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Madcap swimmers take to the sea in Boxing Day dook

REPORT
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Gary Tulloch of Whiting Bay dives in to the chill waters of Lamlash Bay. 02_b01dook08

The water temperature was an impressive eight degrees Celsius

Around 30 hardy souls took to the water in Lamlash Bay for charity and fun last Wednesday 26 December.

This was the sixth annual Boxing Day Dook at Lamlash pier in aid of Lifeboat funds.

Just before 1pm, organiser Sally Hunter gave a safety briefing in the Lifeboat station, insisting that the swimmers had to walk down the slipway into the sea, rather than jumping straight off the pier.

Then after a short swim, they could carefully climb the slippery steps at the end of the

pier and jump back in if they wished.

As usual, a large crowd of spectators had gathered, well wrapped up against the chill wind, and filled the pier as the swimmers, many in fancy dress, walked or ran into the sea.

The whole madcap event was over in about 15 minutes, and the swimmers made their way back into the warmth of the Lifeboat station.

Local lifeboat crew were on hand in the water in case anyone got into difficulties.

The prizes for best fancy dress costume were won by Lucy Cartledge and James Reid.

Afterwards, Sally Hunter reported the water temperature to be an impressive eight degrees Celsius.

Mulled wine and mince pies were donated by Lamlash Co-op and on sale in the station.

Ann Gillies made the soup which was gratefully received by all, and also served the food and drink.

A total of £375 was raised for RNLI funds.



A large crowd gathered on Lamlash pier for the Boxing Day Dook. 02_b01dook04

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New Year fun cricket at Ormidale Park

Sannox Cricket Club will be holding their annual New Year game starting at 12noon on Saturday 5 January.

Weather permitting, the event will be held on the Ormidale Astroturf, using rubber practice balls.

As always, spectators and players of any standard or age are welcome to attend and enjoy refreshments from the legendary drinks trolley which has been specially revamped for 2013.

The last two New Year matches have been tied. What are the chances of this happening again?

Further information is available from club chairman Eric Dunn on 07786906992 or the club's website www.sannoxcricketclub.com

Five more defibrillators on the way

Another five defibrillators are on their way.

The campaign to provide public access life-saving defibrillators around the island has taken another major step forward.

Northend First Responder Fiona Laing told the Banner on Friday that another five of the units had been ordered, bringing the island-wide total to 10.

All these have been funded by local voluntary contributions and events.

More details next week.



Brodick Primary School children receiving a cheque from Angela Elliot Walker on behalf of the Arran Trust.

Arran Trust helps children with grow-your-own project

The children of Brodick Primary School were delighted to receive a special present

from the Arran Trust last week.

Angela Elliot Walker, one of the Arran Trust Trustees, handed over a cheque for £250 towards the school's 'bottle greenhouse project'.

Sheila Gilmore, Executive Director, VisitArran/Arran

Trust, said: 'The idea came from the schoolchildren themselves, and all the children will be involved in collecting the plastic bottles needed to build the greenhouse.'

Supports

'They will then plant and grow their own vegetables.'

'This project supports the aims of the Arran Trust, which is open to any organisation to apply for funds towards environmental and conservation projects.'

For more information contact info@arrantrust.org or telephone 01770 302043.

Passenger rights for ferry travellers

Ferry passengers who suffer from delayed or cancelled sailings may now be liable to some form of compensation under Maritime Passenger Rights.

A Caledonian MacBrayne leaflet, 'Your Guide to Passenger Welfare', details the company's commitment to customer care and lists the various forms of compensation ranging from a light refreshment to ticket refunds.

If sailings are cancelled or delayed for reasons other than weather, it may also be possible to claim for overnight accommodation.

Claim forms will be available from port staff at manned ports on the day of disruption.

New fire training officer

Neill MacPherson is the newly appointed training officer for Arran for Strathclyde Fire and Rescue service.



Neill MacPherson. 02b01fire01

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Emmerdale star on Arran for New Year

Rumours are rife that Emmerdale actress Sammy Winward is seeing in the New Year on Arran.

Sammy was reportedly seen on the ferry coming over to the island on Saturday afternoon.

In the popular ITV soap the 27-year-old Bolton actress plays blonde Katie Macey, wife of estate owner and property developer Declan Macey.

The current dramatic storyline sees Katie recovering after an ordeal of being trapped down a mineshaft for four days.

Viewers are left wondering if her marriage to Declan can survive after she is told by doctors that she will not now be able to have children.

Christmas trees uplifted by Council

Don't forget to take down the Christmas decorations this weekend.

There is some disagreement whether Saturday 5 or Sunday 6 January is regarded as twelfth night – the traditional time to put the house back to normal.

And if your Christmas tree was a real one this year, North Ayrshire Council will kindly remove it for you.

As in previous years, the NAC Waste Services collection staff will uplift real Christmas trees for disposal.

They should be placed next to your wheelie bin on your collection day in the week commencing 14 January.

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David McKinnon, centre, at the final presentation ceremony at Clyde Coastguard in Greenock. b01coa01

Final Greenock day for David

David McKinnon received a presentation at Greenock Clyde Coastguard station on Friday 23 November in recognition of 32 years service in the Arran Coastguard team and 14 years as Station Officer in Lamlash.

This was the final ceremony at Greenock as the station closed down on Tuesday 18 December in part of a streamlining of the UK Coastguard Service.

David said afterwards: 'I was pleased to get the award, but Clyde Coastguard was a sad place that day.'

'I have many happy memories of serving

with the Arran team, particularly with the cliff work and moving to the new Lamlash station in 2001.'

In December 1999, Banner staff Howard Driver and Jenni Turnbull were 'rescued' from the bottom of a cliff at Dippen by an eight-person Arran coastguard team in an authentic training exercise, so were able to experience at first-hand what an invaluable service these volunteers provide.

David added that he was the last remaining coastguard from the original Kildonan Rocket Team.

Are you up for the challenge?

The Arran Medical Group is looking to recruit a new doctor.

And they have gone about it in the unusual way of posting a one-minute and 17 seconds video on Youtube entitled 'Be a rural GP on the Isle of Arran'.

Job satisfaction

The fun video tells that they need a GP to join the team and asks: 'Are you looking for job satisfaction on a spectacular island?'

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Dr Malcolm Kerr of Brod-

rick said: 'It can be difficult attracting a GP to an island, but Arran is unique.'

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Rachel Phillips MBE

Rachel Phillips of Swn-Y-Mor, Sannox has been awarded an MBE in the New Year Honours list.

Rachel's recognition is for her services to Scottish Country Dancing. She is currently staying with family in Perth, Western Australia.



Rachel Phillips MBE, right, pictured on the Indian Pacific Railway on a family holiday in Australia. b12ban03

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Boxing Day Dook at Lamlash



Shirley McConnell and her family of Glenn, Dayni and Alan all took the plunge. 02_b01dook02



Marching bravely into the sea. 02_b01dook03



Santa's little helpers also took the plunge. 02_b01dook06

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The Lamlash Boxing Day Dook raised £375 for Lifeboat funds and gave a large crowd some great entertainment last Wednesday. Our photograph shows the intrepid swimmers in Lamlash lifeboat station for a briefing before taking to the water. 02_b01dook01



15-year-old Cameron Lamb, here on holiday from Newcastle-on-Tyne, jumped off the pier. 02_b01dook05



Even the lifeboat crew decided to jump in. 02_b01dook07

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Provost Joan Sturgeon outside NAC headquarters Cunninghame House. b01joan01

Provost's Civic Pride awards and dinner

Once again two worthy local charities will benefit from funds raised at the 2013 Provost's Civic Pride and Charity Dinner.

Last year over £20,000 was raised for Cash for Kids and Hollybush House – two charities who support many people across North Ayrshire.

This year, The Butterfly Club and Cash for Kids will benefit from the generosity of local people, businesses and organisations attending the event.

The Butterfly Club was formed by the parents of James MacFarlane and Haysholm special needs schools to provide a holiday club to reduce pupils' isolation, improve their quality of life and allow them to take part in ac-

tivities other children take for granted.

The club also provides much needed respite for the families and carers who care for the children and young people.

Cash for Kids is part of Scotland's largest radio charity and aims to support underprivileged children through a series of grants.

North Ayrshire Council Provost Joan Sturgeon welcomed the opportunity to support the charities.

She said: 'Both excellent organisations, helping many of the most deserving young people and families in North Ayrshire.'

'I am also delighted that our sponsors have shown such excellent support for the event,

our communities and chosen charities.'

Last year, 133 local heroes, active community groups, young citizens, aspiring sportsmen and women, talented local artists and inspirational volunteers were nominated across five Award categories.

With nominations for the 2013 Awards now open, Provost Joan Sturgeon is encouraging local people to let everyone know about their community heroes.

Provost's Civic Pride Awards 2013 Nomination Form

Who are you nominating?

Name of Individual or Group: _____

If a group please give a contact name: _____

Address: _____

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Please attach a separate sheet of paper and tell us in 500 words or less why you feel this individual/group should receive an award and return with this nomination form by 12 noon on Thursday 24 January, 2013 to:

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What is happening to the English language?

Text messaging and facebook seem to be responsible for the large-scale introduction of abbreviations and slang that is quite incomprehensible to most folk over 50.

And it appears that incorrect spelling, punctuation, grammar and syntax is not necessarily marked down in school exams today.

Working to tight deadlines, we don't always get it right ourselves at The Banner, but as far as possible we try to be faithful to the standards of the English language.

Every day we receive a multitude of press releases, mostly via email.

Many of them are of no interest or consequence.

The quality of writing is often lamentable, but it is not uncommon to see that same press release reproduced verbatim in another publication the following day.

For over 30 years, the Plain English Campaign has been fighting against the onslaught of jargon, gobbledegook and misleading public information.

But still this onslaught keeps threatening to overwhelm us.

A current government education service document proclaims that 'high quality learning environments are a necessary precondition for facilitation and enhancement of the ongoing learning process'.

What they really mean is 'children need good schools if they are going to learn properly'.

A commonplace yellow sign sited near the exit from Motorway services on the M74 and M6 declares that 'picking up your litter endangers road workers lives'.

So the solution seems to be simple – don't pick up your own litter and you could save the life of a road worker!

The announcement over the public address system as the train from Glasgow Central approaches the terminus tells passengers that 'the next stop will be Ardrossan Harbour where this train will terminate'. No, it won't.

The service may terminate, but the train itself is extremely unlikely to disappear in a puff of smoke.

You can ask yourself, does it matter if we allow the English language to become sloppy and devalued?

But then consider that English is the universal language of finance and politics.

And ponder on how much the rest of the world holds our mother tongue in such high regard.

Perhaps as a New Year resolution we should all make more effort to respect and value the Queen's English?

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. (1 John 4:9-10)

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Letters to the Editor



Sinking of the Princess Victoria

Sir,
With the onset of inclement winter weather it is a timely reminder that 31 January 2013 is the sixtieth anniversary of the sinking of the *Princess Victoria* between Stranraer and Larne.

I have my father's copy of the inquiry report into the disaster.

Sixty years on it still makes for harrowing reading. Of a complement of 172 passengers and crew 130 lives were lost. No women or children survived.

The first distress signal for urgent assistance was received by Morse Code to Portpatrick Radio at 09.46.

The final SOS call from the stricken ship was received at 13.58. After that - silence.

The inquiry later concluded that by 13.58 the ship was keeled so far over that the top of the radio mast was in the water.

The radio officer had stayed sending signals until the end; a true professional and a very brave man indeed.

As a small child in Kildonan I have such a vivid recollection of the utter desolation felt by my mother and grandmother (both Merchant Navy wives).

The day was spent listening to the wireless for any further news. I was very aware that something dreadful was happening and there was a sense of utter disbelief that this ship was sinking not all that far from Kildonan.

Could such a disaster happen in the 21st century? Maritime communications are a world away from 1953.

Modern ships are built to very high standards but many lives are lost at sea all round the world.

I often wonder how many people who travel on a Cal-Mac ferry would know where to find a lifejacket and be able to put it on in under five seconds.

If you live on the mainland you endure traffic jams, rail disruptions etc.

If you choose to live on an island, that stretch of water

will always determine whether you travel or not.

As my late father (a Clyde sea captain) remarked on occasion 'there are more qualified sailors sitting at the fire-side than ever stood on the bridge of a ship'.

Yours,
Liz Macpherson
By email

Special hospital Christmas

Sir,
On behalf of all the patients and visitors at Arran War Memorial Hospital on Christmas Day, may I express gratitude to the nursing and catering staff for making the day so special.

To be in hospital on 25 December wouldn't be the first choice of most.

So, covering more than one shift, a huge thank you to



The ill-fated Princess Victoria car ferry that sank 60 years ago with the loss of 130 lives.

Fiona B, Fiona F, Erica, Sarah, Claire and her musical children, Laura, Kate, Didi and Sandra, and not forgetting cheery Maurice tucked away in the kitchen.

Their extra kind efforts probably resulted in as good a tonic for the poorly few as the necessary medicines and procedures.

For any who may sometimes doubt that nursing remains the caring profession it once was, they need look no further than the example set by our marvellous nurses and NHS staff here on the island.

Yours,
Howard Kemp
Burnbank
High Corrie



The Arran Youth Foundation youngsters sorting Christmas cards from the postbox in Bilslands.

Special card delivery raises youth funds

The youngsters of Arran Youth Foundation (AYF) have raised £215 with their novel scheme to hand-deliver Christmas cards in Brodick.

Costing just 30 pence a card, the post was delivered by the children as long as it had a Brodick address.

Cards were left in a special postbox on the counter at Bilslands store on Shore Road.

AYF youth work project manager Graeme Johnston said: 'I would just like to thank everyone who used the service.'

'As always, the community of Arran pro-

vided great support. I would also like to say a huge thanks to the young people who took part.

'They gave up a massive amount of time, often straight after school or at weekends to deliver their cards in some pretty miserable weather. Well done to all of them.'

'Thanks also to Alastair and Alison Bilsland who kindly suggested the idea in the first place and to whom we are very grateful.'

The children have decided that half the money raised will go to AYF funds and the other half to a local charity of their choice.

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2012 remembered

Part 2 - July to December

As 2012 draws to a close we take our customary look back through the pages of the year to highlight the main events of the past 52 weeks.

Since July Arran's residents have been filling our pages with exciting stories of personal achievements and island wide changes.

We helped the residents of Glenloig to get their phones fixed after months without a line.

Rain fell in bucket loads on the day of the annual Farmers Show but the islanders didn't let it dampen their day at Glenkiln.

Plans for a biomass energy development in the forestry between Lamash and Whiting Bay came under fire from the local community.

And after a campaign through the pages of The Banner, the plans were dropped.

A noisy rooster in Whiting Bay was saved from the cooking pot while a nasty bus crash in Machrie saw many French tourists badly hurt.

Local doctors began a campaign to improve mobile coverage on the island to help in moments of emergency and the school proudly crowned two outstanding pupils as Dux in September.

'Cheers'

Kilmory residents said 'cheers' as plans were given the go ahead for a fully licensed club in their village hall.

And then more fears were raised about the state of Arran's roads and the worrying number of cyclists injured in the past six months.

BBC Radio listeners voted Arran their top British holiday destination in October as The Banner went

on a ghost hunt in the hills above Brodick.

And as the year approached its end, the island was preparing for another fight - this time over proposed EU boundary changes that could be implemented next year.

We've covered the successes of Arran's school pupils, the accomplishments of local actors and the often exceptionally brave actions of our local volunteer emergency services.

But most of all we have once again ensured that the readers of The Arran Banner have never missed an important event from all corners of the island as we continue to cover the daily comings and goings of life here.

As we've said before, The Banner is your newspaper and we really couldn't produce it without you.



Sir Chris Hoy was pictured enjoying a taste of his homeland with Alistair Dobson of a Taste of Arran in the Olympic Village in July.



Fifteen-year-old Wallace Currie of Bridge Farm, Shiskine was named overhead champion at the Arran Farmer's Show in August. 01_b31far10



Jamie McKinnon of Sannox was one of the few local competitors that took part in the Brodick Highland Games in August. 01_b32hig09



The trophy winners at the Arran Horticultural Show in August are pictured with Lord McConnell. 01_b33hort08



Mike Metyard pondered how to get his wooden squirrel down from the RBS sign after it was stolen from his garden in August.



The Indian Garden takeaway opened its doors in Lamash in August. Owners Abu Ahammad and Lockman Hossan are pictured with their staff. 01_b34gar03

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2012 - That was the year that was



In August it was announced that Brodick Castle had been chosen as one of the NTS Signature Projects. Property manager Ken Thorburn is pictured with signature project specialist Jonathan Bryant. 02_b34bmd01



Joint Arran High School Dux award winners in September were Christopher Jenks and Iona Flewitt. 01_b35du02



Diane Lewis of Kirkend Nursery in Whiting Bay featured in The Banner in September for nursing an injured snowy owl back to health. 01_b37fw01



Despite choppy waters, the Blackwaterfoot Raft Race took place in the middle of September. 01_b38ra01



2012 has been the 300th anniversary of St Brides Church in Lochranza. In October a special Tercentenary Service was taken by the Rev Angus Adamson and a commemorative stained glass window was unveiled. 01_b40ev01



After many years of trying to get them up and running, the Southend First Responders finally went on-call in September. 02_b37resp01



Police, fire and bomb squad officers gathered on Brodick Hill in September after a quantity of explosives was suspected to be in a box found in the woodland. 02_b37bom02



The kids from Arran Youth Foundations held a fantastic film night in Brodick in late September. 01_b38ay01



In November Calum McNicol of Brodick began training for an epic transatlantic row that will see him cross the ocean in 30 days, breaking a world record. 02_b47vw01



In mid September, 44 brave souls that included 12 locals took part in the annual Lamash Splash. 01_b38sl01



Angela Robinson and her mum Louise Haggarty took The Banner on a ghost hunt in the hills above Brodick for Halloween. 01_b43ha01



Julie and Mal Barker of Viewbank Guesthouse in Whiting Bay were almost the victims of a nasty scam in November. 02_b46da01



Arran's first Comedy Festival took place on the island in late September. It featured four stand-up comedians - Michael Redmond, Susie McCabe, Scott Gibson and Phil Differ. 02_b39com01



Arran's young dancers impressed the audience with their amazing routines at their annual show in October. 01_b40da01



In November, the Santa's Sparkle once again took place in Lamash. Locals said the fireworks display on the Saturday night was the most amazing they had ever seen.



Fiona Laing of the Arran Defib Project accepted a cheque from Shiskine Golf Club's Pietre Johnston in December. The club held a charity night that raised so much money they can now afford two public access defibrillators. b49sgc01NO

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No surgery on bowling green

The Land Tribunal has decided that Cunninghame District Council will not be allowed to grant planning permission for a new doctor's surgery on part of Brodick Bowling Green. Plans are now being drawn up for two alternative sites in the village.

Angus bound for the Arctic

Angus Grassie of Shiskine is planning an Arctic expedition with five other Jordanhill students. They will attempt the first British ascent of a major peak in Greenland next July. The six young men will be self sufficient on the trip, travelling on skis, pulling sledges and living on a diet of dehydrated meat and vegetables.

1993 Music Festival

The Arran Music Festival

will run for three days from Wednesday 24 March. The syllabus contains more classes than ever and is available from many island shops.

Bruce laid to rest

Bruce Mitchell-Luker, a young soldier from Lamlash, was killed just a week before Christmas while serving with the Royal Highland Fusiliers in Belize. Bruce was just 20 and had been in Belize for only one month.

He was laid to rest in the first military funeral in Arran since the Second World War.

Minister stands down

Gavin Smith, who has been minister of the Free Kirk on Arran since April 1988, has resigned his charge with effect from today.

He is now seeking a new charge and expects to remain on Arran until he finds a position.

Indecent act in public

Police were called to Auchrannie Hotel on Sunday evening when a man created a public disturbance by allegedly committing an indecent act in a public place.

He has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

New Year chicks at Imacher

Margaret McPherson of Imacher was pleased to welcome a clutch of eight Maran chicks that hatched out at New Year.

She said that it makes a change from New Year lambs in the Banner. They will be good company for the peacocks and Chinese geese hopping about the roadside at Imacher.

Arran up for sale

The Earldom of Arran is up for sale. Adam Bruce, second son of the Earl of Elgin, is selling the earldom on behalf of The Lady Jean Fforde.

The title dates back to 1504 and comes with Lochranza Castle and an area of land at the Northend.

Pooch pole-axed by lamppost shocker

The local Hydro Electric shop heard this week that they were going to be sued over an incident when a dog died three years ago.

The pooch was sniffing around the bottom of a lamppost in Whiting Bay when it had a short fit and fell dead.



Margaret McPherson and her mother with the eight new feathered arrivals at Imacher. b52twe05



Action from the East versus West annual Boxing Day rugby match in Lamlash. b52twe02



Angus Grassie on the left, with his five companions and their equipment, heading for the Arctic. b52twe01

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If you think you know then post your answer on the website **www.arranbanner.co.uk**
 Or email us at: **editor@arranbanner.co.uk**

Recycling - Let's get it sorted this Christmas

During the festive season it is important to remember that Christmas is a time when waste in North Ayrshire is at its highest level.

More waste is produced over the festive period - such as wrapping paper, cardboard boxes, Christmas trees, old decorations, bottles and leftover food - and this often means that recycling is forgotten about and waste is simply bundled up into one bag and thrown away.

However, it is easier than ever to make sure that you keep up the good work which has enabled North Ayrshire residents to recycle 52.5 percent of our waste. Thank you to all our residents for helping us to achieve this.



Did you know?

- Over 1 billion Christmas cards are sent each year.
- We use around 750 million bottles and glass containers and 500 million drinks cans over the festive period.
- Over 7.5 million real Christmas Trees are bought every year.

The frightening thing is that most of this could end up in our bins in the New Year.

This year we are asking you to think seriously about what you can do to reduce, reuse and recycle your waste not just over the festive period but to make this a choice for life.

- **Real Christmas Trees** - put out at the kerbside week commencing 14 January for 7am on your normal refuse collection day and our operatives will collect.
- **Use your blue bins** for recycling any paper, or cards that you dispose of over Christmas and the New Year
- **A lot more glass bottles and jars are used over the Christmas period.** Remember you can now use your blue bin to recycle your glass bottles and jars

Christmas Uplift arrangements

Household refuse collections over the festive period will be as follows:

Normal Collection Day	Revised Collection Day
Tuesday 25 December 2012	Thursday 27 December 2012
Wednesday 26 December 2012	Friday 28 December 2012
Tuesday 1 January 2013	Thursday 3 January 2013
Wednesday 2 January 2013	Friday 4 January 2013

Collections scheduled for Thursday 27 and Friday 28 December and Thursday 3 and Friday 4 January remain the same.

Offices will close on Monday 24 December 2012 and will re-open on Thursday 3 January 2013.

Special uplifts will be suspended from Friday 21 December 2012 and will start on Monday 7 January 2013.

Any additional refuse can be taken to the local Transfer Station. The Transfer Station will be closed Tuesday 25 December 2012 and reopens Thursday 27 December 2012 and closes Tuesday 1 January 2013 and reopens Thursday 3 January 2013.

Please place any large items of cardboard beside your blue wheeled bin on the day of collection. As in previous years the Waste Services collection staff will uplift real Christmas trees for disposal. These should be placed beside the wheeled bin on the day of collection week commencing 14 January 2013.

Reduce

- Say no to unwanted carrier bags when shopping - try to reuse your old ones;
- Avoid buying goods that have unnecessary packaging or try to buy food and drink packaged in materials that can be recycled;
- Buy drinks like lemonade in large containers, rather than lots of small ones; and
- Avoid using paper plates and cups if you are planning a party.

Reuse

- Why not make gift tags from your old greetings cards;
- Pass any unwanted gifts to your local charity shop rather than throwing them away; and
- Buy rechargeable batteries instead of disposable ones.

Recycle

Blue wheeled bins

A lot of the waste created during the festive period can be recycled. Wrapping paper, cardboard boxes, plastic bottles and steel and aluminium cans should be recycled using your blue bin.

Glass bottles and jars

Remember you can now use your blue bin to recycle your glass bottles and jars. They can also be recycled at one of the many bottle banks across the Island.

Christmas Trees

You don't need to worry about transporting your real Christmas trees to the Transfer Station. Trees can be recycled by placing them at the kerbside beside your bin for 7am during the week beginning 14 January 2013. They will then be taken for composting.

Electrical goods

Many people will have small electrical items such as straighteners, hairdryers and white goods to replace during the festive period. All electrical items can be taken to the Transfer Station.

Food waste

Food is a huge part of the Christmas celebration. However, it is often the case that a lot of good food goes to waste. When you are preparing meals make sure that you aren't making lots more than you expect to serve - although there is always room for some second helpings.

Everyone has experience of turkey sandwiches for days after Christmas, but there are plenty of recipes which can utilise those leftovers in a far more creative way. Pick up some tips at www.lovefoodhatewaste.com.



Councillor John Ferguson, Cabinet Member for the Environment, said:

"North Ayrshire residents are becoming more aware of the importance of recycling.

"During the festive period, recycling becomes even more of an issue - given the extra waste we produce over Christmas and New Year.

"From wrapping paper and cardboard boxes to batteries and bottles, there is plenty of waste that can be recycled.

"Both the Council and Zero Waste Scotland provide an excellent range of information to help reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill.

"I would like to thank everyone who plays a part in protecting our environment and thinks about recycling over the festive period."

Transfer Station

Site	Location	Fluorescent & Energy Saving Lighbulbs	Glass	Cans	Paper	Plastic Bottles	Cardboard	Textiles	Rubble	Electrical Appliances & TVs	White Goods	Metal	Household Batteries
Brodick	Market Road	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓



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Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm
Lamlash Golf Club, 7pm for 7.15pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 7-8pm
Ormidale Park, 6-7.30pm

Saturday 5th January

Army Cadets
Over 21s Disco
Karate
Family Games
Arran Dancers (4yrs & up)
Fun in the pool
Junior Badminton Club
New Year Fun Cricket

Auchrannie Road 11am – 1 pm.
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am-12.30pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Arran High School, 10am
Auchrannie Pool 4-5pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall 1-3pm Ages 5-16
Ormidale Park, 12noon

Tuesday 8th January

Pop Quiz
Alcoholics Anonymous
Youth Club
Rotary club
Streetly Dance pre school
Streetly Dancing Classes P1-S7
Youth Club
Weight Watchers
Junior Hockey Club
Auchrannie Winter Bowls
Healthy Outdoors
Cricket Practise
Open Darts

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Brodict Church Hall, 2pm
Kildonan Hall, 7pm
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 7.15pm
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 1.45-2.30pm
Auchrannie Gym Hall, 3.45pm – 6pm
Brodict Hall, 6.30 – 8pm
St Molios Church Hall, 6.30-7.30pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7.30pm
Auchrannie, 7pm-9pm
10am-1pm NTS Ranger Centre
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7pm-9pm
Kinloch Hotel from 8pm

Sunday 6th January

Alcoholics Anonymous
New Al-Anon Meeting
Family Games
Fun in the pool
Open Mic Session
Folk night

Church Hall, Brodict, 4.30pm
Brodict Church Hall, 4.30 – 6 pm.
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 2pm-5pm
Ormidale Hotel, 8.30pm

Monday 7th January

Quiz
Outside Boot Camp
Over 50s Badminton
Badminton
Citizens Advice
Morning Fitness
Breathe Walk Class
Table Tennis

Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 8.30pm
Whiting Bay Park 6am
Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30-1.30pm
Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
Kinneil, Lamlash, 5.15pm
Corrie Hall, 6.30pm

Wednesday 9th January

Hockey
Tae Kwondo
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Brass Rehearsal
Senior Badminton
Yogalates
AquaFizz
Music Mayhem Class Parents & Little Ones
Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy service
Arran Absolute Beginners Runners
Northend Football Training
Outside Boot Camp
Coffee morning

Auchrannie Games Hall, 6.30-7.30pm
Arran high School Kids-6.30-7.30pm Adults-7.30-8.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 2pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7.15pm
Arran High School, 8-9pm
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 10.45am
10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30
5.30pm Auchrannie Spa Car Park
Lochranza, 7pm
Whiting Bay Park, 6am
Lamlash church Hall, 10.15am-12noon

Thursday 10th January

Morning Fitness
Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
General Knowledge Quiz
Lochranza Craft Club
Youth Club
Zumba Fitness Club
Live Country/Folk music
Brodict Embroidery Group
Brodict Bridge Club
Auchrannie Winter Bowls
Ladies Netball
Lunchbox

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Hall, 2pm
Youth Cabin, Lamlash, 7-9pm
Arran high School, 6.30-7.30pm
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay 8.30-10.30pm
Brodict Library 7.30 p.m. – 9.30 pm
Brodict Golf Club, 7 pm for 7.15 pm
Auchrannie, 7pm-9pm
High School sports hall – seniors, 7.30-9pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 12.30-2.30

Friday 11th January

Aqua Fizz
Yogalates
Arran Youth Foundations
Weight Watchers
Lochranza Kids Badminton
Lochranza Adults Badminton
Disco
Outside Boot Camp

Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am
Church Hall, Brodict 7pm-9pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 5.30pm
Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm
Lochranza Hall, 8pm
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Whiting Bay Park 6am

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As times vary from school to school, parents are asked to check registration arrangements with the appropriate catchment primary school for the area in which they live. The child's birth certificate should be produced at the time of registration.

In the case of those currently resident within the catchment area of John Galt Primary School, I would advise that they should contact Education and Skills Headquarters on 01294 324439 for further advice.

Information on Registration can be found on the Council's web site: www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk (Education and Learning pages).

If you wish your child to attend a school outwith your catchment area then you must submit a placing request which you will be able to submit online by accessing www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk (Education and Learning pages).

Placing request assistance can also be obtained by telephoning 0845 603 0596.

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Sunday 6th January
Holy Communion, 11.00 am.
Mr John Roberts.
Coffee after service.
ALL WELCOME

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Parishes of North Arran: Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirmill 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 6th January
Brodick Church, 10.30am, Morning Worship.
Corrie Church, 12noon, Morning Worship.
Lochranza and Pirmill Churches, 10.15am, Morning Worship at Lochranza.
Shiskine Church, 12noon Morning Worship.
A Service of Worship will also be held in Montrose House at 1.30pm.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Kilmory linked with Lamlash "A faith to proclaim ~ a fellowship to share"
Sunday 6th January
Kilmory 10am
Mrs. Mairi Duff Lamlash 11.30am
Mr. Tony Butcher
In both churches:
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HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Holy Cross Catholic Church
Sunday 6th January
Mass 11am

WHITING BAY AND KILDALTON CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(Charity Number: SC014005)
Sunday 6th January
Worship will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson, at 10.30am.
Tea and coffee will be served in the Transept after the service.
All most welcome.
There will be a service in Cooriedoon at 2.30pm to which all friends are welcome.

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ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday 6th January
Ormidale Sports Pavilion, Brodick
11am Morning worship
Tea/Coffee after the service
Home Fellowship Group meets on Wednesday at 7.30pm
For details telephone 860 232
Everyone very welcome.

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Services as follows
Shiskine 11.00am (Church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)
Brodick 7pm (Church behind post office)
Rev Angus Howat
All welcome

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)
Sunday 6th January
Morning Service 11am
Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick
Evening Service 6.30pm
5 Glen Road, Brodick
Prayer Meeting
Wednesday 9th January at 7pm
All welcome

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS, QUAKERS

Sunday 6th January
in Dippin House, Dippen at 11am
Enquiries to Judith 820223.
All welcome

DEATHS

CURRIE - WILLIAM MACKENZIE OBE, BSc, PhD

On Saturday 29th December 2012 at Clarence Court Care Home in Glasgow, peacefully after a long illness, Ken Currie, aged 78, of Catacol, Harwell and Hyndland. At his request there will be no funeral ceremony. His family wish to record their appreciation of the affectionate care Ken received in Clarence Court.

McDONALD - Alec McDonald

of Balegra, East Bennan, died on December 25, 2012.
Funeral service will be held at Kilmory Parish Church, Kilmory, on Monday, January 7, 2013 at 12.00 noon. Family flowers only.

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Honours even

The annual East versus West New Year rugby match ended honours even in a draw last Saturday at Ormidale Park.

Both sides scored five tries with the East scorers being Ben Tattersfield with two and Liam Boal, Ryan Boal and Robbie Bayne getting one each.

Scorers for the West were Frazer Barr, Lachlan Jones, Niall

McMaster, Gregor Adamson and Donald Murchie. Each side managed to muster 10 players and the game was played in a spirit of friendly rivalry.

Home tie

The next league match for Arran is a home tie on Saturday 12 January to Oban Lorne, starting at 2pm.



Stuart McMaster takes clean line-out ball for the West. 02_b01rug02



The East's Ben Tattersfield gets the ball away under a string challenge from Jamie Picken. 02_b01rug01

Kilpatrick Crackers win Boxing Day Scramble

Ten teams played in the annual Boxing Day Charity Texas Scramble at Shiskine Golf Club on Wednesday.

The winners were the Kilpatrick Crackers team of David and Neil Henderson and Ian and Kirstie Smith.

Their excellent score was 37 scratch less 3.9 = 33.1.

Louise Macalister won the longest drive at the second and nearest the pin at the fourth.

Ian Smith won longest drive at the ninth and Jimmy Turnbull won nearest the pin at the tenth.

£100 was raised for Shiskine football team.

Arran Golfers Association

Winter League/Duncan Trophy 2012/2013, third round.

The third round matches will be played at Whiting Bay on Sunday 13 January, draw as follows:

Whiting Bay v Shiskine at 10am, Corrie v Lamlash at 10.50am, Machrie v Brodick at 11.40am.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Results: Wednesday 26 December. 10 played for the Christmas Bottle from the Yellow tees. The winner was Wolfi Kroner (15)59, 2nd

won scratch with 72. Dave Hackett (12)61, 3rd Jamie MacPherson (5)63. There were two magic twos each from Wolfi Kroner and Malcolm Pennycott, and Malcolm also won scratch with 67.

Sunday 30 December. 12 played in the Gents Sweep. 1 Captain Ronnie Mann (11)62, 2 Vice Captain Gus MacLeod (10)64 BIH, 3 Foreign Secretary Wolfi Kroner (15)64. There were magic twos from Wolfi Kroner and Gus MacLeod, and Jamie MacPherson

won scratch with 72. Fixtures: Sunday 6 January, Winter Cup round 4.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Results: Tuesday 27 December 2 Clun Competition. Ladies: 1 Denise Sherwood 43.5, 2 Lesley Murray 44.5, 3 Fiona Scott 45.5. Gents: 1 Willie Kelso 38.2, 2 Brian Sherwood 39.5, 3rd Mike Hesp 41

Thanks to Denise for the mince pies and Christmas cake



after the game and to Brian for the prizes.

Fixtures: Saturday 5 January Lochranza Hotel Cup tee off 12noon. Tuesday 8 January Winter Cup tee off 12noon.



Scramble winners the Kilpatrick Crackers - Ian and Kirstie Smith and Neil and David Henderson. b01gol01

Sports Review of the Year - July to December



Nicky Emsley of Whiting Bay once again won the Tom Dickie Trophy for the half-mile race at the Brodick Highland Games in August. 01_b32hig13



In August Scott Clark won the Tom Dolan Trophy and the McMillan Cup, which recognises extraordinary achievement by an individual competitor in the heavy events at the Highland Games. 01_b32hig14



In their first home game of the new season, Arran beat Clydesdale 67-0 in September. It was a fantastic start in division three for the island's team. 01_b38rug01



The trophy winners at Taylor Smith's pony club fun day in September. 01_b37rid02



Jenna Thomson and her Sumo Wrestlers Team at the Sannox Sixes cricket fun day in August. 02_b33crk01



At the end of August Brodick FC won the Arran Football Association Cup after beating Shiskine in a 10-goal thriller at the Ormidale Park. 02_b35foot01



Motivated by the Olympics, a team of 44 Auchrannie staff took part in the Great Scottish Run in August to raise money for Chloe's Chemoo Cows.



Thirteen-year-old Emily Divine from Blackwaterfoot became the youngest person on the island to become a First Dan Tae Kwon-do black belt in September. She is pictured with Third Dan Debbie McNally who graduated on the same day. 02_b39tae01



Dougie Macfarlane, left, won the Arran Golfers Association's Champion of Champions trophy for the tenth time at the end of August. He beat runner-up David Tod in a dramatically close round at Corrie Golf Club. 02_b35champ01



Brodick Golf Club's champions were crowned in July. They were Fiona Crawford and Gordon Hendry, centre, and runners-up Gwen McNicol and Bobby McCrae.



In mid August Susan Butchard, right, won the Arran Ladies Golf Union Island Championship after defeating runner-up Viv Parks, left. Susan was presented with her trophy by ALGU secretary Lynn Walker.

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Sporting stars shine throughout 2012

Sport forms a very important part of The Arran Banner each week and the editions throughout 2012 were no exception. From football, running, rugby, golf, sailing and pool, Arran's residents have once again proved themselves to be at the

top of their individual games with trophies galore. We have brought you just a small selection of those successes as we look back over the year and look forward to the start of a new one.



Arran Runners came third in the Round Arran Relay Race in July.



Cheers of triumph from Brodick FC in August as they took part in an open-top bus victory tour of the island. 01_b32ba101



Archie McNicol of Brodick is presented with the Lady Jean Fforde Cup by Highland Games chairman Donald McKelvie in August. 01_b32hig12



Bay Queen Alison Provan, left, presents Cool Runnings with their prize after they won the Whiting Bay Raft Race for the second time in July. 01_b31raf02



Brodick FC celebrate in style back in July after winning the Arran Dairies Football League for the first time in three years.

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