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Arran's Weekly Newspaper

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Arran Banner circulation increases

Just 13 fully paid-for weekly titles in England and Scotland bucked the trend to record increases in sales for the last half of 2010, the latest ABC figures have shown.

And one of those was The Arran Banner.

The circulation figures from July to December last year show the majority of newspapers had a decline, a number of them in double figures.

And out of the 100 paid-for weeklies, only 13 recorded increases in sales – 10 in England and three in Scotland, with no Welsh weeklies seeing their figures rise.

1.2 per cent

The Arran Banner saw its average weekly circulation rise by 1.2 per cent from 3,172 to 3,209.

The best-performing newspaper was the Leek Post and Times, which saw its sales increase by nine per cent year-on-year to 11,515.

Other weekly titles which saw improvements in their circulations were the Pocklington Post at 5.9 per cent, the Ellesmere Port Pioneer and the Gainsborough Standard, both with two percent rises, and the Weston, Worle and Somerset Mercury, whose sales rose 1.3 percent.

Decrease

Those fully paid-for titles with the largest decrease in circulation included the Basingstoke Midweek Gazette whose sales fell 22.1 per cent to 4,487 and the Prestwich and Whitefield Guide, which fell 20.1 per cent to 2,202.

MV Isle of Arran ferry back on her old route



Jerry Arthur, producer of the festival's winning play, Principal Girls, with adjudicator Brian Marjoribanks. 02_b09dra01

Dramatic success for Shiskine Rural ladies

The ladies of Shiskine Rural walked off with five of the nine trophies at the 2011 Arran One-Act Drama Festival last Saturday, including the A K Wooley Trophy for best play with Principal Girls.

Producer Jerry Arthur collected three of the five trophies from adjudicator Brian Marjoribanks.

The last time a Rural team won the best

play award was 48 years ago, and the last time a Shiskine team won this trophy was 25 years ago when Shiskine Drama Club came tops with an adult version of Ernie's Incredible Illucinations.

Sheila Gilmore took the lead title role then, and 25 years on she won the Monie Kelso trophy on Saturday for best acting performance as Wendy in Principal Girls.

Islanders' delight as old favourite returns to help with extra summer sailings

MV Isle of Arran is coming back to the island.

She will be acting as Arran's extra summer ferry giving more carrying capacity for the tourist high season.

For the last six years the 33-year-old *Saturn* has spent the busiest summer weeks on the Ardrossan to Brodick run, helping to cope with increased tourist traffic.

But it has just been announced that Arran's extra summer ferry this year is going to be *MV Isle of Arran*.

She can carry 76 cars compared to *Saturn's* capacity of 40, and is a ro-ro ferry purpose built for the Arran run. Unlike the *Saturn*, vehicles can drive on and off rather than having to reverse on board at Brodick.

Kenneth Gibson MSP said: 'For some months now I have

been in discussion with Scottish Ministers about the additional ferry for Arran. Although many other communities were keen to have the *Isle of Arran* serving them, I am delighted to have secured this vessel for the Brodick to Ardrossan route it was designed for. I am sure that the *Isle of Arran* will prove a major boon to tourism and business on Arran throughout its summer run.'

Ferry Committee chairman Ken Thorburn added: 'We are delighted to be getting the *Isle of Arran*. She is infinitely more comfortable than the *Saturn* and still has an open stern deck so she can carry tankers.'

Councillor Margie Currie said: 'Now that we are getting this improved service it is important to make the most of it. Hopefully it will encourage more business for the island.'

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Repairs to start on new road surfaces

Road repairs to the damaged surfaces on Brodick Hill and the Heights are scheduled to start next Monday.

Following the laying of these new surfaces last autumn several patches have begun to break up.

A spokesperson for NAC said: 'We hope to begin repairs to the A841 next week ahead of work scheduled for the Machrie Moor road the following week.'

MP drops in to cheese shop

Arran's MP Katy Clark dropped into the Torrylinn Creamery Cheese Shop last Wednesday.

The southend shop, which was threatened with closure by owners First Milk, only opened four weeks ago under the new ownership of Sally Home.

Sally told the Banner: 'Katy had learned about my takeover from First Milk and her office contacted me to arrange a meeting.'

'She wanted to show her support and establish if she could offer any assistance in her capacity as MP.'

New Montrose House approved



Site for the new Montrose House residential care home. 02_b09mon01

Dramatic fall in death rates at Crosshouse

Arran residents will be reassured to hear that there has been a dramatic fall in death rates at Crosshouse Hospital.

The major Ayrshire hospital near Kilmarnock is the first port of call for many Arran patients, so much so that the Arran Banner is on sale in the hospital shop.

Since Crosshouse began implementing the Scottish Patient Safety Programme in January 2008 there has been an 18 per cent drop in hospital mortality.

Kenneth Gibson MSP said: 'This is very reassuring news for patients from Arran and across Ayrshire and a great example of how the national programme is making a real difference to patient care.'

Among the innovations contributing to this fall in mortality are a Back to Basics project - where potential early warning signs such as blood pressure, pulse and temperature are scrutinised so that a deteriorating patient is quickly identified - and an Emergency Response Team who closely monitor patients who are at risk of deteriorating.



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North Ayrshire Council has agreed to buy a site for the new Montrose House.

The existing Brodick residential care home was opened on December 20 1974 and has had many facelifts down the years. A budget of £2.9million has been earmarked for the new building.

Last Tuesday the Executive of NAC heard that 'Montrose House is no longer fit for purpose in terms of The Care

Commission's regulations. Investigations have indicated that it would be impractical to adapt the property or to rebuild on the existing site'.

The executive duly agreed to the purchase of a field some 200 metres further up Glen Cloy, subject to planning permission. The field is adjacent to the housing development of Sheean Drive and Glen Place, and opposite Auchrannie Spa.

Negotiations have taken place with the landowner and provisional agreement has been reached to purchase the site for £500,000. The Council will bear the legal and negotiating expenses of the vendor, expected to be about two percent. The site is currently green field, but is zoned for residential purposes in the Replacement Arran Local Plan. The road to the site is very rough and will be

brought up to an adoptable standard at a cost of around £70,000.

The purchase price will come out of the Capital Allocation for the project and create an overspend in the Council's current financial year. However, when the existing site of Montrose House is vacated, it should bring in revenue, depending on the Council's future plans for that site.

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Skilled Arran students pick up college awards

Two skilled Arran students from Reid Kerr College in Paisley were celebrating their achievements recently at the annual award ceremony held in Paisley Town Hall. Family, friends, employers and College staff gathered to honour the best Construction and Engineering students at Reid Kerr, with a presentation of prizes and Certificates of Achievement for outstanding performance in their field.

The two students from Arran were named winners within

their individual trades at college.

Tom Buchan, 33, from Whitefarland was presented with a prize from the Institute of Carpenters and was named winner of a Regional Award.

Carpentry

Fellow Carpentry and Joinery student Stuart Lawson, 25, from Catacol was also recognised on the night and named joint winner of the First Year Carpentry and Joinery Award.

David McCulloch head of the

Institute of Construction and Engineering at Reid Kerr said: 'These annual awards celebrate the students' commitment and effort to their studies and are an opportunity to recognise those candidates who have excelled in their trade while at college - I am confident that all of our award winning students have a bright future within Scotland's industry and congratulations must go to all the awardees with thanks to the sponsors and employers who also support this event.'



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Right: Tom Buchan was presented with his award by Wilson Miller of Institute of Carpenters.



Fairtrade Fortnight on Arran features world record attempt

Fairtrade Fortnight runs from Monday 28 February to Sunday 13 March and this year's theme from the Fairtrade Foundation is to 'show off your label'.

It is a call for justice, specifically for West African cotton farmers.

The idea is to attempt to break the Guinness World Record in Bunting which at the moment stands at 2,696 metres.

Fairtrade Fortnight's aim is to make 4,350 metres of Fairtrade cotton bunting.

It will all be hung up on World Fairtrade Day Saturday 8 May. To achieve this they need 12,500 decorated flags - one for each Fairtrade cotton farmer in Mali and Burkina Faso in West Africa.

On Arran all primary school children have been given a triangular Fairtrade cotton flag

which they are decorating with paint, pen or material.

These flags will be hung up in the Brodick Co-op during Fairtrade fortnight, and also at a Fair Trade Coffee Morning in Brodick Church Hall on Saturday 5 March from 10.30am.

There will be an opportunity for people to decorate their own flag at the coffee morning too.

Jan McGregor said: 'We have given out about 330 flags on Arran, and after displaying them on the island they will be sent to London and added to all the other bunting to break the record for the longest, fairest-ever piece of bunting.'

Buying Fairtrade products offers 7.5million people in the developing world a more secure future.

Council offers to tidy your garden

Older and vulnerable residents in Arran are being invited to take advantage of North Ayrshire Council's Garden Tidy Scheme.

The scheme provides a grass cutting and hedge trimming service at eligible residents' homes. It is open to all residents over the age of 75, those aged between 65 and 75 who are in receipt of higher rate Attendance Allowance or free personal care and those under 65 who receive Disability Living Allowance high rate (Mobility) allowance or highest rate care allowance.

The Garden Tidy Scheme provides a grass cutting and hedge trimming services for gardens less than 150 square metres. No planting or weeding is carried out, and the garden must be the applicant's main residence.

The Garden Tidy Scheme for Arran was introduced in 1996, suspended a few years later, then reinstated in spring 2008. It provides approximately 10 cuts a season at about three week intervals.

You can apply to the scheme on 0845 6030594.

Beware of bogus workmen

Local police are warning that there is a spate of bogus workmen currently operating on the island.

Sergeant Bob MacKay said: 'Householders should be wary of anyone turning up on the doorstep and offering to do work. It is against the law unless they get you to sign a waiver. North Ayrshire Council Trading Standards are aware of a group of builders on the island who are touting for business and offering to do anything, exterior or interior. I would advise householders to only do business with workmen they know or have contacted themselves.'

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Donald's darts night helps senior citizens

The grand total of £420 was raised at last Saturday night's Donald MacKenzie Memorial darts tournament.

This will go towards the summer outing for Kildonan and Kilmory senior citizens.

Margaret MacKenzie said: 'The family would like to thank everyone who made the 23rd year of Donald's Memorial Trophy once again such a success in the new venue of Kilmory Hall. Special thanks go to my five friends for selling tickets for the raffle and the hamper, and to the men for setting up the three boards and the lighting.'

Also not forgetting all who gave donations and prizes and those non-darts players who came along to support.

Niall McMaster and Jenni Logan were eventual winners, beating George Stewart and Lorna McKelvie in the final.

Alan Picken scored 160 in one of his games, and George had a check-out of 130 on his way to the final. A great night was had by all.

The hamper was won by Carol Crawford.

Lochranza and Catacol 200 Club

The winners of the February 200 Club draw were: first prize No 47 P W Yates and second prize No 71 Sheila Bain.



Chris Atkins of Brodick trying out his driving skills on the eco-driving simulator on Saturday. 02_b09dri01

Energy Saving Week a 'raging success'

Arran Energy Saving Week has been hailed a major success.

Energy Advisor Gavin Reith said: 'It was a raging success. We have run events like this in Lanarkshire, Ayrshire and Dumfries and Galloway, but we have had a much higher engagement from the Arran people; they seem to be much more clued up here.'

'There have been Energy Advice Surgeries in all the

village halls throughout the week and we've had queues outside waiting to get in. Some people brought along plans for new-build houses for themselves.

'We were able to point to the examples set in Scandinavian houses of heat saving and energy efficiency.'

Renewables Advisor Brendan McCann added: 'As a follow-up to this week we will be doing about 60 home visits on the island to advise on specific energy-saving situations. It could be loft insulation, cavity wall insulation or solar panels. With the price of heating oil so high, this is particularly relevant on Arran.'

'Generating your own power

is a growth area. There are constant advancements in technology for wind and waterpower.

'Our job is to give people information so they are armed with the right questions when they approach a company.'

On Saturday there was a steady flow of island residents at the Energy Showcase Exhibition in the Ormidale Pavilion.

Among the displays were an eco-driving simulator to teach drivers how to save fuel when driving.

Gavin and Brendan and their colleagues are based at the Energy Saving Scotland advice centre at Auchincruive, Ayr.

Wild goose chase from Donegal to Shiskine

In the Banner's December Bird Notes mention was made of a Greylag Goose with an orange collar in the flock in the Shiskine Valley.

Susie and Keith Thompson of Shiskine were the people who first saw this goose. They read the letters on the collar using a telescope and sent the details to the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO). Bob Swann from the BTO provided information on this bird and revealed that it had come here from Donegal.

The goose is part of the Icelandic Greylag Goose population marked at Loch Eye in Easter Ross on 6 November 2005.

All other winter reports of this goose up until November 2010 have been from Northern Ireland.

On 23 November it was wintering at Loch Swilly in County Donegal.

Most birds arrive in their wintering grounds in October but remain highly mobile until December, often moving quickly between different

regions. From January to April birds are much less mobile and most birds remain on their final wintering grounds prior to a direct flight back to Iceland.

It is thought that this movement between areas is in response to changes in their environment, as was the case of the goose moving from Donegal to Shiskine in December. Jim Cassels said: 'I would encourage anyone who comes across a ringed or marked bird to pass the information directly to the BTO or pass it to me and I will pass it on, on your behalf.'

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 Report 2009 and visit this website www.arranbirding.co.uk.



Fixing an identification collar on a greylag goose. b09bir01

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An evening with Mairi MacInnes



Mairi MacInnes will be singing at Thursday Focus next week in the Ormidale Pavilion.

She is well known to readers of The Arran Banner, not only for the rich quality of her singing, but for the warmth of her personality.

An Arran resident, she is a native of South Uist.

Having enjoyed singing from an early age she became one of the youngest winners of the prestigious Gold Medal at the National Mod, at her first attempt. The following year she was a winner at the Pan Celtic Festival in Killarney.

Since then, Mairi has become well known, far and wide. She has recorded and performed with Runrig, and has toured the USA and Canada. She is the singer of William Jackson's new song for Scotland, 'Land of Light,' which won The Herald's New Song for the Millennium competition.

Singer, composer, songwriter, she regularly appears on television and radio, and has made several recordings.

Mairi will be appearing in the Ormidale Pavilion in Brodick on Thursday 10 March at 7.30pm. Her Christian faith is an integral part of her life, and during the evening she will sing and share reflections from her experience.

Admission is free, refreshments are provided and all are welcome.



Children from Pirnmill, Shiskine and Kilmory schools in Brodick Library on Tuesday with Sheila Gilmore. 02_b09lib01

World Book Day in Brodick Library

Arran youngsters have been celebrating World Book Day this week.

On Tuesday children from all of the island primary schools made the trip to Brodick Library. Sheila Gilmore of NAC Children's Outreach Service

led them in a workshop-type session of learning how to enjoy the vast range of books stocked in the library.

The children heard traditional stories such as Grimm's Fairy Tales, Hans Andersen's Fairy Tales and classics like Chicken

Licken. Sheila said: 'It is an opportunity to promote the library's great selection of children's favourites.'

Children from Pirnmill, Shiskine and Kilmory went to the library on Tuesday, while the other schools went

on Thursday.

And they all lived happily ever after.

Warning about computer phone calls

If you have a problem with your computer, contact an expert.

There are several computer whiz kids on Arran who can offer a bona fide service, but one Lamlash resident was almost conned by a phone call last week.

He said that he received a phone call from a man claiming to be from 'Windows' and saying that he had a problem with his computer. He was asked to go and turn it on, but was sharp enough to realise that the phone caller was not genuine but was trying to access his folders. This kind of scam has become quite frequent with a number of islanders reporting similar incidents.

Local police advise that it is not wise to act on any such incoming calls.

Isle of Arran's small holdings – 100 years on

The Scottish Tenant Farmers Association is hosting a public meeting on Arran in March to mark the centenary of the Small Landholders (Scotland) Act of 1911.

Small Landholdings in Scotland are shrouded in mystery and uncertainty and the exact extent of these holdings in Scotland is not accurately known.

Having been excluded from the crofting acts of the 1880's, they're known to exist in Arran, Bute, Greater and Little Cumbrae and the Highlands and Islands Enterprise area and under the Crofting Reform Act of 2007 they can

now convert to crofting status.

As is often the case with new legislation, there are more questions than answers and the centenary of the original Act presents an ideal opportunity to mark this and chart a way forward in this unique area of land tenure.

Arran is probably the best known area in Scotland with a population of small landholdings and the obvious choice as a venue to examine their future.

The open meeting promises to be informative and stimulating and STFA is delighted to have such a prestigious

panel of speakers.

The main speaker will be Sir Crispin Agnew of Lochnaw Bt, QC whose expertise in the field of Scottish land law is widely acknowledged.

Other speakers include Archie MacNab, Head of Land Use at the Crofters Commission, John Dale, agricultural lawyer of Galston and Eddie Henderson of Henderson Surveyors of Kinross.

The meeting will be held on Friday 11 March at 7.30pm at the Kinloch Hotel at Blackwaterfoot.

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Second ferry arrives just in time

So, we're not getting the MV Saturn this summer, we're getting the infinitely superior MV Isle of Arran as the back-up ferry between Brodick and Ardrossan.

This a momentous announcement. Not since the days of the steamers sailing up and down the Clyde has Arran had two full-size ferries servicing Brodick.

For the last six years the 33-year-old Saturn has spent the busiest summer weeks on the Ardrossan to Brodick run, helping to cope with increased tourist traffic. This has been an immense help, especially on busy days such as the Highland Games or the Farmer's Show.

But since the MV Isle of Arran can carry 76 cars compared to the Saturn's capacity of just 40, it is likely that we will see much larger numbers of day-trippers coming to the island this summer.

And this decision could not have come at a better time.

With the crisis in Libya and the Middle East getting slowly worse, it is expected that more British people will be holidaying at home this year.

On Monday two holiday firms, Thomas Cook and Thomson, introduced surcharges on their holidays because of rising price of oil. A surcharge of £40 per person has been added to holidays entailing a flight of more than seven hours.

Experts believe Britain's two biggest package holiday firms will be followed by other travel operators in the weeks to come. Airlines have also been imposing fuel surcharges and last week Willie Walsh, the chief executive of IAG, the company formed following the merger of British Airways and Iberia, warned the cost of flying was set to rise.

As the price of oil surged on Tuesday to the highest level since September 2008, a senior motoring executive predicted that the cost of oil could rise to as much as \$170 a barrel within two years. A barrel of Brent crude is currently \$116.

The new surcharges also came as the average price of petrol in Britain passed the 130p a litre mark for the first time yesterday.

Here on Arran we are sadly well used to the high price of fuel but in some ways it could work to our advantage.

It looks as though flying could once again become the preserve of the wealthy. And as a result, families who can no longer afford to travel abroad will look to Britain's shores for holidays.

So it is the duty of us all to help promote Arran as the wonderful holiday destination that it is in these very precarious economic times.

Letters to the Editor



No fair in Brodick

Sir,
I am writing to urge all Brodick residents and visitors who do not want the fair back in Brodick this summer to put pen to paper and complain to NAC.

I pay a premium to live on this idyllic island so why therefore through no choice of my own should I be unable to sit out in my garden, or play golf on summer's day without having to listen to the horrendously loud music and tannoy system from the fair from noon onwards?

Visitors come to our island for its beauty, peace and tranquility, and they are certainly not drawn here to attend a tacky looking fairground on our playing field charging rip off prices.

I have hated this fair since it first came to Brodick and I know of lots of other residents who feel the same. We should all have complained sooner instead of being so accepting of NAC money-making schemes, so let's try and do something about it before we are inflicted with the same torture again this summer.

I think I am the one resident mentioned in last week's Banner that has complained about the fair. I wrote a letter to Mr McLeod of NAC after last summer. He said it had been passed on to the powers that be on the mainland. I was thrilled to see that the island's community council are in support of downsizing the fair.

I and plenty others would be even happier if it does not return at all.

Yours,
Gwen McNicol
2 Manse Crescent
Brodick

An island of moaners

Sir,
What is wrong with you lot? Some of you moan more than the attendants at The Caravan Club AGM.

You have a mainland business wanting to bring hundreds of people onto the island, with their cash, and take part in a sporting event, at their own cost. These people are organising the Triathlon event at their cost and with their own time and effort, with no cost to you, yet the island economy will be the biggest beneficiary. Many of the competitors will bring family and friends with them.

They will stay in your hotels and eat your food. If they enjoy your hospitality, they will come back, perhaps many times, they will tell their friends how nice and welcoming the place is. Or will they? What do you do - you start blubbing because you can't use one road for a few hours. If what you want to do is so important, why not do it earlier, later, or even on another day. So before you put people off who want to give you their money and boost the profile of the place you live in, shut up and stop making the place sound like Nimbywhingeland. Last year there was an article

from somebody moaning that the kerbs were too high on the new shore road footpath at Brodick. Correct me if I am wrong, but I think he said it would damage his or her car if they hit it - it's a kerb - if you don't want to damage your car, don't drive into the kerb! As for all the whinging about the state of your roads, we have visited every summer since 2005 and will be in Lochranza again this summer. We have The Banner through the letterbox in West Yorkshire on subscription and every year we expect to drive off the ferry and have to dodge ditches and craters on our way to our accommodation.

Believe me, your roads are in great condition, bearing in mind the environment. If you really want to moan about tarmac and gravel, come down to West Yorkshire and see what bad roads really look like. You don't know how good you really have it.

Yours
(still wanting to live there one day)
Darren Wragg
Huddersfield
West Yorkshire

No venue for CAB

Sir,
As well as being a regular visitor to the island I am also an avid reader of the Banner on-line. I notice in the What's On page that the Citizens Advice Bureau is now only open for two short sessions per week but that no venue or access address is quoted.

Is this an attempt by the authorities to make access to the CAB so difficult that nobody can use it?

The next step will be to close the service entirely because of lack of use. Clever eh?

Yours,
Albert Edward
Gloucester

Well-intended stunt

Sir,
I was interested in Councillor Gurney's letter explaining his amendment to the council's budget.

It would have been helpful if he had tried to mobilise support with some advance publicity, including discussion with the community groups and trade unions on record for their opposition to cuts proposals.

In the absence of this, it looked like a stunt, albeit a well-intended one.

In other councils in Scotland, SNP administrations are doing just what Labour is doing in North Ayrshire - West Dunbartonshire is one example; in others they are exceeding them with appalling plans to make massive numbers of staff redundant (Aberdeen City).

You should forgive us for our scepticism.

In response to criticism, Councillor Gurney then attacks the trade unions for funding the party of NAC's minority ruling Labour group.

Just as Katy Clark MP has little in common with her party's hierarchy on a whole number of issues, so too there are differences of opinion in the trade union movement.

North Ayrshire UNISON's 2,500 members support all parties and none, and if they want to use some of their subs to support the Labour Party they have to opt into the political fund.

My own SSP affiliations are well known locally. Our Branch will work with anyone from any party who, in line with the principles of our trade union, is prepared to oppose the daft idea that cutting jobs and services can lead to economic rejuvenation.

I must go further and add that we need no lessons about strange bedfellows from any member of a party that takes campaign funds (again) from Brian Souter, the millionaire Stagecoach boss.

Just a few years ago he tried to use his millions to buy bigotry against gays and lesbians through his campaign against the repeal of Clause 28.

Thankfully he failed, the sky did not drop in, and who even remembers?

Yours,
Colin Turbett
Chairperson
North Ayrshire UNISON

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Because Jesus has Himself has passed through the test of suffering, He is able to help those who are in the midst of their test." (Hebrews 2:18)

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Brodick Bridge Club

The results from Thursday 24 February were as follows: N/S 1 D Hamilton and T Martin +3730, 2 J MacClure and A McKelvie +3280, 3 H Boyd and E Sillars +1920.

E/W 1 D Henderson and A Bilsland -1100, 2 J McBride and P Adamson -1450, 3 M and E Jones -1910.

Lamlash Bridge Club

The results from Monday 28 February are as follows: N/S 1 J and J Beattie +2570, 2 R Thompson and P Thompson +1740, 3 P Adamson and E McConnell +1270.

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Arran One-Act Drama Festival



Christopher Jenks with the Douglas Sillars Trophy for best actor in a youth play. 02_b09dra03

Shiskine Rural ladies sweep the boards at 2011 event

The ladies of Shiskine SWRI walked off with five of the nine trophies at the 2011 Arran One-Act Drama Festival. Two teams from Lamlash Junior Drama Club picked up the other four trophies.

The top prize of the A K Wooley Trophy usually goes to one of the so-called proper drama clubs, but Shiskine Rural received all the plaudits from adjudicator Mr Brian Marjoribanks last Saturday night.

The last time the A K Wooley Trophy was won by a SWRI team was 1963, and it was also Shiskine Rural then. Packed houses enjoyed the eight plays over three nights.

See pages 8, 9 and 10.



Sheila Gilmore received the Monie Kelso Trophy from Brian Marjoribanks for best acting performance of the festival. 02_b09dra02

Trophy winners

Archie Kerr Wooley Trophy for team gaining highest mark in festival: Principal Girls by Shiskine SWRI.

Millhill Players Trophy for team with highest marks in a play of contrasting type to the winners of the A K Wooley Trophy: Ernie's Incredible Illucinations by Lamlash Junior Drama Club.

Monie Kelso Trophy for best acting performance in an adult play: Sheila Gilmore as Wendy in Principal Girls.

Mattie Gillies Trophy for best supporting acting performance in an adult play: Deborah Robertson as Maid Marian in Principal Girls.

Mary Stewart Orr Trophy for best youth team: Lamlash Junior Drama Club with Between Mouthfuls.

Douglas Sillars Trophy for best acting performance in a youth play: Christopher Jenks as Ernie in Ernie's Incredible Illucinations.

Jean Bannatyne Trophy for best supporting performance in a youth play: Gavin Davidson as the waiter in Between Mouthfuls.

Jane McBride Brown Bowl for best play entered by a WRI team: Shiskine SWRI for Principal Girls.

Whiting Bay Club of Drama and Music Golden Anniversary Trophy for best moment of theatre: Shiskine SWRI for Dora's entrance in Principal Girls.

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Gordon Kinniburgh's Sandy persuades Liz (Fiona Crawford) and Angie (Sheila Gilmore) to be less materialistic. 01_b09fes06

Magic Roundabout – Shiskine Drama Club

Set on a roundabout in the middle of the A9 between Stirling and Thurso, this was a comedy with a serious message about the materialistic lives we lead at its core.

Sandy played by Gordon Kinniburgh is living in a tent in the centre of the roundabout.

Angie (Sheila Gilmore) and Liz (Fiona Crawford) had been sent to serve him with a notice of eviction.

At first the two women are terrified that the man in the tent is an axe murderer but after chatting with him about his life on the roundabout they start to warm to him.

Eventually it is revealed that his family home once stood on that very site and that he would not be leaving as he owned the land. 'Are you happy?' he asked the two women. 'Can you really tell me that you are happy working nine to five in your little offices with two weeks in Portugal and an Elton John concert to look forward to?'

'Happiness to me is a wee house here among the trees.'
This play also received high praise from Mr Marjoribanks.

Arran OneAct Drama Festival

Ernie's Incredible Illucinations – Lamlash Junior Drama Club

Colourful, exciting, dramatic and lots and lots of fun! That is the best way to describe this offering from the Lamlash Junior Drama Club.

Ernie, played by the extremely talented Christopher

Jenks, escapes his rather dull home life by disappearing into his vivid imagination.

Murdered

But unfortunately for his mother and father (Katherine O'Donnelly and Josh

McDonald) his imagination soon turns into reality and they are soon faced with soldiers at their door, an old auntie taking part in a boxing match and a murdered spy in a library.

The adjudicator Mr

Marjoribanks was full of praise for this play that saw an epic cast of 23 youngsters taking part.

Christopher Jenks was awarded the best young actor trophy for this performance.



Rose McCormack as one of the barkers at the imaginary fair dreamed up by Ernie in the Lamlash Junior Drama Club's play. 01_b09fes02

Drama – Castaways

This comedy by Anton Chekhov was set in the late 19th century and had a brief appearance by Helen Kerr as a servant, followed by Michael Collins playing the part of a writer, Pavel.

Assya Baumgartner entered as Murashkina, a literary lady who has a play manuscript that she wants him to study. Despite his protestations that he has no time, she sallies forth with an animated reading of her long-winded play.

Pavel declares: 'She writes a play, and I'm the one who is punished for it.'

Eventually he is pushed to his limits and creeps up behind her and plunges a knife between her shoulderblades.

Mr Marjoribanks thought they captured the Russian aspect and humour of the play and Assya played to the audience and brought them into it.

He said: 'Pavel had the most expressive face and his impassioned 'Why me?' came from the heart.'



Pavel plunges a knife into Murashkina in 'Drama'. 02_b09eas01

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Arran One-Act Drama Festival



The Proposal, with Michael Campling, John Roberts and Dorothy Campling. 02_b09prp01

The Proposal – Castaways

This Chekhov comedy revolved around Ivan Lomov (John Roberts) calling on his neighbour Tchubukov (Michael Campling) to ask for the hand of his daughter Natalya (Dorothy Campling).

It is littered with clever misunderstandings. Lomov is beset with aches and pains and racked with nerves. He declares: 'I'm 35, a critical age,' which raised quite a laugh.

The misunderstandings develop into arguments and Lomov never gets to propose until the closing scene.

Mr Marjoribanks said: 'This group brought a relatively dated play to life; I first saw it performed in the 1950s. Lomov came to life when he addressed the audience. His performance grew in stature as it progressed.'



The young narrators in Tam's Tale. 02_b09tam01



Tam and Meg being chased by the witches. 02_b09tam02

Tam's Tale – Shiskine Junior Drama

'What a wonderful way to learn about the works of Robert Burns,' said Mr Marjoribanks.

This clever adaptation of Tam O'Shanter by Sheila Gilmore had a cast of 21, some as young as P3, the youngest cast the adjudicator had ever seen.

He praised the group of five narrators and the serving wench who kept the dialogue moving smoothly and with style beyond their years.

Superb special touches included a line of trees being carried across the stage at speed, giving the impression of Tam and Meg being pursued by the coven of witches.

Katie Murchie as Kate, sitting at home nursing her rolling pin, looked every part the domineering wife over Cailean Robertson's Tam.

'I can see a Shakespeare play for this group next,' added Mr Marjoribanks.

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Miss Reynolds (Karen Curzons) has no idea her drink has been drugged by Allan Nicol's Mr Penrose.

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Bluey is the colour – Whiting Bay Club of Music and Drama

With its almost supernatural feel, this play had the audience transfixed from the first drones of The Beatles coming from behind the curtain.

Set entirely in a flat that looked like it belonged in the late 1960s, it focused around the one-eyed Mr Penrose played by Allan Nicol and his attempts to reconcile with his long-lost daughter. But when Miss Reynolds, played by Karen Curzons, a young woman from the council arrives at the flat she has no idea he is her father. Out-of-the-blue Mr Penrose's scorned wife (Helen Macfarlane) then returns to seek her revenge for his infidelity 30 years before. The adjudicator praised the group for choosing this rather obscure but interesting play, as it was rather dark at times.



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Four of the five Principal Girls, Faye Hamill, Sheila Gilmore, Rosalie Turbett and Ruth Betley. 02_b09pri02

Arran One-act Drama Festival

Principal Girls – Shiskine SWRI Drama Group

This comedy had the audience roaring with laughter from start to finish.

It featured five Principal Girls from fairy stories who have an annual get-together, but this year they are beginning to accept that their 'perfect lives' are really a failure. One by one they realise that their partners have let them down.

Wendy (Sheila Gilmore) says of Peter, 'I may be his wife, but its Tinkerbell that he loves. How do you compete with a fairy?' Deborah Robertson played Maid Marian, Faye Hamill was Snow White, Ruth Betley was Jasmine, wife of Aladdin, and Rosalie Turbett was a

splendidly over-the-top Cinderella. The action came to a hilarious climax when Elspeth MacDonald playing Dora, Cinderella's fairy godmother, turned up as a pizza delivery motorcyclist.

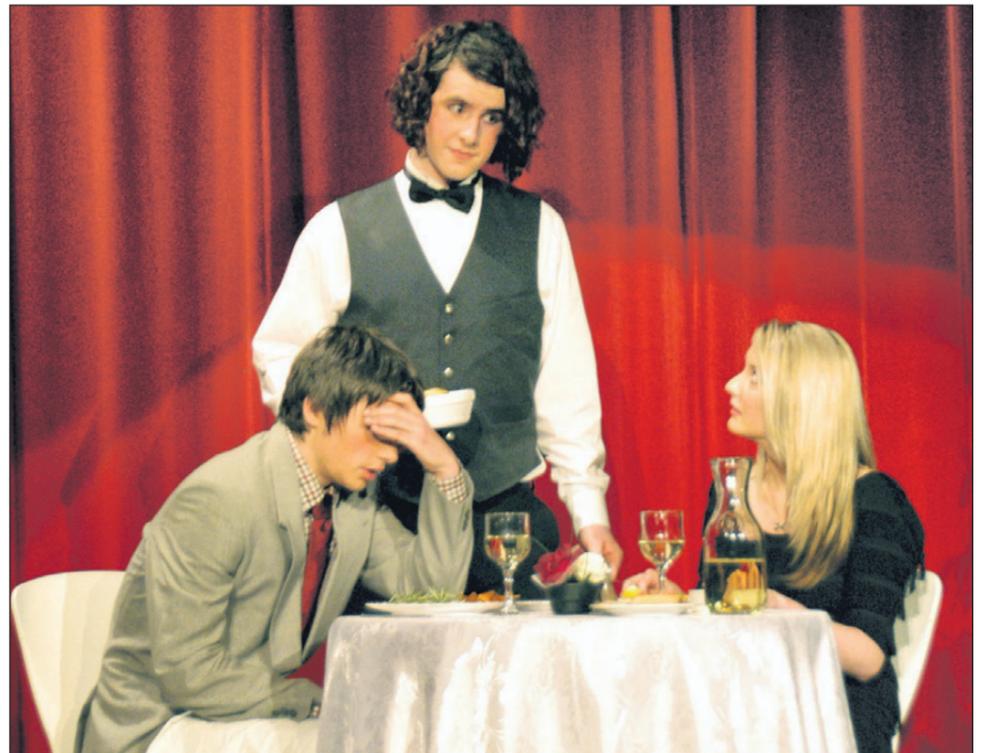
The adjudicator said: 'When the tabs went back, the set deserved a round of applause. Marvellous costumes identified the believable characters.'

Pauses were used very effectively and it had a lovely comedy rhythm. Wendy didn't overact when inebriated.

'This is a producer who understands how comedy should be played.'



Dora makes her dramatic entrance in Principal Girls. 02_b09pri01



Donald McEachern, Gavin Davidson and Eloise McNeaney in Between Mouthfuls.

02_b09bet02

Between Mouthfuls – Alan Ayckbourn

The audience did applaud when the tabs opened for this Alan Ayckbourn comedy set in hotel dining room in 1976. Donald and Emma Pearce, played by Cameron and Iona Flewitt, are at one table, and there is an increasingly frosty atmosphere between them. Martin (Donald McEachern) and Polly (Eloise McNeaney) come in for a meal but see Martin's boss, Donald across the room. It becomes clear that Polly and Donald have had an affair, and Emma accuses her husband of infidelity. But Gavin Davidson as the waiter is the real star. He shuffles between the two tables, and the key to the comedy is that we only hear the dialogue from the couple he is serving, while the other two continue to 'talk' silently, but expressively. When the waiter comes to their table, we hear them again. Mr Marjoribanks said: 'The waiter was spot on, and never once played through the laughs. This difficult production was quite astonishing; there wasn't a weakness. This is a good script taken onto the stage and turned into an excellent comedy.'



Iona Flewitt, Gavin Davidson and Cameron Flewitt in Between Mouthfuls. 02_b09bet01

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Saturday, March 2, 1991

Relief at motion passed

The motion to make the Arran Tourist Board a company limited by guarantee has been approved twice already - once at the annual general meeting in 1989; once at the AGM in 1990.

So the EGM at the Kinloch last Wednesday should have been a mere formality.

But it wasn't, thanks to Robert Watterson of the Invermay Hotel in Whiting Bay.

He had been through the articles of association with a fine toothcomb and after several hours of niggling questions, the Tourist Board finally became a limited company.

Taste for adventure

Barry Fisher, aged 17 of Whiting Bay, has been accepted to join the crew of the sail training ship 'Falmouth Packet' when it competes in the Tall Ship race of 1992.

Barry will join her in New York and will form part of the 15 person crew for 42 days.

Pool champions

This season's pool champions are the Drift Inn who defeated Nags 7-5 in a play-off on Thursday night.

Fire ashore

A series of incendiary devices began bursting into flames on

the Blackwaterfoot shore last Sunday.

At least eight went off within two hours and local shopkeeper Vic Iutz said he thought they were phosphorous which had been washed up.

He said that as it dried out in the sun it burst into flames.

On the tourist trail

What has our tourist officer been up to recently?

Well Charles Currie has manned stalls in Belfast and Dublin and next week he's off to Reading.

But this week he's being doing what he likes best - soaking up the limelight at the Gateshead Metro Centre.

Junior badminton winners

Elizabeth Scott and Douglas Bell were the winners of the under 18s badminton championship held in Lamlash Primary School on Saturday.

Other winners were: under 12s - Kirsty Watson and Alan Stewart, under 14s - Catriona Mutch and Kevin McDowall, under 16s - Sandra Bailey and Craig Young.

The event was very well attended by children from all over the island with 42 taking part.

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Tricity Marcus cooker, needs some attention - offers wanted.



The 1st Shiskine Brownies proudly show off a cheque for £289.13 that was raised for the Blue Peter Romanian Orphan Appeal at their Bring and Buy Sale. b09twe01



Julie Nelson won the best actress trophy at the One Act Drama Festival for her portrayal of a hard-hearted Victorian matron in Whiting Bay Drama Club's 'The Bell'. b09twe03



Winner of the best supporting actress trophy was Zoe McGovern for her performance in 'The Bell'. b09twe04



The finalists at Arran's Open Junior Badminton Championships. b09twe02

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Last week Archie was on Brodick beach next to the Boathouse. First correct answers came from Kirsten of Bathgate, Michelle from Yorkshire, Lesley from Grangemouth, Ann from Blackwaterfoot and doggie pals Jet and Shep. This week he is among the boats, but where is that big red hull?
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Jazz Café set sail on spring tour

Arran's Jazz Café Band is preparing for an exciting spring tour that will include a special performance on board the paddle steamer Waverley in July.

The group has been playing traditional jazz to an enthusiastic core support in Whiting Bay for the last few years, rarely venturing north.

Following recent line-up changes and work on new material, the band is now planning a Spring Tour to bring their music to a wider audience.

Appearances are planned in Brodick, Blackwaterfoot, Lochranza, and Lamlash, while keeping up the much-loved monthly Friday night sessions in Whiting Bay Hall.

There will be a new place and new time, with a Sunday lunchtime spot at the Ormidale Hotel in Brodick

this Sunday 6 March from 12.30pm to 2.30pm.

Recently described as 'never sounding better', the band has an extensive and eclectic repertoire, featuring the singing of Biff Simpson.

The programme ranges from standards like 'Five Foot Two' and Beiderbeck's 'Singin' the Blues', to blues numbers (think 'Basin Street' and 'Steamroller'), through to the wistful 'I'll be Seeing You' and the funky 'All Right, OK, You Win'.

Look out for the next few gigs including March 20 at the Kinloch and April 3 at Lochranza Hotel, both also lunchtime sessions.

Further details about the tour will be publicised in The Arran Banner and are also available by e-mail on request from: jazzcafeband@aim.com



Arran's Jazz Café Band: John Gibson (trombone), Biff Simpson (cornet and vocal), Alison Prince (clarinet), Tom Buchan (guitar), John Tilbury (bass), and Malcolm Kerr (drums).

Shiskine Golf Club

Ryder Cup, final match Sunday 20 February, Double header - doubles then singles. Doubles in the morning: Kilpatrick 1 v Torbeg 3, Blackwaterfoot 4 v Shiskine 0. Singles in the afternoon: Kilpatrick 5 v Torbeg 11, Blackwaterfoot 10 v Shiskine 6. Final Table: Torbeg 46, Blackwaterfoot 38, Kilpatrick 30 and Shiskine 30. And so there was a dramatic playoff for the Wooden Spoon! Four players from Kilpatrick and four from Shiskine went back to the 18th tee, and nearest the pin would avoid the wooden spoon. Luckily David Henderson hit a good one and saved Kilpatrick from the wooden spoon.

Monday 28 February, Gents 12 Hole Medal and Winter Cup, 22 played, CSS 44.

First class: 1 R Crawford 47-4=43, 2 W Kelso 49-4=45 BIH, 3 C Muir 52-7=45 BIH. Scratch R Crawford 47. Second class: 1 B Green 58-14=44, 2 A Bannatyne 62-15=47, 3 Q Oliver 66-15=51. Magic twos from A Bannatyne and D Price.

Fixtures: Ladies 12 Hole Medal, Thursday 10 March, 12pm tee-off. Gents 12 Hole Medal and Winter Cup Final, Sunday 13 March, 1pm tee-off.

Arran Golfers Association

Sunday 6 March, Winter League, Duncan Trophy, final round at Whiting Bay Golf Club. Draw: Whiting Bay v Machrie Bay 10am, Shiskine v Lamlash 10.50am, Brodick v Corrie 11.40am.

With just one round of matches to go its Lamlash and Machrie battling it out for the title with Whiting Bay improving vastly to step in if both teams slip up. With Whiting Bay hosting and playing Machrie its shaping up



to be a very interesting final round!

ALGU

Saturday 26 February, Drumadoon Tray, Lamlash.

As 26 ladies gathered for the Drumadoon Competition at Lamlash, the weather was dry and sunny but during the round we experienced all the seasons from hail, rain and strong winds to glorious sunshine. Several ladies posted good scores but local member Ellie Jones returned the best score, her 77 taking the scratch prize and her net 64 beating Sally Brookes by one stroke. Both scores were excellent in the conditions.

Lamlash was wet underfoot but the course was in good condition and the greens were lovely. Three ladies had twos, Margaret Bryce at the 15th and Ellie Jones and Sheila Gray at 16th.

The ALGU thank Eddie Cannon, Jim McKenzie and the committee of Lamlash for the courtesy of the course and its good condition and also Janey MacIntyre for the welcome tea, coffee and sandwiches.

Fixtures: Saturday 19 March, Drumadoon at Machrie. Afterwards, the draw will be made for the Kiscadale to be played over Shiskine on 4, 7, 11, 14, and 16 April. Certain teams will be sporting smart new outfits but the colours are being kept under wraps until 4 April. Identities of the respective team members are also a closely guarded secret. As always, the Kiscadale

promises to be a closely fought competition played in the best of spirit.

Sign up sheets are in all golf clubs and Saturday's results as well as the draw for Machrie will be on the website at www.algu.org.uk

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday 27 February, 15 played in the 5th round of the Winter Cup, with one more counting round to follow, SSS 63, CSS 63. Today's winner doing just enough to merit his inclusion in next week's AGA match against Machrie despite his 100 percent losing record so far. 1 Graeme Crichton (17)60, 2 Sandy Pringle (13)63, 3 Eddie Hope (12)64. Sandy Pringle won scratch with 76 on bih and there were magic twos from Sandy Pringle and Graeme Crichton.

Fixtures: Saturday 5 March, Mixed Fours at 11am. Sunday 6 March, AGA Winter League at Whiting Bay. Sunday 13 March, Winter Cup, sixth and final round.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday 22 February, Winter Cup. 1 Sally Brooks 61, 2 Steph Hill 66, 3 Brian Sherwood 68. Scratch Brian Sherwood 71. Fixtures: Saturday 5 March, Lochranza Hotel Cup, 12pm tee-off. Tuesday 8 March, Winter Cup, 12pm tee-off.

Brodick Golf Club

Sunday 27 February, Winter Cup, 22 played. 1 J McKean (10)38pts, 2 A Dobson (8)35pts, 3 R McCrae (7)35pts. There were five twos, G Hendry, R McCrae, E McKinnon, J Armit and B Jenkins. With 2 rounds of the Winter Cup to go, John McKean has taken the lead, but it's very tight at the top.

Wednesday Winter Cup: Fif-

teen turned up to play on a fine dry (well it was to start with) winters day. Five three balls set out but only two completed the course as the weather took a turn for the worse forcing some of the older players to retire. The hardy six soldiered on to the end and scoring was reasonable. There were two magic twos; John Hartley and Wolfie Kroner. 1 Dougie Robertson 75-11=64 bih, 2 Len Hartley 78-14=64 bih, 3 Charlie O'Neill 82-16=66. In the race for the Winter Cup Eric Thompson remains in first place Dougie (the Bandit) Robertson is second with the same score as Eric and Charlie O'Neill is third, one shot behind with only four weeks remaining. Will Eric stay out in front, could someone come from the chasing pack, all will be revealed. Fixtures: Sunday 6 March, AGA Duncan Trophy at Whiting Bay. There will also be a sweep at Brodick, open draws at 9am and 12pm. Sunday 13 March, Brandon and Winter Cup, open draws at 9am and 12pm.

Corrie Golf Club

Saturday 26 February, Winter Cup, 22 played. 1 T Cotton 82-20=62 BIH, 2 B Sherwood 72-10=62, 3 P McKinnon 87-24=63. (Well done Peter). Best scratch B Sherwood and A Napier both with 72. There were twos from P McKinnon, B Barr, S Beardsley and P Moran.

Monday 28 February, Monday Cup, 19 played. 1 B Barr 76-20=56, 2 J Adams 66-9=57 BIH, 3 D Crawford 70-13=67. Best scratch J McGovern. There were magic twos from D Crawford, A McDonald, S Wood and J McGovern.

Fixtures: Saturday 5 March, Sweep at 8.30am and 12pm. Sunday 6 March, AGA Winter League at Whiting Bay. Monday 7 March, Monday Cup at 12pm off yellow tees.

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4pm to 5pm Auchrannie Spa Pool
The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Arran High School, 10am
High School Games Hall, 1pm - 2.30pm
Brodick Library, 1pm - 2pm

SUNDAY 6th MARCH

Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Fiddle Club- Childrens Classes
Family Games
Fun In The Pool
Quiz
Jazz Cafe Band
Village Tidy

Church Hall, Brodick, 4.30pm
Library Annexe, 1.45pm
3pm to 4pm Auchrannie Games Hall
4pm to 5pm Auchrannie Spa Pool
PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Ormidale Hotel, 12.30pm - 2.30pm
Whiting Bay Putting Green Shed, 10.30am

MONDAY 7th MARCH

Over 50's Badminton
Badminton
Weight Wise
Ladies Netball
Arran Junior Football Club Coaching & Games
Citizens Advice
Junior Basketball (P1 - P7)
Senior Fitness
BreathWalk Class
Quiz
Volleyball - over 16's
Lamlash Bridge Club
Circuit Training
Table Tennis
Badminton
Scottish Country Dancing (Beginners & Improvers)
Mums and Tots Swimming Lessons
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Lochranza Village Hall 2pm - 4pm
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Hospital Bungalow, 5pm - 5.30pm
High School Sports Hall - Seniors 7.30pm - 9pm
Ormidale Park, 6pm
Park Terrace, Lamlash, 10am - 2pm
Games Hall, High School 6pm - 7.30pm
9.30am to 10.30am Auchrannie Gym
Kinneil, Lamlash 5.15pm
Bar Eden, Whiting Bay, 8.30pm
High School Games Hall, 8.30pm
Lamlash Golf Club, 7.15pm
Auchrannie Gym, 6pm - 7pm
Corrie Hall, 6.30pm
Auchrannie Gym, 7pm - 9pm
Corrie Hall, 2pm - 4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 11am
Arran High School, 6pm - 7.30pm

TUESDAY 8th MARCH

Lochranza Swimming Club
Army Cadets
Pop Quiz
Alcoholics Anonymous
Citizens Advice
Youth Club
Rotary Club
Junior Hockey Club
Melody Movement. Ballet Class - 2½ yrs up
Dudes & Divas Funky Dance Class - 2½ yrs up
Scottish Country Dancing
Indoor Bowls
Youth Club

Kinloch 11am - 12pm
Auchrannie Road, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Brodick Church Hall - 2pm
Park Terrace, Lamlash, 10am - 2pm
Kildonan Hall - 6.30pm
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie 7.15pm
Ormidale Pavillion, 6-7pm
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 1.30pm
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 2pm
Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm
Corrie Hall, 2pm - 4pm
Brodick Hall, 6.30pm - 8pm

WEDNESDAY 9th MARCH

Hockey
Tae Kwondo
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Brass Rehearsal
Self Making Class
Musical Mayhem Class Parents & Little Ones
Yoga for Every Body
Senior Badminton
Museum, Archives & Geneology Service
Aquafizz
Yogalates
Circuit Training

Auchrannie Hall, 7pm - 8pm Games Hall
KA Leisure, Kids 6.30 - 7.30pm. Adults 7.30 - 8.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall - 7.30pm- 9pm
Whiting Bay Hall 7.15pm
Shipfield, Lamlash, 10am - 4pm
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 10.45am
10am - 11.30am
High School Games Hall, 8pm - 9pm
10.30am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 3.30pm
9.45am to 10.30am Auchrannie Hotel Pool
9.30am to 10.30am Auchrannie Studio
Auchrannie Games Hall, 6pm - 7pm

THURSDAY 10th MARCH

General Knowledge Quiz
Arran Music & Drama Rehearsals
Lochranza Craft Club
Coffee Morning
Table Tennis
Youth Club
Brodick Bridge Club
Athletics
Senior Fitness
Ladies Night
Pilates
Pub Quiz
Brodick Embroidery Group
Arran Youth Foundations
The Wee Blether - soup & sandwiches
Corrie & Sannox SWRI AGM
An evening with Mairi McInnes

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Brodick Hall, 7.30pm
Hall, 2pm
St Molios Church 10.30am - 12pm
Kildonan Hall, 3pm - 5pm
Youth Cabin, Lamlash 7-9pm
Golf Clubhouse
High School Games Hall, 4.45pm - 6pm
9.30am to 11.30am Auchrannie Spa Gym
Bar Eden, Whiting Bay
6 pm to 7pm Auchrannie Studio
Kinloch Hotel, 9pm
Library, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Behind Library, 4.30pm - 6.30pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 12pm - 1.30pm
Corrie & Sannox Hall, 7pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 7.30pm

FRIDAY 11th MARCH

Arran Pipe Band Practice
Quiz
Aquafizz
Yogalates
DJ
Seniors Badminton (Over 50)
Ladies Indoor Bowls
Mens Indoor Bowls
Over 21's Disco
Arran Youth Foundations
Scottish Tenant Farmers Assoc. Public Meeting

Brodick Hall, 7.30pm
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 9pm
9.45am to 10.30am Auchrannie Hotel Pool
10am to 11am Auchrannie Studio
Bar Eden, Whiting Bay, 9pm - 1am
Auchrannie Games Hall, 2pm
Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm
The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Behind Library, 7pm - 9pm
Kinloch Hotel, 7.30pm



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 Brodick, 7pm (Church is behind Post Office)
 Rev David Karoon

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 (in full communion with the Church of England)
 St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday 6 March
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 Mrs Janis Gallagher
 Coffee after service
Wednesday 9 March
 Holy Communion 12.15pm.
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 (SCO15072)
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 "A faith to proclaim ~ a fellowship to share"
Sunday 6 March
 Rev. Gilliam Maclean
 Kilmory 10am
 Lamlash 11.30am
 In both churches:
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Sunday 6 March
 Morning Service 11am
 Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick
 Evening Service 7pm
 13 Glen Avenue, Brodick
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 Ormidale Pavilion
 Brodick.
Sunday 6 March
 10.45am Communion
 Tea and Coffee from 11.10am
 11.30am - For all the family
 Speaker: Rev Willie Wright

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 Corrie Church 12pm
 Lochranza/Pirmill 10.15am at Lochranza
 Shiskine Church 12pm
 A service of Worship will also be held in Montrose House at 1.30pm

WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
 (SC014005)
Sunday 6 March
 Worship will be conducted by the Worship Group, at 10.30am.
 Tea and coffee will be served in the transept after the service.
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HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Sunday 6 March
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PERSONALS



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 Bus leaving at 1am via the String.

Craw & Gill's Wedding Dance

Saturday 5th March

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The North Ayrshire Council is proposing an extension to the 20mph Part Time Speed Limits at Schools traffic regulation order at various locations within North Ayrshire. Full details of these proposals, which form the aforementioned Order, together with a plan and a statement of reasons for proposing to make this traffic regulation order, are available for inspection during normal office hours Monday to Friday inclusive at the offices of:- Infrastructure and Design Services, North Ayrshire Council, Perceiton House, Irvine KA11 2AL and Corporate Services, North Ayrshire Council, 1st Floor (Legal & Licensing), Cunninghame House, Irvine KA12 8EE.
 Any person wishing to object to these proposals should send details of the grounds for objection in writing to the Head of Infrastructure and Design Services, Perceiton House, Girdle Toll, Irvine, KA11 2AL by 25 March 2011.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE ACT 1992 COUNCIL TAX

As required by paragraph 96(1) of the above Act, North Ayrshire Council give notice of, in terms of paragraphs 70 (1) and 93 (1) of the same Act, the amounts of Council Tax payable in respect of chargeable dwellings in each valuation band for year 2011-2012

Valuation Band	Full Council Tax (£)	Council Tax discounted by 25% (£)
A	768.00	576.00
B	896.00	672.00
C	1,024.00	768.00
D	1,152.00	864.00
E	1,408.00	1,056.00
F	1,664.00	1,248.00
G	1,920.00	1,440.00
H	2,304.00	1,728.00

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 The level of discount on second homes and unoccupied properties is 10% in accordance with the Council Tax (Discount for Unoccupied Dwellings) (Scotland) Regulations 2004. The 2011-2012 annual Council Tax Notices will be issued in March 2011.
 A J Herbert Chief Financial Officer.



NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

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Scottish Tenant Farmers Association PUBLIC MEETING

"One Hundred Years On"

On the centenary of the 1911 Small Landholders (Scotland) Act

on 11th March 2011 at 7.30pm
 Kinloch Hotel
 Blackwaterfoot

Crofters Commission:
 An Overview of Croft Creation

Guest Speaker:
 Sir Crispin Agnew of Lochnew Bt QC

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with love from the Logans and Shaws

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Brodick Highland Games

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Top spot for pool sharks Catacol

Catacol are at the top of the Arran Pool League.

The northend team needed to beat PT1934 to retain their spot in second place – and in the end they secured a 6-4 win.

But they have managed to jump to the top of the league after the Bar Eden A team drew 5-5 with Mac's Bar.

The results from Thursday night were as follows: Bar Eden B (G) 5 Drift 5, PHT (G) 7 Kildonan 3, Catacol 6 PT1934 (G) 4, Mac's Bar 5 Bar Eden 5 (G).

The Champions of Champions competition will be held on Sunday 13 march at the PHT.

It will start at 2pm and the best two of players from each team are eligible to take part.

Auchrannie Winter Bowls

The recent results from the Auchrannie Winter Bowls were as follows.

Tuesday 28 December, 10 played: J McGovern and C Hendry.

Tuesday 4 January, 16 played: M Spence and I Davidson.

Thursday 6 January, 14 played: J McGovern, I Davidson and D Hendry.

Tuesday 11 January, 16 played: J Steed and M Spence.

Thursday 13 January, 15 played: J McGovern, C Haggerty and J Stead.

Tuesday 18 January, 17 played: J McGovern and C Haggarty.

Thursday 20 January, 12 played: M Spence and J Lauder.

Tuesday 25 January, 16 played: J Steed and A Wat-tam.

Thursday 27 January, 14 played: C Steed and S Allan.

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Gill McCormack and Crawford Duncan, who will be married tomorrow, won the first Sheena McKechnie darts challenge. 01_b09gil01

Bride and groom are unstoppable darts duo

An unstoppable darts duo, who will be getting married tomorrow (Saturday), were victorious in Catacol on Friday night.

Gill McCormack and her fiancé Crawford Duncan from Lamlash won the first Sheena McKechnie Memorial Darts Challenge at Catacol Bay Hotel.

The tournament was organised in honour of Sheena

- Catacol's 'super-gran' - who played darts and pool for the pub until her sudden death last year.

Later on this year a pool challenge will also take place in her honour.

After her victory Gill said: 'Sheena was a wonderful woman and it is an absolute pleasure for us to play in this tournament in her memory, especially as this will be our

last tournament as fiancé and fiancée before we get married.'

Gill and Craw beat David and Marie Jeffrey of Pirnmill 3-1 in the final of the tournament.

A fantastic turnout of 17 couples entered with the winners being presented with a commemorative shield and £50 in cash each.

Triumphant Torbeg lift Shiskine's Ryder Cup

Bert Green and his Torbeg team were presented with the 2011 Shiskine Golf Club Ryder Cup on Sunday afternoon.

After taking part in the final matches – doubles in the morning then singles at night – Torbeg won the competition with 46 points.

The annual golf tournament sees four teams – Blackwaterfoot, Shiskine, Torbeg and Kilpatrick – competing for the Ryder Cup.

In second place this year

were Blackwaterfoot who gained 38 points.

But after Shiskine and Kilpatrick both finished with 30 points, the two teams were forced into a dramatic play-off for the Wooden Spoon.

Four players from Kilpatrick and four from Shiskine went back to the 18th tee, and nearest the pin would avoid the wooden spoon.

Luckily David Henderson hit a good one and saved Kilpatrick from an embarrassing last place defeat.



Triumphant Torbeg captain Bert Green, left, is pictured with the Ryder Cup while Shiskine captain, Andy McNiven, had to make do with the Wooden Spoon.

Picture by Hamish Bannatyne.

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