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Two Arran schools have struck gold with a top honour. The Lamlash campus comprising Lamlash Primary and Arran High schools has received the highest accolade from sportscotland with its gold award, making it the first campus in Scotland to receive the honour. Full story and more pictures on page 19. Pictured are the high school pupils receiving the award from Barry Fleeting of sportscotland. 01_B46gold04



Sunday boost for travellers

A new train service will allow Arran residents to get to Glasgow three hours earlier on a Sunday.

It is being launched on December 11 and the new Sundays-only service will depart Ardrossan Harbour at 9.35am having connected with the 9.15am arrival of the MV Caledonian Isles service from Brodick. It will arrive in Glasgow at 10.17am.

Previously, the first arrival into Glasgow Central on a Sunday wasn't until 1.18pm. The new service means Arran residents will be able to enjoy a full day shopping or sightseeing in Glasgow on a Sunday for the first time.

Islanders had already decided to give up the late crossing on a Saturday for an earlier service on a Sunday for the duration of the winter timetable.

Cathy Craig of ScotRail said: 'This new service will open up more leisure opportunities for Arran customers and those along the route – three hours extra to spend with family and friends, shopping, going to the theatre or onwards to other destinations.'

CalMac's director of operations Drew Collier said: 'We are dedicated to listening to the communities we support so we can provide lifeline services that best suit their needs.'

Inquiry demanded into staff fired at care home

REPORT

by HUGH BOAG
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A petition has been launched demanding an inquiry into the dismissal of staff at Montrose House care home.

More than 300 signatures have been gathered for the petition which was started by the Church of Scotland.

The kirk sessions of the joint parishes of North Arran have all agreed to support the petition which will be sent to North Ayrshire Council's chief executive Elma Murray demanding an independent investigation into the treatment of five

senior members of staff at the new care home which only officially opened in June last year.

The petition is now available to sign in the churches of Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirmill and Shiskine, as well as in shops and community halls across the north of the island.

It comes after five staff at the new Montrose House and the Stronach Day Care Centre were suspended more than six months ago. Three have since been sacked while two others remain suspended. All had previously worked at the former care home, most for

a number of years. In an open letter to the chief executive, the churches state: 'The sense of deep injustice at the way in which those in senior management within North Ayrshire Council handled this unfortunate situation has continued to cause widespread anger within the Arran community. Therefore we the undersigned office-bearers and members of the five congregations write to you as chief executive calling for an inquiry into what has occurred at Montrose House to be independently investigated by a panel of North Ayrshire councillors. This appeal for

such a course of action to be taken is strengthened by the support of the undersigned parishioners of the Church of Scotland parishes of North Arran and other concerned Arran residents.'

The Church of Scotland first became involved in the staff dispute back in July when Montrose House chaplain, the Rev Angus Adamson, wrote to Arran councillor John Bruce raising concerns about the situation regarding the five senior staff being almost simultaneously suspended from their duties and the manner in which their cases were being dealt with by

the council. The open letter states that the matter was subsequently raised by Councillor Bruce with David Rowland, head of service for health and community care.

But it goes on: 'Since that time the situation has only worsened. The treatment of the staff members concerned by North Ayrshire Council continued in an even more aggressively unfair manner, finally resulting in the dismissal of three of them and, to date, the continuing suspension, after some six months, of the other two.'

The petition is available at **Continued on page three.**



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Peel Ports pledges investment launched to keep ferry service



Doug Coleman from Peel Ports has pledged investment in Ardrossan.

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REPORT

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The owners of Ardrossan harbour have pledged a multi-million-pound investment if the government gives a long-term commitment to keep the Arran ferry at the port.

It came as an official campaign was launched to keep the current ferry route with a show of support from both sides of the crossing.

The newly appointed project director for the redevelopment of Ardrossan harbour, Doug Coleman, of Peel Ports, came to Arran on Monday.

Speaking in Brodick, he said: 'A decision from the government to make a long-term commitment to maintain the Arran ferry at Ardrossan will enable Peel Ports to commit a multi-million-pound investment package at the harbour.'

Mr Coleman has just completed a similar role at the five-year, £400million Liverpool 2 project on the River Mersey, the UK's biggest port development in recent years.

He added: 'The Ardrossan to Arran ferry route is a very important strategic priority for Peel Ports and we have committed significant resources to ensure we reflect the route's lifeline nature for both Arran and Ardrossan.'

Members of the public joined local organisations and businesses to demonstrate the fierce level of backing – on both Arran and the mainland – for the retention of the route.

The campaign has launched under the name of Keep it A to B – Ardrossan to Brodick and encourages supporters to use the hashtag #SaveOurFerry



on social media. The campaign launch comes just days after Transport Minister Humza Yousaf announced an independent study of the Arran ferry service, as reported in last week's *Banner*, taking into account the local social and economic benefits, the impact on public spending and the needs of ferry users.

That followed an announcement from Associated British Ports that it wanted to take the service from Ardrossan and operate it from Troon.

The Keep it A to B campaign highlights the case for retaining the ferry route, which has operated between Ardrossan and Brodick for almost 180 years.

The campaign has backing from Ardrossan ferry terminal operators Peel Ports, North Ayrshire Council and on the

island by the Arran Economic Group and VisitArran.

Council leader Joe Cullinan said at the launch on Monday: 'Although the campaign has only officially launched today, we've already been overwhelmed by support from both sides of the crossing for keeping the Ardrossan to Brodick route.'

'The level of support shown today demonstrates that those who use the route want it to continue on its current crossing. They don't want a slower, longer and more expensive journey with fewer crossings.'

'Passengers, businesses, local organisations and residents both on the mainland and on Arran – have told us they want to keep the shortest, fastest and cheapest route, and that's the Arran to Brodick route.'

'The case for Troon makes it

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all five churches which, with the exception of Corrie, are open every day. The petition is on the door of Corrie Church and is also being circulated at coffee mornings and other events. It will be sent to the chief executive before the end of the month.

The *Banner* first asked for a statement on the situation in September and when we asked again on Wednesday we were given the same response.

A North Ayrshire Council spokesman said: 'Our ambition for Montrose House and Stronach Day Care Centre is to achieve the highest possible level of care for our residents.'

'When we appointed our new manager to take over Montrose House earlier this year, we set out our priorities to allow the facility to fulfil its potential.'

'While we are unable to comment on individual members of staff, we would like to reassure families that our residents are our number one priority and their care is of paramount importance.'

most viable and will ultimately serve the Arran community more effectively in the long term than the alternative route proposed at Troon.

'This is borne out by a recent survey undertaken by the Business Gateway, with initial results showing strong support for the route to Arran remaining at Ardrossan.'

The launch then moved to the mainland where representatives of local organisations and businesses gathered at Ardrossan ferry terminal to show the wide level of backing for the crossing on the mainland side.

The campaign launch came days before a full meeting of North Ayrshire Council where Councillor Cullinane tabled a motion, noting with regret the 'divisive and opportunistic' bid by Associated British Ports to replace the long-established Ardrossan-Brodick route with a longer, slower and more expensive crossing from Troon.

In a demonstration of the cross-party support for the Ardrossan to Brodick route, Willie Gibson, the SNP leader of the main opposition group on the council, seconded the motion.



The launch of the Save Our Ferry campaign brought smiles but the message is very serious. 01_A46ardrossan01

sense – but the case for keeping the Arran ferry sailing from Ardrossan is irresistible.'

The Keep it A to B campaign will highlight the social, moral, economic and environmental case for retaining the current route.

The campaign was launched at Arran's Brodick ferry terminal with support from members of the public, local organisations and businesses.

Tom Tracey, chairman of the Arran Economic Group, said: 'We are confident that the study being undertaken by Transport Scotland will prove that the Ardrossan route is the

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Paterson brothers fight on as eviction day looms closer

Time is running out for the Paterson brothers facing eviction from their farm home.

Despite fresh mediation talks the tenant farmers are still facing the very real threat of eviction on November 28.

And this week they were left with no choice but to try to make alternative arrangements, not only to find themselves somewhere to stay, but also to find a new home for the farm animals and pets. But they have vowed to keep fighting until the day of the eviction.

Glenree has been home to John Paterson his brother Ian and parents Pauline and Jim for 22 years. But in a complex case they are being evicted having lost their security of tenure as a result of the infamous Salvesen Riddell court ruling.

As a result, Arran Estates has taken the chance to reclaim vacant possession and has served the eviction order which comes into effect in two weeks.

The brothers and their lawyers are due to meet with Arran Estates for me-

diation talks in Edinburgh next Thursday but that is only being seen as a day to 'broker a deal' over the sale of the assets of the farm which the family have considerably improved during the past 22 years.

They are also back at the Court of Session next week for the final day of a hearing in which they and six other Scottish tenant farmers are seeking compensation from the Scottish Government for historic legislative mistakes. But even if the farmers win, it could take up to nine months for any compensation to be paid.

Any payout could help the Paterson brothers start up a new farm which Ian said he would be '100 per cent' committed to on the island.

He said: 'Arran has always been my home and I would dearly love to stay here. All my friends are here and I don't want to leave. But at the moment we will be evicted on November 28 and the landowner has told us there will be no new tenancy agreement, but we intend to fight on.'

'However, we have had to

make alternative arrangements. If the eviction goes ahead our sheep will be looked after by our brother who has a farm in Galston. I also have to find a home for my 78 breeding falcons which can go to a friend in Dumfries.' But he said he will lose a whole breeding season, as they are extremely sensitive to their environment, costing him a lot of potential income.

'We are literally packing up our worldly possessions. It is very upsetting.'

If evicted, they will be forced to move back to the mainland where they have a small house in Ayrshire but they will have no room for a lot of their possessions or family pets which they will have to find new homes for.

Brother John added: 'We have a farm sale booked for November 24 and everything will be gone after that, including a lifetime's work.'

Mum Pauline added: 'It was ironic watching Elaine C Smith on Arran talking about the clearances on Arran on TV last week. That is what is happening to us



John and Ian Paterson in front of the falcon breeding facility at the farm.

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today. The Scottish Government could still step in. There is nothing stopping it. It was originally sympathetic but because of the court case, the shutters have come down,' Ian added.

Tenant farmers, including the Patersons and others from Arran, had a meeting with MSPs at Holyrood last week and this week it was hoped that an emergency bill could be put forward to stop all evictions until the

court ruling. However, any move would be unlikely to get the cross-party support which would be required for legislation to be passed.

Government sources also pointed out that both the Agricultural Holdings Act and

the 'fix' a decade later were flawed and so they are reluctant to legislate quickly in case it – again – leads to unintended consequences.

As a result, the Patersons need a solution now, or it will be too late.

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Organisers promise one final spectacular Santa's Sparkle

Santa's Sparkle has become an island institution but this year's event will be the last one.

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Saturday November 26 is the date for your diary, plus this year there will be a special kick-off party on the Friday evening.

This year the event is being produced by The Glenisle Hotel, The Lamlash Bay Hotel, the Pierhead Tavern and the Drift Inn and will take place throughout Lamlash.

It will be an event-packed day which will include Santa's parade, the Sparkle cheerleaders and live music.

The fun starts at noon with the arrival of Santa at the pier and organisers will be hoping for better weather after last year's event was hit by heavy rain.

There will be events you can join, such as the talent showcase, colour run, Santa's disco and the Friday evening kick-off party.

There will also be fun activities for children, such as story-telling with songs and games, cupcake decorating, gift-making and games such as an egg-and- spoon race and a three-legged race.

Favourites will be back such as the Christmas market and the lighting of the Lamlash communi-

Wonderful programme set for biggest and best festive island event

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A wonderful way to become part of Santa's Sparkle is to volunteer to be a steward.

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A young girl meets Santa at last year's 'Sparkle'. 01_A46sparkle01

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Margaret Auld and Vivienne Haigh are all smiles at the raffle stall. 01_A46save02

Save the Children festive fair

The annual Save the Children Christmas Fair attracted a good crowd to Brodick Hall on Saturday morning.

As always the baking stall was the most popular, along with the tombola and raffle stalls. Christmas cards, books, jewellery and handcraft work was all for sale, and the ladies running the cafe were busy selling teas and coffee as well as soup and sandwiches.

The event raised an excellent £1,411.90 and the winner of the annual quiz was Marion Melvin of Corrie, who picked up the £30 prize.



The tomobola does a roaring trade. 01_A46save05



Left: Irene Rollo and Elizabeth McKeller at the baking stall. 01_A46save03

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Printmaking display at Brodick library

Brodick Library, which regularly exhibits works by local artists, is currently hosting an exhibition by printmakers Steven Devisme and Manuela de los Rios.

Stephen and Manuela studied printmaking at the Art School of Cadiz in 2013 and have complemented their training with specialised short courses such as photolithography with Fatima Conesa, chine-collé at the East London Print-

makers workshops and artist bookmaking at the Maison des Arts of Evreux, in France.

They moved from Cadiz to Arran in 2015 with their three children, attracted by the island's environment and its community.

In August this year they took part in the Arran Open Studios, showing visitors how they produce different types of prints using their Polymetaal press.

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The print exhibition will

be on display for the rest of the month. In addition, the duo will also be running a print-making workshop in the library on Saturday November 19 from 2pm to 5pm, which is an exciting opportunity to learn a new art skill and anyone interested should contact the library on 302835.

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Cat reunited with owner after eight-month epic journey

An 11-year-old female cat has been reunited with her owner after she went missing more than eight months ago and was found 11 miles away on the opposite side of the island.

Dawn MacAlister, of Blackwaterfoot, was dev-

astated when Spizz, whom she adopted from the Cats Protection League along with her brother Sammy, went missing at the end of February this year.

Searches

Being hopeful of finding her again, she conduct-

ed searches in the area and posted lost notices around the village as well as placing an advert in the *Banner*, but Spizz was nowhere to be found.

The searching continued for months and, just as all hope was fading, and Dawn

was feeling particularly low because one of her horses was ill, a call from out of the blue gave her hope that Spizz might still be alive.

A friend of Dawn's had seen a photo on Instagram of a stray cat that had visited a family in Strathwhil-an which looked remarkably like Spizz.

After making contact with the family, Dawn instantly recognised the cat as her missing companion who had disappeared more than eight months ago.

Delighted

A reunion was arranged and Spizz was visibly delighted to see Dawn again after an eight-month break and an 11-mile journey.

Dawn said: 'It's a remarkable story because her return coincided with a sad day for me. I am delighted to have her back home and reunited with her brother Sammy.'



Dawn MacAlister and Spizz are reunited at their home in Blackwaterfoot. 01_B45spizz01

Bonfire night in Brodick



Fireworks light up the night sky in Brodick on Saturday and, around the island, other villages also held Guy Fawkes night bonfires and fireworks displays. One of the biggest bonfires was in Blackwaterfoot, which attracted a healthy crowd, as did the other events around the island, although those turning out had to wrap up warmly. 01_A46bonfire01

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Inquiry urgently needed

There is an old adage that the church and politics don't mix.

But this week we applaud the Church of Scotland for taking a firm stance on a matter which it clearly has deep concerns about.

The suspension of five senior members of staff at Montrose House and the subsequent sacking of three of them is a serious matter indeed. So it was only right when concerns were brought to the care home chaplain, the Rev Angus Adamson, that he should take them up with the authorities.

This he did without fuss or fanfare. What happened? Very little it seems.

We can only imagine his frustration and when further allegations were made to him about 'this unfortunate situation'.

Concerns about the situation had by now reached the wider Arran community. Mr Adamson felt he had to act again. He did so by telling the kirk session of each of the five churches which make up the North Arran Linkage some of his concerns. Again without anything being said in public.

Only now with the unanimous support of the congregations of Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirmill and Shiskine has Mr Adamson gone public and, even before the petitions are sent to the council, it is time for the authorities to act.

This matter must be independently investigated as a matter of urgency.

The people of Arran have a great love for and affinity with Montrose House.

For the sake of the residents and everyone involved with the care home, that cannot be allowed to be diminished.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

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

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Letters to the Editor



Appraisal of the facts

Sir,
Much of the recent publicity has been concerned with the effects on Ardrossan if the Arran service was relocated to Troon, but it is worth keeping in mind that the issue of service unreliability is what affects the economy of the island (pop app. 5,000).

No-one is disputing the convenience of onward travel from Ardrossan, but it is of little advantage when the ferry cannot access the port. We are all familiar with the announcement 'the ferry will depart for Ardrossan but berthing is not guaranteed and if unable to berth it will return to Brodick'.

Contrary to what has been stated elsewhere, Troon, unlike Ardrossan, has a north facing harbour entrance which is sheltered from the prevailing southerlies giving relatively easy access when the same conditions make Ardrossan difficult. For those who require 'evidence' this is the case, I strongly recommend that on the next occasion when the ferry is storm-bound in Brodick with a southerly gale, they should visit Troon to see for themselves: i.e. for those not stranded on Arran.

The ferry journey to Troon would be longer, but could be reduced by faster ferries, and a shuttle bus is required to the sheltered station which has a more frequent service to Glasgow.

The advantage in service reliability to the island could be considerable, both in terms of avoiding unnecessary overnight stays and making tourist winter breaks more attractive.

The obvious alternative is to carry out major civil

works to make the approach to Ardrossan harbour safer in southerlies and enable the other advantages of the port to be realised. New ferries will not affect the position, we have been that way before! Unless this is done, Ardrossan will remain unsuitable for reliable year round car ferry services and the advantages from investment in new ferries and Brodick terminal will have little effect on reliability.

The on-shore facilities proposed for Troon are unlikely to cost as much as the necessary civil works to Ardrossan, so the overall outlay would be less. It may well be harbour dues would also be less. What are the present annual payments for Ardrossan? The direct employment situation for Ardrossan terminal staff need not change if personnel transport was provided to Troon. It would be a welcome change to have an appraisal of the facts, with the emphasis on the needs of the island rather than misleading information and 'knee jerk' reactions.

Yours,
**Robert Kerr
Lochranza**

Keeping to schedule

Sir
A lot has been said this last few weeks about the service, lack of service or just about anything else current with our main ferry.

Some readers may remember my letter in August about the bus to meet the last boat one evening left prior to arrival of the ferry. I contacted both CalMac and Stagecoach as to why this had happened and the reply from Stagecoach was that they were informed by a member of CalMac's staff that the ferry was 40 minutes late and as they're con-

tracted to wait up to 31 minutes before sending the buses out on their scheduled routes the decision was to instruct their drivers to leave. Fair enough. I was also informed there was a shortage of drivers that evening so it wasn't possible to run extra buses later, Again fair enough.

The reason CalMac gave for the ferry being late was 'weather conditions and volume of traffic'. I contacted CalMac asking them why, if foot passengers had to be onboard 10 minutes before sailing, were car drivers exempt, as obviously, if the ferry was running 40 minutes late because of volume of traffic, this 10-minute rule was out the window. Yes, the Isle of Arran was sheltering in Troon, poor old girl was poorly and not allowed out in anything stronger than a zephyre, hence the volume of traffic and the weather being to blame. I hope the ship repairers in Aberdeen have sorted that problem out or it's going to be a right miserable couple of weeks next year when 'Calamity Isles' is in for her annual docking.

But I digress, one of my comments to CalMac was sailing to schedule, car drivers have to be available for loading 30 minutes prior to sailing and personally think that the Chief Officer and his team do a sterling job of loading in the 10 to 15 minutes allowed for loading. Any car, booked or unbooked should not be allowed to board after the scheduled departure time, this would make drivers pull their fingers out and follow instructions. CalMac were a little slow when 16 unbooked cars were left behind when there was space for them (see photo on page 2 of last week's *Banner*), they quoted 'human er-

ror', they should have said the ferry left on time and as these cars were unbooked they weren't loaded to allow time for safety checks to be carried out. Anyway, we all know that it is policy to book for any sailing whether we think the boat is going to be empty or not, so keep to schedule CalMac, ensure budding drivers are really aware of the necessity to plan ahead, book ahead then they'll get on to the island, or off if they really must.

Yours
**John Lawson
Catacol**

Democratic option

Sir,
I have lived on Arran for six years and it has sometimes felt that every other week the *Banner* has published a letter complaining about the ferry service between Brodick and Ardrossan.

Now thanks to Associated British Ports (ABP) we have what appears to be a credible alternative to Ardrossan in the shape of the port of Troon. However many people and organisations who purport to speak for the population of Arran are of the opinion that the choice of Ardrossan is a 'no brainer'.

The port of Ardrossan owners who appear to have been receiving regular payments from CalMac whilst not making any noticeable investment tell us that if the status quo is maintained they will consider making a multi-million pound investment. Sound familiar?

I wonder if the fashionable solution of a referendum for Arran residents may offer a democratic option as a way forward.

Yours,
**Philip Millard
Kildonan**

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Band flies in to write their third album

Well-known Glasgow band The Mighty Sparrahawk were on Arran last week to write their new album.

The band are also known for its support of Scottish and Glaswegian causes. In 2013 they released a CD called *Tom Weir* which raised funds for the Tom Weir Memorial Fund which campaigned for a statue to honour the legendary Scottish climber, author and broadcaster. The statue

was unveiled on the shores of Loch Lomond in December 2014.

The founding member Dutch Rukowski is also a founding member of the Clutha Trust, a music and arts charity that raises moneys and run concerts and events for youth and disadvantaged children. Band member Khris Beattie is also involved with the Clutha Next Generation, which encourag-

es young people from disadvantaged backgrounds to become involved in music.

The Mighty Sparrahawk have been a resident band at the Clutha since 2003 so Khris, also known as Frodovskee, was deeply affected by the tragedy in November 2013 when a police helicopter crashed into the Clutha Vaults in Glasgow. The band still regularly plays at the re-opened venue.

The band stayed in Corriecravie during their visit while writing and recording their third album, and they also performed an acoustic set at the Pierhead Tavern in Lam-lash.

Dutch Rukowski and Khris Beattie of The Mighty Sparrahawk spent time on Arran last week writing their third album. 01_B45sparrahawk01



Community land in garden club meeting spotlight

The Garden Club welcomed Pippa Downing to their October evening.

Pippa gave them an excellent presentation about the Arran Community Land Initiative in Whiting Bay.

She explained about how it was established in 2013 with the aim of advancing education, training, skills and to advance public participa-

tion in recreation. She then told us about the purchase of the 80 acres of disused farmland, the funding and the ongoing plans for the area.

These included community gardens, an apple orchard, education involving local children and older students, recreational activities for families, young people and adventures and saving the endan-

gered Arran Whitebeam. The members found it to be an enjoyable, informative evening and it was rounded off with plant of the month, a cuppa and the raffle.

The club meet again on Thursday November 24 at the Brodick Castle Ranger Centre at 7.30pm for our annual meeting and winter social. New members and visitors welcome.

Whale washes up on shore at Whitefarland

The carcass of a female Minke whale washed up on the shore at Whitefarland last week.

The carcass, first sighted and reported to the Scottish Strandings Scheme at Carradale, floated across the sea and onto the shore at Whitefarland where it showed signs of having become entangled in something.

Arran Ranger Service

has issued a reminder to people of what to do in the event of finding a dead or stranded marine animal.

Hotline

They can be reported to the Scottish Marine animal stranding hotline on 07979 245 893 or 01463 243030.

Included in the report should be a description of the animal, the location and size of the animal as well as the state of it.

Live strandings can also be reported to the Scottish SPCA animal hotline on 03000 999999 or the British Divers Marine Life Rescue on 01825 765546.

Club draw

The winner of Lamlash Improvements 50-50 Club October draw was Mary Deas who won £100.

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Ross Kerr presents Ian Staples with a present for all of his assistance. 01_B46DOE12



Thomas Mowatt receives a certificate and pin for his DOE diamond challenge. 01_B46DOE08



The Duke of Edinburgh silver award winners. 01_B46DOE14



Left: Max Doubleday received an Oxfam youth ambassador award. 01_B46DOE04



Katherine Mowatt receives her bronze award. 01_B46DOE06



The 2016 Duke of Edinburgh bronze award winners. 01_B46DOE15

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Lizzie Mowatt receives her Level 1 coaching certificate from centre manager Ian Staples. 01_B46DOE10



Inspirational youngsters reap their just rewards



Arran Outdoor Centre in Lamash opened its doors to host the annual Duke of Edinburgh presentation and awards evening.

The evening proved popular with a supportive audience that included young people, parents and other members of the community.

During the past year the silver and gold expeditions were sponsored by businesses including The Douglas Hotel, the Isle of Arran Distillery, George Leslie Ltd, and the Arran Trust charity. It quickly became clear how grateful the young people were for this vital financial support as the silver and gold groups shared their expedition experiences.

The silver group circumnavigated the island in a kayak while conducting a seabird survey. They shared their experiences and the survey results while thanking Jim Cassels for his kind donation of the Arran Bird Atlas to each member of the group.

The survey had enabled the young people to become familiar with many seabirds that inhabit our island.

The gold group shared their experiences of kayaking further north through the Great Glen and it was evident just how challenging this expedition had been but also how enjoyable. Team spirit became

very important to them as the expedition unfolded. The group shared a film of their experiences that allowed the audience to really appreciate just what they had achieved as well as the wonderful sights they had witnessed.

A lovely Italian supper was enjoyed with minds occupied by an Italian quiz.

The raffle for a hamper donated by George Leslie Ltd was well supported.

After supper it was time for the awards and it quickly became clear just how much has been achieved by the young people in the Duke of Edinburgh group.

The audience heard about the Oxfam Youth Ambassador scheme that operates within the island's Duke of Edinburgh group.

This is a worthy volunteering experience that allows members to appreciate international issues in developing nations and how they might help make a difference.



George Doubleday receives his Level 1 coaching certificate.

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Five of the group were awarded Oxfam Youth Ambassador status.

Bronze and silver awards were given to many of them and there were even some gold section awards.

This is a special birthday year for the Duke of Edinburgh nationally so they

set the challenge of a diamond award which anyone associated with the scheme could have a go at by setting their own personal challenge. One of the leaders, Amanda Hogge, was one of the worthy recipients and a small number of young people also achieved their Diamond award.

On top of all these awards came kayaking awards including two- and three-star paddling achievement awards and paddle coaching awards. This is probably when the audience really began to appreciate just how much had been achieved by these young people in the last year.

There is no doubt they are making the most of the opportunities available. The support of the outdoor centre could not be over-stated and a box of sweets was given to the staff by the young people.

Fundraising is a continuous issue for the Duke of

Edinburgh group which is proving to be more and more popular. Currently the group – and their sister group, the Arran Kayak Club, are competing for Aviva community funding online and if everyone on Arran cast their votes they would both stand an excellent chance of achieving vital funding for the coming year.

Just visit www.aviva-communityfund.co.uk and register to vote as you get 10 opportunities to support these very worthy island-based groups.

It was a very enjoyable evening and a big thank you to everyone who made it possible. A strong sense of community supporting our young people has to be an excellent outcome.

However, the evening belonged to the young people themselves and we are all so very proud and inspired by what they have achieved.

Fiona Doubleday



Abbie McKelvie receives her bronze award from Gavin Ferguson, North Ayrshire Council development worker.

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Rory Morrison receives a certificate for completing the expedition section of his silver DOE programme.

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The 2016 gold kayaking group pose with the raffle donated by George Leslie Ltd.

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Corrie Film Club show

Corrie Film Club's November showing, the first of the new season, is *The Salt of the Earth* (2014. Cert 12 110mins).

The film, which has been carried forward from last year's syllabus, is an awe-inspiring documentary on the work of acclaimed photographer, Sebastio Salgado, which won best documentary at Cannes as well as the audience award in 2015.

For 40 years Salgado travelled the world capturing moments that have defined humanity – he witnessed and documented war, famine, the grandiose landscapes and epic beauty of nature – and his inspirational life and work is revealed in this Oscar winning documentary.

Powerful, affecting and profound, it is not only the portrait of a great artist but of life itself.

See this film in Corrie and Sannox Village Hall on Sunday November 13 at 8pm. Everyone welcome.

Red Door celebrates 10 years of trading



Ruth and Stacey with staff members Anne Hutchison and May Crawford.

In 2006, sisters Stacey Smith and Ruth Parker decided they wanted to start their own gift shop and transform their love of jewellery, handbags and scarves into a business.

So after a lot of hard work and with lots of help from friends, family and the community, Red Door opened its door on November 10, 2006.

Since then Stacey and Ruth have strived to source new and exciting items and bring their customers something a little bit different.

Their eclectic mix of beautiful bags, stunning jewellery and original gifts has proved popular throughout the community and their varied selection of games and toys make it a hit with the whole family.

This month marks Red Door's 10th birthday, a huge achievement for a wee shop and a milestone that Stacey and Ruth are keen to celebrate.

'We know we couldn't have made it to our 10th birthday without the fantastic support from all our lovely local customers and we wanted to take this opportunity to thank them for their ongoing support,' Stacey said.

As a thank you there will be a month of birthday celebrations at Red Door, packed with presents, giveaways and cake. So pop along and wish Red Door a happy 10th birthday.



Outside the new shop are sisters Ruth Parker and Stacey Smith with their father, Chris Smith, and Ruth's son, 12-year-old Stuart. b46red01

How the Banner covered the Red Door opening 10 years ago.

Shop Arran weekend will be the best yet

Preparations for this year's Shop Arran weekend are in full swing.

Local shops are ordering in lots of Christmas gifts ahead of the event, which will take place from Friday December 2 till Sunday December 4.

Shopping locally means you escape the crowds, it

eliminates ferry disruptions and you will be sure to find gifts that are that little bit different.

Customers will also enjoy some local fun and entertainment along the way.

Now in its fifth year, joint organiser Lorna Mansfield of the Old Byre Showroom in Machrie said: 'We will take the same route as last year whereby each participating shop will do individual deals or discounts relevant to their shop.'

Prize draw

Spend £30 in any shop and get a card stamped, get three stamps and you will be entered into our prize draw to win one of our super hampers, full of gifts from our unique island shops.

'We look forward to making this year's Shop Arran weekend the best one yet.'

Should any other shop owners wish to join in, please contact either Lorna at the Old Byre or Andrew at Arran Active or email lorna@oldbyre.co.uk for more details.



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Skein of geese a familiar sight in the autumn skies

October was the driest month this year. It was the driest October that I have recorded here, with less than a quarter of the rainfall normally recorded in recent years. It was also storm free and mild, providing a welcome settled spell of weather.

During the month there were plenty of interesting birds to enjoy. Around 100 species were recorded. October is arguably the busiest birding month, as summer breeders depart, migrants pass through, winter visitors arrive and there is always a strong chance of something unusual.

The build-up of the number of winter thrushes, fieldfare and redwing was a feature of the month. There were widespread reports of the birds feasting on autumn berries, with flocks in the hundreds being reported in the north and in the south of the island including 1,300 fieldfare and 300 redwing in Sliderry on October 29.

Trumpeting

Skeins of migratory geese and swans in their distinctive 'V' flying formation were also a feature, including, again on October 29, 14 whooper swan over Kilpatrick and Shiskine, 22 whooper swan over High Kildonan, 30 pink-footed geese over Sliderry and 32 greylag geese over Kilmory, their honking and trumpeting calls filling the autumn skies.

Other sightings indicating migration was in full flow included: 40 turnstone in Silver Sands on 2nd, six dunlin in Blackwaterfoot on



Brambling, first record this year but worth checking the flocks of chaffinch for this continental visitor.

Photo: Robert Lambie.

6th, a bar-tailed godwit in Auchenhew Bay on 10th, a greenshank in Cordon also on 10th, 162 golden plover at Machriewaterfoot on 15th, a knot in Kildonan on 16th, 300 skylark over Sliderry also on 16th, 25 twite in Kildonan on 19th, 30 goldfinch in Auchenhew on 21st, and 100 teal and



Redwing, by Brian Couper, another one of the winter thrushes in large flocks on Arran at the moment. A visitor from Iceland.

Photo: Brian Couper.

100 starling in Cosyden on 28th. Familiar birds were being reported in numbers that would suggest birds moving out of cold northern Europe to the milder climes of our island, including 100 chaffinch on Cleat Shore on 1st, eight dunnock in Sliderry on 19th, 12 coal tit in Balmichael on 21st, 70 robin in Auchenhew also on 21st and 10 blackbird in Sliderry on 25th.

There were some 'last sightings' of summer visitors also moving south including: a whinchat on Cleats Shore on 1st, a sandwich tern in Whiting Bay on 4th, 100 gannet off Pirn-mill on 5th, a chiffchaff in Auchenhew on 21st, a lesser black-backed gull in Lochranza on 23rd, a wheatear in Kilmory on 24th and a swallow in Sliderry on 28th.

Winter visitors arriving included: three brambling in Sliderry on 19th, 127 rook in Kilmory on 28th, 60 wigeon at Cosyden also on 28th, a male blackcap in Lochranza on 31st and two

yellowhammer in Sliderry also on 31st. Other interesting records from a month with a plethora of birds included: all three divers - two red-throated diver in Whiting Bay on 2nd, 23 black-throated diver off Blackwaterfoot on 8th, three great northern diver in Machrie Bay on 29th, three red grouse on Meall Mor on 2nd, a jack snipe in Mayish on 14th, four bullfinch on Lamlash Hill on 21st, five little grebe in Loch Ranza also on 21st, 12 long-tailed tit in Lochranza on 30th and two tufted duck in Port na Lochan also on 30th.

Finally, on Monday October 31, there was a report of a sooty shearwater four nautical miles south of Pladda in the afternoon. This species is a long distance migrant breeding on islands in the South Atlantic and South Pacific. It is a rare vagrant to Arran. The last record was 2009. The observer's report has been submitted to the appropriate rarities committee, the official adjudicator of rare bird records in the west of Scotland.

Enjoy your birding

Please send any bird notes with 'what, when, where' to me at Kilpatrick Kennels, Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot, KA27 8EY, or email me at jim@arranbirding.co.uk I look forward to hearing from you. For more information on birding on Arran, purchase the Arran Bird Atlas 2007-2012 as well as the latest Arran Bird Report and visit this website www.arranbirding.co.uk



Fieldfare, one of the winter thrushes in large flocks on Arran at the moment. A visitor from the continent.

Photo: Brian Couper.



A skein of geese in their distinctive flying formation. Photo: Jim Cassels.

Bird notes

by Jim Cassels

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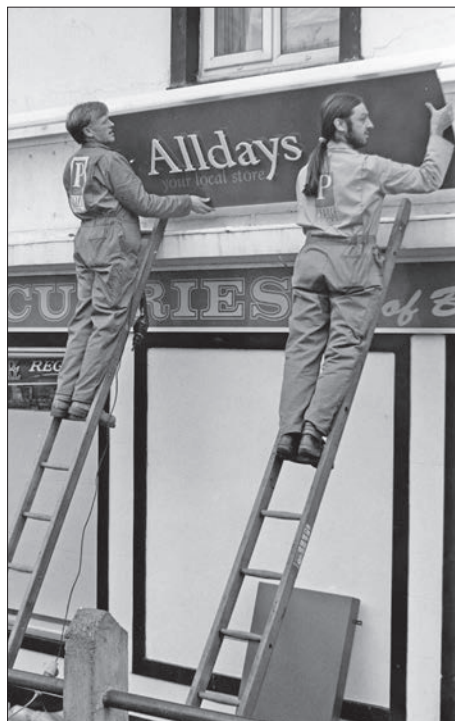
Arran city shop

The Isle of Arran Shop has opened on Great Western Road, Kelvinbridge, Glasgow. An Arran shop also opened on Byres Road recently but that was only for the festive season. The new shop will stock products from more than 21 Arran businesses including pottery, cheese, candles, jewellery, leather and woodcarving.

This will be the first permanent outlet selling Arran goods and Hilary McMaster of Arran Pottery, who will be running the shop, hopes the quality of products and goodwill towards Arran will mean good sales.

Five goes live

The existing four channels on TV will be increased when Channel 5 comes to Arran. Well, it will for the east coast of Arran as only Brodick, Lamlash and Whiting Bay will be able to receive it. Alex Salmons has been tasked with the contract to go to every house in the area to adjust TV sets so that no interference occurs with any other channels. Due to start broadcasting in January, the channel will be delayed because of the monumental task of operators across the country having to visit every house which is taking longer than expected.



Curries of Brodick officially ceased trading on Wednesday morning. The Curries signs were taken down to be replaced by new Alldays signs. B46twe01

Village voice

A record number of 35 people attended the Pirmill Improvements Association annual general meeting last Tuesday. The main topics were the closure of the village shop and Post Office which people wished to maintain. However, since the shop was in private ownership, they had no authority over it and there has been no indication of any moves to get a Post Office operating in the village again. The future of the war memorial, which is cracked and could take up to £4,000 to repair, was also discussed and a suggestion to apply for a repair grant will be investigated.



Cadet Stephen Weir salutes at Brodick war memorial during last week's Remembrance Sunday service. B46twe05



The last picture of Arran Ladies Hockey team on the grass pitch at Sandbraes before they moved to the new astroturf pitch at Ormidale Park. B46twe02



Whiting Bay Brownies, helped by Brown Owl Hazel Mackenzie and Tawny Owl Christine Macleod, planted six tubs of flowers in the village. B46twe03



Corrie Golf Club members at their annual prizegiving dinner in the Ingledene Hotel last Friday. B46twe04

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Bus Pass club meal
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Friends of Brodick Castle AGM
Arran Elderly Forum
Coffee Morning

9am - 10.30am & 4pm - 6pm
9am - 2pm & 4pm - 6pm
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am-10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30
Auchrannie Spa, Brodick, 5.30pm
Kinneil, Lamlash, 7-8.30pm
Fiddlers, Brodick 7.30pm - 10pm

Saturday 12th November

Army Cadets
Over 21s Disco
Family Games
Fun in the pool
Arran Vets - Surgery
Arran Vets - Reception
Live music
Blackwaterfoot Bowls
Flow Yoga
RNLI Christmas shop
Live Music - Mona Lisas
Live Music - Acoustic Butterfly
Hospital supports league coffee morning

Auchrannie Road 11am -1 pm
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Auchrannie Spa pool, 4-5pm
9.30am - 11am
9.30am - 12 noon
Fiddlers, Brodick from 7.30pm
Bowling Club, 1.15pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 9am
Lamlash Pier, 10.30am - 12.30pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
The Douglas Hotel, Brodick, 9pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 10.30am - 12noon

Whiting Bay Hall, 1pm
Shiskine Hall, 7.30pm
The PHT, 12 noon - 2.30pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 8pm
Castle Tearoom, 2.30pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 11am
Brodick Church hall, 10..30am - 12noon

Sunday 13th November

Family Games
Fun in the pool
Open acoustic session at Fiddlers'
AA Meeting
Live music - Simple October
Taigi & Oigong
Live music - Arran Dawn

Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm
Fiddlers, Brodick 2.30pm - 5pm
Brodick church Hall, 5pm - 6.30pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 3pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 3.30pm

Monday 14th November

Over 50s Badminton
Badminton
Morning Fitness
Badminton
Arran Vets - Surgery
Arran Vets - Reception
Arran Junior Football Club
Circuit Training
Lamlash Aerobix
RunArran
Tae Kwondo
Arran Bridge
Arran Citizen's Advice Bureau
Live music
Information evening for woodland accommodatio

Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm
9am - 10.30am & 4pm - 6pm
9am - 2pm & 4pm - 6pm
Ormidale Park, 6-7.30pm
Auchrannie Gym, 6-7pm
Arran High School Dance Studio, 6.30pm
Drift Inn, Lamlash 5.30pm
Brodick Church Hall Adults & over 10s, 7.00pm - 8.30pm
Lamlash Golf Club, 7pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30am - 1.30pm
Fiddlers, Brodick 7.30pm - 10pm
The Douglas Hotel, 4pm - 7pm

Thursday 17th November

Morning Fitness
General Knowledge Quiz
Arran Vets - Surgery
Arran Vets - Reception
Live music
Ladies Hockey
RUNFIT
Burger & Quiz night
Winter Bowls
Tennis senior club night
Mixed Martial Arts/XFit
Arran Bridge
Quilt Arran
Flow Yoga
Chair Yoga
10th Ayrshire Shiskine cub Scouts & Beavers
RUNFIT
Brodick Embroidery group

Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
9am - 10.30am & 4pm - 6pm
9am - 2pm & 4pm - 6pm
Fiddlers, Brodick 7.30pm - 10pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 7.30-8.30pm
Lamlash Front Green, 6.45am
Felicity's @ Eden Lodge, from 7.30pm
Auchrannie, 7pm
Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club, 5.30pm
Balmichael Centre, 7pm
Brodick Golf Club, 7pm for 7.15pm
Lamlash Fire Station, 2pm - 4.30pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 6pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 10.30am - 11.30am
Shiskine Hall, 6pm - 7.30pm
Lamlash Green, 6.45am
Brodick Library, 7.30pm-9.30pm

Friday 18th November

Yoga
Hydrofit
Arran Youth Foundations
Lochranza Kids Badminton
Lochranza Adults Badminton
Quiz
Arran Vets - Surgery
Arran Vets - Reception
AA Meeting
Live music
Tae Kwondo
Factory Tours
Frydays @ Lochranza Field Centre

Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
Church Hall, Brodick 7pm-9pm
Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm
Lochranza Hall, 8pm
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 8pm
9am - 10.30am & 4pm - 6pm
9am - 2pm & 4pm - 6pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
Fiddlers, Brodick, 7.30pm
Arran high School, Lamlash Adults, 7pm - 8.30pm
Arran Aromatics, 11am - 3pm
Lochranza field centre, 5.30pm - 8pm

Tuesday 15th November

Pop Quiz
Alcoholics Anonymous
Youth Club
Arran Vets - Surgery
Arran Vets - Reception
Rotary club
Healthy Outdoors
Blackwaterfoot Bowls
RunArran Run Coaching
Bridge Class (beginners/improvers)
Open Cricket Session
Lamlash Drama Club
Flow Yoga
Live music
Garden Walk
Metafit
Scottish Country Dance
Winter bowls
Whiting Bay Drama Club

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
Kildonan Hall, 7pm
9am - 10.30am & 4pm - 6pm
9am - 2pm & 4pm - 6pm
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 6.30pm
NTS Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm
Bowling Club, 1.15pm
Lamlash, 5.30pm
Brodick Golf Club, 2.30pm - 4.30pm
Brodick Astro Turf 7pm-9pm
Arran High School, 6.30pm - 9pm
Corrie & Sannox Hall, 6pm
Fiddlers, Brodick 7.30pm - 10pm
Brodick Castle, 2pm - 3pm
Arran High School, 6pm
Brodick, Church Hall, 7.30pm
Auchrannie, 7pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7.30pm

Wednesday 16th November

Rock & Pop Bingo
Tae Kwondo
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Brass Rehearsal

Ormidale Hotel 9.30pm
Arran high School Kids-6.30-7.30pm Adults-7.30-8.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
Brodick Church Hall, 7-9pm



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Brodick Health Centre 15.00 - 16.00	Lamlash Fire Station 15.00 - 16.00

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Corrie Golf Club
Saturday October 29, Corrie Open. A great entry of 37 players from all Arran clubs enjoyed near summer weather for the club's annual open.

Pablo is to be commended on presenting a course in first class condition. Scoring therefore was low, with eventual winner Iain Keen returning an excellent net 57, but still only edging it by a stroke from Len Hartley. Iain wins free membership for next season. Many thanks to all our sponsors for their support. 1 I Keen 71-14=57, BIH, 2 L Hartley 77-19=58, 3 Iain Andrews 73-13=60, BIH. Scratch, Jamie McPherson 67.
Monday October 31, Winter Cup, an excellent score

from John Adam which will make it difficult to feature again in the results until probably March with his revised handicap. 1 J Adam 63-8=55, 2 P Moran 79-20=59, 3 I McMillan 75-15=60. Magic twos from J Adam x2, A Burke x2, I McMillan, R Burke and R McLean.

Saturday November 5, Winter Cup, 1 L Hartley 35pts BIH, 2 A Napier 35pts.

Fixture: Saturday November 12, Winter Cup, ballots at 8.30am and 12.30pm.

Whiting Bay Golf Club
Sunday November 5, round one of this season's campaign saw WBGC take on Corrie.

A glorious autumn morning greeted the players and the first pairing out for Whiting Bay was Jamie Macpherson and Kevin McAleney.

They secured a half in a tightly fought encounter. Next up Danny Head and Graeme Crichton scored an emphatic victory by 5 and 3.

That was followed by George McKechnie, making a welcome return to competitive golf, and Wolfi Kroner who won by 2 and 1. The final game saw Stan Rainey and John Dick prevail 2 holes up resulting in a victory for Whiting Bay by 3 and a half to a half. Well done to all the players for a fine performance in beating a strong Corrie team on their own course.

Fixture: Sunday November 13, Winter Cup rnd 2, 10am draw.

Brodick Golf Club
Sunday 30 October, Winter Cup, Stableford. Peter McCalla (7) 40pts, Jim Reid (16) 39pts, Bruce Jenkins (7) 37pts.



Overall winner Alison Young, second left, with her friends from Dougalston Golf Club.

Wednesday November 2, Wednesday Cup. 1 Charles O'Neill 76-18=58, 2 Brian Allison 82-22=60. Magic twos, Jim Green, John Beattie and John May.

Saturday November 5, Saturday Cup, Stableford. Iain Sillars (14) 36pts, Bob McCrae (8) 35pts, Iain MacDonald (7) 34pts. Fixture: Sunday 13 November, Brandon Qualifier, draws 9am and noon.

Machrie Bay Golf Club
Saturday November 5, Lochranza Hotel Cup. CSS 65 R/O. 1 M Sherwood 35pts, 2 W Kelso 33pts, 3 R Betley 28pts BIH.

Fixture: Tuesday November 22, Winter Cup, noon.

Arran Golfers' Association
Sunday November 6, Winter League/Duncan Trophy 2016/2017, first round at Corrie Golf Club.

This year's competition got off to a great start with a crisp but cold, dry day. Thanks to Corrie for hosting and to Claire in the tearoom for the warming soup and rolls. Thanks also to Pablo for the course which as usual was top notch.

Hosts Corrie got off to a bad start losing their home game to Whiting Bay by 3 and a half games to a half, Shiskine defeated neighbours Machrie by 3 games to 1 and finally Lamlash got the better of Brodick by 3 and a half to a half.

Next month's games will be played on Sunday December 4 at Shiskine Golf Club. Draw: Shiskine v

Corrie 8.30am, Lamlash v Machrie 9.20am, Brodick v Whiting Bay 11.50am.

Shiskine Golf Club
A record number of 374 ladies played in the Arran Challenge, sponsored by the Kinloch Hotel.

A fantastic turn-out again and great weather. This is played in stableford format and it is the best two out of three rounds that count.

As you can see from the leaderboard, golfers came from all over Scotland and indeed from the north of England.

The weather was kind in general and Shiskine would like to thank all the ladies for coming to play Shiskine, and to enjoy Arran.

The club hope to see you all next year and, believe it or not, we have already taken bookings for October 2017. Ladies' Arran Challenge 2016, 374 played. 1st Class: 1 Paula Galloway, Douglas Park (11) 28+26=54, 2 Val Purdie, Dunblane New (11) 25+26=51, 3 Cecilia Macintyre, Craigmillar Park (9) 24+26=50 BIH, 4 Sam Burton, Dunfermline (7) 26 +24=50 BIH, 5 Elspeth Inch, Strathaven (12) 27+23=50. 2nd Class: overall winner 1 Alison Young, Dougalston (15) 28+26=54 BIH, 2 Sara Stewart, Benbecula (14) 26+25=51, 3 Rhonda Hughes, Millport (13) 22+28=50, 4 Catherine Ann Murphy, Benbecula (18) 24+25=49, 5 Joan Jennings, Skelmorlie (15) 23+24=47

CHURCH NOTICES

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH (Part of the Worldwide Anglican Church) St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday, 13th November: Joint Remembrance Service at Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church, 10.45. Holy Communion at St Margaret's to follow, with Mrs Janis Gallagher. Coffee after Communion service.
ALL WELCOME

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Parishes of North Arran Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirnmill and Shiskine Independent but working together
Minister: Rev Angus Adamson, Parish assistant: Mrs Jean hunter:

Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times to which all are invited.

Sunday 13th November
Lochranza Church and Pirnmill Churches, 10.15am Morning Worship in Pirnmill Village Hall followed by a service at the War Memorial at 10.55 am. Shiskine Church, 12noon War Memorial Service
12.15 Remembrance Day Service, St Molios.
Brodick Church, 10am War Memorial Service,
10.30am Remembrance Day Service, St Bride's.
Corrie Church, 11.30am Prayer Meeting 12noon Service at War Memorial
12.15 Remembrance Day Church Service.
There will also be a Service of Worship in Montrose House at 1.30pm.

WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
(Charity Number: SC014005)
Sunday 13th November 2016
Worship for Remembrance Sunday will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson, beginning outside at 10.55am (N.B. change of time) for the laying of the wreath and two minutes silence observed at the War Memorial, followed by a shortened service of remembrance There will be a retiring offering in aid of the Earl Haig Fund. All welcome. Tea and coffee will be served in the Transept before and after the service. There will be a service of Remembrance in the Arran War Memorial Hospital

at 1.30pm to which all are welcome.
Also, the Church Christmas Card, to be sent to all members, will be available to be signed, and all proceeds will go to the Glasgow City Mission. All welcome.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Kilmory linked with Lamlash
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Sunday 13th November
Rev Lily McKinnon
Remembrance Sunday
Kilmory 10 am
Lamlash 11.30 am
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HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH
Sunday 13th November
Sunday Mass 11am

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Sunday 13th November
Morning Service 11am
Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick
Evening Service 6-30pm
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ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH
Minister: Rev Vince Jennings
Sunday 13th November
Service 11am at Ormidale Pavilion
Tea & Coffee after the service.
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ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
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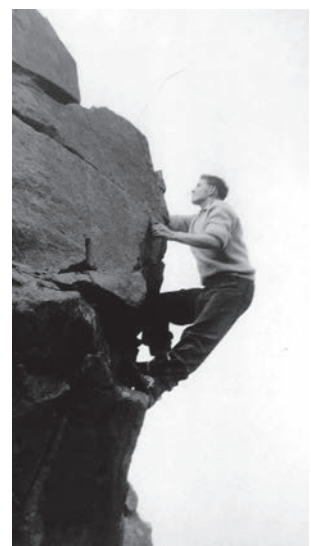
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HUNTER-WILLIAM (BILLY).
Passed away in Grande Prairie, Canada on 26th October (aged 79 years). Billy lived and worked on Arran from 1961-1967. He taught at Arran High as well as being an active member of the Mountain Rescue team during that time. Billy will be sadly missed by family and friends in both Scotland and Canada, including his youngest brother, Colin, children Lesley, Dave and Sarah and grandchildren Ben and Ali.



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THANK YOU
Mick & Isla would like to thank all friends and neighbours for their cards and good wishes on their Diamond Anniversary special thanks to all the family.

Lamlash campus strikes gold with top sportscotland award

REPORT

by COLIN SMEETON
editor@arranbanner.co.uk

Lamlash Campus, comprising Lamlash Primary and Arran High School, has received the highest accolade from sportscotland with its gold award, making it the first campus in Scotland to receive the honour.

At two award ceremonies, held at the primary and the high schools, sportscotland's partnership manager Barry Fleeting, representing the national agency for sport, presented the schools with the awards. At the primary, a special assembly was held where the hard work of Mrs Alison Henderson was commended for

helping to achieve the accreditation which recognises schools innovation and achievement in delivering physical education and extra-curricular sport.

Taking into account the variety and levels of sport on offer as well as the coaches delivering the training, the Lamlash campus underwent an extensive assessment for its grading which can fall into either bronze, silver or gold categories and which require a programme of continual improvement and development.

At the high school, combined head teacher of both schools Barry Smith received the gold award for the school which offers a

wide variety of sports, ranging from lacrosse to mountain biking and table tennis, among others. Mr Smith praised the efforts of Active Schools co-ordinator and sports enthusiast Archie McNicol for his invaluable work in helping to achieve the award.

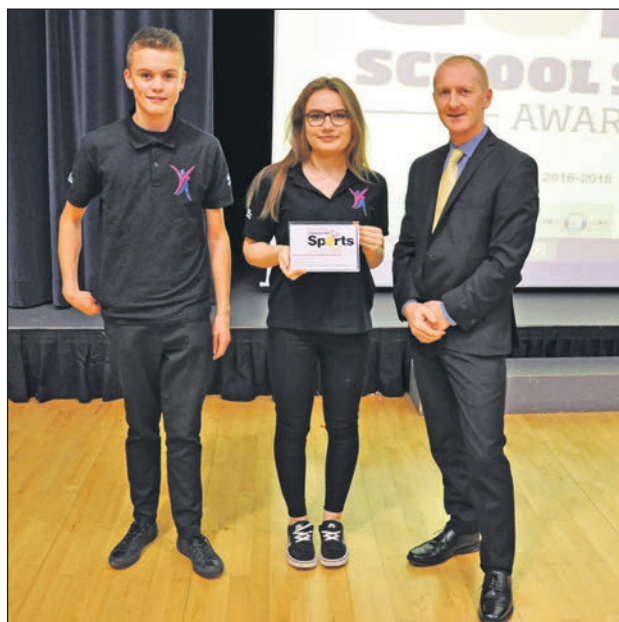
Mr Smith said: 'We are delighted to have achieved the sportscotland gold school sport award, which confirms the very good opportunities for sport on offer in our schools. We are working hard to provide a wide range of opportunities for every young person in Arran High School and Lamlash Primary, encouraging a healthy lifestyle and doing our best to ensure that they grow up with a love of sport and physical activity. These awards recognise the hard work of a great number of school staff, our Active Schools coordinator and our young people. I have been hugely impressed by the confidence shown by youngsters, as well as the leadership, ambition and drive they have shown in achieving this success.'

In addition to the sportscotland award, the campus has also been celebrating winning the North Ayrshire Council Community Sport Award for school sport which was presented to Mr Smith at an award ceremony at Waterside Hotel in Seamill last Friday.



Barry Fleeting of sportscotland presented Lamlash Primary sports committee members and Archie McNicol and Alison Henderson with the gold award. 01_

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Young ambassadors Eilidh Macpherson and Ross Dobson receive the NAC sports award from Barry Smith. 01_B46gold05



Active schools co-ordinator Archie McNicol thanks pupils and teachers. 01_B46gold05



Barry Fleeting of sportscotland congratulates primary school pupils and teachers on their award. 01_B46gold03



Active Schools co-ordinator Archie McNicol and head teacher Barry Smith present sports committee members Alyssa Simpson and Ruaridh Lindsay-Smith with the NAC sport award. 01_B46gold02

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Arran players in the thick of the action.

Ladies top table after good win

There was another good win for the Arran Ladies hockey team last weekend and their 4-2 win over Uddingston Ladies 2s now sees them sitting top of Division 4 of the West District Women's Hockey League.

Elyse Aitken was named dame of the game and man of the match was Susie Murchie. The ladies are away again today (Saturday) with Strathclyde University Women's 2s their opponents.



Julliete Walsh gives chase during the game.

First triathlon festival will be big boost to island

The first Arran Triathlon Festival organised on the island, and for the benefit of the island, is to be held next June.

The festival will see both junior and adult events taking place over the weekend of June 3 and 4 based at the Arran Outdoor Centre in Lamlash, which will be the race headquarters.

It is being organised by the Arran Junior Triathlon Club, who are hoping to use their first club event as a springboard to set up a permanent base on the island. It is one of a new generation in triathlon events with the largest prize pot in Triathlon Scotland history of more than £5,000 in cash

prizes, weekend breaks and much more.

Already more than 70 have signed up for the events but race director Craig Wood said they were looking for around 150 to take part. However, he insists it is not a commercial event and it has no connection with the ArranMan event due to be held later in June.

The events are: iron distance, half-island distance, STD/Olympic distances, three age group tristars and a youth race.

Craig said: 'You deserve an event, not just a race, and we hope to give it to you. Not only is the event based at the iconic Arran Outdoor Centre, your swim start will

commence with a never-been-done-before powerboat ride to the Holy Isle in both the half-iron and standard starts.'

Competitors will also get totally unique local goodie bags and there will be trophies for first, second and third in each age category, along with amazing prizes.

All races are timed-chipped and there will be instant print-outs available. There will also be a special armed forces award for the first service man/woman in each event.

There will be evening entertainment onsite with BIB Bingo and local entertainment, ready to offer you a warm Arran welcome and a

race never to be forgotten.

'Any money raised will go straight into the club and help with the setting up of our own centre which would be beside the outdoor centre,' Craig said.

Numbers are limited due to the unique start. However, organisers have held a few places back for charities and main sponsors – so please contact them if you wish to raise money.

Craig added: 'As head coach of Arran Junior Triathlon Club, I wanted to show off our island, and what we can offer you as a race day experience along with a venue, memorabilia and evening entertainment you deserve after tak-

ing on your own battles throughout the day. Even if you are not racing, please enjoy the night-time entertainment and help support your local club.'

Sign-ups are on Active.com. If people wish to enter or help out as an individual or business during the day or the night-time entertainment, please contact Craig on craig.wood10@yahoo.com or call 0776 7492696.

Rugby team suffers heavy defeat

Arran Rugby Club suffered another heavy defeat away to Uddingston last week when the final score was 71-11.

However, to be fair, Arran played the entire game a player short and the team remained philosophical posting on their club Facebook page: 'Regardless of the scoreline we enjoyed the game, thanks to Uddingston for the game.'

'Time for three-week break for Scotland international tests, we will be back in play on Saturday December 3.'

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