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Tree concerns aired over new woodland hotel development

REPORT

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A new woodland hotel development would see the 12 Apostles of Catacol replicated in modern form in Brodick.

It is part an ambitious plan by the Douglas Hotel to create new eco-accommodation around the Strathwhillan Burn. Already five months of pre-planning work has gone into the plans, which were unveiled for the first time this week.

Larger blocks

As well as the 12 two-storey hotel rooms, with angled views over Brodick Bay and Goatfell beyond, the development would feature 49 smaller rooms in a further seven larger blocks and a new river walk, which would be an improved start for the Arran Coastal Way.

The development, known

as the Douglas and the Stone Wall Hotel, is the brainchild of Danish architects Norron, who hotel owner Sean Henry was first introduced to at the Cold Water Conference held on Arran earlier this year.

They specialise in what they call destination development and have used part of the history of the island in their decision to try to replicate the 12 Apostles in a modern form along the existing Victorian stone wall.

These would be built along the Lamlash road and would be among the first sights for visitors arriving on the island. A new 'Welcome to Arran' sign would be incorporated into the existing wall.

The original 12 Apostles were built in Catacol around 1850 and each of the fishermen's cottages has a different upper window



The view that visitors will be greeted with arriving from the ferry terminal.

so that when the men were at sea, their wives would light a candle in the window and each man would know which house was signalling.

Partner Marco Berentz of Norron told the *Banner* that by having the sitting area of the two-room apartment upstairs, they hoped to replicate that image when all the lights were on.

This would be phase one of the development and, following the voluntary consultation process, it is

proposed to make a formal application next month, with a view to starting work next March. The first phase and the new walkway could be completed by March 2018.

Platform

The walkway will feature three new bridges, including one with a platform over the burn, which could be used for weddings, and which would face one of the presently hidden waterfalls of the burn.

In keeping with the theme of tradition, the bridges will

all be named after Gaelic goddesses said to live in the rivers of Scotland. The final names have still to be decided.

Phase two, on the site of the former nursery, would see seven blocks of 49 smaller apartments, all which will have small elements of self-catering. The buildings will be raised on stilts and all the rooms will have views, including some which will overlook the revamped burn. All the build-

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Winter flooding

Heavy rains over the weekend caused widespread localised flooding, threatening homes and businesses, with emergency services being called out to the numerous incidents.

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Projects are given cash

More than £6,000 has been allocated to youth projects on Arran in one of Scotland's largest participatory budgeting exercises.

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Auchrannie Hotel staff move into the recently renovated accommodation at a former nursing home, now called Rosemont House, as the development progresses.

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Hockey victory

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Call for ferry committee to show a united front

... as Troon hits back at 'spin' claims

The newly-appointed project director of Ardrossan harbour defended the record of the port when he spoke at the Isle of Arran Ferry Committee's (IoAFC) meeting this week.

Doug Coleman, from Peel Ports, who spoke at the *Banner* last week, chal-

lenged concerns over Ardrossan's reliability as a port at the, as always, closed-doors meeting on Monday night.

He told the ferry committee: 'Not one of 4,497 sailings scheduled from July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016, was cancelled due

to problems at Ardrossan. Of 298 sailings – 3.83 per cent – cancelled due to bad weather, three-quarters were cancelled due to wind speeds of greater than 35 knots, above which sailing can be a very unpleasant and possibly unsafe experience. Fog and high swell accounted for the remaining cancellations. Ports such as Troon are equally susceptible.'

Peel Ports is looking to a 25-year partnership with Scottish Government to ensure a return on its investment. By the end of this month, Peel will deliver its technical submission and, on December 19, its commercial submission.

As a port authority, there

is no need for Scottish Government or North Ayrshire Council planning approval.

MSP Kenneth Gibson, who attended the meeting, told the *Banner*: 'I suggested that IoAFC meet on December 19 to discuss the commercial submission and asked each member to liaise with their organisation about supporting Ardrossan, with a view to coming back that evening with an answer. Members readily agreed. There are myriad reasons to support Ardrossan as Arran's mainland port of choice. A united front will help secure it.'

'Ardrossan is 12 nautical miles from Brodick, but Troon is 18, so sailing times and ferry prices will inevitably be higher, with fewer sailings, should Troon replace Ardrossan, impacting on capacity, affordability and competitiveness.'

'It will also damage the North Ayrshire economy and cost 165 jobs in Ardrossan.'

'I am, therefore, absolutely committed to preserving the existing route.'

Meanwhile, Port of Troon owner Associated British Ports has hit back at comments made by North Ayrshire Council about what it



The #saveourferry campaign launch in Ardrossan last week was held on the same day as Arran's.

said was the 'spin and misinformation being peddled about Troon'.

An ABP spokeswoman said: 'The Port of Troon is not peddling spin and misinformation. We regret the use of this kind of language in what should be a sensible, calm and honest assessment of a genuine case.'

'The simple fact is that the Port of Ardrossan has endured decades of underinvestment. It is plain for any visitor to see. But that is not the only reason why the service for the people of Arran has proved so regularly unreliable. This can be attributed to the design of the port and to address that will take a far higher level of investment than the £20m-30m we frequently hear quoted simply to maintain the existing infrastructure of Ardrossan to an acceptable standard.'

'The real benefits of Troon speak for themselves. It is,

in fact, far less expensive to operate the service and this will benefit passengers, as well as help the Scottish Government by removing a significant financial burden. Furthermore, our proposal includes a commitment to create a community fund that will directly benefit the people of Arran.'

'Of course there is a case for Ardrossan and it appears as though Peel Holdings is only now starting to build that case. However, Ardrossan has long been complacent, believing the people of Arran have no alternative. That is no longer the case.'

North Ayrshire Council has issued an invitation to anyone who wants to play a part in the #saveourferry campaign to attend an event being held in Ardrossan Civic Centre on Thursday November 24 at 7pm. An event will also be held on Arran at a later date.

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New eco-hotel development

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ings have been positioned so as to cause the minimum of disruption to the mature trees on the site.
However, a presentation held during a drop-in information day at the Douglas Hotel on Monday heard that a total of 18 of the 113 oak, beech and sycamore trees onsite would have to be removed, but they are all category B and C. A total of 45 trees would be replanted, half of which would be of native species.

Talks have been held with North Ayrshire Council over the trees issue and a decision has already been reached to reduce the number which had originally been in the plan to fell.

Concern was also raised about parking for the new rooms and lighting.

Managed

The project is being managed by Glasgow-based Peter Brett Associates and Kilmarnock-based Quantum Solutions. It is the second project for them on the island as they are also involved in planning the new distillery at Lagg.

Douglas owner Sean Henry said he thought the drop-in day had gone well and was pleased with the feedback they had received. He said: 'We have had various plans for the site over the years but are really excited by this development which we believe will not only help business at the Douglas but at other hotels, restaurants and shops around the island and boost

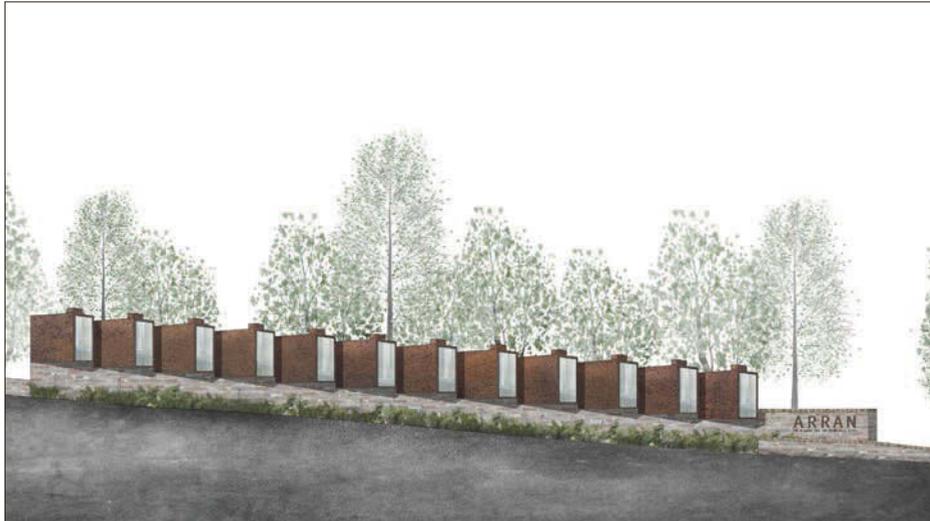
the economy as a whole. The idea that Brodick will have a 12 Apostles for the 21st century is a stroke of genius.'

However, not everyone is

happy with the plans. One resident told the *Banner*. 'I have real concerns we are going to lose the Victorian wall which the Arran Civic Trust has been doing so

much to preserve as well as at least 14 mature trees.'

Architects say where the wall is renewed they will use as much original stone as possible.



A modern interpretation of the 12 Apostles.



Danish architects Poul Cruise and Marco Berenthz.

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Words can be a bit sticky in French and so can the dough

Auld Alliance link with school partnership

Seven French teachers visited Arran schools last week as part of a North Ayrshire Council language project which will see the partnership between Arran and French schools through its Le Institut Français d'Ecosse in Edinburgh which promotes French culture and language within Scotland.

The purpose of the visit was to set out aims and objectives for the innovative project whilst familiarising the French

contingent with the island itself. The French staff also delivered French lessons and games, and shared authentic artefacts with the school pupils.

During the next year, Arran staff, pupils and their families will be given the chance to communicate with their partner schools in Lyon and Saint-Étienne. It is hoped this contact will impact on their ability to speak French, motivational levels and the skills set of the youngsters.



French teachers and NAC staff are pictured outside Brodick Primary School with Shirley MacLachlan, head teacher and Quinton Black, deputy head teacher.



Shiskine Primary P1, P2 and P3 pupils pose with George Grassie and their hand made croissants. 01_B47french01

Sticky fingers and French pronunciation were mixed together on Monday when Shiskine Primary School pupils enjoyed a breadmaking class as part of their French Week.

Head baker of the Blackwater Bakehouse in Blackwaterfoot, George Grassie, taught the P1s to P7s how to name the ingredients in French and the process for making bread before handing over some of the dough for the children to knead. Once prepared the creations were baked and everyone had a chance to try the finished result.



Baker George demonstrates kneading the dough with P4 to P7 pupils. 01_B47french02

French, which is taught to primary pupils as a second language, was the focus for the entire week which celebrated the French culture and language.

The week long French fo-

cus culminated in a parents and pupils fashion show today (Friday) where the pupils modelled their clothing while their friends did the commentary, entirely in French.



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Arran Dark is champion

AN ARRAN beer has been named Scotland's champion mild after winning a top prize at the recent Troon Beer Festival.

Arran Dark, the island's only beer entered into the competition, will now progress to the Great British Beer Festival to be held in London next year.

The Arran Brewery, which is currently undergoing a major upgrade of the brewery on Arran – with new malt silos and a malt mill installed, as well as bright beer tanks and a bottling line – continues to expand.

Managing director Gerald Michaluk said: 'I am very proud of our team winning this award, especially when you consider the limited capacity for current brewing with all the refurbishment going on. The new brewery will triple our current capacity and means all beers will now be brewed, matured and bottled on Arran.'

The brewery has invested over £250,000 in the first phase of the upgrade and a further three phases will see even more expenditure. It has also introduced cans on an experimental basis, plus a new and exciting Certified as Craft Beer range.

New home from home for Auchrannie staff

More staff are moving into the former Montrose House which is being converted into staff accommodation by the Auchrannie Resort.

As previously reported in *The Banner* the hotel bought the former nursing home which it is converting into luxury staff accommodation which, in a play on the old name, is now called Rosemont House.

When complete the four wings of the building will be able to house 22 members of staff, including some couples, with another three staff being housed in the adjacent cottage.

The first 12 occupants moved in back in July and in the past couple of weeks another nine have moved into the completed second wing.

Each room has been tastefully decorated and all have a flat screen wall-mounted TV, a small fridge freezer, a sink and black out blinds. The spacious kitchen area has two separate cooking and washing up areas and a food storage cupboard for

every room and a communal eating area.

Each wing, which has a controlled entry system, also has its own laundry area, and extra showers, toilets and bathrooms have been added to give the residents more facilities.

Staff accommodation has always been an issue for the Auchrannie and with 160 staff on their books at the height of the season the problem is not one that will go away any time soon.

Managing director Linda Johnston said: 'We have carried out extensive works at Rosemont House to give staff quality accommodation. We believe that keeping staff happy with decent accommodation benefits both the individual and the business. We have carried out significant upgrading work of the building using only local tradesmen and when it is finished it will give us a good staff accommodation block near to the hotel.'

'We will now be suspending work on the rest of the



Estate manager Alan MacAlister, director David Johnston, joiner Stuart Fleming with Jackie Morrison and Linda Johnston in one of the new kitchens.

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property now until after New Year to concentrate on other projects,' Linda added. That will involve converted the east wing into



Staff accommodation manager Jackie Morrison in her office in Rosemont House.

more rooms and facilities. Staff accommodation manager Jackie Morrison, who now co-ordinates all staff housing, said: 'The first residents who moved in are the happiest bunch you could meet.'



One of the refurbished rooms.



One of the new kitchens.

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Bad weather wreaks havoc with first winter flooding

Arran was hit by the first heavy floods of the winter last Friday night with several homes and commercial premises affected. Roads also became impassable and drains were unable to cope with the deluge.

In two of the worst affected areas, Whiting Bay and Lamlash, police and the fire service were called out to cope with a number of incidents. The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service attended five residential and commercial properties through the night and into the morning.

A Lamlash resident, who shared the situation with users on social media, said police asked residents to avoid driving in the affected areas unless necessary.

The problem, she stated, was not the depth of the flooding but that the build-up of water lifted the tarmac in the road in front of the Pierhead Tavern in Lamlash, making driving dangerous. Whiting Bay was described as being 'impassable' and the coast road described by another user as 'horrific'.

In Brodick, outside Arran Active, an area particularly prone to seasonal flooding,

especially when combined with a high tide, flooding was reported with seaweed and debris still visible in the morning.

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service said it had been called to 'a number of flooding incidents on Arran'. A spokesman said: 'A short and heavy downburst of rain affected several communities on the island's east coast, particularly in the Lamlash and Whiting Bay areas.'

'At 10.18pm, we were called to Shore Road in Lamlash, where we used sandbags to divert water which was affecting a ground-floor property. A further two call-outs were received in the Whiting Bay area, with flooding at a commercial property and at the rear of a house.'

'At 1.25am, we were mobilised to another incident on Shore Road, where water was entering a commercial property. We received a final call-out of the night at 2.03am to excess rainwater at a home on McKelvie Road in Lamlash. No injuries were reported.'

Local senior officer for North Ayrshire James Scott

said: 'This was an unusually sharp downburst of rain that our crews were able to deal with quickly and effectively, despite the high number of call-outs over a relatively short time period.'

'We worked closely with North Ayrshire Council and Police Scotland to ensure the safety of local residents and minimise the risk to property.'

A spokesman for the council said: 'Following very heavy rain on Friday night and Saturday morning, localised flooding occurred at a number of locations and the roads team responded to clear the areas affected. However, while flood water affected the road, no roads were closed as result of the poor weather.'

'Our team attended issues at Middle Road and County Carpets in Whiting Bay. They also attended to flooding adjacent to the Pierhead Tavern, Lamlash, and Arran Active in Brodick.'

'We will be investigating ways to alleviate the problem adjacent to County Carpets, Whiting Bay, and we may carry out some drainage works in Middle Road to resolve this situation.'



Fr Colford gives a reading during the service. 01_A47poppy01

Remembrance services held on island

There was a healthy turnout at the remembrance service at the Brodick war memorial on Sunday and at similar events around the island.

In rather dreich conditions, the short service was conducted by the Rev Angus Adamson, who led the two-minute silence, assisted by Baptist minister, the Rev Vince Jennings, and Fr Noel Colford of the Catholic Church.



The wreath laying party at the service. 01_A47poppy02

During the service, which saw the main road closed to traffic, wreaths were laid by the Arran army cadets, the police and fire services as well as ex-serviceman Alan Milligan of

the RBLS and Cameron MacKay, with crosses laid by young Lucy Blair and Kirsty Hume. The Rev Jennings read the names of those who made the ultimate sacrifice.



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An innovative plan

The 12 Apostles of Brodick has an unfamiliar ring about it. But we can only admire the thinking outside the box by the Danish architects who have come up with such an innovative plan for a 21st-century development. And The Douglas Hotel should be commended for embracing it and the other eco-led features of their woodland accommodation plan.

To see the area of woodland right across from the ferry terminal brought back into a useful existence from the overgrown and unloved state it is in just now would be an improvement indeed.

The Douglas and their advisers have been as open and honest about the development as they can be from day one. After five months of hard work behind the scenes much work has already been done to preserve some of the trees on the site.

The public consultation day held this week was completely voluntary and they could have waited until a planning application was submitted to North Ayrshire Council before people had the chance to have their say.

But, just like their openness with the new distillery, Peter Brett Associates said come and see the plans and give us your views directly. Being Arran, people did just that.

Yes, there has to be safeguards and assurances that as few mature trees as possible are lost to the development, that there is adequate parking, that lighting issues are addressed, but this can all be done during the planning process. As was stated during the presentation on the night, a traffic management plan will have to be agreed before a tool is lifted to start work on the development.

Concern has also been expressed about what will happen to the existing Victorian wall on which the new Stone Wall Hotel is to be built. This and the arched bridge over the Strathwhillan Burn must be preserved as close to the original design as possible.

It is an exciting development and good to see The Douglas owners putting their faith, and their money, into the continued development of first-class tourist facilities on the island.

May the Apostle lights burn bright in Brodick.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'The entire law is summed up in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself.' (Galatians 5:14)

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Letters to the Editor



Comments please

Sir,
I am advised that many people are commenting on social media and elsewhere about concerns over the lack of availability to book and make a journey by car on the Ardrossan route.

I am aware that this has been the case particularly since we lost the Isle of Arran and I share all of those frustrations.

It would be helpful if people were able to supply me with details – dates, departure times, whether or not the boat was actually full, number of vehicles left behind etc. This way, I can collate actual instances and present these views at the Ferry Committee on which I sit, to represent the independent traveller.

Please email the brief details and photos if available to me at iferryrep@broombrae.co.uk

Yours,
**Neil Arthur
Broombrae**

Explain approach

Sir,
I have watched the debate that has opened up over the possible replacement of Ardrossan by Troon for the main ferry terminal for the ferry connection with Brodick. It has surprised me that no mention has been made of the motivation for Troon harbour suddenly offering to replace Ardrossan.

It would appear that few people have noticed that the seasonal ferry between Larne and Troon was cancelled last January. This ferry did not run in 2016 and has now apparently gone for good. Of course this means that Troon harbour has lost a source of income. Could this fact explain the approach to replace Ardrossan rather than a desire to provide a better service for Arran residents and tourists?

Yours,
**Emeritus Professor
Bob Osborne
Belfast**

Bonfire fun

Sir,
Lamlash Improvements would like to wholeheartedly thank everyone who helped to make Bonfire Night in Lamlash such a success – Thomson Construction, Armitage Groundworks, Arran Deliveries and all the private individuals who kindly donated wood.

Also to Beth for making a guy and the Lamlash Bay Hotel for providing a delicious pot of soup and The Glenisle Hotel for all their support. The firemen, without whom the event wouldn't be possible, for helping to collect the wood, build the bonfire and for doing such a magnificent job as usual setting them off. And, of course, all the volunteers who generously gave their time and energy to organise and run the evening, especially Neil Young and David Ingham who again kindly provided transport for the wood collection.

Thank you, too, to all the participants of the 50-50 club, whose donations help to cover the cost of the event.

Yours,
**Stuart Turner
Chairman
Lamlash Improvements**

McLaren eyesore

Sir,
I come over to the wonderful Island of Arran yearly, I need my 'fix'.

The McLaren Hotel was always an eyesore, but since it closed, it is in a dreadful state of repair. Is anything going to be done about razing it to the ground or can it be saved?

It really brings Brodick down. What on earth must first time tourists think? I hope there can be a successful solution.

Yours,
**Lesley Robertson
Edinburgh**

Shoobox appeal

Sir,
I should like to thank most sincerely the members and many friends of all the Arran Churches for such a magnificent response to the Blythswood Christmas Shoobox Appeal. In total 207 shoe boxes have been sent on their way to the less fortunate people of eastern Europe and northern India, together with £732 in donations.

A big thank you to Ann Lauder, Sheena McLean, Lynn McVicar and Anne Mitchell for checking and packing the boxes for dispatch, an onerous task done with care and much laughter. Our thanks also to Mary MacKenzie and the ladies at Lamlash Church for their help in preparing the boxes for dispatch.

I am indebted to Tony Morrow and his staff at Arran Deliveries for the carriage of the boxes to Glasgow, a big thank you for your contribution to the success of this appeal.

Finally, to all those who helped in any way, you have brought joy and laughter this Christmas to many people less fortunate than ourselves and belief that there are those who care for them in this world.

Yours,
**Hamish Mitchell
Brodick**

Ferry drop-in cafe

Sir,
Arran SNP members discussed the future of Ardrossan as the mainland ferry port at a branch meeting on Sunday November 13.

While it is becoming clearer that Troon offers no advantage over Ardrossan, we welcome the Scottish Government's decision to consult widely on the issue.

One strand of Arran opinion holds that Ardrossan's advantages are so obvious that there can only be one possible outcome in this issue. There is a danger in complacency, however.

The Scottish Government has invested heavily in ferry infrastructure over the last few years, not least for the Arran route, which is now supported by RET, the new £20million Brodick terminal, and a state-of-the-art multi-million pound ferry on the way. Arran's economy is benefiting greatly, and these advances should not be threatened. Should the mainland ferry port be relocated to Troon, there is a high risk of fewer sailings, higher fares, and big disadvantages for foot passengers.

Retaining Ardrossan as our mainland port is supported strongly by Kenneth Gibson, our MSP, Patricia Gibson, our MP, and overwhelmingly by North Ayrshire Council. It is nevertheless important that the island viewpoint should be powerfully expressed.

With this in mind, we are hosting a drop-in café at the Ormidale Pavilion from 10am to 2.30pm on Wednesday November 23. We'll provide teas, coffees, homebaking, and some information.

Arran residents can also make their views known to the Transport Minister: Humza Yousaf MSP, Minister of Transport, St Andrew's House, Regent Road, Edinburgh, EH1 3DG (or by email to scottish.ministers@gov.scot)

Yours,
**Dr Malcolm Kerr
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Hospital league raises nearly £5,500 to buy equipment

The Hospital Supporters' League had a successful coffee morning last Saturday in the Whiting Bay village hall, raising a gross



Visitors try to guess the weight of the cake, which was won by Margaret Bradshaw.

figure only pennies short of £725. The bottle of wine for the winning quiz was won by John Steed and guess the

weight of the cake was won by Margaret Bradshaw.

The committee was pleased with the reward for its efforts. Sandra Hall and Jeanette Cusack said that they were extremely grateful for the generous support that island residents, businesses and shops had given to their tombola stall, while Janette Head was very appreciative of the help she and her team had received at the home baking.

Thanks

Secretary Sheila MacLeod added: 'I want to thank all the non-committee members who helped, including Ann Rhead for her photo-



Ishbel Kerr and Margaret Auld purchase goods at the home baking stall.

graphs. I also want to record our thanks for the continued support the hospital supporters receive from the Arran community.'

Since November last year, the league has been able to purchase goods to the value of £5,472.61 for the Arran War Memorial Hospital,

the Arran Medical Centre and the community nurses and physiotherapy department at the hospital. One of the biggest single donations was new chairs for the Shiskine surgery at a cost of £2,426.76.

The league purchases items that contribute to di-

agnosis, patient care and staff morale. These items have included blood pressure meters and physiotherapy equipment, as well as other medical diagnosing equipment and furniture and a computer for Arran patient discharge prescription records.

Arran Federation welcomes national chair to annual rally

Arran Federation SWI held its annual rally in the Kinloch Hotel last Thursday. Members were honoured to have as their guest speaker

Janice Langely, chairwoman of the NFWI, which covers all institutes in England, Wales and the islands.

Starting with the first insti-

tute in Anglesey 100 years ago, it now has a membership of 225,000 with institutes ranging from 300 members meeting in a cathedral to five established in prisons.

Janice has had a busy centenary year with a meeting at a vast rally in the Albert Hall with the Queen, in her joint capacity as an institute member and honoured guest, a royal garden party and many other high profile events.

The Arran Federation was honoured that Janice included it in her very busy schedule and hoped that her talk, which was a skilful mix of humorous anecdotes and serious points on the theme 'embracing change', sent them all home replete with good food, great company and much to think about at the start of their own centenary year.

In addition to her guest speaking role, Janice was also taken on a tour of the island and called in to share a welcome cup of tea with the Corrie and Sannox, Institute which happened to be having its scheduled November meeting.



The top table guests were, left to right, Gerry Arthur, Janice Langley, chairwoman of the NFWI, Mairi Duff, Angela Cassels and Anne Pringle.

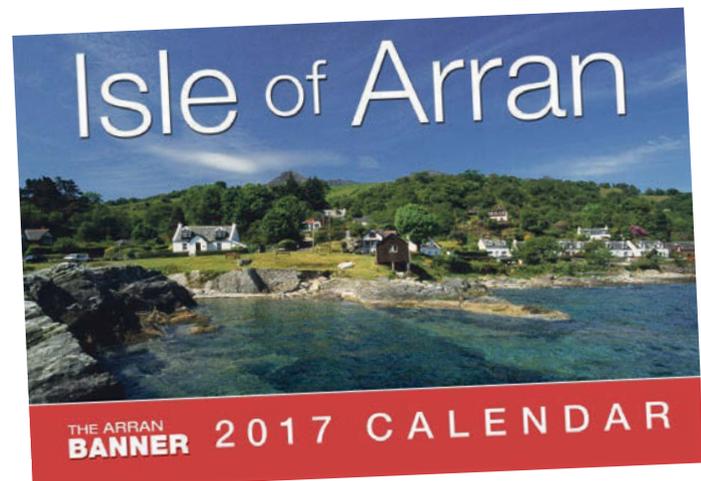
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Santa's Sparkle

Arran's Christmas Fair



Last event to go out on with a bang

The last ever Santa's Sparkle is sure to go out with a bang next weekend.

The fun takes place in Lamlash on Saturday November 26, this year the wonderful programme will make the festival the biggest and best yet.

New for this year is an exciting colour run and a musical talent showcase, among other events.

The hugely popular Christmas market with its great stalls opens at noon

and will be followed by the arrival of Santa at the pier, with the parade through the village at 12.30pm. There is always a long queue of children who will later get the chance to meet Santa in the marquee.

There will be fun activities for children throughout the day, such as story telling with songs and games, cupcake decorat-

ing, gift making and races on the green, including the egg-and-spoon and three-legged races. Later Santa's disco will be held for grown ups.

As the light fades on the daytime fun, more favourites will be back, including the lighting of the Lamlash community Christmas tree ahead of the switch-

on of the Glenisle Christmas tree, featuring sound, light and fireworks, all of which promises to be even more spectacular than before, with a few great surprises thrown in.

This year the event has been organised by the combined efforts of The Glenisle Hotel, The Lamlash Bay Hotel, the Pierhead Tavern and the Drift Inn, who have pulled out all the



Friday 25th November
Santa's Sparkle Kick off party with Jonnie "Jingle Bells" Scotland 8pm

Saturday 26th November
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age talent (13 to 19 years old), or adult talent. Entry has been extended to Sunday (November 20) so enter now to make sure you don't miss your chance. Entry forms at: www.thepierhead.co.uk

The Arran colour run

What is a colour run? You will have seen this on TV but may not have noticed. Runners sign up for a

short run across Lamlash Green while the spectators shower them with brightly coloured powder. It's like running through a fabulous rainbow.

The colours are completely safe and will be on sale for £1 on the day. It costs just £5 to run and places are limited so register now at www.glenislehotel.com/santa

The Christmas Market

This is one of the biggest draws at Santa's Sparkle. If you would like to join in and sell your wares just contact the Glenisle Ho-

tel for an application form. **Stewards wanted** A wonderful way to become part of Santa's Sparkle is to volunteer to be a steward. Stewards do shifts

of two to three hours only and are there to answer questions and help keep the public safe. If you would like to volunteer just contact the Glenisle Hotel.

Saturday 26 November in Lamlash

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Schedule of Events

12 noon - 6pm	The Christmas Market
12.30pm	Santa arrives
12.45pm - 3pm	Come and meet Santa
1pm - 4pm	Events around various venues in Lamlash
1.30pm	The Sparkle Cheerleaders
2.30pm	Arran first colour run
5pm	Christmas tree lighting
6pm	Glenisle Christmas Tree spectacular



Lady Jean Fforde receives her RNLI 60 years service award from Sir Andrew Cubie. 01_A44lifeboat01No

Lady Jean receives lifeboat award

Lady Jean Fforde was recently presented with an RNLI award, a bar to her gold badge, by Sir Andrew Cubie, deputy chairman of the RLNI in the Brodick Bar.

She received the award as the longest-

serving president of the RNLI in the UK, having served for nearly 60 years. In fact her involvement unofficially started much earlier when, as a child of six, she manned the new lifeboat at Dunbar.

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Society learns about the wildlife of the Serengeti

The indoor meeting of the Arran Natural History Society took place on Thursday November 3, when Zul Bhatia, manager of the RSPB reserve in Lochwinnoch, gave an illustrated presentation on the wildlife of the Serengeti National Park in Tanzania.

As Zul said: 'I have been there myself dozens of times and guide tourists there as well. In this talk I concentrated on the birds and mammals, and talked about animal populations and movements too.'

'The Serengeti migration is, without doubt, one of the impressive wildlife spectacles in the world when more than a million large herbivores – mainly wildebeest, zebra and gazelles – move across the area, followed by predators, in particular the big cats – lion, leopard and cheetah.'

Zul is a Tanzanian citizen of Asian origin who has been living in the UK for

many years. He has an exceptional knowledge of the wildlife of east Africa, especially Tanzania, where he and his family spent two and a half years, during which Zul was the co-ordinator of the Uluguru Mountains Planning Project.

He has been leading wildlife tours for many years, has carried out ornithological and socio-economic research in Tanzania and presented papers on the findings to international conferences.

Although primarily a birder, Zul is interested in all wildlife and his hobbies include photography and gardening. His photography skills were particularly evident in the evening's presentation, which included some stunning shots of the Serengeti's wildlife, taken sometimes on foot, sometimes from a Land Cruiser, and ranging from lions and hippos to mice and beetles, and from tawny eagles to swallows.

Zul explained the movements and interactions of this great diversity of animals over the changing seasons in the park.

One particular point of interest was Zul's description of the setting up of the park in 1951. To preserve wildlife, the British – this was before independence – evicted the resident Maasai from the park in 1959 and moved them to the neighbouring Ngorongoro Conservation Area. There is still considerable controversy surrounding this move, with claims made of coercion and deceit on the part of the colonial authorities.

Today, the park covers 14,750 square kilometres and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Human habitation is forbidden in the park with the exception of staff for the Tanzania National Parks Authority, researchers and staff of the Frankfurt Zoological Society, and staff of the various lodges, campsites and hotels. After mineral exports, it is biggest earner of foreign currency for Tanzania, which remains a poor although stable country, and a very hospitable one, according to Zul. With Zul's extensive experience and exceptional knowledge of the area this was a fascinating evening.

The December meeting will not be on the usual first Thursday of the month but on Thursday December 8 at 8pm in the Rangers Centre in Brodick Country Park.

The speaker will be Keith Betton, a passionate bird-watcher and conservationist. He is currently vice president of the British Trust for Ornithology. He has been a council member of both the RSPB and BTO. He is a keen world birder having seen more than 7,900 species in nearly 100 countries.

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Pupils learn life skills at outdoor leadership week

Words and photographs by Brian Donlin

What makes a good leader? A big question for anyone, let alone a group of 13 to 14 year-olds.

But this is exactly the question that was posed to S3 pupils from Arran High School during a week of leadership training at Arran Outdoor Education Centre, Lamlash.

The week was varied, with activities designed to challenge the pupils physically, mentally and emotionally.

This was a week of challenges that would develop the youngsters' understanding of team dynamics, how to support one another and how to recognise their own individual strengths and build up resilience in the face of adversity.

The week began with exercises designed to test

problem solving and team work. Whether it be transporting barrels of 'toxic waste' using only ropes, building bridges or creating rope stretchers, there was nothing the young minds couldn't conquer together.

From there the group went on to climb at Largybeg - especially daunting for those in the group with a fear of heights.

Hill day

Tuesday, aka the infamous 'hill day', saw the pupils tackle Arran's second highest peak Caisteal Abhail. The day started in fair conditions but as the group ascended to the peak the cloud descended, resulting in a challenging day with plenty navigation practice for everyone.

As the week reached its midpoint, the pupils found themselves faced with more endurance and vertigo in-

ducing challenges with a combination of mountain biking from Brodick to Sannox via the Merkland Wood trails and abseiling at Blue Rocks ensuring momentum was maintained into the end of the week.

Thursday brought a return to teamwork exercises in and around the forestry behind Whiting Bay.

Tasks ranged from building freestanding structures capable of holding nine teenagers to transporting one of their peers on an A-Frame.

Communication and clear thinking was required by all the pupils.

As Friday dawned and the week was drawing to a close, one final task waited on the pupils - create a raft and race it around a course at the outdoor centre moorings.

With both vessels completing the course, the only thing left to do was jump in for a 'refreshing' dip before working towards the end of the week.

This gives the picture of an eventful week, which it was, however, the activities the pupils participated in throughout the day acted only as a vehicle for the main purpose of the week.

Every evening throughout the week, the pupils worked on a variety of reflective tasks which had them evaluating their team's performance, their own personal performance as part of the team and their performance as a leader.

Successes

This was achieved by examining successes and failures and charting the highs and lows each day brought.

The pupils also created presentations that were delivered to parents, teachers and centre staff at the end of the week to round off a week well spent.

The most important point to consider for these S3s and their leadership 'week' is that it wasn't really a week at all as the pupils will take their experiences and the skills they have begun to hone to better themselves, their school and their local community.



The group takes to the hills.



Two groups discuss their latest challenge in Whiting Bay.



Pupils put their rope skills to the test.



Another rope challenge for the pupils.

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Whiting Bay manhunt

A full-scale search involving a police helicopter and reinforcements took place in Whiting Bay after an incident in the early hours of Monday morning.

Around 2am a temporary manager at Whiting Bay Youth Hostel had an al-



Lyne MacVicar of Sannox graduated HNC Childcare and Education from James Watt College last Friday. Lyne is a peripatetic nursery nurse for Shiskine, Pirnmill and Kilmory. B47twe01

tercation with a suspected prowler who slipped and fell down an embankment into Glenashdale Burn.

The manager became worried for the man's safety and contacted the police who conducted a thorough search involving heat-seeking equipment on the helicopter and reinforcement officers but no-one was found. By mid-afternoon the search was called off and the matter closed.

Astroturf progress

Arran's new sports field may be in use this weekend. Junior and senior hockey teams are likely to be using the new astroturf pitch on Sunday. While the car park and changing rooms are far from being complete, and the grass pitch is still being sown, the use of the astroturf is an essential part of its preparation. The artificial pitch, which lies on a bed of sand, needs to be used to tamp down the sand. The official opening of the Ormidale park is expected to be next spring.

Ambulance attack

A thoughtless act of vandalism saw an ambulance vandalised in the car park in Lam-lash.

The damage to the vehicle is estimated at £700, however, the worst is that the ambulance will now have to be taken out of service to repair the broken windscreen, two side windows and the mirrors. Sergeant Jim Weir described the act as totally unacceptable and said police were following a definite line of enquiry.



Distillery staff and northend residents enjoy a dram after hearing of the distillery's plans for the visitor centre at a meeting last Friday. B47twe04



Disconsolate ambulancemen Dougie Henderson and Neil Gillies beside their ambulance which was damaged in an attack last week. B47twe02



Winners of the first round of the Cairnhouse Challenge were, left to right, Alex Raeburn who came third on Tariq, Moira MacAlister who came second on Nugget and winner Megan Dee on Scirrocco. B47twe05



Tess Kennedy, Sue Stuart and mother Beauty encourage a nine-hour-old Arran-born foal into the fresh November air. B47twe03

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Open all day
Arran Aromatics, Brodict, 10am - 4pm

Saturday 19th 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 - The Skunnered
Live music - Jonnie Scotland

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

Sunday 20th November

Family games
Fun in the pool
Open acoustic session at Fiddlers'
AA meeting
Taigi and Oigong
Live music - Charlie & Corrie

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

Monday 21st 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
Arran Skinnymalinks
Arran Skinnymalinks

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
Brodict Church Hall Adults & over 10s, 7.00pm - 8.30pm
Lamlash Golf Club, 7pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30am - 1.30pm
Fiddlers, Brodict 7.30pm - 10pm
Lochranza Distillery, 12noon - 12.30pm
Arran Active, Brodict, 4pm - 4.30pm

Tuesday 22nd 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 Junior Drama Club
Flow yoga
Live music
Garden walk
Metafit
Scottish country dance
Winter bowls
Book Week Scotland
Glenashdale tree felling drop-in session

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Brodict 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
Brodict Golf Club, 2.30pm - 4.30pm
Brodict Astro Turf 7pm-9pm
Arran High School, 6.30pm - 9pm
Corrie & Sannox Hall, 6pm
Fiddlers, Brodict 7.30pm - 10pm
Brodict Castle, 2pm - 3pm
Arran High School, 6pm
Brodict, Church Hall, 7.30pm
Auchrannie, 7pm
Brodict Library, 5pm - 7pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 4pm - 6pm

Wednesday 23rd November

Rock and pop bingo
Tae Kwondo
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Brass rehearsal
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception

Ormidale Hotel 9.30pm
Arran high School Kids-6.30-7.30pm Adults-7.30-8.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
Brodict Church Hall, 7-9pm
9am - 10.30am & 4pm - 6pm
9am - 2pm & 4pm - 6pm

Yoga
Hydrofit
Arran Heritage Museum archives and genealogy service
RunArran
Yoga-Arran
Live music
Drift Inn quiz
Mixed hockey
Dog classes
Flow yoga
Bus Pass club meal
Arran Skinnymalinks
Ferry port consultation drop-in cafe
Arran Riding Club AGM

Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am-10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30
Auchrannie Spa, Brodict, 5.30pm
Kinneil, Lamlash, 7-8.30pm
Fiddlers, Brodict 7.30pm - 10pm
Lamlash, 9pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7.30-9pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 1pm
Shiskine Hall, 7.30pm
The PHT, 12 noon - 2.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 4pm - 4.45pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 10am - 2.30pm
Lamlash Fire Station, 6.30pm

Thursday 24th November

Morning fitness
General knowledge quiz
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Live music
Ladies hockey
RUNFIT
Burger and 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 and beavers
RUNFIT
Brodict Embroidery Group
Music Matters

Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
9am - 10.30am & 4pm - 6pm
9am - 2pm & 4pm - 6pm
Fiddlers, Brodict 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
Brodict Golf Club, 7pm for 7.15pm
Lamlash Fire Station, 2pm - 4.30pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 6pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 10.30am - 11.30am
Shiskine Hall, 6pm - 7.30pm
Lamlash Green, 6.45am
Brodict Library, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 2pm

Friday 25th November

Yoga
Hydrofit
Arran Youth Foundations
Lochranza children's badminton
Lochranza adults' badminton
Quiz
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
AA meeting
Live music
Tae Kwondo
Frydays @ Lochranza Field Centre
Jazz cafe band
Corrie and Sannox coffee morning

Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
Church Hall, Brodict 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, Brodict, 7.30pm
Arran high School, Lamlash Adults, 7pm - 8.30pm
Lochranza field centre, 5.30pm - 8pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 8pm - 11pm
Village hall, 10.30am



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Shiskine Church, 12noon

Morning Worship.

Brodick Church, 10.30am

Morning Worship.

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MCKAY - MARGARET

(nee McLean) of Isle of Arran and Hamilton, died 10th November 2016. Beloved wife of the late Jim McKay, cherished mum and gran. 'A life spent devoted to her family. She will live in our hearts forever.' Private funeral.

SHOTTER - JOHN

of Bexhill-on-Sea, Sussex, formerly of Lamlash, where he had some good friends, passed away on November 13th, Remembrance Sunday. He leaves behind his wife Margaret and their family.

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The main winners at the Lamlash prize-giving dinner with captain Jennifer McArthur, seated centre.



Lamlash Golf Club

Around 20 members of the ladies' section gathered in the clubhouse the traditional dinner and prize-giving on Friday November 11. This year they put their faith in an outside caterer who provided them with an excellent meal. Many of the ladies enjoy any opportunity to get 'all dressed up' and

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

CROSSLEY - JENNY

Davie would like to say thanks to relatives, friends and neighbours, those who attended the service and for their cards, phone calls and visits - you will never know how much this helped me. Thanks to the staff at Cooriedoon for looking after Jenny for 2 1/2 years, also to the Doctors. Thanks to the Rev Lily McKinnon for the comforting service, David and Clair Hendry for their down to earth guidance and support. Big thanks to Peter and Marry, Margaret and Margaret for their last ditch rescue at Lagg Hotel. Finally to Mary, Marrette and Marjorie for always being there - grateful thanks.

DEATHS

MORRIS - ARTHUR

at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital on 7th November 2016, beloved husband of Isobel and much loved father of Suzanne and Fiona and loving grandfather.

this year was no exception with a good few chameleon outfits on show.

The main purpose of the evening, of course, was the prize-giving. The prizes were presented by captain Jennifer McArthur, assisted by secretary Ellie Jones. Prizes awarded were as follows: Winter Stableford, Kate McAdam; MacGill Cup, Alison Heron; Ann Cook Tray, Alison Heron; Grace Cannon Foursomes, Ellie Jones and Jackie Winship; Ladies Open Tri-Am, Jean Barclay, Clare Barclay and Lesley Handley; Captain's Prize, June Richardson, LGU Bronze Medal, Alison Heron; LGU Silver Medal, Kate McAdam; Kilbride Tray, Yvonne Brothers; Marella Cup, June Richardson; Fleet Cup, Kate McAdam; Stroke Quaich, June Richardson; Centenary Tray, Ellie Jones; Glenkiln Rosebowl, Rachael Wren; Championship, Yvonne Brothers. Jennifer thanked Mary Adams and Rachael for arranging the evening so successfully.

Fixtures: Sunday November 20, Whiting Bay GC v Lamlash GC at Lamlash at 10.30am for 11am. Thursday November 24, yellow medal, draw at 11am.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday November 13, Winter Cup round two. Five bedraggled golfers competed in the second round of the Winter Cup on a morning when the rain arrived heavier and earlier than forecast.

Despite the usual wet weather problems, keeping hold of the clubs being one of them, 80 percent of

the field managed to return a score. Davie Morrison's winning score of 67 was very impressive considering the conditions.

1 David Morrison 8, 67 and lowest gross, 2 Gus MacLeod 11, 73, 3 Dave Hackett 14, 74. CSS went out to 66 and there were no magic twos scored.

Fixture: Sunday November 20, winter friendly v Lamlash at Lamlash at 10am. Rolling start, just turn up to be paired. Please note the venue, this corrects an error on the WBGC fixture list.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday November 8, Winter Cup, 1 P Betley 80-12=68, 2 A Latona 96-26=70, 3 B Sherwood 87-12=75.

Tuesday November 15, Lochranza Hotel Cup, CSS 63. 1 C Laing 40pts, 2 P Betley 36pts, 3 R Betley 32. Magic two from R Betley.

Fixtures: Tuesday November 22, Winter Cup, noon. Tuesday November 29, Winter Cup noon.

Brodick Golf Club

Sunday November 13, Brandon Qualifier. 13 played, CSS 64. Gordon Hendry 68-5=63, Iain MacDonald 72-7=65, Douglas Robertson 81-15=66. Scratch, Gordon 68.

Fixture: Sunday November 20, Winter Cup at 9am and noon.

Corrie Golf Club

Saturday November 12, Winter Cup. Competitors are reminded that the Winter Cup is a stableford competition. Please enter points scored. 1 D Logan 38 pts, 2 G Andrew 36 pts. Magic twos: E McKinnon x 2, J McGovern, G Andrew and D Logan.

Fixture: Saturday November 19, Winter Cup, stableford, ballots at 8.30am and 12.30pm.

Lochranza Golf Club

Fixture: Saturday November 19, Members are reminded that the Alan Bannatyne Trophy will be held at Shiskine Golf Club. Tee off at 1.30pm, shotgun start.

Bridge club results

Here are the latest Arran Bridge Club results. Aggregate competition at Brodick on Thursday November 3: N/S 1 Brenda Livingstone and Eendy McNiven, 2. Elaine Duncan and Alison Bilsland, 3 Janie Maclure and Anne McKelvie. E/W 1 Jennifer Wales and John Baraclough, 2 Tricia Martin and Douglas Hamilton, 3 Margaret McGill and Jim Peacock.

Aggregate competition at Lamlash on Monday November 7: N/S 1 Tricia Martin and David Campbell, 2 Morag Gardner and Brenda Livingstone, 3 Fiona Henderson and Maureen Cumming. E/W 1 Alison Bilsland and Eendy McNiven, 2 Jennifer McArthur and Jean Barclay, 3 Janie Maclure and Anne McKelvie.



Arran led the scoring 2-1 at the half-time whistle.

Six in a row as hockey team continue their winning ways

Arran Ladies 4 Strathclyde Uni 2s 2

Arran Ladies hockey team struck four goals past their opponents last weekend for the second week in a row. And they also recorded exactly the same score in an away game against University of Strathclyde 2s, but it was a very different game to the previous week against Uddingston. They are now on a six-game unbeaten run and have not dropped a

point in the league this season.

Arran travelled with a team of 12 players, club coach Phil Adams and umpire Billy Dunlop, who had offered his services for the match. Before the game a minute's silence was held in honour of remembrance day, a moment taken to give thought to those lost in battle.

It was an unusually slow start for Arran, taking a

while to settle into positions and marking, allowing the university women to break through Arran's defence line and score an early goal in the first five minutes. Arran then knuckled down and drove the forward line into their scoring circle and were awarded a penalty short corner. Anne Watts received the ball from the injection and swiftly scored Arran's first and equalising goal.

Kirstie Barton, playing centre defence, proved to be a strong force to contend with for the Strathclyde forwards, winning the ball and driving play forward to Abbie McKelvie in centre middle or out wide to Elyse Aitken on the left. Both showed fantastic play and skills, despite being double-man marked for most of the match.

Arran kept the pressure on and Strathclyde eventually conceded a penalty short corner in the 22nd minute. Arran executed the set play with the ball passed out to Jenny Stark who then passed back to ball injector, Lorraine Hewie, who had a clear sweeping shot on goal as Strathclyde's defence charged to the top of the circle.

Abbie McKelvie, suffering from a non-injury related nosebleed, was replaced by Mia Walker in the final eight minutes of the first half and the half-time whistle blew with Arran leading 2-1.

In the second period, Ar-



Arran's Abbie McKelvie thwarts a challenge for possession by a Strathclyde player. Photo: Richard Taylor

ran's defence proved strong and the midfield had most of the play with the odd break and attempt on goal by both teams keeping the goalkeepers on their toes.

Anne Watts capitalised on a forward team drive, finishing the run with a third goal for Arran. This was shortly followed by another running break from the Arran forwards and Lorraine Hewie scored a deadly accurate strike from the top of the D.

Strathclyde put the pressure on with determined challenges, eventually being awarded a short corner from which they scored their second goal. This was

the final score of the match with Arran happy and victorious with a 4-2 win.

Acting team captain and goalkeeper Ali Hollingworth said it was a completely different match from the previous week, with great sportsmanship and play from both teams. She also thanked team coach Phil for his presence and encouragement from the sidelines.

The team thanked umpiring mentor Billy for umpiring the match for Arran on the day. This allowed them to have one substitute for the game, which proved a necessity after Abbie's nosebleed. His support was

very much appreciated by everyone.

Man of the match, as voted for by Strathclyde, was Kirstie Barton and Helen Thomson was voted dame of the game by her teammates, both well deserved for continuous outstanding match play.

Arran Ladies have already picked up points from next weekend as Uddingston 3s can't get a team together and have conceded the match. They play GHK 4s, at old Anniesland in Glasgow tomorrow (Sunday) with a pass back time of 2.30pm. All supporters are warmly welcomed and appreciated.



Players mark their opponents as a tactical defensive move. Photo: Richard Taylor

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New initiative aims to boost junior golf

An action plan is to be drawn up in a bid to encourage more youngsters on Arran to play golf.

Organisers of the new initiative want to hear from parents, golfers, coaches, and anyone else with an interest in the sport, as to how they can make it more attractive to young people.

Two initial meetings are proposed, one on each side of the island, where ideas will be drawn up into an action plan to provide youngsters with the opportunity to experience the game. Initially the plan is to start with children from P5 upwards and will expand over time.

The initiative is still in its very early stages and the meetings will hopefully gather enough suggestions, ideas and opinions to help drive the plans forward.

The first meeting will be held at Shiskine Golf Club on Thursday November 24 and the second will take place in Brodick on Tuesday November 29. Both meetings will start at 6pm and tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided.

Joint organiser Viv Parks said: 'Everyone is most welcome to attend either or both meetings. We cannot progress this plan without your ideas, suggestions and help, so please take this opportunity to air your views and opinions.'

She is being assisted in the initiative by Ann May who added: 'It would be tremendous to have input from all the clubs on the island and we hope to see some representatives at the meetings.'

They can be contacted by email on: annie.may1@ntl-world.com and viv.parks@virgin.net respectively.

Mountain bike girls win funding for future projects

Four girls from Arran High School's mountain bike club have secured £3,000 of funding after they took part in a Cycling Scotland school camp.

Lucy Walsh, Joley Allison, Ellie Ewing and Kirstie Kerr took part in a week-long residential course at the Lagganlia Centre for Outdoor Education just outside Aviemore. The course involved learning bike mechanics, first aid, ride leadership training and bike agility training. The culmination of these activities allowed them to achieve levels 1 and 2 Go MTB skills.

In a statement the girls told *The Banner*: 'The week has helped us to be more confident in all aspects of cycling. We have learned how to lead people while cycling and know what to do if something should go wrong.'

The main aim of the course was to put across our ideas for promoting cycling in the younger community. We are very pleased to have been awarded the full amount of funding which was £3,000 after presenting our ideas successfully to a member of the Cycling Scotland team. This money



Lucy, Joley, Ellie and Kirstie enjoy a cycle with their instructor in the forest near Aviemore.

Participants on the course learned basic bicycle maintenance skills such as chain lubrication.

will help contribute to several of our future projects.

'We will be visiting some of the primary schools offering basic maintenance skills. We intend to offer fun and challenging agility courses for the pupils. This will hopefully encourage the primary school children to take up cycling and join our mountain bike club when they get to high school.'

'Cycling Scotland funding will also help train another member of staff to take us out on rides so that we can go out more than twice a week and potentially have different ability groups. We would like to say thank you to everyone involved in our course as we have gained valuable experience from it and had an amazing time whilst we were there.'

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