Corrie Food Festival proved to be a runaway success on Saturday.

The event was a collective effort by the Arran Supper Club, Mara Fish Bar and Deli, Ferghan Mhor Vegan B & B in Sannox and The Sandwich Station. And as well as a vast array of food there were also drinks to sample, including Arran whisky and gin, and Arran craft products on sale.

As a first event it was held as a trial run, but that did not stop a queue of people outside Corrie and Sannox Hall at noon waiting for it to open and by 4pm all the food was gone.

One of the organisers told the Banner: 'To be honest we never imagined it would be so busy and we're delighted it was received so well by locals and visitors. We did the first one as a sort of test run but there's obviously a demand for it so for anyone that missed out we'll be doing another one in the near future.'

The day made a small profit which will be donated to the Arran food bank.



A packed Corrie Hall, above; tasty treats from the Ferghan Mhor Vegan B&B, left; serving up a treat the Mara Fish Bar, far left; and the Skipness fish products of Tim James were on show at the festival, right.





Dr McClure's wife, Jean, with two of their granddaughters and senior nurse Fiona Scott, opens the McClure Suite.

McClure Suite honour for paediatrician

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Two new state-of-the-art isolation rooms have been unveiled for the benefit of children in NHS Ayrshire and Arran.

The rooms at the University Hospital Crosshouse near Kilmarnock have been named the McClure Suite in memory of the late Dr John McClure, a greatly-admired and respected consultant paediatrician who worked for many years in Ayrshire and Arran.

Dr McClure MBE, who looked after a generation of children, died in January after a five-year battle with cancer. He was 74.

A former chairman of the Scottish Cot Death Trust, he was well known on Arran where he and his wife



The late Dr John McClure.

'We hope it is a fitting tribute to the memory of Dr McClure'

Jean had a holiday house in Corrie they regularly visited from their home in Ayr.

The isolation rooms will be for patients with infectious conditions or who need to be kept isolated from the general ward. Each room includes a separate lobby for changing into protective clothing, an en suite bathroom and dedicated waste disposal.

The new design has created back-to-back rooms with a nurses' desk that has a clear view to observe patients.

Dr McClure's wife, Jean, officially opened the suite along with staff from children's services.

Fiona Scott, senior charge nurse for children's inpatients, said: 'The McClure Suite is a welcome addition to the facilities we have for our patients and we hope it is a fitting tribute to the memory of Dr McClure.'

Day of Prayer in Lamlash

Together We Pray is an initiative set in motion by the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in 2017 and is a call to the church to join together in prayer.

Today (Saturday) has been designated a National Day of Prayer and people throughout Scotland will be gathering to pray. The Rev Lily McKinnon is leading a time of prayer and quiet thought

in Lamlash Parish Church at 11am. This is open to everyone.

The Rev McKinnon said: 'It would be good to see people from all denominations and all communities as we come together.'

'We want to think about each other, our communities and the future of the church in Scotland as we respond and adapt to the changing world in which we live.'

Tanzania fundraiser

The Arran High School Tanzania 2019 fundraising group's Christmas craft fair is being held today (Saturday) from noon to 3pm, in the social area at the high school.

Entry is free and there will be a tombola, Christmas raffle and refreshments will be on sale in the cafe.

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craft folk will be selling their wares as well as old books galore.

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Remembering 98 fro

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Sunday November 11 marks the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War, a conflict in which it is estimated nine million servicemen lost their lives.

Countless more survived but returned home as shadows of their former selves. For some, the scars were all too visible but for so many the mental tortures they suffered haunted them for the rest of their lives.

The people of Arran suffered their own pain and heartbreak among the carnage of the war. Some of us will attend the Act of Remembrance at our local war memorials where the names of the dead will be read out and a solemn silence will be observed in their honour. More of us will perhaps pause as we pass the memorials as we go about our daily business and look at the names, pondering perhaps on who these men were and on the horrors they faced.

The Somme, Ypres, Gallipoli, Passchendaele – all places and battles which even those with the briefest of knowledge of the First World War will have heard of and places where Arran men fought and died. Add to the list Loos, Arras, Vimy, Messines and so many more, not forgetting the perils faced by the merchant seamen from the island who sailed on through minefields and the constant threat of U-boat attack.

In all these theatres of war, Arran lost 98 of her sons – men who were born and bred here or those who had come to work and called Arran their home.

It was not only the men of Arran who volunteered and risked their all though. Many Arran women left to join the ranks of nurses who were so desperately needed to care for the wounded and ill and to comfort those for whom there was no hope of recovery.

Around 1,500 nurses lost their lives in the war, thankfully none was from Arran, but their contribution should not go unheralded. The bravery and dedication of medical

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The men of Arran who fell in the Great War have their names at the entrance to Arran War Memorial Hospital.

staff during wars is always humbling.

At home on the island, everyone rallied round. The loss of the island's best horses, requisitioned within days of the start of the war in August 1914 on top of the enlisting of so many of the island's young men, put an added burden on those left behind – agriculture a mainstay of the island's economy, there were no tractors and very few cars so horses were a vital part of the island's life.

Everyone had to do more and work harder, but despite this they still found time to raise money for the troops. By the end of October 1914, the island had raised just under £700 for the National Relief Fund. They even raised money to fund a bed in one of the hospitals near the front in France where patients

were tended to by one of the Arran nurses.

The women organised work parties throughout the island and would meet by the light of oil lamps and candles to knit socks, balaclavas and gloves for the sailors and soldiers. By the end of January 1915, 5,417 articles had been sent to the various units.

When the war came to an end after four long, bloody years, the returning men were welcomed with celebrations in all the villages. Some gave their returning soldiers a gift – in Pirmill this was a cigarette case, while Lochranza gave the men a fountain pen.

A national day of celebration was held in July 1919, but thoughts had already turned to commemorating the men who had not come home to their families.

Over the next few years, war memorials were erect-

ed in many of the villages, but the island's main memorial was the construction of a hospital – which we still use to this day. The Arran War Memorial Hospital was paid for by public subscription, the foundation stone being laid in 1921. Anyone who enters the building passes underneath the names of those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

If you are interested in hearing more about Arran and the First World War, I will be giving a talk in Corrie and Sannox Village Hall at 2pm on Friday November 9. Entry will be by donation with all funds going to Combat Stress. If you cannot come along, then please go along to your local war memorial on Sunday November 11 and remember those men for whom there was no tomorrow.

Arran men who fell in Great War



The large poppies in the centre represent the Arran men who died in the First World War and whose names are on a plaque at the War Memorial Hospital.

Knitters unite to create splendid display

Knitters from across Arran have contributed to a huge poppy display that can be seen cascading down the wall of the Brodick Hall in remembrance of the centenary of the end of the First World War.

Planting the seed that blossomed into an impressive display, Susanna Talbot of the Arran Library suggested the idea and a group of friends, all eight of whom knit, started making bright poppies to help create the display.

The idea was so well supported by all who heard about it, that contributions soon started coming in from all over the island. The bold and eye-catching display of more than 1,000 poppies includes 98 large blooms – all knitted by one individual – which represents each one of the Arran



The knitted poppy display at Brodick Hall has varied colours to represent the different victims of the First World War.

men who lost their lives during the Great War.

The white poppies represent peace and the purple ones are in remembrance of the animals that were killed in the war - approximately 86 horses from Arran were drafted into the war effort, never to return.

Organisers thanked Ian Small and John Murchie for hanging up the two-storey display and thanked

all contributors, urging all supporters of Poppy Scotland to pay the display a visit.

Information on Arran and the First World War is posted inside the library and a collection tin is also located there for those who wish to support Poppy Scotland.

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Arran will be shown in all its glory when the Grinduro bike endurance event is shown on TV this weekend.

The bike challenge with a difference will be shown on The Adventure Show on BBC2 Scotland at 7pm tomorrow (Sunday).

It was filmed over the weekend of July 14 when the Scottish event was staged for the second time on Arran.

'It's not a sufferfest,' says co-presenter Dougie Vipond, 'but a great social event and a chance to take part in a major 83km biking endurance event which isn't quite so competitive.'

However, participants who do like the challenge of competing have to push hard on four separate timed stages if they want to win. The rest of the time the participants can just enjoy the ride, in amazing scenery and weather, with time to recover and socialise in between sections.

The event takes place off road over asphalt, on gravel paths through forests and on some roads. It attracts



And they're off at the start of the Grinduro race. 01_B44grinduro03

many international participants riding different kinds of bikes.

More than 240 participants came from far and wide for this year's event. Many travelled more than 5,000 miles to take part, coming from the USA, Australia, the Czech Republic, the Netherlands and Belgium as well as Scotland, Ireland and England.

The first event took place in California, four years ago, where organiser racer Dain Zaffke wanted to combine all biking skills in one super-sized single event.

He said: 'Grinduro is such a variety of things. Yes, you have to have some endurance, you also have to be a skilled descender. You have to have fitness to climb and it suits all different kinds of bikes. Different bikes will feel appropriate over different stages.'

But the aim is to put the fun back in to bike riding events and get back to the simplicity – on roads, on mountains and appeal to all. It's also a very sociable event, unlike some where you turn up, compete, then go home again. There is

a big social element to it before any of the racing weekend begins. And in the rest and recovery stages between the competitive timed sections there's plenty of time to make new friends.

The television coverage is by Scotland's own independent television company Adventure Show Productions. One of the presenters, Richard Crawford, was also a competitor with a camera mounted on his bike. 'The type of rider this appeals to is different. In between the timed sections of the event, there

is the chance to enjoy the scenery as you ride,' he said.

In the programme, as well as on the event, you will see the best views Arran has to offer, from rugged mountains to a sweeping coastline. For the first timed section, starting from Lamlash, it's the 'fire road of fury', starting with a short climb, then the high speed downhill dash - 2.5kms on a gravelly road. The second timed section is out of Brodick and on a lung-buster climb through a forest. The third timed section is a 5.5km rolling challenge and in the final it's a fast technical single track descent, dodging trees 'roots and rocks'.

Many of the participants are interviewed along the way and feature in the TV programme including those in the top three of the leader board. Irish woman Fiola Ni Fhoghlu, a former professional athlete who took up biking of all sorts, tells the story of trying track cycling, road racing, cross bike and mountain biking. She comments that



Co-presenter Dougie Vipond in front of the mass competitors at the high school base.

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when running it's much harder to be sociable but she enjoys the people side of biking where they are not so out of breath to talk.

Californian Tydeman Newman, from the birthplace of Grinduro, who finished in the men's top three, says: 'You're not racing the whole time.'

'You're riding and having a good time, hanging out with your friends. You're just racing for little bits here and there.'

'There's this crazy concept that everyone came up with. It's just so much more fun than a normal race. But you still get to race them and feel you want to beat them.'

The Adventure Show goes out on BBC2 Scotland at 7pm tomorrow (Sunday). It is also available on FreeSat and Sky and later on the BBC iPlayer.

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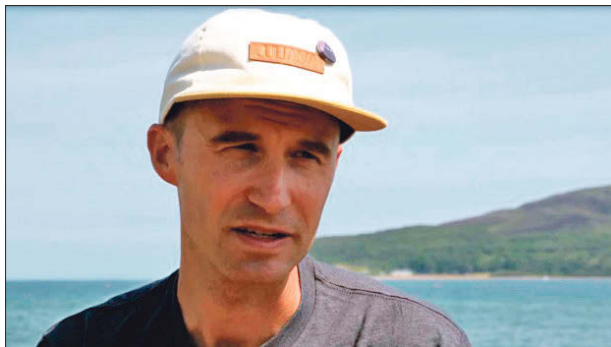
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Right: The cyclists sweep through Lamalash in a shot from the show. 01_B44grinduro01



A cyclist gets a warm welcome from Laura Aitcheson at the Velo Cafe in Lagg. 01_B44grinduro09



Organiser Dain Zaffke being interviewed on the programme. 01_B44grinduro06



A cyclist whizzes down a forest road. 01_B44grinduro12



The Grinduro stage at Brodick Castle. 01_B44grinduro08



A cyclist on a forest road south of Whiting Bay. 01_B44grinduro10

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Editorial

Cold shoulder

The campaign to make Arran the first 'no cold caller' island in Scotland is to be applauded.

Anything which helps deter unwanted, nuisance or fraudulent callers trying to prey on, particularly, the elderly should be promoted and encouraged.

And to say that the whole island is a no cold caller zone sends out a pretty strong message and everyone who puts their name on the petition, set up by Liz Rose, is making that more of a reality.

Of course any scheme has to have the backing of Trading Standards, Police Scotland and a range of partners and it is good to see that they are on board.

Making it quite clear these people are not welcome here from when they step on to the ferry, drive into a village or knock on anyone's door with the warning sticker cannot say: 'I didn't know' when they face a criminal charge.

But the authorities can only do so much. It is up to all of us to be vigilant and to look out for any elderly or infirm neighbours from these unscrupulous individuals who, without soul or conscience, see them as a soft touch.

So let's back the 'no cold caller' campaign and make the island a safer place for all of us.

Thought for the week

'He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.' Micah 6:8

Castle woes

Sir,
We are just back from our third visit to lovely Arran this year. We are still getting over the shock of both of our ferries running to time as advertised.

During our holiday we visited many establishments for food and drink and shops for the purchase of gifts for our offspring. Our general feeling was that businesses on the island continue to thrive and, as ever, are offering service with a smile. Long may that continue.

There was one visit that we found disappointing and that was to what should be the jewel in Arran's crown, Brodick Castle. We approached by the Fisherman's Walk and entered by the steps from the Wineport. The cabin that used to issue tickets was closed and there was no control over entry. It did not matter to us as members, but the cabin appeared to have been closed for some time with lost opportunities for revenue and memberships. The castle itself is closed, and has been for some time, after being shut for refurbishment, which seems to have gone on for ever.

The thriving and lovely terrace cafe has gone. We walked on to the visitor reception. The busy National Trust shop has been replaced by a few shelves of odd items and the shop area filled with tables and chairs which looked most uninviting and, although we arrived over lunchtime, only one person was using the facility, and he appeared to be a member of staff. Similarly, the area that used to sell plants lay empty and neglected.



Musicians play in support of the Arran branch of the SSPCA outside Lamlash Co-op.

I inquired if it was possible to get a bus back to Brodick but was told the open-top service which called at the castle visitor reception had ceased some years ago.

Of course the grounds are still impressive and there have been improvements, the massive play area (our grandchildren love it but I struggle at 65) and the new squirrel hide is impressive but the impression left after our visit is an attraction that has gone backwards while others have progressed. Come on, National Trust for Scotland, get the crown back where it belongs.

**Michael Smith,
North Shields.**

Priority route

Sir,
Being a simple and naive person, I read of the preparation for winter on Arran roads by NAC and was immediately heartened by the thought that the higher parts of the String Road would, on the occasion of snow covering the surface, be treated as a priority route, in particular between the hours of 8.30am and 9pm when there is a

significant amount of traffic that includes a school bus.

This is the time when previously the safety of motorists and passengers has been neglected or ignored.

Therefore no longer will the cry of 'where is the gritter' echo in the snow covered hills and the traffic strewn roads. Oh well, I can only dream.

**Mr J Stewart,
Blackwaterfoot.**

Musicians help

Sir,
The Arran branch of the Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals raised £592 in the recent Animal Week collection. Thanks are due to all who gave generously, the volunteers who collected and, especially, our wonderful musicians, Beverley and Patrick on bagpipes, Alice and Anne on fiddles, and Colin on guitar, who entertained on Lamlash Green as we collected outside the Co-op.

Our next fundraiser is upstairs at Arran Active on the Saturday of the Shop Arran weekend, November 17, between 11am and 3pm. More music is planned,

with mulled wine and mince pies, home baking, Christmas decorations and lots more, so please come.

**Christine Drennan,
Arran branch SSPCA.**

Decembeard

Sir,
I'm calling on dads, brothers, sons, nephews, granddads and uncles to grow a beard this December and raise money for Bowel Cancer UK.

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**Jim Rosenthal,
Sports broadcaster,
c/o Bowel Cancer UK.**

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Seven teams in drama competition

The Isle of Arran SWI Federation is hosting the Anstruther Gray national drama competition this year at the Arran High School community theatre on Saturday November 10.

Originally a one-act play competition, it was decided to introduce a radio play version. Entries have

dwindled over the years but, with the introduction of the radio plays, it means there are seven teams competing for the trophies from around Scotland.

The Arran Federation has a team entered. The play, written and produced by Wilma Moreton, who is also one of the characters,

is about three women trying to save their allotment shed from demolition. Lots of drama and laughs are to be had listening to this play.

It will be up against the Bellsquarry, Harburn and Ratho Institutes (Midlothian) presenting Conflict is a Given; Jackston In-

stitute (Lanarkshire) presenting Charity Begins at Home; Craigie Institute (Ayrshire) presenting Once Upon a Time (but not as you know it); Carnbee Institute (Fife) presenting Conflict Over Health and Safety; Tillicoultry Institute (Stirling, Clackmannan and West Perth) pre-

senting Shetland Greets Dundee; and Kyleakin Institute (Inverness-shire) presenting Conflict 917. The judge will be Alastair Hawthorn.

Jerry Arthur, chairwoman of the SWI and lover of amateur dramatics on Arran, said: 'It's all about voices and sound effects

in these productions. You have to imagine you are in the kitchen with the radio on. If you can be transported to the place portrayed in the play, then the producer has done a good job.'

Everyone is welcome to the event. Doors open at 1.15pm with the curtain up 1.45pm.

Soup-er way to help poorest children around the world

Lamlash Church Hall was full to overflowing last Sunday with supporters of Mary's Meals coming out in their dozens from across the island to support a lunch fundraiser for the charity.

Organised by Arran community ambassador for Mary's Meals Alison Page, the successful fundraiser raised £1,215.28 for the charity which will feed 87 children a nutritious meal every day for an entire year.

Supporters enjoyed a simple lunch of delicious homemade soup – served in palm-leaf bowls – with bread and followed by tea or coffee and biscuits.

Supporters donated homemade soups – with a choice of nine on offer for visitors – and knitters Jakki McLellan, Alison Armstrong, Sheila Cameron, Dorothy Boyle and Myra Frost knitted mindings for the visitors. In addition to the soups, the Brodick Co-op provided refreshments and raffle prizes.

Alison said: 'Huge thanks to everyone on Arran who took time out on a glorious Sunday to support us and for all of your generous donations. I'm bowled over by your generosity.'

'Special thanks to Robert and Lindsey Marr for running the kitchen and to everyone who has contributed in their own way. Your support will ensure that children in some of the world's poorest communities will not go hungry.'



Above: Lamlash Church was full to capacity with supporters who enjoyed an afternoon lunch of bread and soup.

Left: Handmade knitted mindings included these charming Christmas puddings.

Right: Alison Page and volunteers who helped serve up lunch to a church full of Mary's Meals supporters.




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The Glen Tarsan, spotted in Brodick Bay last week is a converted traditional fishing vessel which offers cruises.

Fishing boat has a new lease of life

Colin Smeeton
 editor@arranbanner.co.uk

There was something unusual about the fishing vessel anchored close to the shore in Brodick Bay last week which caught the eye of many Arran residents.

The 24-metre blue and white Glen Tarsan docked in the bay last Wednesday at first appeared to be an old-fashioned fishing vessel but it was meticulously clean and, added to this,

a small tender was witnessed repeatedly transferring people from the boat to the shore and back.

As it turns out, the boat, built as a traditional fishing vessel in 1976, is actually a converted cruiser which is part of a fleet of four mini-cruise vessels offering trips around the west coast of Scotland and the Hebrides.

Owned by the Majestic Line, whose office is registered in Dunoon, the Glen

Tarsan is a luxury pleasure craft offering three-night and six-night cruises and capable of accommodating 11 guests.

Offering gourmet meals in luxurious surroundings, the Glen Tarsan and other vessels in the fleet offer no fixed itineraries and select stopovers based on the best locations assessed by the weather, sea conditions and guest choices.

Anchorage can be selected at the request of

guests and a tender delivers people to and from historic and unique locations as desired.

Guests on the vessel who were on this, the final cruise of the 2018 season, had just returned from Oban and were destined to return to the boat's home port of Dunoon before completing their Isles of the Clyde and Southern Hebrides cruise which lasted for six nights and cost £2,030 per person.

Saltire Society's Arran branch builds on success

The Saltire Society completed last year's syllabus with a wonderful evening in the company of Arran artist Avril Paton.

Speaking with great warmth and humour, attendees were led on a fascinating journey through three generations of artists on Arran, her grandfather and father, Donald and Hugh Paton, and then her own, sharing a life lived between Glasgow and Arran where, in vivid colours, she conveyed a deep sense of environment and community.

This was an event that held the very essence of why there is a branch of the society on the island – enduring talent recognised nationwide and woven with anecdote and landscape endearingly familiar to an Arran audience.

The society's first event of 2018/19, in association with the McLellan Arts Festival, had to be postponed after a fencing accident and members wish musician Paul Anderson a speedy recovery.

On Wednesday October 3, to celebrate the Year of Young People, members were delighted to be given an inspired and generous programme, a blend of Scottish and modern music and song. Members en-

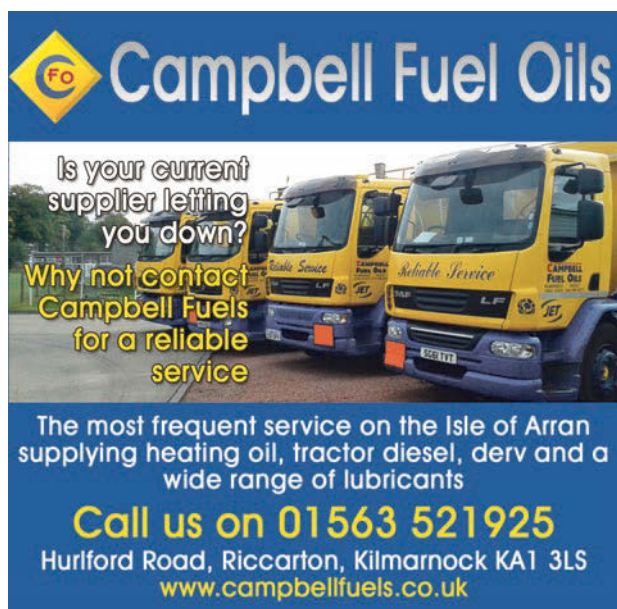
joyed piping, a rendition of Abba's Andante, Andante and a foot-tapping duet and group performance from fiddlers, all based at Arran High School and also contributed to by Arran Fiddle Club and Isle of Arran Music School.

A spokeswoman for the society said: 'Special thanks must go to these talented youngsters who gave an unforgettable performance, one we shall treasure down the years as we watch them develop and further their talents, and also to James O'Neil, the music faculty leader at Arran High School, for his commitment and tireless efforts on their behalf.'

The next meeting of the Saltire Society will be on Wednesday November 14, and will be remembering the First World War – The Art of War Memorials in Scotland by stone conservator Paul McAuley, formerly Edinburgh's conservation officer for monuments. The talk will take place at the Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, at 7pm and everyone is welcome to attend.

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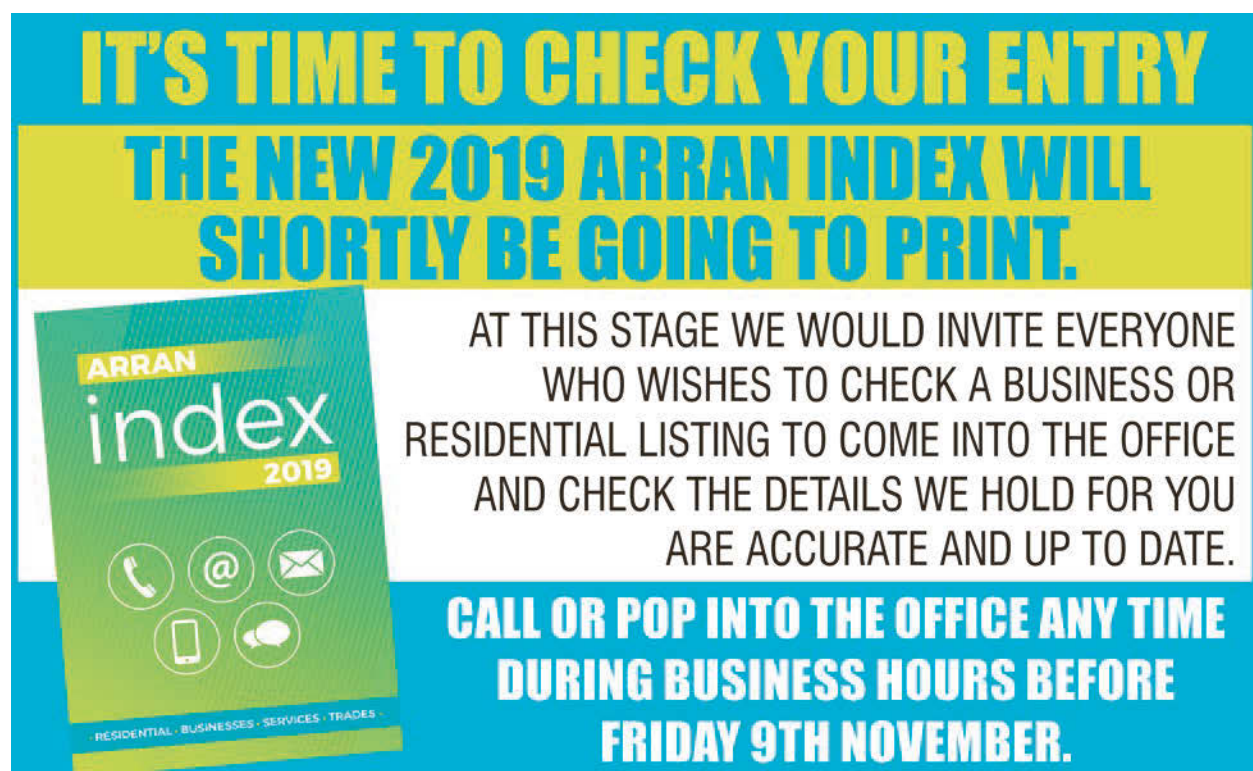


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It was all fright on the night

LOCHRANZA

There has been a lot a frights in the night and spooky goings on around Arran this week.

With Hallowe'en falling midweek, some groups chose to hold their events at the weekend meaning the parties started last Friday and continued until Wednesday.

This week and next week the Banner will be bringing a comprehensive round-up from across the island.

Here is our first spooktacular feast. For more photos, turn to pages 12, 13 and 14.

The motley crew at the Lochranza Hallowe'en party.



Callum Traill is a scary skeleton at Lochranza. 01_B44loch01



The race is on for a seat during a game of musical chairs. 01_B44loch06



Little lion Archie Waterlow wasn't happy with his mane. 01_B44loch03



Sam and Louise Sofa are chimney sweep Bert and Mary Poppins at Lochranza. 01_B44loch02

Saturday 10th December

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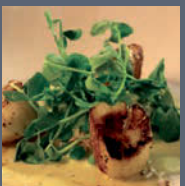
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Wee witch Emily Bourne, aged four, flew in on her broomstick with her favourite cat. 01_B44hallo03



Niamh Gosman and Jenny Currie were zombie schoolgirls at Lamlash. 01_B44hallo01



A friendly Hallowe'en pumpkin. 01_B44hallo08

LAMLASH



A ghoulish gathering at the Lamlash Hallowe'en party. 01_B44hallo06



Vampires, ghouls and zombies dance the night away at the Lamlash Hallowe'en party. 01_B44hallo05



Not just for children, adults join in the fun at Lamlash by dressing up. 01_B44hallo1



Smiling sweetly Amelia Gren went to the Lamlash Hallowe'en party dressed as a scary girl. 01_B44hallo04



Children from Lamlash show their creativity in selecting an outfit for Hallowe'en. 01_B44hallo10



Vampires, monsters and princesses look on during the fancy dress judging. 01_B44hallo09

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8. The Boathouse	22. Island Porcelain
9. Red Door	23. Chameleon
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 for children



WHITING BAY
Children excitedly play pass the parcel which has special surprises hidden between the layers of wrapping. 01_B44whiting09



Whiting Bay pals, a group of friends show their feelings on how much they enjoyed the Hallowe'en party. 01_B44whiting10



What's in the box? Children reach in to dig out Hallowe'en prizes. 01_B44whiting02



Children have a go at hitting the sweet-filled pinata. 01_B44whiting04



Mureann and Georgie Stewart enjoy their Hallowe'en snacks. 01_B44whiting08



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Louis Henbery looked scary dressed as Hector from Disney's Coco. 01_B44whiting07



Young Piper enjoys a welcome snack with mum Lucy Marriott. 01_B44whiting01



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Daisy McNamara looked suitably attired dressed as Willy Wonka. 01_B44whiting03



Children admire an impressive carved pumpkin display. 01_B44whiting05

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Flow Yoga
RNLI Christmas Shop
Brodick Castle From the Outside – A guided historic tour
Highland Dance Classes, P2 and under
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Christmas Fayre in aid of Save the Children
Christmas Craft Fayre, in aid of Tanzania Trip
Winter Rink Bowls
Family games
Fun in the pool
Lamlash Fireworks
Jazz Cafe Band
Live Music - Legacy
Live Music - Esperanza - Nine-piece ska collective from Glasgow
Over 21s' Disco

Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 9am
Lamlash Pier, 10.30am - 12.30pm
11.00am, 1.30pm and 3.30pm
Arran High School, 11am - 12.30pm
Arran High School, 11am - 1pm
Brodick Hall, 11am - 1.30pm
Arran High School, 12noon - 3pm
Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club, 1.30pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm - 5pm
Lamlash Green, from 7pm
Whiting Bay Village Hall, 8pm
Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 7.30pm - 10pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm

Sunday 4th November

Brodick Castle From the Outside – A guided historic tour
Live Music - Legacy
Family games
Fun in the pool
Live Music - Esperanza & the DF118s
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
Folk Music Session

11.30am and 2.30pm
Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 1pm - 4pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm - 5pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 4pm
Brodick Church Hall, 5pm - 6.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Monday 5th November

Chantraine Dance Class for adults
Whiting Bay Fireworks
Arran Skinnymalinks - Seek a Star
JogScotland mixed ability running group
Adult Tennis
Kildonan Fireworks
Kilmory Bonfire and Fireworks
Circuit Training
Pirnmill Bonfire Night
Brodick Bonfire and Fireworks
Isle of Arran Bridge Club, All welcome
Tae Kwon Do, Adults and over 10s
The Sensational Biff Simpson Trio

Village Hall, Lochranza, 4.30pm - 5.30pm
Putting Green, from 5pm
Shiskine Church Hall, 5.15pm
Whiting Bay 5.30pm
Blackwaterfoot, 5.30pm
Village Hall from 6pm
Butter Hill, Kilmory from 6pm
Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 6pm - 7pm
Pirnmill from 6pm
On The Green from 7pm
Brodick Golf Club, 7pm for 7.15pm
Brodick Church Hall, 7.00pm - 8.30pm
Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 7.30pm

Tuesday 6th November

Healthy Outdoors Team
Winter Rink Bowls
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
Bridge class (beginners/improvers)
Arran Pace Makers- Jog Scotland Beginners Group
Flow Yoga
Arran Hockey Club - Juniors (5 - 14yrs)
Scottish Country Dancing
Trev's Pop Music Quiz
Traditional Music Sessions
Body Blitz

Brodick Country Park Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm
Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club, 1.30pm
Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
Brodick Golf Club, 2.30pm - 4.30pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 5.30pm
Corrie and Sannox Village Hall, 6pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 6pm - 7pm
Brodick Church Hall 7.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm
Brodick Bar, 9pm
Auchrannie Spa Leisure 9.30pm - 10.30pm

Wednesday 7th November

Yoga
Hydrofit
Brodick Gardens Volunteers
Coffee Morning
Coffee Morning
Arran Heritage Museum
Chair Yoga
Brodick Castle From the Outside – A guided historic tour
Archives and Genealogy Service Arran Heritage Museum, 10.30am - 12.30pm & 1.30pm - 3.30pm
Dog Classes
Parkinson's Support Group
Arran Skinnymalinks - Seek a Star
Arran Pace Makers Running Group
Flow Yoga
Tae Kwondo Juniors 6.30pm - 7.30pm, Advanced Juniors & Adults, AHS, 7.30pm - 8.30pm
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
Lamlash SWI
Live Music - Mike Bailey
Family Friendly Pub Quiz
Quiz Night
Rock 'n' Pop Bingo

Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am - 10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.30am
Brodick Castle and Country Park, 9.30am - 1pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15am - 12noon
St Bride's Church, Brodick 10.30am - 12noon
Rosaburn, Brodick, 11am - 3.30pm
St Molio's Church Hall, Shiskine, 11am
11.30am and 2.30pm
Arran Heritage Museum, 10.30am - 12.30pm & 1.30pm - 3.30pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 12.30pm
Lamlash Fire Station, 2pm - 4pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 4.15pm
Brodick, 5.30pm
Shiskine Hall, 6pm
Advanced Juniors & Adults, AHS, 7.30pm - 8.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
Lamlash Fire Station, 7.30pm
Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 7.30pm
PHT, Lamlash, 8.30pm
Drift Inn, Lamlash 9pm
Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Thursday 8th November

Morning fitness
Arran Skinnymalinks - Seek a Star
Chair yoga
Spin Off
Arran Heritage Museum
A.C. L. I. Volunteer Gardening Day
Castle Time Travelers
Quilt Arran
Lamlash Messy Church
Isle of Arran Bridge Club, All welcome
Arran Hockey Club - Seniors (12 yrs +)
Arran Soul Choir
Brodick Embroidery Group
Body Blitz
Tommy's General Knowledge Quiz

Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
Brodick Church Hall 10am - 10.30am
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 10.30am
Whiting Bay Church Hall, 11am - 3pm
Rosaburn, Brodick, 11am - 3.30pm
Golf Course Road, Whiting Bay, 11.30am - 3.30pm
Brodick Castle and Country Park, 2pm
Firestation, Lamlash, 2pm - 4.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 3.30pm - 5.45pm
Little Rock, Brodick, 7pm for 7.15pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 7pm - 8.30pm
Community Theatre, Arran High School, 7pm - 9pm
Brodick Library, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Auchrannie Spa Leisure 9.30pm - 10.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Friday 9th November

Yoga
Hydrofit
Arran Heritage Museum
2 for 1 Fish and Chips
Number 16 @The Wineport
Chantraine Dance Class for adults
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
Tae Kwondo Advanced (Advanced Class) Arran High School, 7.30p - 8.30pm
Friday Night Quiz
Live Music - Shindig

Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.30am
Rosaburn, Brodick, 11am - 3.30pm
Felicity's @ Eden Lodge 5pm - 6pm
Cladach, 5.30pm - 9pm
Arran High School, Lamlash, 6pm - 7.15pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
Whiting Bay Golf Club, Whiting Bay, 8pm
Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 7.30pm

Saturday 10th November

Flow Yoga
RNLI Christmas Shop
Early Bird Christmas Fayre
One Act Radio Play Competition (Anstruther-Gray)
Winter Rink Bowls
Family games
Fun in the pool
Number 16 @The Wineport
Live Music - Mic Clark
Live Music - Dignity - John's back with all your favourite songs
Live Music - Scott Macdonald - The one man band returns
Over 21s' Disco

Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 9am
Lamlash Pier, 10.30am - 12.30pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 11am
AHS Community Theatre, Lamlash, 1.15pm
Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club, 1.30pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm - 5pm
Cladach, 5.30pm - 9pm
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Saturday October 31, 1998

Shifting sand

Sand may not be the most exciting topic. Yet in the past its removal from Brodick beach got people pretty excited. More recently residents of Sannox and Corrie were fired up about the sand quarry at Sannox. Now we hear that Arran's other main quarry could be closed at the end of the month.

Bob Haddow who runs the quarry at Ivy Cottage said that the lease is running out and landowner Charles Fforde will not renew it. It was 15 years ago that Mr Haddow's sand extraction was moved to Ivy Cottage. This appeared to end the controversy over taking sand from Brodick beach which was considered a main cause of erosion. As well as sand for building use Mr Haddow uses it for his Scotsand water filtration company, taking it far and wide, including the Middle East.

Mr Fforde has now indicated that he wishes to reinstate and landscape

the land at Ivy Cottage and Mr Haddow is considering moving his operation to Dougarie where studies have shown that a sand quarry could be constructed.

Road rage

Arran's roads are a constant source of complaint. Too narrow, falling away at the edges, too many potholes. With this in mind Councillor John Sillars made a proposal on roads at the North Ayrshire Council area committee on Monday. The aim is to have a full review of present conditions and full costing of all necessary remedial work.

Most noticeable to ordinary motorists are the potholes. On Tuesday Mr Sillars told the community council that potholes tend to reappear quickly because only cold tar is used to fill them in, hot tar being unavailable because it cools on the ferry journey over. Now he explained, a new material is being developed which can

be used cold but has the strength and performance of hot tar. If tests are successful it could be that Arran's roads would be a significant beneficiary.

Record rainfall

Between Friday October 16 and Tuesday October 27, 330mm (approx 13 inches) of rain fell on Brodick. This should be set against an annual rainfall of roughly 75 inches. Thus almost 20 per cent of the annual rain fell in just over a week. In other words about one fifth of the year's rain came in one 13th of the time.

Any day with in excess of 70mm is rare and, Nigel Price tells us, this has only happened twice in the last 10 years. Yet it also happened twice in the last week. Tony Smith who keeps records in Whiting Bay, found that Friday 16 was much wetter than Thursday 22. October tends to be a wet month but those figures are the wettest he has seen on Arran.



Fred and Liz Wood in the lounge of their extensively flood damaged Glenisle Hotel which surveyors estimate will cost near to £400,000 to rectify. 01_B44twe01



Julie Gurr, Garry Stevens, Paul Jordan and Ivan Simmonds have been hard at work on the Goatfell path – the first of six major footpath improvements in a £135,000 programme being undertaken by Scottish Conservation Projects. 01_B44twe04



Lamlash Tennis Champions of 1998, left to right, Sally Brookes, Tim Keen and Campbell Seaton and, seated, Chris Jackson, Audrey McCrone and Eleanor Muirhead. 01_B44twe05



Residents, organisations and teams of cleaners have been seen across Arran repairing and cleaning up the damage from the two floods on Friday October 16 and Thursday October 22. 01_B44twe03



Still maintaining a sense of humour, this sign appeared warning visitors that a bridge had been washed away in the recent flooding.

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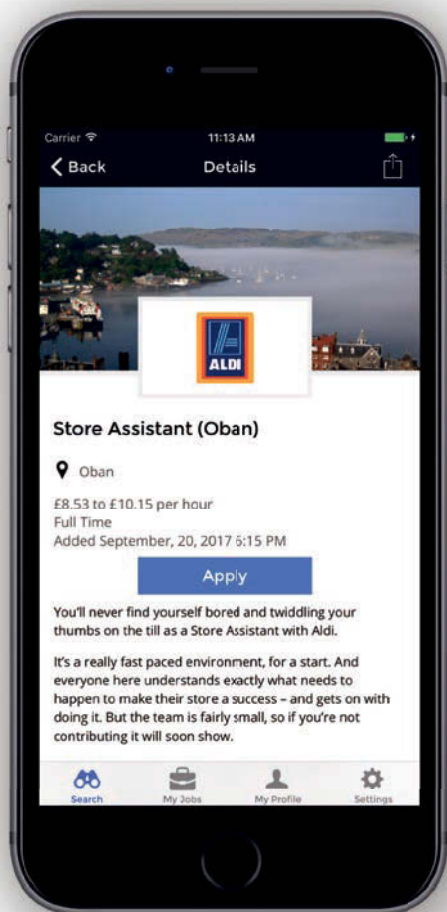
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North Arran Linkage, Churches Together, Morning service including the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper celebrated at 11am. at Corrie Church.

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There will be a service in Cooriedoon at 2.30pm. All welcome.

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Minister: Rev Vince Jennings

Sunday 4th November
Service 11am, Brodick Free Church, Brodick
Tea and coffee after the service
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Sunday 4th November
Shiskine, 11am (church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)
Brodick 6pm
Rev Benjamin Van Rensburg

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Sunday 4th November
Sunday Morning Mass, 11am

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The Troon keeper carefully watches an Arran shot. 01_B44united14



Two of the younger players

Arran United put u



The Arran United 2010 five-a-side team. 01_B44united02



The Troon Thistle squad and coaches who travelled to Arran for the tournament. 01_B44united03



Action from an all-Troon encounter. 01_B44united09



A Troon player closes in on an Arran attacker. 01_B44united08



A tight tussle for the ball. 01_B44united05



An Arran player shields the ball from his opponent. 01_B44united06

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Players in a tussle for the ball. 01_B44united15



An Arran player does a good job shielding the ball.

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Family and friends watch the action from the sidelines.

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Up good show against Troon

The man who started Arran United returned to the island last weekend with his new team – Troon Thistle – to play a friendly tournament.

Matt Harvey, who left the island in April, is now coaching the Troon side which he brought over to face his old team one. Arran's 2010 five-a-side team now being run by Sharlene Little with help from the other coaches Ross, Martin, Frazer, Alan and Allan.

Around 60 children took part in the games played at Arran High School pitches and Astroturf in Lamlash with lots of both local and travelling sup-

port on the sidelines. Troon Thistle brought over two 2009 seven-a-side and two 2010 five-a-side teams. Arran United had one 2009 seven-a-side and two 2010 five-a-side. Arran United's 2009 seven-a-side team won two games and lost one. Arran's 2010 five-a-side team won three and lost two.

Sharlene said: 'To achieve these wins was exceptional as Troon train twice a week and play a match every Saturday compared to Arran training one day a week and we aren't involved in a league of any sort.'

'I'm so proud of all the chil-

dren involved as there was some outstanding football on display today. Parents provided an unbelievable amount of food for the after-match buffet and was very much appreciated by both clubs. We are now looking forward to taking the children to Troon for another friendly playing them on their own ground in the near future,' she added.

Arran United train every Friday in Lamlash from 6pm to 7pm for primary age children and anyone wishing to come along should contact Sharlene for more information.



The Arran United 2009/10 seven-a-side squad. 01_B44united01



An Arran attack on the Troon goal. 01_B44united04



Arran close in on the Troon goal. 01_B44united11



An Arran corner comes into a packed penalty box. 01_B44united07



The Troon keeper makes a good save from the close range shot. 01_B44united10

Arran rookies put league champions to the sword

Ayrshire Sunday League

Arran AFC 5
Killie Athletic 2

Current Division One champions Killie Athletic travelled to Arran last Sunday on a gloriously bright day to enjoy near-perfect conditions for football on the freshly manicured Ormidale pitch.

The earlier kick-off time didn't affect the crowd too much as the Arran supporters turned up in good numbers to watch a convincing victory which has sent ripples of excitement through the rest of the clubs in Ayrshire competing for the title.

Manager Alan Murray changed the formation to combat Killie's strong midfield reputation and went with three in central defence, three across the centre of the pitch and two attacking wing backs in the Gilberts – Gavin and Fraser. Johnny Sloss was chosen to fill Archie's boots with Donald Park sitting back between him and the midfield.



Arran captain Ryan Armstrong, right, shakes hands with the Killie captain before kick off.

It was the in-form Sloss who opened the scoring from the outside of his left foot after a good through ball from the impressive Nick Emsley. The best goal of the day was then side footed into the top corner from 25 yards by captain Ryan Armstrong, something he has waited for since the team started in August.

Arran had more chances to extend the lead but paid the price just before half time as Athletic pulled a goal back from a good free kick which was headed past returning keeper Stephen Judge.

Arran remained motivated after the break though and Sloss was again on the end of a good ball, this time from Chris 'Babbies'

MacNeil, to knock it past the Killie goalkeeper to make it 3-1.

Emsley was running the midfield and another great ball from the right found Armstrong for his second of the game. A good strike from the edge of Arran's box saw the score tighten again as it went 4-2 but Arran put the game to bed when substitute Joel Small



Fraser Gilbert bears down on the Killie goal.

was set up again by Emsley and tapped the ball home for yet another goal by the big striker.

Man of the match was Nick Emsley for setting up three goals and his use of the ball throughout and the match ball was sponsored by Brodick Bar and Brasserie.

The result sees Arran stay at the top of the league but

they cannot afford to rest on their laurels as they play another big game tomorrow (Sunday) against the in-form Valley Thistle AFC at the Kilbirnie Ladeside's ground with a 1.30pm kick off.

Anyone wishing to attend the game on the team bus can message the club's Facebook page or message Marc Head.



Nick Emsley was awarded man of the match for his performance and his help in setting up three goals.



Stephen Judge looks on as Killie Athletic manage to slip one in the goal from close quarters.



The Killie Athletic goalkeeper leaps into the air in an attempt to prevent another Arran goal.



Donald Park outmanoeuvres the opposition to claim possession of the ball.



Johnny Sloss opens the scoring with a left-footed kick at goal.



Marking the opposition, an Arran player shadows her Glasgow University opponent to hamper any passing towards the scoring D. 01_B44hockey04



On the attack, Susie Murchie leaps into the air to avoid a high-speed ball. 01_B44hockey03



Lorraine Hewie challenges a Glasgow University player while umpire Pauline Reid watches closely. 01_B44hockey01

'I commend the team for their commitment'

From back page

The university team came out explosively in the second half, and continued to break down Arran's attacks, turning play over and counter-attacking. Arran really struggled in the second half of the game, having played the day before and dealing with the continuous onslaught from a very strong and skilful opposition, the Arran team

were just completely worn down. Glasgow University secured a further three goals before the final whistle, leaving Arran defeated with a 4-0 scoreline. Glasgow University voted Ellie Wood as dame of the game. Arran captain Lorraine Hewie said: 'I commend the team for all their hard work and commitment over this weekend. As a team we knew we were

evenly matched with Hillhead and Glasgow University was always going to be really tough opposition, so the results have not come as a surprise.

'Playing these two teams in a doubleheader was exhausting. Well done to those who played, you never gave up and gave your all. Congratulations to Ali McKie and Ellie Wood, who were awarded dame

of the game over the weekend, both well deserved.

'The team would like to thank Pauline Reid for umpiring, the Ormidale Hotel for hosting match teas and thanks to all the supporters over both days,' she added. Arran Ladies had been due to play GHK 4s at home today (Saturday) but the game has been cancelled due to the weather, with GHK conceding points.

Fiona wins Drumadoon at Corrie

Arran Ladies' Golf Union

Fifteen ladies played in the Drumadoon at Corrie on Sunday October 28 in glorious weather. The course was in excellent condition, so huge thanks to Euan McKinnon for his great work.

The winner was Fiona Henderson with a score of 65 BIH from Isabel McDonald also on 65. Susan Butchard won scratch with a creditable 79. A big thank you to Fran and Ian for the tasty sandwiches.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday October 28, sweep, 10 played in this yellow tees' sweep on a beautiful early winter's morning. The course was in great shape and most golfers took advantage.

Scoring was generally good but captain Wolfi Kroner continued his recent form with a stunning net 57 to win by two



from David Blair's 59. 1 Wolfi Kroner 16, 57, 2 David Blair 15, 59, 3 Jamie Macpherson 5, 61 and lowest gross. Magic twos: Stan Rainey @4th, Gus Macleod @15th. The sweep was non counting for handicap purposes.

Fixtures: Sunday November 4, AGA Winter League, round one v Corrie at Corrie GC.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday October 25, back nine medal. 1 Jim Young 37-8=29, 2 Andy Smith 40-8=32. Overall winner of front/back nine, Jim Young 32+29=61, runner-up Alan Smith 31+29=69.

Sunday October 28, Win-

ter Stableford. Par 64. 1 Hugh McLelland 18, 34pts, 2 Alan Smith 12, 34pts. Best scratch Drew Wales 25pts. Magic twos: Alan Smith @16th, Drew Wales @16th. Congratulations to Andy Smith who won the Thomson Cup matchplay, runner-up was Ian Bremner.

Fixtures: Sunday November 4, Winter League team game at Corrie. Lamlash v Brodick. Thursday November 8, Yellow Medal, 11am ballot.

Shiskine Golf Club

Sunday October 21, gents' 12-hole medal. First Class: 1 A Napier 46-6=40, 2 H. Bannatyne 44-3=41 and scratch, 3 A. Stewart 48-5=43. Second Class: 1 A Young 59-14=45, 2 R Woods 57-10=47, 3 Q Oliver 61-12=49.

Thursday October 25, ladies' 18-hole medal. 1 E. Kelso 91-22=69, 2 E



Winner of the Drumadoon at Corrie Fiona Henderson, centre, with Isabel McDonald and Susan Butchard.

Henderson 100-28=72, 3 J Turnbull 93-17=76. Scratch Ann May 81.

Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday October 24, Wednesday Cup, eight played a 12-hole Stableford. 1 D Rudge 25pts, 2 D Roxburgh 24pts. Magic twos R McCrae, D Roxburgh and C O'Neill.

Sunday October 29, Winter Cup Stableford, 18 played, NC. 1 Chris Pat-

tenden 15, 35pts, 2 Bob McCrae 8, 34pts ACB, 3 Bill Donaldson 16, 34pts, ACB.

Fixtures: Saturday November 3, Saturday Cup, arrange own games. Sunday November 4, Sweep, 9am and noon. Also AGA Duncan Trophy at Corrie GC. Brodick v Lamlash.

Corrie Golf Club

Saturday October 27, Sweep. 1 D Logan 71-

11=60 BIH, 2 D K Henderson 68-8=60 BIH, 3 A Smith 72-12=60. Magic twos, A Napier, D Logan and Marvin Elliot.

Monday October 29, Winter Cup. 1 A Smith 67-9=56, 2 T Ellis 80-24=62. magic twos, A Smith and R McLean.

Fixtures: Saturday November 6, Sweep. Ballots at 9am and 1pm. Monday November 8, Winter Cup, ballot at noon.

SPORT



INSIDE THIS WEEK:
Arran rookies put league champions to the sword



Jenny Stark receives the ball from Susie Murchie but despite a valiant effort is unable to convert it into a goal.

Arran take point from a tough double-header

Hillhead Ladies 4s 2
Arran Ladies 2

Arran Ladies faced a double-header last weekend, travelling to Jordanhill in Glasgow to play Hillhead Ladies 4s on Saturday and then hosting Glasgow University 4s at home on Sunday. Having played both these teams last season, Arran knew that it was going to be a challenging weekend.

The match against Hillhead started with Arran taking control with great forward movement with the ball. Susie Murchie and Hazel Malakoty caused havoc

in the midfield, winning the ball and redirecting it to the forward line.

The first goal came via a pass from Ellie Wood to Lorraine Hewie, who manoeuvred through the Hillhead defence to score after just six minutes. Arran dominated the first half keeping most of the possession, with Susie and Lorraine both having a couple of near misses on goal. Hillhead played extremely well with some lovely teamwork and accurate quick passing. They had a few breaks in the first half but Arran's defensive line comprising Faith McKelvie,

Jenny Stark, Freya McNicol, Elyse Aitken and Ellie, remained strong and steadfast.

Hillhead took the second half passback and tried to work their way through the Arran defence but again to no avail. It was while they were top heavy in pressing the Arran goal that a strong defensive clearance from Susie sent the ball to Lorraine at the half way line, catching Hillhead off-guard and leaving their goalkeeper with no defenders in place to challenge the charge. Lorraine cleanly finished the attack with Arran's second goal.

Hillhead did not give up and with great determination managed to pull back two goals in the last six minutes of the game, at which point the Arran team were tiring.

The final score ended with a 2-2 draw and goalkeeper Ali McKie was voted dame of the game by Hillhead for her fantastic goalkeeping skills in thwarting many goal attempts throughout the match.

Arran Ladies 0
Glasgow University 4s 4

Having played on Saturday

and still missing some key players for Sunday's match against Glasgow University 4s, Arran played a courageous game.

Arran had plenty of attempts on goal in the first half, coming up against a very strong defensive line denying goals being scored. Arran's defence held their own throughout this half of the game, but after a determined battle within the circle, Glasgow University managed to score the first goal of the match ending the first half with a 1-0 lead.

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Eyes on the target, Mia Walker powers down the sideline with the ball.



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