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# Local MP attacks high fuel prices on the island

'It is simply not fair for those who live on islands such as Arran to continue being penalised in this way'

**REPORT**  
 by HOWARD DRIVER  
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Katy Clark MP attended a special meeting last Friday to investigate high island fuel prices.

She said: 'I remain very concerned about the high price of fuel for motorists on Arran. Towards the end of January prices of unleaded petrol on Arran were 16 to 18 pence per litre higher than those in the Three Towns.'

**Not fair**  
 'It is simply not fair for those who live on islands such as Arran to continue being penalised in this way.'

Katy Clark attended the fuel summit meeting with the Scotland Office, Treasury Officials, the Office of Fair Trading, MPs, fuel retailers and distributors to discuss the price of fuel on islands.

A wide range of issues relat-

ing to island fuel prices were covered, including the level of the island fuel duty discount currently being piloted on Scottish islands and whether there were any competition issues pushing the price of petrol up on island locations.

**Falling well short**  
 Ms Clark added: 'The 5p per litre discount introduced in March 2012 was a welcome step forward but one which is currently falling well short of what is required given the scale of the problem.'

'I have requested in the House of Commons that the

**'Someone is profiteering out of this and it isn't us'**

- Chris Marriott  
 Whiting Bay  
 Petrol Station

discount be increased and also raised this at the Fuel Summit.

'There was also discussion about whether there were competition issues on the islands which the Office of Fair Trading should be involved with.'

'I would also be very interested in talking to petrol retailers on Arran to discuss what they think could be done which would be effective in bringing prices down and am arranging to feed back the discussions.'

**Investigation**  
 Chris Marriott, Whiting Bay petrol station owner, has already added his voice to those calling for an investigation into the high price of fuel on the island.

'Someone is profiteering out of this and it isn't us,' he said, adding that any investigation needed to go further up the line than the retailers.



Willie McNish, Margo McLellan and Andy Grents of the Arran Bee Group receiving a cheque from the Arran Trust last Friday. 02\_b06bee01

## Beekeepers get boost from Arran Trust

The Arran Bee Group has received a cheque for £2,000 from the Arran Trust to support the reintroduction of the Scottish Black Bee on Arran.

The money has been raised by visitor gifting through island businesses.

Bees are essential for biodiversity on the island - their cross pollination is vital to support the flora and fauna that locals and visitors enjoy.

The group has put considerable personal

investment into this project, and have ordered eleven nuclei with the first batch due in April.

The Arran Trust is the island's visitor gifting scheme and supports projects which can enhance and protect the landscape and environment of Arran.

Membership is made up of island hotels, guest houses and other tourism operators.

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### Alba Brass in concert

Alba Brass are performing at the Arran Music Society concert in Brodick Hall from 1.30pm on Saturday 16 February.

They are described as an exciting brass quintet who are adding their own style to traditional music.

Alba Brass have appeared at concerts and festivals all over Europe, Russia, North America and the Middle East.

They have also been recorded for BBC's Songs of Praise and STV's Spirit of Scotland.

### Police files

In the past week, local police reported a 51-year-old man for careless driving and a 23-year-old man for dangerous driving.

Two other local residents were issued with Conditional Offer of Fixed Penalty tickets for various road traffic offences.

### Coffee morning

The annual coffee morning in aid of Erskine Hospital will be held in Lamplash Church Hall from 10.15am to 12 noon next Wednesday 13 February.

# New manager for learning centre

A new manager has been appointed for the Arran Learning Centre, which forms part of the University of Highlands and Islands - Argyll College.

Maureen McKenna from Benecarrigan took over from Liz Sloan late last year after seven years with Taste of Arran in Brodick.

#### Highlight

'The learning centre is a community resource that anyone on Arran can use,' explained Maureen. 'I'm keen to highlight to people what is available here and to encourage more people to sign up for courses.'

First on the list at the Lamplash centre is a Basic Skills Computer Course that Maureen is hoping to start at the end of February. She would also like to hear

from people what courses they would like to see offered at the learning centre.

#### Widest range

'The centre is there for the community to use so we want to offer courses that appeal to the widest range of people that we can,' said Maureen.

The college offers a wide range of evening classes as well as full time further education courses and skills development.

Tutors are also being sought that have an interest in perhaps teaching a class at the centre.

#### Information

For more information about the basic skills computer course, offering your services as a tutor or just to find out more about the learning centre, phone Maureen on 600152.



Maureen McKenna has been appointed the new learning centre manager at the Lamplash branch of Argyll College. 01\_b06col01

### Two Arran planning appeals refused by Council

The Local Review Body of North Ayrshire Council met in Irvine on Wednesday 23 January to consider two Arran appeals in respect of the refusal of a planning application by officers under delegated powers.

The decision to refuse an application for the erection of a 55kW wind turbine at Auchenhew Farm, Kildonan was upheld by the Review Body on the grounds that it would intrude upon an area of relatively open countryside, be detrimental to visual amenity and establish an undesirable precedent for further unsuitable wind farm development.

The decision to refuse an application for the erection of a detached house at a site to west of 35 Margnahelgish Road, Lamplash was upheld on the grounds that it is not required for persons employed in agriculture, forestry or an established rural business and would comprise residential development outwith the settlement boundary and within the countryside.

### Arran Bike Club grant awarded

Arran Bike Club was awarded a grant of £1,592.60 at the meeting of the Ardrissan and Arran, Saltcoats and Stevenston Area Committee in Stevenston on Thursday 31 January.

The Committee made the award from the Local Youth Action Fund.

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## Farming down the years at the Arran Heritage Museum

Viewers of Adam's Farm on BBC 1's Countryfile programme will know how farm machinery has made massive strides in recent years.

The Arran Heritage Museum at Rosaburn, Brodick, are upgrading their farm machinery and implement display in the grounds of the museum.

This covered area is currently in the later stages of a revamp and the staff at the museum wonder if there is anyone out there who has photographs or films of farm machinery

in operation on the island demonstrating old farming methods which could help enliven the display.

Donations of such material would be welcomed, but if necessary the museum would be willing to copy any items.

As the museum opens again at Easter, and they would like to have this exhibition area nearly complete by then, if you can help please contact the museum secretary/manager Tom Macleod on 302185 (or email tom.macleod@btinternet.co.uk).

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## Looking for the Lamlash grave of Dr Hastings

A local history society on the Isle of Skye is looking for the Lamlash grave of Dr Walter Hastings.

Neil MacGillivray contacted the Banner and said: 'Our Sleat Local History Society has had an exhibition in Isleornsay, Sleat, and one of the items concerned the tragic death in a motor accident in Sleat in December 1919 of Dr Walter Buchanan Hastings.'

'He was born in Lamlash in 1870, the son of a miller and grain merchant, studied medicine at Glasgow and came to Skye as a GP in 1900.'

His obituary in the British Medical Journal stated: 'He was accidentally killed owing to the overturning of his car while going to attend a patient.'

'Dr Hastings was the very best type of Highland medical practitioner, capable, and thoroughly reliable.'

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Dr Hastings' body was taken home to Arran by his brother, Enoch Buchanan Hastings of Corrie, and the interment took place at Kilbride Churchyard, Lamlash on 26 December 1919.

Mr MacGillivray asks if there are any relatives left in Arran, and if anyone knows the location of Dr Hastings' grave, could they please contact The Arran Banner.

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Calum McNicol of Brodick is part of an eight-man crew attempting to break the world record for rowing the Atlantic in 30 days. b06ca101NO

# Calum's row on course to break record

Calum McNicol's attempted record breaking Atlantic row is back on track this week after huge waves caused damage to the boat last Thursday.

Day 11 started with a bang for the crew of the Avalon when at 12.10am it took a rather big wave from behind.

### Seven metres

Calum wrote on his blog: 'I was tucked up in my bunk so didn't get to see it but the guys on deck say it was seven metres (and getting bigger every time the story is told).'

'The boat surfed down the wave but broached at the bottom and went over on its side with a great crash.'

The dagger board - an 8ft piece of carbon which protrudes from the hull of the

boat for stability and reduces leeway, broke off and sank to the bottom of the ocean.

'Although not essential to the boat it became very noticeable not having one,' said Calum.

'We carry a spare dagger board onboard so myself and

Leven got to work fitting it. So our eleventh day has been slow, slow, slow and we are really having to learn to take the bad with the good.'

But by the end of this week the Avalon was back on course for crossing the Atlantic in 30 days.

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## Five plays in drama festival

The 2013 Arran One-Act Drama Festival will be held in the Community Theatre at Arran High School on Friday and Saturday 22 and 23 February.

There are just five plays entered this year - Shiskine Junior Drama, Whiting Bay Club of Drama and Music and The Castaways on Friday and Lamlash Junior Drama Club and Lamlash Drama Club on Saturday.

Mr Ron Nicol of Fife is the adjudicator and the prizegiving will take place after the second play on Saturday.

## Lifeboat crew get into a lather

Local lifeboat crew will be getting into a lather this Saturday 9 February.

They will be offering a car wash service at the lifeboat station in Lamlash and raising funds for the Ayrshire Hospice. This is in support of the trans-Atlantic row being undertaken by Calum McNicol of Brodick, also raising funds for the hospice in memory of his mother.

Each car driver will be given a free raffle ticket for a car care kit donated by Lamlash Co-op.

The car wash will be from 10am to 2pm.

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# New caretakers for Arran Heritage Museum

Arran Heritage Museum at Rosaburn has new caretakers.

The popular tourist attraction has appointed Billy Paton and his partner, Kema Genda, to look after the property and grounds.

The couple will share the duties and stay in the flat above the tearoom.

Museum secretary Tom Macleod said: 'Billy has already made a difference in the gar-

dens. It is quite an intensive job, working seven days a week in the summer, keeping everything tidy and opening and closing the museum.'

### Motorcycles

Tom added that a new attraction this summer should be a show of motorcycles planned for Sunday 14 July.

All the other usual attractions and special Sunday exhibitions will also be arranged.



Tom Macleod, left, and new museum caretaker Billy Paton. 02\_b06mus01

## First Cocaine Anonymous meeting

Arran is to host its first Cocaine Anonymous (CA) meeting this Sunday.

It will be run by a man from West Dumbartonshire who describes himself as 'a recovered drug and alcoholic addict; eleven-and-a-half years sober'.

He told The Banner: 'Cocaine, ecstasy, cannabis and all other mind-altering drugs can do an awful lot of damage. CA meetings are completely inclusive for people from all walks of life. There is no judgement; everyone is given the same welcome.'

'CA is concerned solely with the personal recovery and continued sobriety of individual drug addicts who turn to our fellowship for help.'

There are 46 other CA groups in Scotland. The meeting is in the Ormidale Sports Pavilion from 2pm to 3.30pm.

## Mobility bus put out of action

The MyBus service for people with mobility problems is currently off the road due to damage caused by a suspected pothole.

On Monday Linda Gold from the Strathclyde Partnership for Transport said: 'An engineer was scheduled to travel over to the island today but unfortunately his ferry was cancelled.'

'He was hoping to get over on the first available sailing but we haven't heard anything. If not he is hoping to get over on Tuesday to carry out the repair, which I am advised should only take half a day.'

'As a back-up we are now looking at providing taxis for passengers on Wednesday.'

## Appetite for eggs

A local young apprentice electrician has acquired a reputation for his amazing appetite for eggs.

Working with his dad Stevie McGovern, young Kieran McCallum surprised his father when he bought a dozen eggs from the local shop for his lunch.

After poaching the clutch of eggs in boiling water, he managed to see off 10 of them before being stumped.

Whiting Bay entrepreneur Tony Curtis said: 'He is now known as 'Kieran 10 eggs McCallum,' a legend in his own lunchtime.'

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# Brodick Castle film voted a great success

Last Friday evening a talented group of senior Arran High School students presented their film period drama, *Birds in Cages*, at the Community Theatre in Lamlash.

They had devised, written, produced and filmed the drama at Brodick Castle during the autumn and winter of 2012 under the auspices of the McLellan Arts Festival and with the generous support of North Ayrshire Council and The National Trust for Scotland.

The young people concerned

talked confidently and entertainingly to an enthusiastic audience about how they had acquired their technical and acting skills through training sessions and how it had been written, cast and filmed.

### Presentation

After the presentation and a delicious supper, the film was shown and was followed by a question and answer session.

This was a fascinating experience for all those present and the general feeling was that it was an impressive first film, technically adroit, sensi-



High School students filming a scene in the music room at Brodick Castle. From left, Sophie Corbett as continuity clapperboard, Linzi Nicol as Lily (sister to Rosalind), Robert Ingham as Master Ronald, Mollie Hodgkinson as Ronald's fiancé Rosalind and Connor Reid as George Elgin (Lily and Rosalind's brother).

tively written and beautifully acted.

Thanks are due to all those

who supported and facilitated this worthwhile project, again illustrating the opportunities

afforded to our young people and how well they respond to such opportunities.

## Corrie Film Club

**Days of Heaven (USA 1978 Cert PG)**

After a delightful Day in the Dark last Saturday a stalwart group of film lovers watched six films: Chaplin's *Modern Times*; *A Useful Life* from Uruguay; *Ping Pong* (about octogenarian table tennis players!); Derek Jarman's imaginative take on Shakespeare's, *The Tempest*, the amazing psychological drama, *Hidden*, and *Latcho Drom*, a documentary about the Romany people throughout the world, told through their music and dance.

Accompanied by delicious food at lunch and supper with home baking in between, the day was a winner for all concerned and next year's programme will be eagerly awaited.

Meanwhile, the February film is Terence Malik's 'Days of Heaven' – a sublimely beautiful film set in 1916 and following a couple, Richard Gere as Bill and Brooke Adams as Abby.

The couple are fugitives fleeing Chicago and the law, posing as brother and sister trying to find work as itinerants in Texas.

The acting and filming is terrific but the real star is the American landscape.

See this film this weekend (Sunday 10 February) at Corrie and Sannox Village Hall at 8pm. Everyone welcome. Bring a bottle to share. Entry free but visitors may like to make a donation to hall funds.

# Arran Adventure at Auchrannie Resort

The Arran Adventure Company (AAC) and Auchrannie Resort have announced plans to enter into a partnership which will see both companies working closer together in order to attract more adventure seeking tourists to the island.

At the heart of the agreement will be a more collaborative approach to sales and marketing which will see both companies utilising existing expertise within their own teams to drive the businesses forward and bring more visitors to Arran.

Johanna Hastings, co-owner of AAC said: 'Coming together on areas such as marketing will allow us spend money more wisely and ensure that we have the opportunity to maximise the number of new and repeat visitors we can attract to the island.'

'This partnership will not only benefit AAC and Auchrannie but hopefully extend to others on the island.'

The new partnership will see the 25,000 overnight guests who visit Auchrannie each year much more exposed to the great range of outdoor activities provided by AAC and available to them right on their doorstep.

'It is hoped that this will translate to people spending more time on the island and of course giving them even more reasons to return.'

As part of the move, AAC will be rebranded 'Arran Adventure at Auchrannie' to

capture the new, stronger relationship between both companies.

All current AAC advertising, brochures and marketing materials will be redesigned

to tie in more closely with the Auchrannie brand; however AAC will continue to retain its own distinctive identity.

Speaking on news of the partnership, Linda Johnston, Group Director of Auchrannie Resort said: 'It makes perfect sense that two businesses who operate next door to one another should develop closer ties in order to operate more effectively. Working together can only have a positive effect on the islands tourism.'

The new closer collaboration will start this season in order to maximise the potential benefits.



Arran Adventure at Auchrannie. 02\_b06adv01

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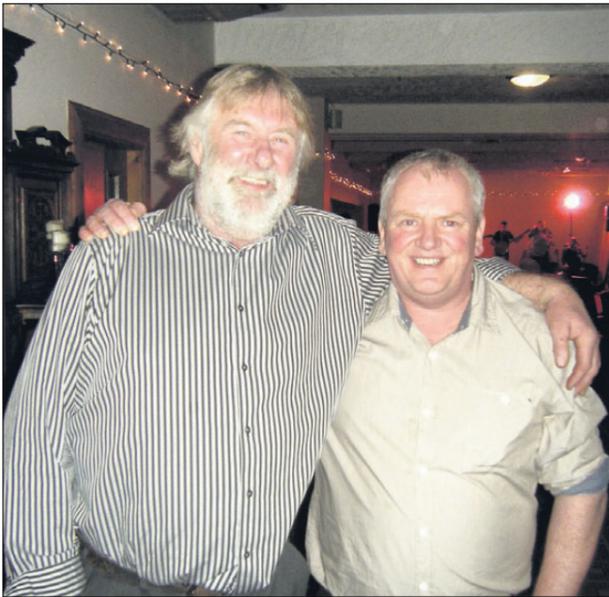
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Gator and Dip, celebrating their 110<sup>th</sup> birthday at Kinloch on Saturday night. b06party01

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Kinloch Hotel was rocking on Saturday night when the good and the great turned up to celebrate 'Gator and Dip's 110<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party'.

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### Sea bird sanctuary

Ailsa Craig with around 40,000 pairs of Gannets is the third largest colony in Britain. Add to this around 12,000 pairs of Guillemots, 1,200 pairs of Razorbills, 900 pairs of Kittiwakes, 130 pairs of Puffin plus other

species like Shag, Fulmar, Black Guillemot and three species of gulls and you have a veritable sea bird city which is a hive of activity at this time of year.

Arran's bird recorder Jim Cassels said: 'It was a wonderful experience to get up close on the world's last sea going paddle steamer.'

'Before 2012 it had been a number of years since this cruise had taken place.'

'I felt people would want to know at an early date that this cruise is being repeated in 2013.'

The cruise leaves Brodick at 2pm and returns at 5.30pm.

Tickets can be booked online on the Waverley website.



Paddle steamer Waverley off Largiemeanoch south of Whiting Bay and heading towards Ailsa Craig. 02\_b06wav01

## Old man sought for unique piece of theatre

A unique piece of theatre could soon be taking place on board the Arran ferry, and the producers need your help.

Peter McMaster and Gary Gardiner are in the process of creating a new piece of theatre to possibly happen in or around the ferry crossing between Brodick and Ardrossan.

In order to do this they are attempting to find an older man from Arran who has a relationship with this particular sea crossing, who, in turn with their story, might be able to help them create the drama.

Peter said: 'Through the pages of The Arran Banner we would like to put out a call requesting somebody to come forward and share their story with us.'

'The ideas for the work are to explore the historical significance of this particular crossing between the island and the mainland both socio-logically and personally.'

He added: 'We want to look at the changes in industry, commerce and social history, and to parallel these with ideas of transition within young men's lives.'

If you are interested in taking part, or just wish to find out more, contact Peter at [info@petermcmaster.org](mailto:info@petermcmaster.org)

## Banging on a Taiko drum

Is there anyone out there who would like to learn to play Taiko drums?

Arran's Taiko Drummers have been established for a few years and are aware that half a dozen folk would like to learn the skill.

So they are planning to arrange a beginner's taster session and would like to know if anyone else wants to come along.

The session will be in Lam-lash Church Hall.

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## Weather woes

I'm reluctant to write about the weather but sometimes it really is too awful to ignore.

Although the wind has dropped today (Wednesday) and the sun is shining, it seems like weeks since the ferry ran normally.

The MV Caledonian Isles was stormbound in Brodick all day on Monday in what proved to be the culmination of more than a week of windy weather.

There have been disruptions to the timetable nearly every day for two weeks.

The fierce winds meant the ferry didn't sail until 4.40pm last Thursday, it failed to sail at all on Monday and has berthed nearly every night in Brodick forcing the cancellation of the 7am from Ardrossan in the mornings.

There is nothing that we can do to change the weather and sometimes it is better just to accept the limitations of living on an island – or move somewhere else.

Living here there are always going to be times when we cannot reach the mainland or get home to the island.

But that doesn't mean that you are not allowed to get frustrated when you've been sitting in the terminal at Ardrossan for five hours only to be told there will be no more ferries that day. The cancellation of the ferries due to the weather is something that has featured in The Banner every winter for nearly 40 years.

In the 20 years ago recently there was a long article about the progress of the Cally Isles, which was being built in Lowestoft.

The article said that the boat had many new design features that would allow it to cope better with the steep turn into Ardrossan during bad weather conditions.

I think we can all safely say that those special design features have proved to be pretty useless in the years that have followed.

When you looked at the CalMac service status updates over the past week it is terribly frustrating to see the Ullapool to Stornaway service and other similarly long crossings operating as normal while the MV Caledonian Isles remains tied up at Brodick.

In days gone by the boat would at least attempt to sail to Gourock but that can no longer happen and it seems there is no other relief port that can be used.

I know, I know - the weather is something we cannot change! But it doesn't mean we can't have a rant about it now and again!

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

When Jesus spoke again to the people, He said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. (John 8:12)

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## Letters to the Editor

### A warm welcome

Sir,  
I was astonished to read the letter, published in the Banner on 26 January, under the title 'Cold Welcome'; astonished because my own experience has been the exact opposite of that expressed by your correspondent.

Following my 'familiarisation' visit to Arran in 1968, I spent the 1970s and 80s accompanying more than 50 school parties to Arran.

The National Trust staff who cared for our accommodation

were cheerful and helpful; we enjoyed many Ranger-led activities.

Our food suppliers catered for all our needs and quirks and local shops were great with our souvenir hunting students.

Local craftspeople opened their workshops and gave us opportunities to see them at work. Outdoor pursuits experts led us through many a fun-filled activity.

The mountain rescue team (called out once) were brilliant in their expertise and level of good humour.

For our students, Arran was the place of outstanding scenery and experience, enhanced by the local welcome.

Since retirement, my visits to Arran have been with family and friends, and our last visit coincided with the visit of your correspondent in January this year.

We received the usual warm welcome at our accommodation.

When eating out, from fine dining to the most modest establishment, we found friendly service and a real desire to

please (in spite of our wheat and gluten-free needs!).

Churches extended a welcome second to none. In the shops we found help with a smile, and time to serve us well.

Everyone seemed pleased to go the extra mile to make our stay enjoyable.

I find it hard to imagine where your correspondent stays, shops, worships, eats out and socialises - is there another Arran somewhere?

Yours,  
**David Tamcken**  
Isle of Wight



Russell Porter and Keith Thomson.

## Library buddies hard work recognised

North Ayrshire Council has awarded Russell Porter (left) and Keith Thomson (right), both from Shiskine, Certificates of Appreciation for their contribution to the North Ayrshire Libraries' Buddy Scheme at Brodick library.

The library in Brodick, in common with other libraries, provides six computers for general use.

However some potential users need start-up help and can request the support of a Computer Buddy to get them start-

ed. The length of one training session is one hour.

The buddies use training material provided by the library, covering mouse and keyboard use, email and searching the Internet.

### Confidence

The learners gain skills and confidence in using computers and have opportunities to progress to other courses.

If you are interested in using this free service, old and young alike, contact the library staff. b06lib01NO

### Lochranza and Catacol 200 Club

The winners of the Lochranza 200 Club January draw were: 1st prize - Stella Clarke and 2nd prize - Fiona Crawford.

## COAST fight Millport biological station closure

The University Marine Biological Station at Millport is a world-class research and educational centre that must be saved from closure, said Andrew Binnie COAST's Marine Project Officer.

Andrew is one of many former Millport students appalled by the withdrawal of funding.

He said: 'Despite assertions by the First Minister, Alex Salmond to the contrary, the Station is heavily relied upon by Scottish Universities and used by over 1,000 Scottish, English and International students every year.

'The live-in courses offer

students the opportunity to see at first hand the marvellous diversity of marine life in the Firth of Clyde.

'It is simply unacceptable for Millport Marine Station to close.'

### Petition

A petition to save the facility has been raised which will be sent to the First Minister Alex Salmond and Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning, Michael Russell.

For more information visit <http://www.change.org/en-GB/petitions/the-scottish-government-save-the-university-marine-biology-station-millport-from-closure-2>.

### Signature Project for Brodick Castle

As previously reported in the Banner, Brodick Castle has been selected for a prestigious Signature Project by the National Trust for Scotland.

Now the NTS has appointed Glasgow-based Kevin Murray Associates to provide master planning services for the project, following a 'competitive procurement process'.

The company has worked with many rural communities on sensitive development, regeneration and tourism.

On Monday Mr Murray told The Banner: 'The work will involve extensive consultation and the exploration of new and creative ways for the public to use Brodick's exceptional heritage assets.'

'We will be looking at everything, from the shoreline to the top of Goatfell. We'll be doing things with local people and holding community evening meetings.'

The Signature Project working group will be convening at the Castle for the first time on 18 and 19 February. The group will be carrying out what is called a 'drains up' review of the property.

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# Brodick's Beth appointed to top golf job

Brodick girl Beth Paterson has just been appointed to one of the most senior positions in the game of golf.

Beth is the daughter of well-known Brodick golfer Willie Innes and is the new Chairman of the Scottish Ladies' Golfing Association.

Willie called in to the Banner office to say how pleased and proud he was. 'I'm delighted and so pleased for her,' he said. 'She first took hold of a golf club when she was very young and spent many hours out herself practising. She was even on the committee by the time she was 17.'

By coincidence, Willie has been Brodick champion eight

times, and his daughter has been champion at Eastwood Golf Club eight times.

Beth told the Banner: 'I was brought up in Brodick and attended Brodick Primary School and Arran High School.'

### Transferred

'My dad made sure I had a club in my hands as soon as I could walk. I worked in the Royal Bank of Scotland after leaving school, but was transferred to the mainland in 1981.'

'We have a holiday house in Whiting Bay and I am a member of Whiting Bay Golf Club. The SLGA is the national governing body for Ladies

Amateur Golf in Scotland and I was appointed chairman for a three year term last month.'

One of Beth's major tasks will be overseeing the amalgamation of the SLGA and the Scottish Golf Union. She was Eastwood Club captain in 2000 and Renfrewshire County Captain in 2006 and 2007.

Beth has contributed to the girls' game as her club's Junior Girls' Convenor for nine years and County Junior Secretary for three years.

But Beth still has many roots in Arran, and according to her dad, met her husband at Whiting Bay Hall, playing badminton!

Beth Paterson, new Chairman of the Scottish Ladies' Golfing Association. b06lga01

## Reshaping care for older people in Ayrshire and Arran

As part of reshaping care for older people the NHS, NAC, Voluntary and Private Sector have been making changes to improve the services available to older people in the community of North Ayrshire.

An Arran event will be held where you will have the opportunity to come along and hear about the changes that have already been made and the development of plans for the future.

You will be able to share your views about these, and have a chance to talk to some of the partners involved as well as some service providers.

### Health checks

A team from KA Leisure will be on hand offering basic health checks and there will be the chance to participate in a short activity class lead by one of their qualified instructors.

The event will take place on Wednesday 13 February at The Ormidale Sports Pavilion, Brodick, from 10.45am.

Tea, coffee, soup and sandwiches will be provided. If you would like any advance information contact Morven Buckby, Community Development Officer at Arran Community Voluntary Services, telephone - 600909 or Morven.buckby@arrancvs.org.uk

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# Annual Lamlash Burns Club Supper



Douglas Auld toasted the Lamlash Burns Club. b06bur10



Chairman Jock Kelso. b06bur04



Gordon Kinniburgh addressing the haggis. b06bur05



Fiddler Parraig McKay. b06bur09

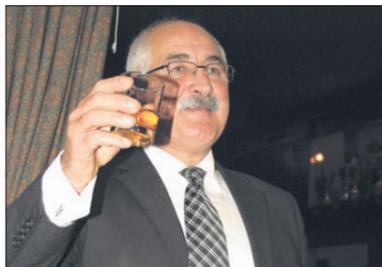


Retiring chairman Allan Nicol. b06bur01

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Jim Gibson gave The Immortal Memory. b06bur03



Piper Willie Robertson who also toasted the lassies. b06bur02



Lubrication for the 'great chieftain o' the pudding-race'. b06bur06

## Paying their respects to The Bard

The Lamlash Burns Club, the only official Burns club on the island, held their annual supper in the convivial surroundings of Lamlash Golf Club on Saturday 26 January.

A good number of members and guests assembled to pay their respects to The Bard.

Retiring Chairman Allan Nicol introduced the new Chairman Jock Kelso who welcomed the guests and introduced the company to the winner of the Junior Arran Music Festival Burns Class, Maili Beatan from Pirmill.

Maili recited 'My Hoggie', the poem she performed in winning her award.

Stewart Lambie then gave the 'Selkirk Grace' and the haggis was piped in by Willie Robertson and addressed with gusto by Gordon Kinniburgh.

Following the excellent meal Parraig McKay entertained the company with his unique fiddling and the 'Immortal Memory' was delivered by Jim Gibson who gave an entertaining, humorous and inspiring performance.

Veteran singer Sandy Sloss gave us his annual 'Star of Rabbie Burns' and the Chairman Jock Kelso gave a vote of thanks to Mr Gibson the speaker.

Sandy was later joined by Corrie's Peter Wilson who

gave the members several Burns songs on his own before joining Sandy for a duet.

Allan Nicol performed 'Holy Willie's Prayer' with the enthusiasm for which he has become well known. The 'Toast to the Lassies' was performed by Willie Robertson; very brave in the knowledge that it wasn't his wife Debbie that was responding to him. Then Finlay Murchie from Shiskine gave an excellent recitation of 'Tae a Moose'.

Douglas Auld, well known to many island residents as the 'Heidie' at the school presented a toast to The Lamlash Burns Club which, he pointed out, dates back to the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Parraig McKay fiddled again and the reply on behalf of the club was performed at short notice by Archie Nicol.

A vote of thanks to the caterers and artists was ably performed by Colin Currie and the company drew the proceedings to an end with the traditional 'Auld Lang Syne'.

In his summing up of the evening proceedings, Jock welcomed several new young members and hoped that they would encourage more of their contemporaries to join in the Lamlash Burns Club Supper in years to come.



Songsters Sandy Sloss and Peter Wilson. b06bur08



Finlay Murchie recited 'Tae a Moose'. b06bur11



Andy Perrie, Gordon Boyle and David Boyle. b06bur07

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Team Three – second placed with a Rock on the Rock music event, with David Johnston of Auchrannie. b06ent02



Team Five – third placed with a golf event idea. b06ent03

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# Enterprising Challenge for Arran High School Pupils

Arran High School S1 students took part in an Enterprising Challenge on Friday 25 January.

And an idea to organise an Island Race Day was judged to be the winning project.

The objective of the task was to promote Arran tourism with a new Festival or Event.

The proposed event was to be aimed at encouraging more visitors in the shoulder season, and to promote the island as a year-round destination for a wide range of people.

Students were split into six teams to compete for the best idea.

Working alongside business advisers from The Chamber of Commerce, Arran Youth Foundation and the Auchrannie Spa Resort, each team was also supported by two S3 assistants.

The advisers and assist-

ants were given the task of generally assisting and supporting the S1 pupils to formalise their ideas and deliver a presentation to the judges.

The judges were Sheila Gilmore of VisitArran and Linda Johnson of Auchrannie and VisitArran.

Ideas to come from the day included:

Team 1 – Rock the Glen; they presented a music and camping festival

Team 2 – SPLAAT!; this was a paintballing company working within the forests of Arran.

Team 3 – Rock on the Rock; a charity event encompassing many different aspects but finishing with a music event

Team 4 – Naturally Arran; offered a three-day festival of a whole host of activities including, music, attractions, cinema, and markets.

Team 5 – Bubble Events;

presented the BALLS Golf Event on Arran.

Team 6 – Island Race Company; they proposed a mARRANthon, encompassing fun, family and serious races.

The winners were Team 6 – The Island Race Company, who delivered an excellent presentation with clear ideas of how and where the run would take place, they also provided a sound business plan forecasting expenditure and profits.

In second place was Team 3 – Rock on the Rock, a charity music festival.

In third place were Team 5 – Bubble Events with their BALLS Golf Event.

Many thanks go to all those involved in the day, it was a lot of hard work but great fun too.

The school is now looking forward to the S2 event in February.



Above: Team Six – the winners – with their Island Race Company plan. b06ent01



Left: Team Four – presenting their Naturally Arran plan to the judges. b06ent04



**SPLAAT paintballing project from Team Two, with Richard Small of Auchranrie.**  
b06ent05



**The winning Team Six with Graeme Johnston of AYF.** b06ent07



**Team Four with their S3 assistants.** b06ent10



**Rock the Glen music project from Team One, with Sheila Bannatyne of Auchranrie.**  
b06ent06



**Team One presenting their project to judges Linda Johnston and Sheila Gilmore.**  
b06ent08



**Team Two with their SPLAAT idea.** b06ent09

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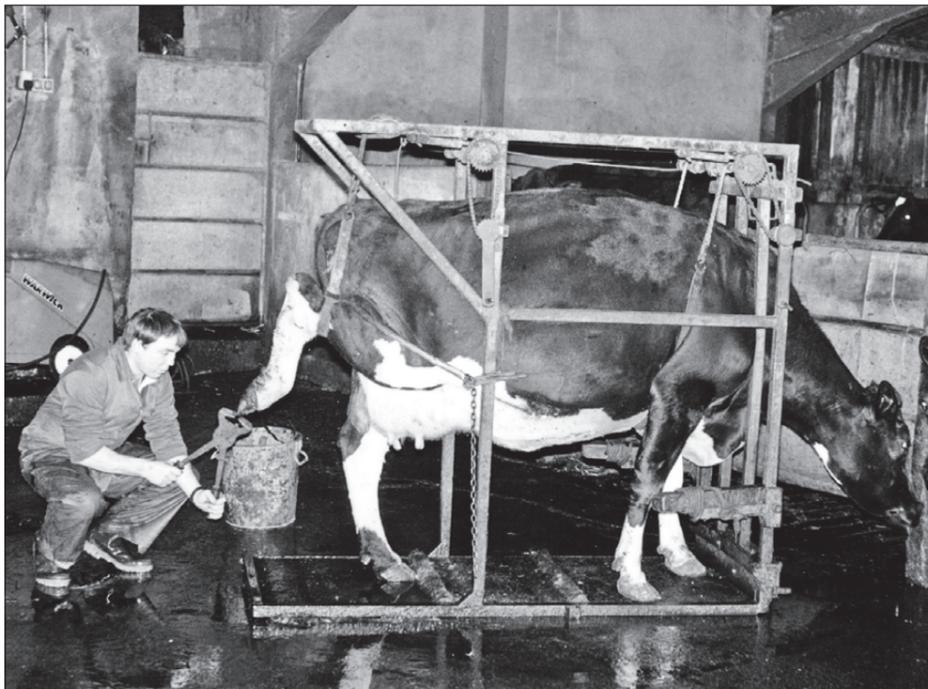
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# The Arran Banner 20 years ago



Arran Ladies Hockey team beat Cartha 4-0 last Sunday. b06twe03



John Bannatyne trimming cows' hooves at Alex Reid's Clauchlands Farm. b06twe04

## Saturday 13 February, 1993

### Ferry for Hunterston?

In the first 25 days of January, the Arran ferry sailed normally on only seven days.

Now local SNP branch organiser Jim Lees is calling for a permanent ferry terminal to be sited at Hunterston.

He is suggesting a cross-party campaign, putting aside party rivalries in order to gain a safe and more reliable haven for the ferry.

### Kildonan house fire

Kilmory, Lamash and Brodick fire brigades were called to a house fire at a property recently built in High Kildonan by Mr and Mrs John Anderson.

The upper floor was completely ruined.

### Belinda on the accordion

Belinda Treble of Lochranza took up the accordion just two years ago, but she is already scooping up awards.

She entered her first competition in Perth and came first in her class, and last Saturday topped her class again at a competition in Girvan.

### Knives handed in

Operation Blade is having some success on Arran, with three knives already being handed in to Lamash Police Station.

### Swim for dolphins

Greenpeace is organising a sponsored swim to raise cash for the protection of dolphins. Swimmers can take

part on 14 March at either the Kinloch or Auchrannie pools for no charge. to mark those carrying twins, singles or even triplets.

### Arran Ladies beat Cartha

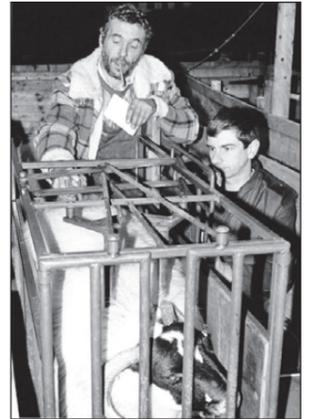
Arran Ladies Hockey team beat Cartha by four goals to nil last Sunday. Scorers were Sandra Nicol, an own goal, and Janice Miller with two.

Next Saturday the team travel to Anniesland to play Glasgow High.

### Sheep scanning

Hugh Blythe visited the island to carry out electronic scans on many of the local sheep flocks. He was able to scan up to 100 ewes an hour.

The standard charge is 50p per ewe, and farmers are able



Hugh Blythe scans pregnant ewes at Rosebank, helped by Neil Pomfret of Auchellefan. b06twe01



Belinda Treble of Lochranza with her accordion. b06twe02

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Last week Archie was swimming in the Cloy Burn, off Fisherman's Walk, and trying to chase ducks who were far too smart for him. Nearest correct answers were from Colin in Wetherby and Stuart in Crewe. This week he is waiting for a bus, but where does that lane lead to?

If you think you know then post your answer on the website [www.arranbanner.co.uk](http://www.arranbanner.co.uk)  
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## Round the Rurals

### Whiting Bay SWRI

Whiting Bay SWRI ended 2012 with the annual children's party held in the beautifully decorated village hall.

Now that our group is smaller in number, and not all available that day, we are very grateful to everyone who contributed in any way.

It was very much a village effort with many setting up beforehand, donating food, helping in the hall, organising the games, providing the music and making sure the children had a good time.

A big thank you also to Bernie Jackson for donating the money raised by his Christmas lights display to the party fund.

Our January meeting was led by Elizabeth McCormack who mounted a beautiful display of patchwork and quilted articles.

She provided us with individual packs of pre-cut squares and introduction sheets for a variety of techniques.

We then had a very successful practical session using the materials in the packs to provide very impressive pieces of patchwork.

An enormous amount of effort had gone into providing us with such an enjoyable, productive and uninspiring afternoon.

Thank you Betty for sharing your skills and handy hints with us.

### Kildonan SWRI

On January 16, the invitation evening with Kilmory and Whiting Bay Rural members was something different this year.

Taking a lead from the television programme 'Come Dine With Me' we managed to arrange a demonstration of Balmoral Chicken by Rod Acuna at the Kildonan Hotel with the hotel providing the food for the evening.

We were entertained before the event and after by Cordon Bleu.

The hotel provided a fantastic service and managed to supply three courses on a very restricted budget and all members attending the event were pleasantly surprised.

As January can be a bit dreary we decided to also have a day trip out so on Wednesday 30 January a visit to Richard Leclerc's studio in Brodick was embarked upon, where he made us very welcome and we all enjoyed looking at his interesting work.

Afterwards some of the ladies decided to go along to the Brodick Bar for an enjoyable lunch.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 20 February at 11.30am with a Cup Cake Decoration demonstration being given by Adele Smith the competition – Decoration Creation on the day.



## BBC winds blow Brodick off course

The ferry was stormbound all day on Monday and no wonder, it was very windy! So windy in fact that Brodick was blown about 10 miles north to Sannox according to the BBC Scotland weather forecast map. Eric Dunn of Brodick was one of the eagle-eyed viewers who noticed the mistake and he posted this picture on Facebook.



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 Family Games  
 Arran Dancers (4yrs & up)  
 Donald MacKenzie Memorial Darts  
 Car wash

Auchrannie Road 11am – 1 pm.  
 Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
 Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am-12.30pm  
 Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm  
 Arran High School, 10am  
 Kilmory social Club, 7.30pm  
 Lamlash Lifeboat station, 10am-2pm

### Sunday 10th February

Alcoholics Anonymous  
 New AI-Anon Meeting  
 Family Games  
 Fun in the pool  
 Open Mic Session  
 Folk night  
 Cocaine Anonymous  
 The Jazz Café  
 Corrie Film Club

Church Hall, Brodick, 4.30pm  
 Brodick 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  
 Ormidale sports pavilion, 2pm – 3.30pm  
 Kinloch Hotel, 1-3pm  
 Village Hall, 8pm

### Monday 11th February

Outside Boot Camp  
 Over 50s Badminton  
 Badminton  
 Citizens Advice  
 Morning Fitness  
 Breathe Walk Class  
 Table Tennis  
 Badminton  
 Lamlash Bridge Club  
 Volleyball Club  
 Arran Junior Football Club  
 Scottish Country Dancing  
 Kildonan Village Hall AGM  
 Kilmory Rural Burns Supper

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  
 Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm  
 Lamlash Golf Club, 7pm for 7.15pm  
 Auchrannie Games Hall, 7-8pm  
 Ormidale Park, 6-7.30pm  
 Beginners & improvers, Corrie & Sannox Hall, 2-4pm  
 Village Hall, 7.30pm  
 Village Hall, 7.30pm

### Tuesday 12th February

Pop Quiz  
 Alcoholics Anonymous  
 Youth Club  
 Rotary club  
 Streetly Dance pre school  
 Streetly Dancing Classes P1-S7  
 Youth Club  
 Rowan Singers  
 Weight Watchers  
 Junior Hockey Club  
 Auchrannie Winter Bowls  
 Healthy Outdoors  
 Cricket Practise  
 Scottish Country Dancing  
 Arran Abs Runners – beginners

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
 Brodick Church Hall, 2pm  
 Kildonan Hall, 7pm  
 Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 7.15pm  
 Auchrannie Dance Studio, 1.45-2.30pm  
 Auchrannie Gym Hall, 3.45pm – 6pm  
 Brodick Hall, 6.30 – 8pm  
 Lamlash church hall, 7.30-9.30pm  
 St Molios Church Hall, 6.30-7.30pm  
 Auchrannie Sports Hall, 6-7pm  
 Auchrannie, 7pm-9pm  
 10am-1pm NTS Ranger Centre  
 Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7pm-9pm  
 Brodick Church Hall, 7.30-9.30pm  
 Lamlash high school car park, 5.30pm

### Wednesday 13th February

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 Abs Runners – beginners  
 Arran Abs Runners - advanced  
 Northend Football Training  
 Outside Boot Camp  
 Erskine Hospital Coffee Morning  
 Care for Older People

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  
 Auchrannie Spa Car Park, 5.30pm  
 Auchrannie Spa Car Park, 6pm  
 Lochranza, 7pm  
 Whiting Bay Park, 6am  
 Lamlash church Hall, 10.15am-noon  
 Ormidale Pavillion, 10.45am

### Thursday 14th February

Morning Fitness  
 General Knowledge Quiz  
 Lochranza Craft Club  
 Youth Club  
 Brodick Embroidery Group  
 Brodick Bridge Club  
 Auchrannie Winter Bowls  
 Ladies Netball  
 Arran Abs Runners – beginners  
 Quiz

Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am  
 Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
 Hall, 2pm  
 Youth Cabin, Lamlash, 7-9pm  
 Brodick Library 7.30 p.m. – 9.30 pm  
 Brodick Golf Club, 7 pm for 7.15 pm  
 Auchrannie, 7pm-9pm  
 High School sports hall – seniors, 7.30-9pm  
 Kinloch Car Park, 5.30pm  
 Bar Eden, Whiting Bay, 8.30pm

### Friday 15th February

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

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



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## KILDONAN VILLAGE HALL

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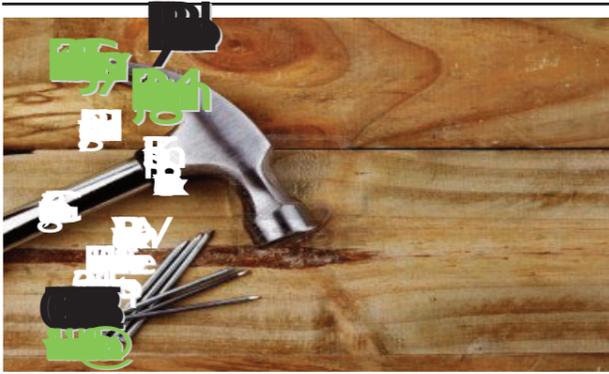
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**Sunday 10th February:**  
Holy Communion, 11.15 am  
Mr John Roberts.

Coffee and sandwich lunch after service, followed by Compass programme with Mrs Elaine Garman.

(PLEASE NOTE LATER TIME - FOR THIS WEEK ONLY).

**Ash Wednesday 13th February**

Holy Communion, 12.15 pm.  
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 10th February**  
Brodick Church, 10.30am, Morning Worship.

Corrie Church, 12noon, Morning Worship.

Lochranza and Pirmill Churches, 10.15am, Sacrament of Communion at Pirmill.  
Shiskine Church, 12noon, Sacrament of Communion.  
A Service of Worship will also be held in Montrose House at 1.30pm.

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

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**Sunday 10th February**

Kilmory 10 am  
Lamlash 11.30 am

In both churches:  
Mr. Alan Sanderson  
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**HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**Sunday 10th February**  
Mass 11am

**WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

(Charity Number: SC014005)

**Sunday 10th February**

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 welcome.

**BANNER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Sunday 10th February**  
Ormidale Sports Pavilion,  
Brodick

11am Morning worship  
Tea/Coffee after the service  
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Brodick 7pm (Church behind post office)

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**ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

(continuing)

**Sunday 10th February**

Morning Service 11am  
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Evening Service 6.30pm

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Prayer Meeting

**Wednesday 13th February**

at 7pm

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**BIRTH**



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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**WADE** - The Family of beloved husband and father, Mr Eric Wade would like to thank everyone for flowers, cards and kind support received upon his recent death (Jan 2013).

Grateful thanks to Rev Alan K Sanderson and Hendry Funeral Services for organising a memorable church service and burial.

A special heartfelt thanks to the staff of the Arran War Memorial Hospital Lamlash for their kindness and care that ensured Eric spent his last few days in the best possible circumstances.



**Arran Golfers Association Winter League/Duncan Trophy 2012/2013.**

The fourth round of matches were played at Shiskine last Sunday 3 February in dry but very windy conditions.

The course for the time of year was in superb condition, although the wind made for some very interesting and challenging shots. Thanks to Shiskine and Dougie for hosting and to the Kinloch for providing the soup and sandwiches.

First out were the hosts against Lamlash, a tight match overall with one win each and the other two games halved ended with a share of the spoils at two games each.

Next was the top of the table clash with Corrie against Brodick.

Despite the leaders Corrie losing the first game their other players responded superbly and won the last three games to take the tie three games to one and cement their place at the top of the table.

Final match was Whiting Bay against Machrie.

Machrie produced the best performance of their campaign to win the match by three and a half games to a half.

With one round of matches to go its congratulations to Corrie for winning the league for the first time in the clubs history being three points clear at the top of the table on seven points, quite a feat considering there is still one game to go.

There is a mammoth battle on for runners up spot with three teams, Lamlash, Brodick and Machrie all on four points, Lamlash possibly having the edge with home advantage. Congratulations to Corrie on a thoroughly deserved win.

Next months matches will be

played at Lamlash Golf Club on Sunday 3 March.

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

**Brodick Men's Golf**

Results: Sunday 3 February Stableford Sweep. 8 played. Non-counter for handicap.

1 R McCrae (6) 33 pts, 2 D Hendry (12) 30 pts.

Fixtures: Sunday 10 February Brandon, Sunday 17 February Clochendichter.

**Brodick Ladies Golf**

2012/13 Prize Giving

On Friday 1 February 25 ladies met in Brodick Golf Clubhouse for the annual Prizegiving Dinner.

After enjoying Trish's delicious buffet Liz McKellar, retiring Lady Captain, presented the prizes. This was followed by a quiz by Tricia, a sing-along organised by Yvonne and Stand-up Bingo all of which caused great hilarity and lots of noise.

During the evening Liz thanked everyone who had helped with the running of the club during her two years in office especially Douglas and Trish who add so much to our enjoyment of the club and wished our new Captain, Tricia Martin, a very happy and successful two years. Once again our Prize Giving Dinner was a most enjoyable event on our calendar.

The main Prize Winners for 2012 were: Club Champion, Fiona Crawford; Bronze Champion, Kay Kitson; Scratch Cup, Susan Butchard; Joyce Taylor Cup, Carole Stewart;

The Legion Trophy, Carole Stewart; The Wright Trophy, Fiona Crawford; Centenary Quaiach, Carole Stewart; Wilkie Trophy, Gege Kroner; Medal Finals Cup, Lesley Murray;

St. Elmo Cup, Lesley Murray; Club Trophy, Lesley Murray; Winter Trophy, Fiona Crawford; Helen's Vases, Yvonne Brothers & Isobel MacDonald; Stronach Cup, Pat Adamson & Janette McBride; LGU Silver Medal,



**Brodick Ladies golf prizewinners on Friday 1 February: back, from left, Gege Kroner, Yvonne Brothers, Susan Butchard, Margaret Roxburgh; front, Kay Kitson, Liz McKellar, Janette McBride, Lesley Murray.** b06golf01

Susan Butchard; LGU Bronze Medal, Lesley Murray.

**WhitLam competition**

Sunday 3 February.

The first 2013 ladies WhitLam stableford was played on Sunday 3 February in very windy conditions! We played just nine holes but it felt like 18 by the time we finished.

Individual results: joint 2nd, Jo Hastings and Susan Butchard (17), 1st, Lesley Wood (20). Team results: Whiting Bay took the lead with 17.2 against Lamlash 14.6. There is all to play for.

Thanks to Louise for holding the fort without John and giving us great soup!

Fixture: The next WhitLam is on Sunday 24 March 11am at Lamlash.

**Whiting Bay Golf Club**

Results: Sunday 3 February.

Whiting Bay lost their AGA Winter League match at Shiskine against Machrie by 3.5 games to 0.5. Calls for a change of manager were led by the manager.

Fixtures: Sunday 10 February, Winter Cup Round 5. Draws at 9am and 10.30am.

AGM at Clubhouse on Saturday 9 February at 8pm.

**Brodick Golf Club**

Results: Wednesday 30 January, eight gentlemen played. Sweep 1 Gordon Sillars 60, 2 Douglas Robertson 61. A magic two for Wolfi. He says his

marker nearly fell in the hole! Douglas Graham Salver, 1 Charlie O'Neil and Gordon Sillars scoring 125. Mr W/B Dick argued the par with Wolfi, then lost to him at dominoes. Doesn't he know that the smallest of sins require instant payment.

**Machrie Bay Golf Club**

Results: Saturday 2 February, Lochranza Hotel Cup. 1 Brian Sherwood 33, 2 Campbell Laing 32, 3 Alastair MacDonald 30 BL3. Scratch Brian Sherwood 79  
Fixtures: Tuesday 12 February Winter Cup 12noon tee off.

**Corrie Golf Club**

Results: Saturday 2 February Winter Cup, 13 played. CSS 63, Sweep 1 S Wood 75-18=57, 2 J McConnachie 69-6=63, 3 D K Henderson 72-7=65. Scratch J McConnachie 69. Magic twos, B Rooney, J McConnachie.

Fixtures: Saturday 9 February Stableford tee off 8.30am and 12noon. Monday 11 February Monday Cup tee off 12noon.

Congratulations to the Corrie team on winning the AGA Winter League for the first time.

**Lamlash Golf Club**

Due to poor weather conditions there was no competition on Thursday 31 January.

Result of Winter League at Shiskine on Sunday 3 February: Shiskine 2 Lamlash 2.

Fixtures: Sunday 10 February Glenburn Cup 9.30am and 12noon starts.

**Arran Pool League - quarter finals doubles draw**

The draw for the quarter-finals of the 2013 Arran Pool Doubles is as follows:

R Buchan and I McDonald (Mac's Bar) or G MacLeod and D Hackett (W/Bay) v D Head and F Barr (W/Bay) at PHT, S and B Tattersfield (Drift) v D Nicholson and R Hughes (Kildonan) at Bar Eden, A Kelso and J Simmons (W/Bay) v N McMaster and J Picken (PT1934) at Kildonan, K Jackson and B Hamilton v T Mulholland and S Robinson (PT1934) or J Ainsworth and D Prescott (W/Bay) at Kildonan.

Ties to be played on or by Sunday 17 February.

All winners to phone the result to PHT on 600418. The Arran Ladies Open Pool competition will be played at the PHT on Sunday 24 February at 3pm.

League fixtures for next Thursday 14 February are: Kildonan v Mac's Bar, PT1934 v Catacol, PHT and Whiting Bay Golf Club have byes.

**IN MEMORY**

**DAVIDSON** - In memory of our son Colin Ross Davidson who passed away on the 6th February 2012. Forever in our thoughts Mum and Dad

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**Peter H Roberts who died 11/02/2012**

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# Corrie golfers win Winter League for the first time in their history

For the first time since the Winter League started 32 years ago, in 1981, Corrie have come out on top.

With one round still to go, they secured the title last Sunday by beating Brodick by three games to one.

The fourth round of matches were played at Shiskine Golf Club on Sunday in dry but very windy conditions.

First out were the hosts, Shiskine, against Lamlash. It was a tight match with one win each and the other two games halved ending in a draw.

Next was the top of the table clash with Corrie against Brodick.

Despite the leaders Corrie losing the first game the other players responded superbly and won the last three games to take the tie three games to one and cement their place at the top of the table.

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The final round of the Winter League is on Sunday 3 March at Lamlash.



Arran Pool Knockout champions PT1934 after their victory in the PHT. 02\_b06cup01

## Jamie's big moment

Eight-year-old Jamie Hardie has been chosen to be a mascot at the Six Nations rugby match between Scotland and Ireland.



Jamie Hardie, Scotland mascot at the Six Nations rugby international. b06rug01

Jamie is the grandson of the late Netta and John Hardie of Brodick.

He plays full back for Bannockburn RFC in the Central Scotland Rugby Pathway.

Dad Jimmy Hardie said: 'He was extremely proud to be picked to represent the club as Scotland mascot and is looking forward to meeting Dave Denton and Richie Gray who are his favourite players.'

Jamie's big moment will come at 2pm on Sunday 24 February when he leads the Scotland team out at Murrayfield.

## Southend boys retain Pool Knockout Trophy

The PT1934 pool team from Kilmory retained their crown when they once again won the Arran Knockout Pool competition in the PHT last Sunday night.

They defeated Whiting Bay Golf Club by the narrowest of margins at 6 - 4, taking it right down to the wire in the last frame.

Whiting Bay started out strongly and ran into a 3 - 1 lead before the Southend boys won four in a row to go 5 - 3

up. But the golf club pulled one back to make it a grand finale.

The veteran PT1934 pairing of Eddie Picken and Dennis Smith managed to clinch the last frame against Kevin Jackson and Gus Macleod to trigger off considerable celebrations.

It was the fourth time that the Southend boys had won the trophy, with previous successes in 1993, 1998 and 2012.



Defeated pool finalists, Whiting Bay Golf Club. 02\_b06cup02

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