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Pump price fuels fury

Does Arran have the most expensive petrol in Britain?

REPORT

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Motorists on Arran are facing some of the highest fuel prices in Scotland.

While prices across the country have plunged, the price of petrol on Arran remains at more than 30p a litre dearer than on the mainland.

The sole supplier to the island, Certas Energy, the owner of Scottish Fuels, blames the fact that the fuel being sold on the island was bought when prices were high and only when that supply is exhausted will prices drop. But it won't say when that will be.

The Banner understands that there has been no petrol delivered to the island since last October just after oil prices began to fall.

The price of a litre of unleaded petrol on Arran earlier this week was £1.36 at all five garages.

Yet at some filling stations in Glasgow and Paisley the price of a litre is now under £1 and even on the Shetland Isles prices are considerably cheaper at around £1.10.

However, in an anomaly, diesel prices on Arran are at least 11p cheaper than unleaded fuel.

Cunningham North MP Kenneth Gibson said islanders were being 'short changed' and has demanded

a meeting with Certas bosses to try to find a solution.

Mr Gibson said: 'Having campaigned for years to secure a fuel derogation of 5p a litre for Arran it is shocking that islanders have not seen the gap in island fuel prices with the mainland narrow, but actually increase markedly.'

'Arran must now have the most expensive fuel in Scotland, if not the UK for all that implies for islanders going about their day to day activities and the competitiveness of island businesses.'

Certas insists it does not set the price at the pumps on Arran but one garage owner on the island, who asked not to be named, said that due to the cost of the fuel and the overheads of the garage he could not afford to sell it any cheaper.

He said: 'I am losing money on petrol, it is only the other parts of the business that keep it going. I can't see prices coming down until the end of the month.'

'The situation is all political, petrol prices in Britain could be the cheapest in Europe, but the government would lose too much revenue.'

Another said that the price of petrol on Arran could only be compared with branded filling stations on mainland since supermarkets could reduce prices at will.

In an e-mail to Mr Gibson

Brian Worrall, director of corporate affairs at Certas Energy UK Ltd, said: 'The higher wholesale price on the Isle of Arran is a direct result of filling our storage tanks to full capacity at the end of each summer.'

'We do this as a duty of care to our customers on the island to ensure there is security of supply during the winter months when ferry access from the mainland to the isle is restricted.'

'As a result, our 'in tank' wholesale price remains at the summer wholesale price and isn't impacted by current pricing trends.'

'This will continue until fresh stock is delivered when our winter stocks have fallen sufficiently to allow replenishment, and the ferry service returns to normal.'

'At present, the date for this is unknown.'

All petrol is delivered to Arran via the Lochranza ferry.

Mr Gibson added: 'As with the domestic energy market, suppliers seem quick to increase prices and markedly slow to lower them. Fuel volume sales are much lower on Arran than for the mainland so the mark-up per litre is always likely to be higher. However, the difference between Arran and other islands, let alone the mainland, is unprecedented and is leaving my island constituents short-changed.'



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CalMac ferry range sees it win top food accolade

The floating restaurants on board the two main ferries which serve Arran have been awarded a top food award.

Caledonian MacBrayne has become the first ferry company to take VisitScotland's Taste Our Best seal of approval to the high seas.

Seven of the company's Mariners restaurants, including MV Caledonian Isles and the MV Isle of Arran, have been awarded the accolade as CalMac prepares to embrace Scotland's Year of Food and Drink.

The accreditation sees the Mariners restaurants join such illustrious company as The Three Chimneys in Skye, Martin Wishart in both Edinburgh and Loch Lomond, and The Ubiquitous Chip in Glasgow, which are also Taste Our Best accredited.

The accreditation is designed to ensure customers are served quality ingredients of Scottish provenance and the freshest seasonal produce.

It also guarantees that at least 40 per cent of Scottish produce will be highlighted on the menu and staff will be well informed about the origins of each meal on your plate.

CalMac says it can go one better and that more than 50 per cent of the Mariners menu is Scottish and offering



Stewards and galley staff on the MV Caledonian Isles, with the ship's onboard services manager Craig Harkness, centre, proudly display the certificate they worked so hard for along with some of the tasty fayre which won them praise.

Arran ice cream, ales, whisky, cheese, oatcakes and mustard.

It also has on the menu the likes of Barra haddock, smoked salmon from Argyll Smokery in Dunoon, along with burgers sourced from meat from around Argyll and the famous CalMac'n'Cheese, made using cheddar from Lockerbie.

By using or stocking these ingredients and products, the company says it has made a commitment to both these

premier food businesses and to introducing Scotland's fresh larder to customers. Supplier spending across the network is worth more than £5.1 million.

Value

'We have worked hard to put together a menu which not only satisfies our hungry customers, but which is value for money and promotes good Scottish produce,' said retail operations manager Kurt Hart.

Each ship's restaurant was

assessed separately and all are individually certified, with each undergoing rigorous testing to ensure the high standards set by VisitScotland were met.

The company uses 67 suppliers across its restaurants, coffee shops, bars and on-board shops.

Of those, 62 are from Scotland and 44 of those are on the islands - whether it be local papers, tablet, real ale, chocolate or books.

In terms of the environment,

this reduction in food miles can only be a good thing.

Malcolm Roughead, chief executive of VisitScotland said: 'It's great to see CalMac going that extra mile to provide good quality food using exceptional Scottish produce and we are delighted to be awarding the accreditation to so many restaurants on board the ferries. We hope CalMac continues to build on this culinary success winning more accreditations.'

New shop front approved for Tesco store

Proposals by Tesco to open its first store on Arran took another step forward this week with more plans approved.

The supermarket giant now has permission for the installation of a new shop front and the siting of a ATM machine at the front of the store.

And plans seen by The Banner also show the central void, which was such a feature of the former Bilslands shop, is to be filled in to accommodate the plant needed to run the new store on the first floor.

North Ayrshire Council has approved the plans without any conditions.

Giving their reason for the decision, planners said: 'The proposal complies with the relevant provisions of the local development plan and there are no other material considerations that indicate otherwise.'

Tesco already has a drinks licence and planning permission to extend the car park. Other proposals are still under consideration by the planning department.

The Banner reported last month that Tesco was pressing ahead with its plans for their Brodick store despite the UK's biggest food retailer shelving plans to build dozens of new stores, including eight in Scotland, and shutting unprofitable shops.

Tesco bosses nationally are understood to be carrying out an 'end-to-end' property review of all its stores and developments which will finally determine if the Arran store gets the final go ahead.

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The taxi rank at the putting green is still used by private cars, despite it clearly being a designated taxi rank. 20_b06taxi01

Do not park in taxi ranks

Private cars cannot park at the taxi ranks in Brodick, despite a move three months ago to remove one of the ranks in the centre of the village.

In November The Banner reported that Councillor John Bruce proposed that the rank at Alldays supermarket, next to the putting green, should be open for use by private cars again.

This was agreed by the members attending a meeting of the Arran Amenities Group on October 27.

However, three months later, no formal action has been taken and the three spaces remain reserved for taxi use.

A spokesman for North Ayrshire Council, said: 'The taxi rank at Brodick putting green has been formally designated following public consultation and there is a legal process to

be followed before this designation can be revoked.

'Any requests to remove a taxi stance would have to be the subject of a report to the licensing committee and subject to consultation with the taxi trade.

'As it currently stands, the council has not received any requests to remove the three stances located at the putting green.'

As a result drivers are being reminded by the council not to park in either of the island's two taxi ranks or risk getting a fixed penalty notice - this despite Arran having only one registered taxi.

Police are also reminding drivers of the law and state that any driver found parking in either of the two ranks will face prosecution.

Public airing as Machrie timber plans create growing concern

A public meeting has been called amid growing concern over plans to fell thousands of trees on the west coast of Arran.

Residents of Machrie are particularly anxious about the impact of a proposed timber transfer station and slipway which would ship the trees off the island.

They are also concerned at the impact of a major increase in the number of timber trucks using the String Road, the unclassified Machrie Moor road and the island circular road.

The Forestry Commission has a 10-year plan to extract 25,000 tonnes of Sitka Spruce trees a year from the Machrie, Clauchan and Kilpatrick forests, the equivalent of 1,000 lorry loads each year.

The felled trees would be taken to a transfer station which has been proposed for a site north of the Machrie Garage.

Across the road a slipway is planned which would allow barges to take the trees off the island, rather than transfer them across the island by

road. The set up would be similar to the current operation underway at North Sannox, where the entire forest is being cleared.

However, local residents are concerned that the Machrie plan will involve lorries crossing the main A841 to deliver the timber to the slipway which could lead to mess and damage to the road. They are also anxious at the volume of timber trucks using the roads, in particular the Machrie Moor road.

A delegation of residents has already met Forestry Commission representatives and more than 20 residents attended the recent Arran community council meeting in Brodick where they expressed their concerns about several aspects of the proposal with some angry at suggestions it was already a fait accompli.

Now residents and community councillors have been invited to a drop-in consultation at Machrie Hall on Monday 9 February from 6pm to 8pm.

The session will be led by

the Forestry Commission's assistant operations manager for Galloway and Arran's Jim Lauder who, along with colleagues, will outline details of the plans.

A spokesman said: 'Letters have been sent out to householders in the area but any interested member of the public is welcome to drop-in at any time during the two hours.'

Couple rescued from Goatfell

A couple who became lost descending Goatfell were found by Arran Mountain Rescue Team after they were called out on Monday night.

The team located them at a deer fence near Maol Don and took them down off the hillside in the team Argo cat.

The pair were very cold but otherwise uninjured.

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Police watchdog chief claimed Clutha funeral expenses

The chairman of Scotland's police watchdog has said he will 'seek clarity' from SNP ministers over his permitted expenses after it emerged he made claims for attending the funerals of officers killed in the Clutha helicopter crash.

Vic Emery, who leads the Scottish Police Authority (SPA), attended the funeral of PC Tony Collins in Lamlash on December 10, 2013.

He claimed 1.2 days of expenses at £540 and £32.40 mileage for attending the funeral, on top of his £450 a day salary (£90,000 for the year).

Mr Emery said he would contact the Scottish government to find out whether the funerals were 'corporate' or 'personal' activities, the test for whether he is allowed to claim expenses.

Mr Emery announced that as a 'personal gesture' he will pay back the money he claimed for attending the funerals to the Clutha Trust, which aims to help disadvantaged young people.

But his conduct was savaged by the union that represents rank-and-file police officers, who said hundreds of its members had attended the funerals and other memorials in their own time 'simply because it was the right thing to do'.

The SNP-run Scottish government set up the SPA to support and scrutinise the country's new national police force.

Brian Docherty, chairman of the Scottish Police Federation, said: 'This news will stun police officers all over Scotland.'

'The notion that profit was even a consideration suggests poor judgment and leaves an exceptionally bad taste in the mouth.'

David Traill, a helicopter pilot attached to the Police Scotland air support unit, and constables Tony Collins and Kirsty Nelis were killed when Eurocopter EC 135 crashed into the Clutha bar in Glasgow in November 2013.

Seven other people died inside.

The Sunday Post reported that Mr Emery and other SPA board members filed expenses and allowances worth hundreds of pounds after attending the three officers' funerals.

On December 7 2013 he made a claim for 0.3 days at £135, as well as £2.25 mileage, for attending Captain Traill's funeral at Glasgow University.

Three days later he claimed 1.2 days at £540 and £32.40 mileage for attending the funeral of PC Collins on Arran.

On December 12, he submitted a claim stating he attended the funeral of PC Nelis at Glasgow Cathedral before heading to his office for meetings and later a dinner with the Chief Constable Stephen House.

Mr Emery's claims for the funerals were all submitted in March last year but he only decided he would give the money to the Clutha Trust after being approached by The Sunday Post last Friday morning.

He said: 'I felt it important to ensure that the SPA was represented at each of these occasions, and we all judged that these were professional



Hello Creepy Spandau Ballet

It may look as though Matt Johnston of Lamlash, second from the right, and his band mate Stef Watt have formed an interesting ensemble with two very famous faces!

Performing

But Matt's two-man band 'Hello Creepy Spider' just happened to be performing

live on STV Glasgow's Riverside Show on Monday evening.

And also hanging out in the Clydeside studio were Tony Hadley and Martin Kemp of Spandau Ballet who appeared on the show.

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Headstone repair work row leaves widow devastated

A pensioner has been left devastated after being told repairs she had carried out on two family headstones are worthless.

Now council officials are threatening to pull them down and do the work again - then send her a bill for £500.

But an angry Jean Stone from Shiskine says she can't afford to pay a second time and is warning other families who may find themselves in the same position.

'It is emotional blackmail and just a money making exercise for the council,' she said.

In September last year The Banner told how 'insensitive' white stickers had been slapped on cemetery headstones telling the owners they had failed a North Ayrshire Council safety inspection.

The work started in Lamlash but all cemeteries on the island have since been visited by the memorial inspection team.

Mrs Stone had stickers stuck to two of the three headstones she has in Lamlash Cemetery, where her parents and mother-in-law are buried.

As a result she hired a stonemason to carry out repair work which has now been completed.

But she was left flabbergasted when she was told by council's bereavement service that she had 'no right' to carry out the repair work.

She said: 'They said I should have got a form from them to do it and a certificate from the stonemason before carrying out the work.'

'But no one ever told me that there was any procedure to be followed.'

'I have been told that the work will have to be done again and it will cost me £250 for each headstone.'

'I can't afford that, I only have my pension - so I offered to pay it at 10p a week.'

'I lost my husband just last year and all this is putting me under a lot of stress. I just want to make others aware so they don't find themselves in the same situation,' she added.

Her husband Chris is buried beside the two repaired headstones where his mum Betty and Jean's mum and



One of the headstones Jean has had repaired beside her husband's headstone with the distinctive Scottie dogs he loved. 20_b05grave01

dad Gladys and William Jackson were laid to rest.

Mrs Stone also believed she had bought the two plots but has been told by the bereavement service that when she did she was only paying for the lairs to be dug and for the grass to be cut regularly.

Permission

A spokesman for North Ayrshire Council said: 'Residents must seek the council's permission prior to carrying out any form of work in our cemeteries. This is to ensure repairs meet national standards.'

'In this instance the council's permission was not sought and the work undertaken requires to be redone as it

does not meet the required standard. Repair work does not have to be completed by the council. Residents are free to employ any firm registered with the National Association of Memorial Masons or the British Register of Accredited Memorial Masons.'

'This ensures workmanship is guaranteed, health and safety guidelines are adhered to and all repairs meet the required recognised standard.'

'Under Scottish law, when residents purchase a lair they buy the exclusive right of burial in the lair.'

'This means they have bought the right to be buried there, although ownership of the land remains with the council.'

Deadline nears for education awards

Parents and pupils on Arran are being urged to submit nominations for this year's Scottish Education Awards before the deadline on Monday 16 February.

The awards, which celebrate the achievements of schools and teachers across Scotland, have attracted hundreds of nominations so far, but many more schools and individuals are worthy of acknowledgment.

Councillor John Bruce, cabinet member for education, attainment and achievement, said: 'We've invested heavily in our schools in recent years and have some brilliant state-of-the-art facilities.'

'But that means nothing without talented and skilled staff, who have a passion for educating our young children. We have an abundance of outstanding employees working across North Ayrshire.'

Councillor Bruce, who represents Arran, added: 'A lot of their work often goes unnoticed so the Scottish Education Awards give them an opportunity to get the recognition they deserve. These awards are a chance for you to let them know just how special they are.'

There is a wide variety of award categories which recognise and reward the dedication of teaching staff and educational supporters who go the extra mile. Entry is open to all publicly funded schools including secondary, primary, nursery and special schools.

Nominations can only be accepted online. To nominate a school, teacher, headteacher or support staff member, or for more information on the award categories, go to www.scottisheducationawards.org.uk.

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An inky quest is inspired by Arran

A stylish colouring book inspired by childhood memories of a grandparent's home on Arran has been released by one of Britain's leading illustrators.

Johanna Basford's debut title, Secret Garden, became an international bestseller last year; selling more than one

million copies in 14 different languages.

Her new book, Enchanted Forest: An Inky Quest and Colouring Book, out this spring, is inspired by Arran and the childhood adventures she enjoyed in the fairytale woods at Brodick Castle.

Johanna's grandfather, John



Johanna Basford's illustrated book is inspired by the gardens at Brodick Castle. Photo courtesy of Midas PR

Basford, was head gardener at the castle and she spent many childhood holidays exploring the rambling site.

Johanna lives and works in Aberdeen and her beautiful book captures the spirit of wild, uncontained imagination and invites children and adults to give colour to her intricate drawings and discover hidden secrets.

Johanna has paved the way for the new trend of adults colouring - her first book famously outsold France's best-selling cookery book.

Many celebrities, like Andrew Marr, have already taken up colouring as a form of relaxation.

RNIB drop-in information and advice sessions

Is sight loss affecting your daily living, or that of someone you care for?

A representative from RNIB Scotland will be at the Arran War Memorial Hospital, Lamlash, on Tuesday 24 February between 11am and 1pm.

He will be able to: Discuss any concerns or needs you may have as a result of your eyesight. Provide leaflets and information.

Demonstrate a small range of daily living equipment. Offer hints and tips on living with sight loss.

Please be aware that this drop in session may be postponed as it is dependant on weather conditions.

Eco Savvy in wool appeal

Eco Savvy is looking for any old woollen blankets and old woollen jumpers that are tatty and not wanted for the Woollen Woods in Bloom project.

Also if anyone has any old yarn or wool of any colour, knitting needles or crochet hooks that they don't need the group will find a use for them. Please drop any items into the Eco Savvy shop in Whiting Bay or get in touch on 700417.

Eco Savvy will be using the wool for a skill sharing day on Sunday 22 February from 10.30am till 4pm in Whiting Bay village hall. The event is free and open to everyone so why not go along and learn a new skill or rediscover an old one?



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Burns poetry competition to be revived

Lamlash Burns Club is to revive the traditional Burns poetry competitions on the island, it was announced last week.

At the annual supper at the village golf club last Saturday, which was attended in traditional style by men only, new secretary Andy Martin announced that as North Ayrshire Council no longer supports Burns recitation competitions in schools, the club has rekindled this previously annual event with co-operation of head teachers and staff at Arran primary schools.

Around 70 children will take part from all corners of the island.

Mr Martin said: 'Lamlash Burns Club will provide funds and voluntary help

with this worthwhile project, thus ensuring the tradition's future.

'A special medal has been struck by the club and will be presented to the winners of each recitation category on March 4 at Arran high school. 'Every participating child will be given a certificate, signed by the club's secretary and president.

'Lamlash Burns Club has set its sights on the future!'

This announcement was the culmination of a richly illustrated programme by Tony van Breugel who introduced a host of speakers including Colin Currie saying Grace and Jake Kerr addressing the haggis with gusto.

The club invited young Finlay Murchie to deliver two

recitations in between 'supper hopping' as he appeared at the Douglas Hotel the same evening.

Guest speaker Bob Buntin of Skelmorlie gave the Immortal Memory, highlighting the humorous side of Burns and Alan Nicol amused everyone with an excellent Tam o' Shanter, followed by Gordon Kinniburgh's toast to Bonnie Jean, telling the company of her plight dealing with her fancy free husband Rabbie!

Jock Kelso appeared in night attire to bring Holy Willie back to life and Tommy Gilmore toasted the lassies.

The supper closed with the toast to the club by Nicol Hume.

Throughout the evening the company was entertained by the singers Peter Wilson and Sandy Sloss, while president Jock Kelso ensured a smooth sequence of events.

A special presentation was made to retiring secretary Bob Brass, thanking him for 20 years of faithful service to the club.

As a result of cancellations, piper Andrew Earl and accordionist Jim Flemming obliged at the last moment to make the evening an event to remember.



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The top table were all well-known faces.

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Urbanisation is not always useful

When the double yellow lines first appeared in Brodick, there were rumbles of distaste.

'Arran is not a place for urbanisation like this.'

'Why does a small rural place need things like parking restrictions?'

But those detractors can no doubt see what a difference those regulations have made to the centre of the village.

It's safer and easier to park and the road is easier to navigate by all users - cars, bikes, horses, by everyone.

But one thing which appeared at the same time as the double yellow lines was two taxi ranks.

The three-berth rank at Brodick Pier has been useful - even if it does mean pedestrians have to cross Market Road which is busy with ferry traffic.

But there are three spaces here, despite Arran only having one licensed taxi service.

The rank at Brodick putting green has always been contentious.

When it was created, it effectively removed three parking spaces from outside the Alldays supermarket.

There was no consultation about the creation of the taxi rank here and many were left baffled by it.

Particularly perplexed because Arran has only one taxi so queuing at a rank to get a lift home on a Saturday night is unheard of here.

There are other private hire companies on the island but they can only respond to prearranged bookings and are not allowed to pick people up from the side of the road or at taxi ranks.

Taxis are licensed to pick people up from the roadside, for example, when you hail a cab.

Plans were agreed late last year for the rank at the putting green to be removed so that it can be used by private cars again. But so far no action has been taken to do this and the council maintain it is still a designated taxi rank.

So, as frustrating as it may seem - and as pointless as that taxi rank is to many - if you park there you will be issued with a ticket by police.

But let's hope that now the council is aware of the problem at the putting green, the spaces can revert back to ordinary parking spaces in time for the summer.

After all, Brodick is going to need all the spaces it can spare as Road Equivalent Tariff ferry fares are sure to see a huge increase in the number of cars arriving on the island this summer.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus said: 'Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give as the world gives so do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.' (John 14: 27)

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Letters to the Editor



Such a high price

Sir,
Over the past few weeks we have been hearing in the news and on social media just how far petrol prices have fallen.

In some parts of Glasgow and Paisley the price per litre is now under £1. Superb!

Yet last Thursday I filled my car up at Brodick and was charged £1.36 per litre for petrol.

On enquiring about the price, I was simply told that prices take longer to be lowered on Arran. 'Why?' I asked. 'They just do' was the reply.

Surely something can be done about this.

I appreciate there is an extra charge for transportation, however, why are we having to pay such a high price? Is there any legislation to protect us consumers from such blatant profiteering?

Yours,
**Claire Irving
The Tearoom
Sannox**

Eye watering difference

Sir,
Further to Bernie Jackson's fuel price comparison, as I write (31 January) in Lerwick on Shetland the price of a litre of unleaded petrol is £1.08.9 and diesel £1.13.9.

At the most northerly garage in Britain at Hagdale on Unst, 58 miles further north, the prices leap to £1.11.5 and £1.17.6 respectively.

Yours,
**P W Yates
Nosterfield
Bedale
North Yorkshire**

Dog walkers warned

Sir,
As a keen runner, I would like send a polite message to everyone who enjoys walking their dogs in the longer evenings, now that spring is almost upon us.

I run in Lamlash, through Glenkiln farm, onto the main road, along to the beginning of the Brodick nature path and back again regularly and invariably I come across dog owners who let their dogs wander freely without a lead.

The most passive dog in the world that is unleashed can wander up, see my legs moving at an unnatural speed and just snap in its confusion and excitement.

If you walk your dog without a lead and cannot control it, please just grab it by the collar when you see me approaching, until I pass.

I have no way of knowing what the dog will do and it annoys me when I stop and interrupt my run.

It's absolutely no use saying to me 'ah don't worry, it will nae touch you' when I direct an unforgiving look towards you.

I have not had the pleasure of exchanging pleasantries with your dog and neither have I been introduced and although you may be fully aware of its temperament, I have no idea!

By keeping fit and healthy, I reduce the NHS bill and free up doctors surgeries and hospital beds for those in need who may have succumbed to self-inflicted illness through lack of exercise, over indulgence and unhealthy habits.

Yours,
**N Bailey
Lamlash**

Prevailing winds

Sir,
It is a pity that the recently erected bus shelter in Shiskine was placed the wrong way round.

As positioned, it has only two sides and is open to the prevailing south-west wind and rain.

It is suggested that those responsible visit Blackwaterfoot and take note of how the shelter there is orientated.

Also, why was the existing shelter removed?

It was quite adequate for the job and only a hard-standing was required opposite it, as requested by Arran Elderly Forum.

Yours,
**Colin Mills
Shiskine**

Heroic drivers

Sir,
I would like to say a huge thank you to the driver of an

Arran Deliveries van who stopped to help my daughter and son in law on the road from Dalry towards Ardrossan on Friday 16 January.

Their car had hit a patch of ice and completely overturned leaving them trapped inside.

A lady in a car travelling towards Dalry also stopped and phoned for help.

The Arran Deliveries driver opened the rear doors of the car and helped each one in turn to get out.

Both he and the lady driver left without leaving their names or contact details.

We are also very grateful to police, ambulance and fire services which were quickly on the scene.

Although both badly shaken, neither my daughter nor son in law was injured.

Many, many thanks to both drivers.

Yours,
**E A Corcoran
1 Glencraig Place
Lamlash**

The Arran Subway?

Sir,
I was interested in the letter in issue 1996 (January 17) from Robin Gardner of Milton of Campsie about the old railway carriage at Corriegills.

I also have some slides from 1977 showing the carriage.

I think Robin's slide must have been the wrong way round as the number on the coach should read 10 and not 01!

The book 'Circles under the

Clyde' by John Wright and Ian Maclean shows that Car 10 was one in a batch of the first 30 bogie cars ordered from the Oldbury Railway Carriage and Wagon Company of Birmingham in 1896 for the Glasgow District Subway.

The Subway (or Underground) was opened in December of that year and served 15 stations on both sides of the Clyde.

In 1949, its busiest year, the passenger figure was 37,343,652.

Car 10 was originally a 'gripper' car.

Before the days of electric traction on the system, a moving steel cable was used to haul the trains between the stations in the tunnels by means of a device known as the 'grip'.

This allowed the leading coach to connect or disconnect with the cable as required. Breakdowns were common. In 1936 Car 10 was converted to electric traction and continued in service until modernisation of the subway in 1977. The coach was privately purchased and brought to Arran in June 1977.

There's a thought. An underground railway system for the island!

No more road problems, plenty of job opportunities etc. The only drawback would be the lack of scenery.

Yours,
**David Inglis
Jordanhill
Glasgow**



Another picture of Car 10, this time taken by my wife Moira, the year after we were married. That's me standing smugly beside the coach!

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Church service held to commemorate opening of Montrose House

‘It is an important day for every single person who lives on this island’

A service of dedication was held at the new Montrose House residential care home in Brodick on Sunday afternoon.

Led by the Reverend Angus Adamson, who has taken weekly services at the old building for many years, this was the first time he had taken a church service in the multi-million pound new development.

Residents moved into the facility just two weeks ago following a number of delays.

In his prayer of dedication he spoke about how important a care home is to the island of Arran.

He said: ‘This is an important day, not just for the residents, their families and the staff who work here.

‘It is an important day for every single person who lives on this island.’

Vulnerable

He added: ‘Many of us know the pain of being exiled from Arran, whether it be for work or education, but imagine how difficult it is after a lifetime here, of being sent away in our most vulnerable years.

‘Before Montrose House opened in 1972 that was the case. Now with the building of the new Montrose House it is a huge relief to everyone that the story will continue and as we grow old we will have the option to stay on our beloved island.’

An important part of the care at Montrose House is allowing residents to live as normal a life as possible and that includes the weekly church service.

Since 1978 a service has been held every Sunday in the care home and this tradition will continue.

‘I don’t see the north of Arran as having five churches. I think of it as having six places of worship and I include Montrose House in that,’ said Reverend Adamson.

‘The services that we hold here are very important to many of you and I am delighted the tradition will continue as we celebrate the opening of this wonderful new place.’



Rev Angus Adamson led a service of dedication inside the new, multi-million pound facility in Brodick. 20_b06mont01



The church service was attended by residents of Montrose House as well as elders from Brodick Church. 20_b06mont02

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Corrie Film Club

The Sweet Hereafter Cert.15
Corrie Film Club’s February offering is a film from award winning Canadian director Atom Egoyan and starring Ian Holm.

It is a strong film about tragedy but also about the nature of truth and how courage can be found in the most unlikely of places.

The plot is that a lawyer, pursued by his own demons of losing a daughter to drugs, comes to a Canadian town where 20 children have died in a school bus accident. He wants the parents to sue, to determine who was at fault and to focus their anger on making those at fault pay.

Told partly in flashbacks to the days leading up to the accident, we also follow the lawyer from family to family, coaxing them to join the suit. The community is paralysed by its anger and cannot let go. But one young girl, left in a wheelchair after the accident, finds the courage to lead the way towards healing.

This challenging but rewarding film will be shown in Corrie and Sannox Hall tomorrow night (Sunday) at 8pm. Everyone welcome.

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Mountain biking was definitely a hit as the pupils honed their skills.



Doing challenging and exciting activities together helped to promote bonds.



The youngsters went orienteering as part of the training for the inaugural Arran schools orienteering championships which will take place in May.



Team building exercises led to new friends being made throughout the adventure weekend.



Primary seven pupils were brought together for a weekend of adventure and excitement.

Fun packed adventure forges new friends

The weekend allows the children to get to know each other a little better before starting secondary school.

The prospect of starting secondary school can be rather daunting.

So in a bid to make the transition a little smoother, 32 primary seven pupils from the island's primary schools were brought together for a weekend of adventure and excitement at the Arran Outdoor Education Centre.

The idea is to allow the children to get to know each other a little better before starting at Arran High School.

Andy McNamara, instructor at the outdoor education centre in Lamlash, said: 'The programme consisted of kayaking, (not outdoors but at the Auchrannie) and initiative games in the evenings.'

'During the day they mountain biked, abseiled and went orien-

teering as part of the training for the inaugural Arran schools orienteering championships which will take place on 21

May at Brodick Castle.'

Barry Smith, headteacher at the high school set homework on Friday night when the



The pupils were enthusiastic throughout the course and all loved it.



Many of the children tried abseiling for the first time.

Adventure weekend and friendships

Children to get to know each other starting at Arran High School

group first met, to ensure that by Sunday afternoon everyone in the group would have made at least one new friend.

'This undoubtedly happened,' added Andy. 'Doing challenging and exciting activities together helped to

promote bonds, and during all the activities the emphasis was on getting to know each other better with teams comprising children who were not that well known to each other.'

It was also a chance for the pupils to meet teachers Mrs Walker, Mrs Hogg and Mr Donlin.

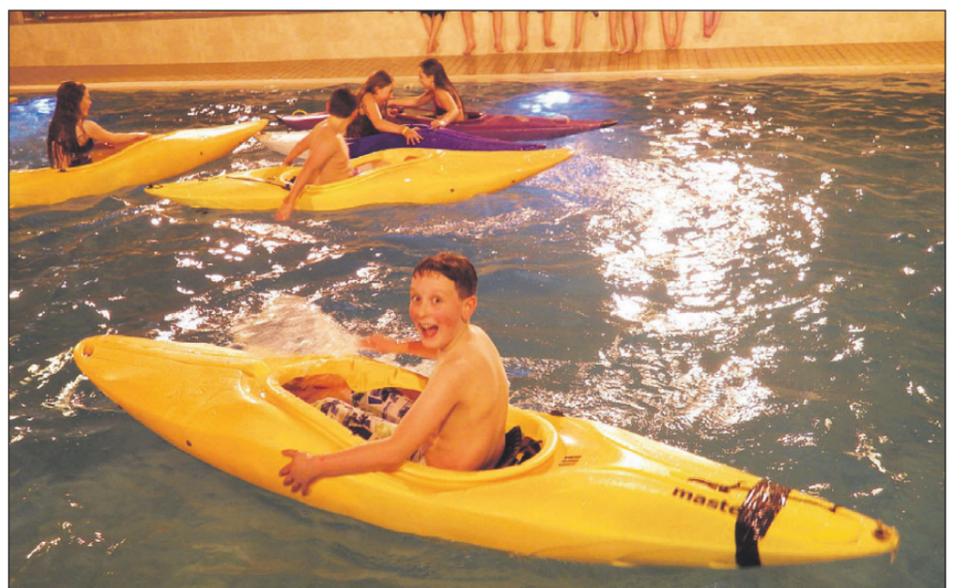
Mr Donlin showed the pupils how it should be done by leading his team to victory in the kayak polo competition.

The pupils were enthusiastic throughout the course and all the staff at Arran outdoor Centre enjoyed working with them.

it is hoped that they will become regular visitors to the outdoor centre during their high school years.



the staff at Arran Outdoor Centre enjoyed working with



Canoeing was one of the many activities designed to let the pupils get to know each other a little better before starting at Arran High School.



The Reverend Angus Adamson led a service of rededication inside the Old Clachan Preaching House on Pentecost Sunday in 2012. 01_b06old05



The ruin of the Old Clachan Church had fallen into terrible disrepair by the time the conser

Peaceful and beautiful spot brought to life again

The Clachan Glen near Shiskine has been a place of Christian burial since medieval times and continues to be the present day burying ground for the people of the surrounding district.

This peaceful and very beautiful spot was given a new lease of life five years ago when a group campaigned to have the Old Clachan Church restored and conserved for generations to come.

After the restoration of the ruin was complete, it was decided that it would be the ideal site for Arran's first memorial garden.

George Bannatyne, the man behind the memorial, explains: 'The thought 'at the last' of being laid to rest, in such a beautiful spot, particularly in the newest part of the graveyard, with its stunning views of the high peaks of Ben Nuis and Ben Bharrain, overlooking as it does, almost the entire length of the wide fertile Shiskine Valley, and beyond the Kilbrannan sound to the hills of Kintyre, is a very comforting one for many.

'Relatives too, visiting the graves of loved ones, feel the peace of the place, a little bit of

'heaven on earth'. The Clachan is also a regular place of pilgrimage for families tracing ancestors, who left these shores on emigration ships generations before.

'Alas nowadays, many choose to be cremated and so there is no headstone to visit besides those of old friends and relatives who lie there amid its tranquillity.

'Many seeking their fortune overseas lie forever in distant lands, no trace of them left in the place of their birth and infant nurture.

'Besides this, many regular Arran visitors, some with connections to the island going back generations, have no memorial in a place they loved and enjoyed. This has for some time been a cause for concern to many.'

With this in mind, the trustees of the Clachan restoration project have devised a scheme that enables anyone who wishes to retain a connection with a place they hold dear to do so by means of a plaque of remembrance.

It is, therefore, now possible to place specially designed plaques within the walls of the old preaching house, which has

been dedicated as an Arran Memorial Garden.

For this purpose beautiful high quality 8in x 6in bronze plaques can be purchased from the Shiskine Valley Trust, at a cost of £250.

As well as allowing relatives and friends to be remembered, part of the proceeds from the cost of each plaque goes directly to the restoration fund, ensuring that the old Clachan Preaching House will always be properly maintained for future generations to enjoy.

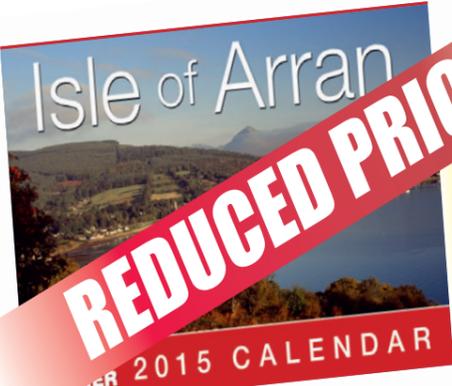
'We have a number of memorial plaques already in place,' explains treasurer Jack Murchie. 'Many are not from Arran originally but perhaps they loved the island or the Shiskine Valley and their families wished for that connection to be remembered.'

The trustees are keen to encourage anyone with a love for Arran to have a plaque erected in their loved one's memory.

The eighteenth century ruin of the Old Clachan Church is an invaluable part of Arran's history and the memorial garden has plenty of room to grow inside to ensure that many more people are remembered within its thick stone walls.

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Work to save the old preaching house took a little over a year to complete. 01_b06old04



Jack Murchie oversees the beginning of repairs in early 2010. 01_b06old03



The building was marked for demolition but a rescue bid was undertaken and it is now in a safe state of repair. 01_b06old02



The Reverend Adamson talks to the congregation at the rededication service. 01_b06old06



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Reed bunting

Reed bunting breed from the British Isles and north west Europe, south to France and east to the Urals, with most northerly species migrating to southern Europe and North Africa.

There are subspecies in southern and eastern Europe and in Asia.

In Scotland, reed bunting is

described as a common resident only absent from high ground and some islands.

Small numbers of continental breeding birds occur on passage, some of which may remain during winter.

On Arran, reed bunting is a resident breeding bird and passage migrant but it is one of these 'brown species' that

is easily overlooked.

Reed bunting as the name suggests inhabit reed beds and other wetland habitats including boggy field corners and grassy fringes of ponds and wet ditches.

In winter the birds tend to move to drier habitats such as overgrown ditches, hedgerows and gardens.

Grasslands that are not grazed or cut in the spring, such as arable field margins and hay meadows provide good sources of food.

They also find seed on cropped land, such as winter stubbles and weeds in the crop margins.

Sparrow-sized but slim and with a long, deeply notched tail, the male is unmistakable in its breeding season plumage of black head with broad white collar and white 'moutsachial' stripe.

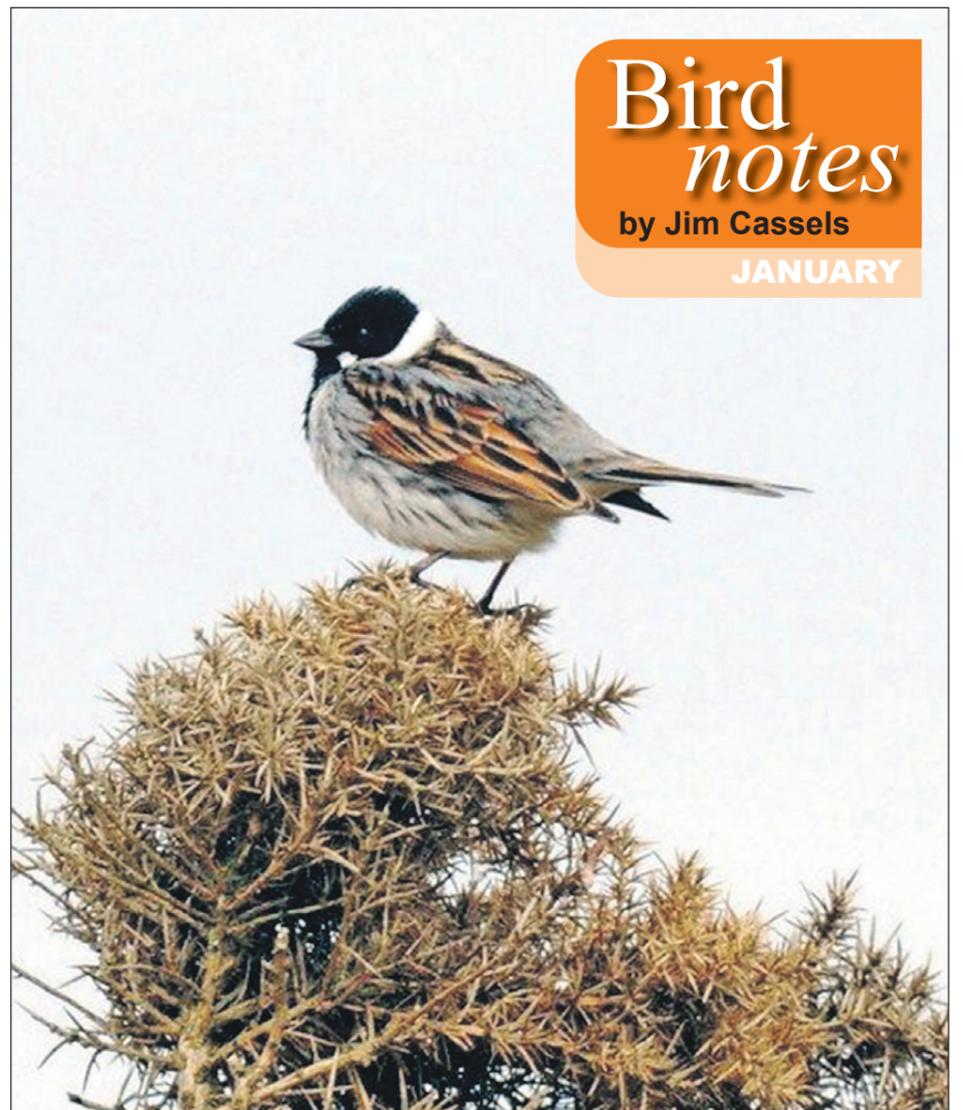
Females and winter males have a streaked head. In flight the tail looks black with broad, white edges.

Reed bunting is usually monogamous having one partner, very occasionally polygamous, but males frequently stray to cuckold other males.

Up to half of chicks have



Fiona Laing captured this image of a female reed bunting.



Bird
notes

by Jim Cassels

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A male reed bunting photographed by Angus Hogg.

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been shown to have been fathered by extracurricular mating. Breeding territories can be up to a square mile depending on the availability of food. The song is not strikingly melodious, consisting of sibilant intermittent flurries of rolling notes concluding with more rapid trills.

The song is usually delivered from a prominent but subtly concealed perch at the top of bushes or reeds.

This song along with the visual stimulus of ruffled black and white throat feath-

ers lures a female into the territory.

It would seem fair to assume that the reed bunting's chunky bill is for eating seeds but in fact the species subsists on invertebrate food like insects for most of the breeding season moving to seeds in the autumn and winter.

It is in the winter that reed bunting is most likely to visit gardens, arriving during periods of cold weather when poor feeding conditions elsewhere make gardens, and the food provided, all the more

attractive. Look out for them this winter.

Enjoy your birding. Please send any bird notes with 'what, when, where' to me at Kilpatrick Kennels, Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot, KA27 8EY, or e mail me at james.cassels@virgin.net

I look forward to hearing from you.

For more information on birding on Arran purchase the 'Arran Bird Atlas 2007-2012' as well as the 'Arran Bird Report 2013' and visit this website www.arranbirding.co.uk

Illusive otters discussed at castle friends' meeting

Lucy Wallace gave a most interesting illustrated talk last week to the Friends of Brodick Castle about the otters on Arran.

She spends many hours watching and photographing them and yet, secretive creatures that they are, there are still many things we do not now about them.

For example, do we have 50 or 100 otters on Arran?

What are the mating rituals?

Same species

She told the friends how the same species inhabits both fresh and sea water, but the sea water ones need to visit fresh water frequently to get the salt out of their fur.

They live in holts which may be a hole in the ground, a hollow tree or just a little space under large rocks.

The pups are dependent on the parents for

up to a year, learning how to feed and survive in the harsh coastal environment.

The best time for sightings is at dawn and dusk when the tide is part way in and the sea is calm. And there are otters all around Arran's coastline for everyone to see.

The next meeting of the Friends of Brodick Castle is on Wednesday 18 February at 2.30pm in the castle tearoom when Valerie Reilly will talk about Women's War.

Everyone is welcome, visitors and members alike.

The friends day trip this year is to House for an Art Lover on Friday 15 May and the mini holiday is to Peebles, Abbotsford and Traquair House from Tuesday September 29 to Friday October 2.

All enquiries should be addressed to Ann Hollingworth by phoning 840270.

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BANNER

TWENTY YEARS AGO

Saturday 11 February, 1995

Behind bars

Entry to the Kings Cave near Drumadoon Point is to be prohibited by an enormous iron grill in an attempt to protect the ancient site.

There will be a gate but it will be kept locked and only designated rangers will have access.

The decision has been made by Historic Scotland and Charles Currie, Arran's tourism manager, accepted what was being done but with regret.

He said: 'The tourist board doesn't want to see the cave blocked off but unfortunately there was further damage last summer and it has been deemed necessary.'

New surgery

Four years have passed since residents objected to plans to build a doctors' surgery in front of the Brodick Bowling Green.

And now it seems that Dr Malcolm Kerr has finally found a place to create a new surgery.

A planning application was lodged this week to turn Tuathair in the centre of Brodick, which is a guest house at present, into a medical centre with facilities for doctors, community nurses, health visitors, visiting clinics and a counsellor.

Road budget cut

It has been revealed this week that the council's road budget is to be cut by 10 per cent

this year, despite an increasing number of complaints about the state of the island's roads.

However Councillor Fergus Clarkson said that £20,000 of work was due to commence on the String Road next month.

New Tupperware lady

Helen Cook of Sliderry used to be the Tupperware lady on Arran but the role has been taken over by Debbie Rintoul of Brodick, who has been on the island for three years since her husband was posted here.

The idea is that a friend hosts the party, the Tupperware lady is there too, demonstrates her products and hopes to sell some too.

Break in

Thieves broke in to the portable offices of Arran Haulage Services at Home Farm, Brodick on Tuesday night.

They stole a cashbox which contained a large quantity of money.

Eagle eyed

The team building the distillery in Lochranza have been criticised for continuing construction beyond February 1, which was the closed period when eagles may be nesting.

The restriction was one of several put in place by Scottish Natural Heritage and one, which last year, delayed the start of the work.



Brodick lady golfers met for their annual dinner and prizegiving on Saturday. The picture shows club champion Pat Adamson, centre, with runner-up Isobel MacDonald, left, and club captain Elizabeth McKellar. b06twe04



Brodick ladies golf trophy winners after their annual dinner last Saturday. b06twe03



Sergeant Jim Weir, left, had a visit from his inspector, George Hamilton last week. Inspector Hamilton has taken over from Cliff Francis, who had become a regular visitor to Arran during the past year. b06twe02



Work is well underway at Curries in Brodick. The store remains shut while major alterations are carried out. b06twe01

What's on

in association with Isle of Arran Brewery

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Everyday

Trout Fly Fishing
 Brodick Castle, Garden Open
 Arran Brewery
 Arran Brewery tour
 Lamlash Tennis Courts/Putting Green

Loch Garbad, bank fishing
 9am-Dusk
 Mon, Wed & Fri 12.30-5pm Sat 10-5pm
 2pm (limited spaces call for availability)
 Open all day

Saturday 7th February

Army Cadets
 Over 21s Disco
 Family Games
 Fun in the pool
 Live music
 Brodick Market
 Blackwaterfoot bowling club rink game
 Houses Clearance

Auchrannie Road 11am - 1 pm.
 Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
 Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
 Auchrannie Spa pool, 4-5pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick from 8pm
 Auchrannie Road, Brodick, 10-4.30pm
 Blackwaterfoot bowling club, 1.45pm
 1 Hamilton Terrace, Lamlash, 11am - 3pm

Sunday 8th February

Family Games
 Fun in the pool
 AA Meeting
 Mackerel Lottery
 Open Session - All musicians & Singers welcome
 Live music

Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
 Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm
 Brodick church Hall, 5pm-6.30pm
 Kinloch Bar, 5pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick 2.30pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick from 9.30pm

Monday 9th February

Over 50s Badminton
 Badminton
 Citizens Advice
 Morning Fitness
 Table Tennis
 Badminton
 Arran Junior Football Club
 Yoga
 Circuit Training
 Scottish Country Dancing Beginners & Improvers
 10/10 Total Body workout
 RunArran Beginners
 Lunch Club

Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm
 Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
 Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30-1.30pm
 Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
 Corrie Hall, 6.30pm
 Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm
 Ormidale Park, 6-7.30pm
 Corrie Village Hall, 11am - 12 noon
 Auchrannie Gym, 6-7pm
 Corrie & Sannox Hall, 2 - 4pm
 Arran High School, Lamlash, 6.45pm
 Whiting Bay
 Brodick Sheltered Housing, 12.30pm

Tuesday 10th February

Pop Quiz
 Auchrannie Winter Bowls
 Alcoholics Anonymous
 Youth Club
 Rotary club
 Healthy Outdoors
 Blackwaterfoot bowling club rink game
 Session with the Arran Ceilidh Band
 RunArran
 Bridge for beginners
 Scottish Country Dancing
 Metafit

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
 Auchrannie 7pm
 Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
 Kildonan Hall, 7pm
 Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 7.15pm
 10am-1pm NTS Ranger Centre
 Blackwaterfoot bowling club, 1.45pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick, 7.30pm
 Hospital Hill car park, Lamlash, 5.30pm
 Learning Centre, Lamlash 7-9pm
 All Stages, Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm
 Arran High School, Lamlash 6pm

Wednesday 11th February

Rock & Pop Bingo
 Tae Kwondo
 Alcoholics Anonymous
 Arran Brass Rehearsal
 Yogalates
 Aquafizz
 Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy service
 RunArran
 Yoga-Arran
 Drift Inn Quiz
 Mixed Hockey
 Dog classes
 Coffee Morning
 Brodick church Hall, 10.30 - 12noon

Ormidale Hotel 9.30pm
 Arran high School Kids-6.30-7.30pm Adults-7.30-8.30pm
 Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
 Brodick Church Hall, 7-9pm
 Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am
 Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am
 10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30
 Auchrannie car park, 5.30pm
 Kinneil, Lamlash, 7-8.30pm
 Lamlash, 9pm
 Auchrannie Sports Hall 7.30-9pm
 Whiting Bay Hall, 1pm

Thursday 12th February

Morning Fitness
 General Knowledge Quiz
 Folk, Country, Bluesy Night with Cams & Friends
 Yoga
 Bridge Club
 Open Music session
 Ladies Hockey
 RunArran Beginners
 Pilates
 Country Park Volunteer Day
 Brodick Embroidery Group
 QuiltArran
 Auchrannie Winter Bowls
 Metafit
 Weighing in for Mary's Meals
 Weighing in for Mary's Meals

Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
 Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick, 7.30pm
 Corrie Village Hall, 6pm - 7pm
 Brodick Golf Clubhouse, 7pm
 Drift Inn, Lamlash, 9pm
 Ormidale Pavillon, 7.30-8.30pm
 Auchrannie Car Park, Brodick, 5.30pm
 Auchrannie gym, 6-7pm
 Brodick Castle, 10am - 4pm
 Brodick Library, 7.30-9.30pm
 Lamlash Fire Station, 2-4.30pm
 Auchrannie, 7pm
 Auchrannie, 6pm
 Lamlash church Hall, 4pm - 4.30pm
 Brodick Church Hall, 5.15pm - 5.45pm

Friday 13th February

Aqua Fizz
 Yogalates
 Arran Youth Foundations
 Lochranza Kids Badminton
 Lochranza Adults Badminton
 Family fun night
 Brodick Market
 AA Meeting

Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am
 Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am
 Church Hall, Brodick 7pm-9pm
 Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm
 Lochranza Hall, 8pm
 Brodick Golf Club 4.45pm
 Auchrannie Road, Brodick, 10-4.30pm
 Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm



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Recruitment

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Applications in writing please enclosing CV to:

John Thomson Construction Ltd, Lamlash, Isle of Arran, KA27 8NB or mail@thomsonconstruction.co.uk
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Applications in writing, or via email, including full C.V. information to: l.jameson@paterson-arran.com or Lesley Jameson, Paterson Arran Limited, The Old Mill, Lamlash, Isle of Arran

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- Have excellent customer service experience in dealing with customers both face to face and over the phone
- Knowledge of IT programmes, mainly word, excel and email
- Ability to work under pressure and have good organisational skills
- A current driving licence and own transport essential

Previous applicants need not apply.

Please apply in writing with CV to:

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The Board of Trustees now wishes to appoint a Development Officer to drive the project forward. The ideal candidate will have experience of working on similar community projects, a proven record of securing grant funding and experience in countryside management. Excellent financial management, verbal and written communication skills and ICT literacy are also required.

The post is offered on an initial fixed term 12 month contract, which may be extendable subject to additional funding being secured. The salary offered is £24,000 per annum pro-rata three days a week. Some evening and weekend work will be required.

Applications in writing, including a current CV to: The Treasurer ACLI, c/o Primrose Cottage, Whiting Bay, KA27 8RH or by email to info@arranland.org. ACLI is an equal opportunities employer. This post is supported by a grant from the Scottish Land Fund. A job description is available at <http://tinyurl.com/ktnftoa>

The closing date for receipt of applications is Friday 27th February.



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Public Notices

ARRAN GOLF PASS AGM
ON WEDNESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY
AT 6.30P.M
in Broddick Golf Club
All Welcome

NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL - GRASS CUTTING SCHEME 2015

North Ayrshire Council is now accepting applications to the Council's Grass Cutting Scheme, which is limited to grass and hedge cutting. The scheme covers cutting grass of an area no bigger than 150 square metres and hedges where they border a path. No weeding or planting is provided for however, we will maintain gardens to an acceptable standard. Due to the limited number of gardens to be included on the scheme, applications will be accepted on a "first come first served basis".

To be eligible the applicants must permanently reside at the property and meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Be aged 75 and over.
- Or
- Aged 65 and over and in receipt of Attendance Allowance (higher rate) or free personal care.
- Or
- Aged under 65 and in receipt of DLA mobility (higher rate) or care (highest rate).
- Or
- Aged under 65 and in receipt of PIP mobility (enhanced rate) or daily living component (enhanced rate).

To apply contact the Council online at www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/grasscuttingscheme or by telephone from Monday 2 February 2015 on 01294 310000. An assessment of eligibility will be made during the application process and payment for the scheme will be taken. The charge for the scheme is £61.00 including VAT.

Applications will close on Friday 27 February 2015. Applicants from previous years are not automatically re-enrolled on the scheme and are required to re-apply. The grass cutting scheme will commence on Monday 30 March and terminate Friday 2 October 2015.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

Applications listed below together with the plans and other documents may be examined at Planning Services, Cunninghame House, Irvine, between 9am-4.45pm weekdays (4.30pm Fridays) or at aplanning@north-ayrshire.gov.uk and at The Council Offices, Lamlash

Written representations may be made to the Executive Director (Economy & Communities) at the above address or emailed to aplanning@north-ayrshire.gov.uk by 27.02.15. Any representations received will be open to public view.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1)

Format: Application No; Address; Proposed Development

15/00035/PP; Lamlash Cemetery, Manse Road, Lamlash, Broddick; Change of use of agricultural land to form extension to existing cemetery including new access road, footpaths, landscaping and perimeter fencing.

14/00665/PP; Shore Lodge Broddick Country Park, Broddick, Isle of Arran, KA27 8HY; Modification of condition 1 of N/12/00687/PP to allow for the permanent siting of the 3 no. camping pods and 2 additional parking spaces.

Elma Murray
Chief Executive
Cunninghame House
IRVINE KA12 8EE

North Ayrshire Council
Comhairle Siorrachd Air a Tuath

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LAND REQUIRED FOR GRAZING

For 1 horse and 1 pony

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Contact Emma 07788871118

HARBOURS ACT 1964 (AS AMENDED)

THE CALEDONIAN MARITIME ASSETS LIMITED (BRODDICK) HARBOUR REVISION ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on 13 January 2015 Scottish Ministers made the above named Harbour Revision Order ("the Order") under Section 14 of the Harbours Act 1964 ("the 1964 Act"). The Order came into force on 14 January 2015.

A copy of the Order and the deposited plans relating thereto may be inspected at all reasonable hours at the offices of DWF LLP, Solicitors, Dalmore House, 310 St Vincent Street, Glasgow, G2 5QR.

Any person who desires to question the making of the Order on the ground that there was no power to make the Order or that a requirement of the 1964 Act was not complied with in relation to the Order may, within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order came into force, make an application for that purpose to the Court of Session.

Dated this 30th day of January 2015.

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CHURCH NOTICES

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Communion)
St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday, 8th February
Holy Communion, 11.00 am.
Rev Simon Mackenzie,
Priest-in-Charge.
Coffee after service.
Sunday 8th February
3.00 pm: postponed carol service: "Carols for Candlemas" with musical interludes from St Margaret's Recorder Group. Tea, coffee and cake to follow.
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 8th February
Lochranza and Pirmill Churches. 10.15am Service including the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in Pirmill.
Shiskine Church, 12noon Service including the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
Brodick Church, 10.30am Morning Worship.
Corrie Church, 11.30am Prayer Meeting,
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 8th February
Kilmory 10am
Lamlash 11.30 am
Rev Lily McKinnon
All welcome, including families; children's area
Scottish Charity SC015072

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)
Sunday 8th February
Morning Service, 11am
Trust Housing Lounge,
Glen Estate, Brodick
Evening Service 6.30pm
5 Glen Road, Brodick
Prayer Meeting
Wednesday 11th February
at 7pm
5 Glen Road
All welcome

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday mass 11am

WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH O SCOTLAND

(Charity Number SC014005)
Sunday 8th February
Worship will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson, at 10.30am.
All welcome.
Tea and coffee will be served in the Transept after the service and everyone is invited to stay and enjoy more fellowship afterwards.

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev Vince Jennings
Sunday 8th February
11am Morning worship in the Ormidale Sports Pavilion, Brodick
Tea and Coffee after the service.
Wednesday at 7.30pm
Home Fellowship Group for Bible Study and Prayer.
Contact phone no 600222
Everyone warmly invited

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 8th February
Shiskine 11am (Church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)
Brodick 7pm (Church behind post office)
Doctor Graham Keith

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS, QUAKERS

Quakes meet every Sunday at 11am. For meeting venue ring - 830622, 820223

BANNER ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEATHS

PEARCE - JOHN

Peacefully at Cooriedoon Nursing Home, Whiting Bay on Sunday, 1st February 2015, after a short illness. John, of Murray Crescent, Lamlash, a dear uncle and friend. Private cremation at Holmsford Bridge Crematorium, Irvine.

ROBERTSON

Peacefully at home at Beinnview, Blackwaterfoot, on Sunday, 1st February 2015. Catherine (Cathie) nee Kerr, beloved wife of Donald, dearly loved mother, mother-in-law, granny and sister. Funeral service at Clachan cemetery, Shiskine at 12 noon on Friday 6th February 2015, to which all family and friends are invited. Family flowers only please.



Lamlash Golf Club



Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday 1 February, Whiting Bay defeated Corrie by four games to nil at Lamlash in the latest round of the AGA Winter League for the Duncan Trophy. This result leaves Whiting Bay and Lamlash tied at the top with one game remaining.
Fixtures: Saturday 7 Febru-

ary is the AGM of the club at 8pm in the clubhouse.

Sunday 8 February, Winter Cup Round five, draws at 9am and 10.30am.

Corrie Golf Club

Monday 26 January, Monday Cup, yellow tees, six played.
1 L Hartley 39+33=72-11=61, 2 J McConnachie 37=32=69-5=64 BIH, 3 J McGovern 38+34=72-8=64.
Hole in one at the second by Bryan Lewis.

Saturday 31 January, medal, white tees, eight played.
1 A McDonald 36+39=75-9=66 BIH, 2 B Lewis 36+40=76-10=66, 3 B Rooney 41+41=82-13=69. One magic two at the 17th by B Lewis.

Fixtures: Saturday 7 February, Winter Cup medal, 8.30am and 12noon tee offs. Monday 9 February, Monday Cup, yellow tees, 12noon start.

Arran Golfers Association
Sunday 1 February, Winter League Duncan Trophy 2014/15 at Lamlash Golf Club, fourth round.

The games got under way at the first attempt for a change, although conditions were very tricky due to the slight ground frost. Thanks went to Lamlash for hosting

BIRTH



PRICE

Wayne and Kelly are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Hazel Chloe - 4lb 10oz on the 13th January. First grandchild for Heather

IN MEMORY

ROBERTS - PETER H

Died 11 February 2012. Missed always by wife Rosemary, son Andrew and family and all friends and family who knew him.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

BOA - AGNES

Gladys and family would like to thank everyone for their sympathy and support following our sad loss. Thanks also to Montrose House and Arran Medical Group for their care in recent years, David and Clair Hendry and Rev. Angus Adamson for their services, also Brodick Golf Club for catering.

BIRTHDAY

HAPPY 18TH UNCLE LYLE



LOTS OF LOVE DARCI & COREY XX

Memorial mixed darts challenge

The annual Donald and James Mackenzie memorial mixed doubles darts competition takes place on Saturday 21 February in Kilmory Hall at 7.30pm.

Anyone wishing to take part should give their names to Margaret Mackenzie on 870309 by Friday 20 February and 16-year-olds are eligible to play this year.

All money raised will go to ArCaS and the Arran War Memorial Hospital Supporters League.

The social club bar will be open and donations of raffle prizes would be appreciated. Everyone welcome and transport can be arranged.

Arran Bridge Club results

The latest results from the Arran Bridge Club are as follows: Boyd Trophy Round 4, Thursday 29 January. 1 David and Fiona Henderson, 2 Tricia Martin and Douglas Hamilton, 3= Irene and Craig McMillan, 3= Jean Barclay and Linda Trickett.

Aggregate Points, Monday 2 February. N/S 1 Tricia Martin and David Campbell, 2 Dougie and Margaret Bruce, 3 Morag Gardner and Brenda Livingstone.

E/W 1 Janie MacLure and Anne McKelvie, 2 John Baraclough and Janette McBride, 3 Fiona Henderson and Maureen Cumming.

Weather wreaks rugby havoc

Weather permitting, Arran RFC will be playing Loch Lomond on Saturday at the Ormidale Park in Brodick.

The fixture has already been postponed twice due to a waterlogged pitch.

Last Saturday the team had been scheduled to play Birkmyre but ferry cancellations forced a postponement. Saturday's game against Loch Lomond will kick-off at 2.30pm.

Come along and support the team.

Snooker players sought

Interested in playing a few frames of snooker per week? No matter the standard please phone Alan on 302486.

A small handicap league or tournament maybe created if enough people show an interest.

and catering.

First out were Lamlash against league leaders Brodick. Home advantage counted and Lamlash edged a closely fought match by three games to one. Next was Machrie and Shiskine, another close battle saw points shared at two games each.

Finally it was Whiting Bay against Corrie, more or less a home game for the Bay and they made their knowledge of the course count by winning with a whitewash 4-0.

With one round of matches to go at Brodick in March, Whiting Bay and Lamlash top the table with six points each.

Whiting Bay have a single game advantage, but they still have to face their toughest match against Brodick, who also have a chance of sneaking it as they are only one point behind in third place.

Lamlash have still to play Machrie so it is looking like an exciting finish once again in one of the best competitions the association runs.

Brodick Golf Club

Fixtures: Sunday 8 February, Brandon and Winter Cup, open draws at 9am and 12noon.

Sunday 15 February, Clochendichter.

Lamlash Golf Club

Congratulations to the Lamlash Team who won 3-1 against Brodick at Lamlash Golf Club in the AGA Winter League.

Fixtures: Sunday 8 February, Glenburn Cup 9.30am and 12noon starts.

Thursday 12 February, Yellow Medal, 11am draw.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday 27 January, Winter Cup. 1 Phil Betley net 67 BIH, 2 Alice Anderson net 67, 3 Willie Anderson net 68.

Tuesday 3 February, Winter Cup. 1 Phil Betley net 64, 2 Elizabeth Ross net 69 BIH, 3 Reuben Betley net 69.

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Dumfries prove unmoveable for Arran ladies hockey team



The game was dominated by Dumfries, with Arran failing to score. 20_b06hoc02

Arran 0 Dumfries 6
Facing up to any team in the top division is never an easy prospect, but the Arran Ladies Hockey Team did just that - with gusto - on Sunday afternoon.

This was the island team's first entry into the West District cup competition and they had previously defeated Irvine in an earlier round.

Sunday afternoon was the rescheduled semi-final against Dumfries' first team.

'Dumfries are currently sitting fifth in the top division - three divisions above us - so we weren't holding out much hope!' said captain Victoria McNicol.

'By half time we were 2-0 down, which I felt wasn't too bad,' she added. 'We had 15 players and they all took part as a training/learning exercise. A few key players were injured and Anne Watts and Kirstie Barton were certainly missed.'

Dumfries were a noisy team, shouting at each other throughout the game and clearly weren't happy with their play.

But by the second half they

had settled down and scored a further four goals. Arran's goal-keeper Alison Hollingworth had a fabulous game and was honoured with the dame of the game title after the match had finished.

Victoria said: 'We can learn from this game about communicating, passing in triangle formations and keep moving



Arran's goalkeeper Alison Hollingworth was named dame of the game. 20_b46hoc04

into space. We hope Dumfries win in the final as they are a nice team of girls.'

Sunday's defeat didn't come as too much of a disap-

pointment to the Arran ladies though as they celebrated an away league win against Clydesdale Western on Saturday 24 January.

Arran were 2-0 up at half time after the first goal from Lorraine Hewie in centre then a second dribbled over the line by Leah Jones.

There were many shots on target from Susie Murchie, Victoria McNicol and Helen Thomson but the Clydesdale goalie worked hard to clear them.

In the second half, Cat Galbraith took a hit out and drove the ball up the right wing for Lorraine who picked it up and passed to Bethany Tetlow in the circle who scored.

The last goal was scored following a great pass from Helen Thomson with Lorraine striking it in the net.

After a 4-0 win, Arran now sit second in the league, with eight games left to play.

The next game is on Saturday 14 February at home to Ardrossan.

Pass back is at 11.30am at Ormidale Park.

Come along and support the team.



At one point Dumfries almost had Arran's Cat Galbraith on her knees. 20_b06hoc01

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