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## A hero's welcome home for



After 35 days at sea, rowing across the Atlantic, Calum McNicol was welcomed back to Arran on Wednesday. 01\_b09cal01

## adventurer Calum

**REPORT**  
by JENNIFER LYON  
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### 'A whirlwind of hugs and kisses - it was awesome!'

After 35 days, 12 hours and 41 seconds at sea, Calum McNicol was joyously welcomed back to Arran on Wednesday by his young sons and pupils from Brodick Primary School.

The Brodick adventurer was part of the eight men crew that left Puerto Mogan on Gran Canaria on January 19 in a specially adapted rowing boat and arrived in Port St Charles in Barbados after covering 3,000 miles of open ocean

during the mission.

The aim was to smash the world record and be the first rowing boat to cross the Atlantic Ocean in 30 days – but it was not to be.

He told The Banner: 'It was a strange surreal feeling being whisked along on the buzz of excitement and adrenaline as we docked, being thrown out of our self imposed cocoon on the boat into a whirlwind of hugs and kisses.

'An overwhelming feeling

of contentment and achievement was felt by all. It was awesome!'

Last Sunday the crew sadly had to accept that they would not finish on time after huge waves damaged the boat and delayed their crossing.

Despite being unable to break the record, Calum has raised £15,000 for The Ayrshire Hospice and he has dedicated the adventure to his mum Zoe McNicol who died from cancer in 1997.



Calum's two older sons Harris, left, and Innes, right, were waiting to meet their dad off the boat. 01\_b09cal02

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# A day at the races at the Kinloch

The Cheltenham racing festival is the most prestigious event in the National Hunt calendar.

And in two weeks it is coming to the Kinloch.

For four days the hotel will be screening all the races, culminating in the blue ribbon race of the year, the Cheltenham Gold Cup on Friday 15 March.

Each year a group of racing enthusiasts from the island have celebrated the festival in various parts of the world including several trips to Cheltenham itself. This year due to other commitments the decision has been made to have an event closer to home – The Kinloch.

Fraser Hendrie said: 'To celebrate the festival we are showing all the races for all

four days on the big screen. The Festival starts on Tuesday 12 March and runs through until Friday 15 March. The first races start each day at 1.30pm.

'The pub will be decorated in a suitably over-the-top horse racing fashion and anybody in horsey themed dress code will be rewarded with special prizes.

'We have sponsorship from some of the UK's biggest companies allowing us to run drinks promotions on Guinness, John Smiths, McEwans Lager, Famous Grouse and Smirnoff. In line with licencing laws these promotions will run all day Tuesday to Friday.

'A champion tipster competition will be run each day with a bottle of bubbly up for

grabs. The overall champion for the Festival will receive a mystery prize.'

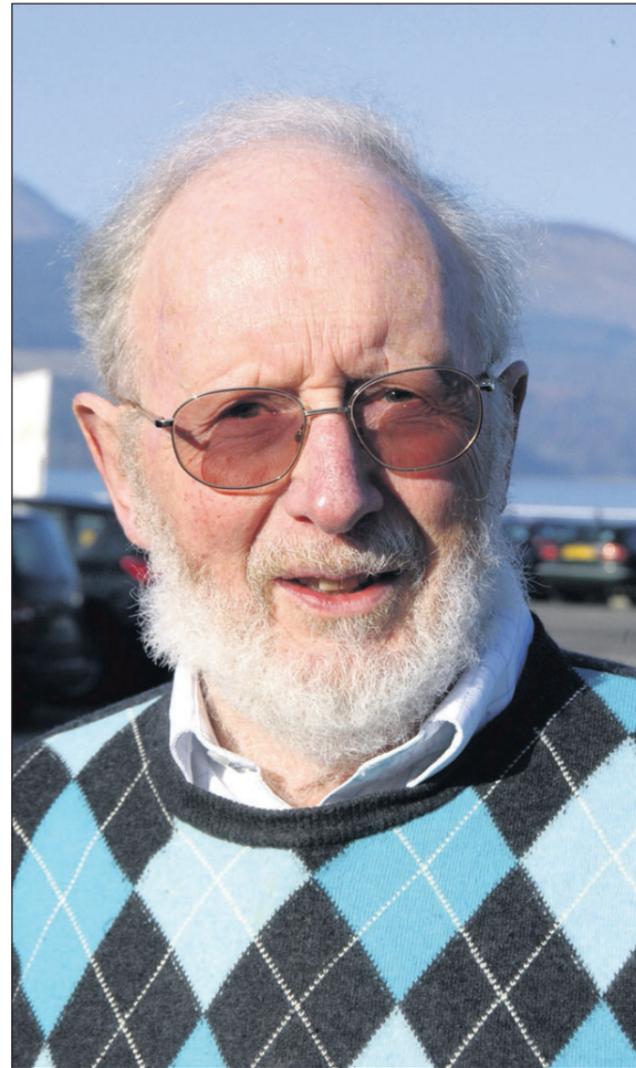
A special discount on bar meals will be available for all attending the event.

The event has the backing of one of the UK's biggest bookmakers and special promotions will be available for anyone wishing to open an online account.

Fraser added: 'I must stress that the Kinloch Hotel will not be acting as a bookmaker. That would be illegal.

'The whole event should be great fun and a chance for like-minded racing enthusiasts to get together and talk a lot of nonsense about sure fire ways to make money gambling!'

Anyone wanting further information can contact Fraser or Stevie at the Kinloch.



The face of Mike Meteyard; with beard for just another two weeks. 02\_b09mike01

## Bank staff raising funds for baby unit

The Royal Bank of Scotland in Brodick will be holding a fundraising week to raise money for the baby unit at Crosshouse Hospital from 4 to 8 March.

They will be holding a different event each day. On Monday there is the launch of the Scottish Islands quiz and bank staff will be wearing fancy dress.

On Tuesday they will have a bric a brac sale, followed by tea, coffee and cake on Wednesday. On Thursday there will be a tombola and on Friday the results of the quiz and the total amount raised will be announced.

Branch manager Karen Ward said: 'All the RBS branches in our area (eight in total) are holding similar events and as a group we hope to raise £2,000 to buy equipment for the unit.

'Combined with this we are doing a fun regional contest with 85 branches taking part. We have to decorate a star in a way that depicts our branch; the first branch has to get their star to the next branch using an unusual form of transport (some are talking space hoppers), that continues until all the stars are collected.

'The date for our star to be transported is Monday 4 March.

'We hope all our customers and friends will come and join in the fun during the week. Even if you're not a customer you are more than welcome to come along.'

All daily events will be held within the branch.

## Transport policy desperately needed for Arran

The Community Council need a policy for 'integrated travel on Arran', according to their chairman John Inglis.

At the monthly meeting on Tuesday night it was agreed

that as Arran has no single body overseeing transport a strategy is desperately needed.

Mr Inglis said: 'When travelling by public transport Ar-

ran residents depend on buses, the ferry and port facilities and the rail network.

'In all of these areas there are issues which need to be addressed.'

He added: 'In any efficient system of integrated transport there needs to be oversight of the whole. That oversight appears to be lacking.'

The Community Council have agreed to draw up a draft policy which people can view on their website.

## Mike's beard faces the chop for Red Nose Day

Mike Meteyard will be feeling the chill in a couple of weeks.

Mike, of Glenn House, Brodick, is having his beard shaved off for charity on Friday 15 March.

He will be feeling a distinct chill after Doreen McNulty has been busy.

She will be doing the dastardly deed with the clippers in The Book and Card Centre for Red Nose Day.

Mike said: 'It will be the first time for 32 years, since 1981, that my bare face will be on show.'

'Sponsor forms are already available in the Book and Card Centre.'

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# First electric car charging station goes live on Arran

The island's first public electric car charging station has gone live this week outside the bar door of The Kinloch Hotel in Blackwaterfoot, bringing green energy to new heights in the community. Following in the footsteps of his father, the late Lawrence Crawford, owner Robbie Crawford is keen to take advantage of new technologies that will benefit both the hotel and the wider Arran community.

This latest addition to the hotel adds to a growing list of energy efficiency measures such as a heating and hot water biomass boiler, and the upgrading of all lighting to low energy LED's.

It will also upgrade the

hotel's current silver Green Tourism Award to gold.

Robbie said: 'When faced with the decision on whether to invest in an electric car it is often the lack of charging infrastructure that is seen as the greatest barrier.'

'This chicken and the egg scenario is steadily eroding with many charging stations now on the map throughout the UK and even now on Arran.'

'It is the Kinloch's intention that those with an electric car will now not view Arran as a no go area.'

Around 6,000 new fully electric cars are expected to be registered in the UK by the end of 2013 as more models become available and prices

come down.

This facility will not be limited for use by only guests of the hotel, but any local or visitor coming to the Blackwaterfoot area.

'Charging your car at the Kinloch is free,' added Robbie.

'All that we ask is that you spend something while you wait, a contribution no matter the value, to the community whether it be a swim at the hotel or produce from one of the many local businesses.'

'In this small community you will find a butchers, bakers, grocers, newsagent and gift shop, art gallery, hairdresser, garage, golf course and pony trekking centre right on the hotel's doorstep.'



## Chris says 'fangs' for the award

Chris Jenks won the Douglas Sillars Trophy for best acting performance in a youth play at the 2013 One-Act Drama Festival in the Community Theatre last Saturday night. He played the sinister character of Dracula in 'Seven Wives for Dracula' and brought a touch of comic menace to the role. He is pictured with adjudicator Ron Nicol. See all the pictures and a full report starting on page 10. 02\_b09cup01

## Tibetan diplomat to visit Arran

Ties between Arran and Tibet are set to be strengthened this week when a representative of His Holiness the Dalai Lama will come to the island.

Passla Gautier who is from Tibet and now lives in Corrie has invited Mr Thubten Samdup la to the island.

This follows on from Passla and her husband Philippe's recent housewarming that raised £255 for The Office of Tibet.

The diplomat will be holding an open talk on 'Why Tibet matters' in Corrie Hall on Thursday 7 March from 3pm to 4.30pm.

All are welcome to attend.

## New community councillor

Brodick has a new community councillor.

Colin Lindsay has been co-opted on the group following the departure of Harry Davidson and Ian Small.

The other Brodick councillor is Bill Calderwood.

## Paterson Arran shortbread sales soaring

Paterson Arran has increased its share of the UK branded shortbread market.

The company now accounts for more than £4 of every £10 spent by consumers on shortbread.

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Alan Miller, sales and marketing director of Paterson Arran, said his company had overtaken Tesco's own-label shortbread to move into second place behind Marks and Spencer. The shortbread is made at their Livingston bakery.

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A grimy storage heater in the lounge at Benlister Terrace. 02\_b09don01

# Tenant is appalled at state of house

Local electrician Ian Small helped a friend to move house from Montrose Terrace, Whiting Bay to Benlister Terrace, Lamlash last Thursday.

But he was so shocked at the condition of the Lamlash house that he contacted The Banner. Ian said: 'I'm appalled at the state of the house

– it's an absolute disgrace. You couldn't stay in it.

### No handles

'The convector heater is off the wall in the small bedroom, there's no working smoke alarm downstairs, a couple of the doors have no handles, skirting boards have been ripped off and there is

broken glass and debris in the garden.'

This condition was confirmed when The Banner called at the house on Friday afternoon.

The tenant, a 32-year-old single mum in full time employment in Lamlash, went to stay with her mother on Thursday night and sent her two-year-old son to stay with his father on the mainland.

### Cleared

Since Friday, social landlord Isle of Arran Homes has arranged for workmen to put the panel heater back on the wall and covered the fusebox in the lobby. Broken glass and debris has been cleared from the garden.

An Isle of Arran Homes spokesman said: 'Isle of Arran Homes has a good reputation for providing quality housing and we endeavour to keep these standards as high as possible at all times.'

'Before any of our houses are re-let, they are fully inspected. All wind and watertight repairs, health and safety work and sanitary work is carried out, and a qualified electrician certifies that the electrical installation is satisfactory before the new tenant is given the keys.'

### Dissatisfaction

'The tenant viewed the property before accepting the offer and was given a list of all the non-essential repairs that would be carried out and the completion date for these. If any new tenant expresses dissatisfaction, we visit quickly and seek to resolve matters to both parties' mutual satisfaction.'

'We were made aware of these issues on Friday 22 February; the property was re-inspected that day.'

'In response to these claims we would like to confirm that a mains connected smoke alarm was fully working in the property at all times, it was agreed with the tenant that the heater would be replaced and the tenant was offered a decoration allowance which was declined.'

### Broken toilet

The tenant told The Banner that she has already put three coats of emulsion over graffiti on the bedroom ceiling, but on Monday evening her daughter said: 'We're still sitting on a broken toilet!'

## Arran Music and Drama Club auditions

Now that the auditions for the principal roles in 'The Steamie' have taken place, rehearsals for this musical version will resume on Thursday 7 March in Brodick Hall at 7.30pm.

All new members will be very welcome.

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## Explore 'The ups and downs of being a Scottish basking shark'

Basking sharks are regularly seen off the coast of Arran in the summer months and the Arran Natural History Society is delighted that Dr Mauvis Gore, Scotland's leading basking shark researcher, is coming to their next indoor meeting to cast some light on the life of these intriguing giants.

Measuring up to 12 metres and weighing seven tonnes, the size and weight of a double-decker bus, the basking shark is the world's second largest fish.

Living for up to 50 years, the basking shark feeds on zooplankton, filtering 1,000-2,000 cubic metres of seawater per hour.

Dr Mauvis Gore has an international reputation for her research.

She is a co-director of Marine Conservation International and was previously a

Senior Research Fellow at the University of London's Marine Biological Station Millport, and former Director of Animal Conservation and

Research with the Royal Zoological Society of Scotland. She is an Honorary Senior Lecturer at Heriot-Watt University.

Come along to the next meeting of the Arran Natural History Society on Thursday 7 March starting at 8pm in the Rangers Centre.



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# Community spirit thrives in Kilmory

With a new social club due to open next month, Kilmory Hall is a shining example of island community spirit at its best.

In 2005 the villagers refurbished the hall, adding a bunkhouse which provides extra income and offers 'value for money' accommodation for visitors.

The hall is also a base for doctors from the Arran Medical Centre to hold weekly surgeries on a Wednesday morning.

Kilmory Primary School uses the hall for PE and concerts as they do not have enough room in the school.

In March the Post Office will celebrate five years of providing a vital service to the community.

Linda Wallwork has been in charge since the opening and said: 'I cannot believe it's five years since the Village Post Office was reopened.'

'The many local customers and visitors continue to give their support and without them there may not be a local post office.'

'Many thanks also to Isobel Mulholland; with her support I am able to enjoy some time away!'

The Post Office is open every Tuesday and Wednesday from 10am to 2pm.

Now the Hall Directors are creating a path for children to use from Torrylinn Farm road end to the School.

Jean Clark, hall manager, said: 'PT1934 (our brilliant pool team) are helping with the construction of the pathway.'

'This will make it safer for local children to walk to school, the playpark and the Hall. Thanks to everyone who helped us with material for this project.'

The Kidz Club for P4 to P7 children is held in the Hall every Friday from 4.30pm to 6.30pm. They hold a Duck Egg Derby on Easter Sunday in Lagg burn and last year they raised £500 towards the Path Fund.

Southend First Responders Group got underway this year and now has 12 trained members covering an area from Levenorroch to Corriecravie. The group is looking for more volunteers - if you are interested, go along to the training nights held in the Hall on the second Monday of the month at 7pm.

The Hall hosts many fundraising events during the year including a plant sale in May, September Weekend Fete and many dances, including the famous Show dance held after the Arran Farmers' Society Show in August. All money

made helps with maintenance costs and expenses.

It also raises money for other good causes - in 2011 Phyllis's Posh or Pink Afternoon Tea raised over £1,200 for Cancer Research and they are holding another one on Friday 8 March between 2 and 4pm - please try and wear something Posh or/and Pink (you might get your picture in the Banner).

The big event this year is the opening of Club 1934. The Directors, especially Sam Payn, have worked hard to get the social club up and running and on 6 February they were granted a licence.

Jean added: 'We are now getting the bar area ready for the Grand Opening which is being held on Saturday 16 March - membership forms are available from the Hall.'



Arran boy Jack McConnell at the official opening of the refurbished hall with local residents Mary Morrison, Janet Mulholland and Edna Picken. 02\_b09kil02



The official opening of the refurbished Kilmory Hall and new bunkhouse in December 2005 with the children of Kilmory School and, from left, hall director Maureen McKenna, First Minister Jack McConnell, hall chairman Duncan Mulholland and head teacher Margaret Parker. 02\_b09kil01

## Corrie and Sannox SWRI

On Thursday 14 February, Corrie and Sannox SWRI were given a demonstration of 'Flowers for Easter' by Vicki Milne.

Afterwards everyone had fun creating their own arrangement which they took home. Tasty refreshments were provided and enjoyed by all present.

The competition for a Valentine Card was won by Elma Stevenson. Runners up were Anne Pringle and Joan Crawley.

The next meeting will be the AGM on Thursday 14 March at 7pm. Don't forget your voting paper.

Afterwards there will be a Bring and Buy sale for Institute funds.

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# Last chance to vote for the 2013 Citizen of the Year

As previously detailed in the Banner, Fiona Laing of Pirnmill is one of three short-listed nominees in the Citizen of the Year category in North Ayrshire Council's Civic Pride Awards for 2013.

Residents now have the chance to decide who will be presented with the coveted award at the Provost's Civic Pride Charity Dinner by casting their votes.

The Citizen of the Year category is for a person who has made a positive contribution and promoted or demonstrated civic pride in his/her community.

Fiona became a retained firefighter in Lochranza in 1995, and in 2003 she was instrumental in founding the North Arran First Respond-

ers, a voluntary group on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

And over the last year she has been helping local communities to co-ordinate fund raising to get Public Access Defibrillators in every village.

#### Volunteer

In addition to all this, Fiona joined the Arran Coastguard team as a volunteer in 2006 and is now Deputy Leader.

Now you – readers of the Banner – have the chance to show your appreciation by casting your vote in each of five categories, including the Citizen of the Year.

Voting closes at 12noon next Thursday 7 March and you can vote online on the North Ayrshire Council website.

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#### Lamlash coffee morning

The monthly coffee morning will be held in Lamlash Church Hall next Wednesday 6 March from 10.15am to 12noon.



Fiona Laing of Pirnmill, nominated for 2013 Citizen of the Year. 02\_b09civ01

## First shoots of Spring in bloom

The first shoots of an Arran Spring are making an appearance around the island.

The first solitary daffodil has just bloomed on Brodick Castle drive.

In the coming weeks, the splendid annual display of thousands of daffodils in large circles around trees on the castle drive will be

admired by the many Easter visitors to Arran's premier attraction.

#### Early buds

Meanwhile, at the Southend, the first early buds of horse chestnut trees are appearing on the west and north side of the parapet of the Auchenhew bridge above Kildonan.



Castle drive daffodil Photo John Baraclough



Kildonan horse chestnut tree in bud.  
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## Corrie Film Club: Two for One

Film buffs will be delighted to hear that there will be films shown in Corrie and Sannox Hall on two Sundays in a row.

On Sunday 3 March there will be a showing of Gasland, which is a powerful documentary that won the Special Jury Prize at the Sundance Film Festival. It is about 'fracking' – a process of oil drilling recently given the go-ahead by the government despite earth tremors linked to the practice in Lancashire and the risk of water contamination.

Then on Sunday 10 March, the film club regular programme continues with a film from Argentina called Las Acacias (PG). It is a road movie with a difference in which a weary truck driver reluctantly allows a stranger and her baby to travel with him on the long drive to Buenos Aires. Tender and moving.

See this gem of a film on Sunday 10 March in Corrie and Sannox Village Hall at 8pm. All welcome. Entry free.

## Kilmory SWRI

On Monday 11 February the ladies of Kilmory Rural welcomed their friends from Shiskine, Kildonan and Whiting Bay SWRI's to join us for a Burns' Evening in Kilmory Hall.

The Burns' Fayre was prepared and served by their own Rural members and during the evening we were well entertained by guest artists and their own members.

Andrew Earle, Finlay Murchie, James Fleming and May Macdonald provided the musical entertainment.

Allan Nicol, Finlay Murchie and Isabelle Adamson entertained with poems and their knowledge of Robert Burns was certainly put to the test by May's Quiz!

The next meeting is on Monday 11 March in Kilmory Hall at 7.30pm and will be the Business Meeting.

The competition for the evening is the Anne Wallace Sifter Competition for four Gypsy Creams.

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# Arran beekeepers swarm to Rangers' Centre

## A £2,000 cheque from the Arran Trust was much appreciated

The Arran Bee Group met at the Rangers' Centre on Thursday 21 February at 7pm with a well-attended and busy meeting.

The presentation of the cheque from the Arran Trust for £2,000 was very much appreciated and has given a great boost to The Arran Bee Group

Willie McNeish said: 'It has been decided to hold our first AGM on 21 March at 7pm in the Rangers Centre in Brodick where all those interested in beekeeping are invited.

'It was recommended that all those keeping bees should seriously consider becoming a member of The Scottish Beekeepers Association due to the many benefits which they can offer.

'The Group itself is intending making an approach to become an associate member.

'We also discussed that with the Arran Bee Group's introduction of a number of nuclei of native Scottish-bred

bees to Arran, it should be noted that anyone considering bringing bees onto Arran should seriously give thought to the implications and problems which could arise.

'The thought of this was met with horror and would certainly not be the best thing for Arran.

'We would not know what strain they were, especially when we are reintroducing Scottish-bred bees and the indigenous Scottish Black bee to the island.

'Neither would we be aware of any disease that might be brought in - Foul brood would be devastating for example, or how resistant they would be to treatment for diseases.

'The Arran beekeepers would most certainly not welcome that happening

'We would be very willing to assist in getting an interested beekeeper started, and happy to provide a source for the Scottish-Bred Bee which is more suited to our climate and conditions.'



Arran Rotarians Ted Godfrey and Penny Brass with Mr Strachan, a visitor to the island, contributing and being presented with a crocus in turn. b09rot01

## Rotarians collecting for Stop Polio Effort

Last Saturday, members of The Rotary Club of Arran were collecting at Bilsands in Brodick for the Stop Polio Effort.

For some years now the Rotary Doctors have been vaccinating children all over the world in an effort to stop this dreadful disease. Now they have to make an even greater push to get to the last few countries.

They are not always welcome and this is a dangerous task, but wouldn't it be wonderful if no child ever had to suffer again the dreadful disability caused by this disease.

Arran as ever has been extremely generous and the sum of £196.21 was collected.

Rotarian Mairi Christie said: 'We would like to thank Bilsands for allowing us to use their premises and all the others who have supported us by contributing. Thank you all.'

## Castle future plans on show at public meeting

The exciting future plans for Brodick Castle will be under discussion at an open meeting in Brodick Hall next Wednesday 6 March from 7pm.

## McMaster boys triumph in Kinloch darts doubles

The Kinloch Hotel held a darts doubles competition last Saturday.

Scheduled to begin at 7pm, as usual it was a prompt start kicking off sharp at 8pm! This was due to the late arrival of competitors travelling from far off Whiting Bay.

A small, but decent turnout of 18 players took part in the tournament.

There were a few wobbles in the first round by some of the 'favourites' but eventually the big guns pulled through.

Keenly contested semi-finals resulted in a 'David v Goliath' style final.

The petite McMaster boys took on the Blackwaterfoot big boys, José Faulkner and 'Allypally' McAllister.

On this occasion the South-end duo won, picking up the first prize of £50.

A letter has been sent to the British Darts Organisation to see if Stuart McMaster's throw is actually legal?

The fact that the dart only has a matter of inches to go to hit the board by the time the big fella lets go, seems a little unfair on the smaller players.

Fraser would like to thank everyone who took part and a little reminder that the Kinloch has a darts night every Tuesday from 8pm.

## Wullie and Birch take Dougarie sheepdog trial

Dougarie Sheepdog Society held their nursery dog trial at Balmichael last Friday 22 February.

Twelve dogs took part and local handler Wullie Stevenson continued his winning streak with dog Birch.

Results were: 1 Wullie Stevenson and Birch 92 points, 2 Geoff Brookes and Shona 74 points, 3 Niall McMaster and Sweep 70 points, 4 Jack Murchie and Meg 64 points.

The trial was described as difficult to judge, with most points being lost on the drive.

Thanks go to the Henderson family for the use of the field.

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Inevitably there is a degree of compromise when any facility tries to fulfil several different needs. This could be said to be the case with the magnificent Community Theatre in Lamlash.

Arran High School is now approaching five years old, and has become a familiar community facility, as well as a first class educational establishment.

The cavernous Community Theatre at the heart of the school building does indeed fulfil several different functions, but does some better than others.

During school time it is a superb assembly hall and exam room. The Nursery Group hold graduations on the stage and it is also extensively used for educational events such as the recent Enterprise Days. Outside school hours, it is used by groups such as Beavers and Cubs.

Following the closure of Lamlash Community Centre, several local exhibitions have had to relocate to the Community Theatre. The Isle of Arran Horticultural Show is one, and it just doesn't seem so homely anymore. The show is split between fruit, vegetables and flowers in the main hall and baking and crafts in the dining room. But some of the exhibits in the high-ceilinged main hall look lost.

The SWRI Annual Rural Show used to be in the Community Centre. Then it moved to the new Lamlash Primary School. For the last five years it has been held in the Community Theatre. There is no denying that the room and building are well-appointed, but there seems to be no soul in them.

Last year the Arran Visual Arts Show moved from the homely surroundings of Kilmory Hall to the Community Theatre. Again, the exhibits look a little lost in the wide-open spaces of this room.

For over 80 years, the Isle of Arran Music Festival was held successfully in Whiting Bay Hall, a venue widely accepted to have the best acoustics of any hall on the island. Now it is in the Community Theatre. In each case, the local hall, run and financed by the villagers, has lost vital revenue.

On the other hand, the Community Theatre has proved to be a great success as just that – a theatre. For pantomimes, concerts and plays it is ideal. Last weekend the auditorium was full for the excellent plays on offer at the 2013 Drama Festival.

Everyone could see and hear what was happening on stage. Islanders can be rightly proud of the 'new' school and theatre, but don't be too quick to desert the traditional village halls.

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Because Jesus has Himself 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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# Letters to the Editor



## CalMac staff save the day

Sir,  
Last Friday (February 15), myself, my husband and our 10-year-old daughter had arranged a trip over to the SECC in Glasgow to see the X-Factor live tour which we were very much looking forward to.

It was only on arrival at the ferry terminal for the 1.50pm ferry that I discovered I had forgotten the tickets for the concert and left them in the house.

I would like to thank the CalMac staff as they were absolutely wonderful and allowed me time to dash home to Lamlash and collect the tickets.

It was crucial that we caught the 1.50pm ferry.

Needless to say my daughter was very pleased indeed as we all were when I arrived back in Brodick with the tickets.

Once again a big thank you to CalMac as this did us a big favour by delaying the ferry for about 10 minutes, it was extremely kind of them to do so. Apologies for the delay and any inconvenience caused to anyone who was on board that day. Thank you.

Yours,  
**Angela Glendinning**  
Lamlash

## Austerity policies in Big Society

Sir,  
Your Southend readers will no doubt have their own take on being included in the same sentence as David Cameron (Richard Wilkinson, Letters, 23 February).

Their neighbourliness, volunteering and community enterprise are light years away from the values and greed of the Tory Prime Minister and his millionaire friends.

For them (read the speeches!) this is about putting what is

left of the public sector out to market so they can increase their profits, and that includes schools and social services.

The residue within which there is no profit can be run by volunteers.

I wonder, as they met for their AGM in Brodick Library, if the local Tories considered how the library could be closed and the staff paid off, so they could run this valued service themselves for free.

That's what is happening all over the UK as a result of austerity policies in the 'Big Society'.

Yours,  
**Colin Turbett**  
North Ayrshire UNISON  
Rannoch  
Shiskine  
Isle of Arran

## Consistently warm welcome on Arran

Sir,  
In response to recent claims of a frosty reception experienced by some visiting Arran I feel that I must report my most recent welcome just last week.

I have had a consistently warm welcome (with no exceptions) over the past seven years visiting Arran.

In particular two cheerful ambassadors stand out that have become regular promoters of good cheer to myself and my family each visit, both of whom probably wouldn't recognize me from Adam by sight.

One of the first and last stops on the island is to stock up on Wooleys rolls and cakes. Without fail we are always greeted by the lovely happy face of the woman with short dark hair, (originally from Kilmory I think, but do not know her name).

We always leave the shop with a smile and a laugh.

Second, as my favourite place on the island is Catacol we always visit/stay there. Without fail we have had a smile and a wave from a man who we affectionately refer to as 'Uncle Fergus' due to

his passing resemblance to the Uncle Fergus character in the TV serial of the Crow Road.

This cheery chap always waves and smiles to us as we pass on bike/foot or car for as long as we can remember even though he must wonder who on earth we are. Admittedly living in Catacol watching the sea with a glass of wine in hand, he is living my dream and has a lot to be happy about.

So no frosty welcomes in my experience!

Hats off to my favourite cake lady and 'Uncle Fergus' for spreading some Arran cheer to us grateful visitors.

Keep up the good work.  
Yours,  
**Ross Shepherd**  
By email

## Shiskine Hall auction

Sir,  
Have you started your spring clean?

Wanting to recycle unwanted items? Shiskine Hall will be holding their annual auction in aid of Hall funds on the afternoon of Saturday 16 March.

The Hall will be open on Friday afternoon and evening and Saturday morning for donated items to be dropped off.

Likewise uplifts in the Shiskine Valley can be made in the week preceding the auction -please contact Gordon on 860726.

We regret we are unable to accept beds, mattresses and wardrobes. Many thanks.

Yours,  
**Diana Turbett**  
Hall Secretary

## Look out for the 'footsteps'

Sir,  
This week when you are going to do your shopping at the Brodick Co-op look out for the wonderful 'footsteps' painted by children of all Arran Primary schools.

Thank you to all the children

who took part, we enjoyed putting up the footsteps you created in the Co-op and you may watch out for them when you go shopping with your parents.

The fair trade fortnight is on until March 10. The Fairtrade Movement started in the 70s by working with small producers in the developing world, and helping them earn a decent wage for their produce.

In order to be able to use the Fairtrade logo on a product, the company producing it need to do certain things, which include investing their profits in health and social care for deprived communities, looking after their employees, especially those working in coffee, tea and cocoa bean plantations.

The slogan this year is 'Take another step'.

So why don't you take another step for Fairtrade and swap one item you want to buy to a fair trade product.

Let the footsteps lead you!

Yours,  
**Ute Locatelli and Jan MacGregor,**  
Arran Fairtrade

## Return cups for Arran Music Festival

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# Antiquarians revisit an Arran childhood

Nancy Anderson of Drumclog in Lanarkshire transported the island's Antiquarians back to an Arran childhood last Monday.

More than 60 members of the Arran Antiquarians were entertained and educated by

Nancy who started by talking about her school days in Arran as part of the Glen Rosa and Glen Shurig community.

Indeed, the picture shows Nancy with her contemporaries at Brodick School – 'well kent' faces indeed.

As she now lives deep in Covenanter country she developed a great interest in the history of this period in the Church's past.

She shared with them a slide presentation of the sites, memorials, churches and a background of that era.

Nancy worked for 18 years with the Bank of Scotland and the Royal Bank, latterly in computing systems before she retired.

She is probably even busier now because she travels quite a lot (often to Arran), breeds King Charles Spaniels, has served on the Childrens' Panel, belonged to many artistic groups in her locality and is a staunch member of Church, Guild and Rural.

### Memories

Her earliest memories were of life on a South Ayrshire farm where her father was a shepherd.

She started school at a rural primary school near Girvan, having to be transported from their remote farm by taxi.

He father's move to Arran to become a shepherd in Glen Rosa was a frightening

move to eight-year-old Nancy Dalton. However, on the May morning when she saw the *Glen Sannox* (the ferry of those days), the beautiful vista of Brodick Bay and its flowerbeds, she was bewitched by Arran and still is.

She was amazed that their new accommodation had such luxuries as electricity, an indoor toilet and piped water, very different from the horrors she had imagined.

Life in Glen Rosa, with the whole Davidson family as neighbours, was good and she recounted loving the walk to Brodick School admiring the wild flowers and playing in Stronach Wood.

Eventually there was the move to Lamlash High School where she stayed until the age of 16.

Life in Arran was very different then. During the summer months the Duke of Montrose and his family moved into the castle, tinkers arrived and worked on the land and sold their wares door to door.

Shopping was much easier as mobile deliveries of groceries, bread, fish and meat served the island. As a teenager she worked in the Brodick hotels and Alexander's doing holiday jobs.

Covenanters Charles I with his insistence of usage of the English Prayer Book, the Divine Right of Kings and rule by Bishops, led to a riot in St Giles Cathe-



Nancy Anderson is pictured with Tom MacLeod, Heather Donaldson, Stewart Lambie and Iain Hendry, all schoolmates at Brodick Primary School and who lived their early lives at Glen Rosa and Glen Shurig.

dral and the rise of the 'Covenanters'.

Lanarkshire, Ayrshire and Galloway were the stronghold areas and between the time of Charles I and the arrival of William of Orange and Queen Mary in 1689 as many as 18,000 Covenanters, (men and women) were put to death.

Their only military victory was at Drumclog, but Claverhouse 'Bonnie Dundee' hounded them continually and mercilessly on behalf of the King for decades.

The Royalist brutality ranged from shooting, hanging, mutilation, tethering in the Solway to drown and throwing down a well.

The Covenanters did have some good friends though.

For example, James Douglas, Earl of Angus and Anne, Duchess of Hamilton (the Good Duchess), who gave fleeing Covenanters sanctuary at Chatelherault and forbade Claverhouse entry on the pretence that it would disturb the game birds.

Dean Castle in Kilmarnock

was the garrison of Claverhouse's men, among whom was one Tam Dalziel of The Binns!

So numerous are these graves and memorials and so near to us it seems to be something we should investigate as we drive past.

The next Antiquarians meeting is Monday 18 March in Brodick Hall at 2pm, when Valerie Reilly of Paisley will talk to us about Coats and Clark, 'The Binding Thread of Paisley's History'.

Hope to see you there.



Arran ladies netball in the High School. b09net01

## More players needed for Arran Ladies Netball

Arran Ladies Netball is keen to invite more players, especially beginners, to their Thursday evening practices.

Netball gives you a great cardiovascular workout and sharpens mind and body co-ordination.

It suits all levels of fitness and has just a handful of rules which are quite easy to follow. 'It's great fun and we have a laugh at the same time, sometimes ending up in fits of giggles which can't be bad for you either!', said one of the ladies.

The club meets on Thursday nights from 7.30-8.30pm in the High School Sports Hall (with breaks in school holidays).

The cost is just £2 per session and age range is roughly 16 to...66!

## Posh or Pink Afternoon Tea

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Juliet (Lucy Crawford) and Romeo (Cailean Robertson). 02\_b09rom01



Romeo and Juliet by Shiskine Junior Drama. 02\_b09rom03

## Outstanding performance Arran Drama Festival

The 2013 Drama Festival lasted just two nights and had only five plays, but the quality of the performances was outstanding.

The Isle of Arran Drama Association once again welcomed Ron Nicol as adjudicator, a role he has undertaken on at least three previous occasions.

And on Saturday night, after the final play and in front of a packed house, he made his deliberations.

The award for best play went to Lamlash Drama Club with *The Beach Hut*, and best acting performance to Allan Little for his role as henpecked husband Geoff in the same play. Chris Jenks was adjudged to have given the best acting performance in a youth play for his striking portrayal of Dracula in *Seven Wives for Dracula*.

### Romeo and Juliet

First up on Friday were Shiskine Junior Drama with *Romeo and Juliet*, a story of love, death and other cool stuff.

The 26 youngsters on stage had a whale of a time as family fights family, boy meets girl, and most of the principals meet an untimely death with lots of laughs along the way. Set in the town square of Verona, the stage was awash with colour with bright costumes and backdrop.

Cailean Robertson's *Romeo* was described by Mr Nicol as cheeky and impish, while Lucy Crawford as *Juliet* endured a 'very enjoyable death'. Innis Thorburn as Prince Paris won the Jean Bannatyne Trophy for best supporting performance in a youth play for his portrayal of 'a delightful nincompoop'.

### Say Something Happened

*Say Something Happened* was a three-hander performed by The Castaways. An Alan Bennet play, the 1982 BBC production starred Thora

Hird, Hugh Lloyd and Julie Walters.

On Friday night, Assja Baumgartner played Helga, an inexperienced social worker, a performance that won her the Mattie Gillies Trophy for best supporting actor or actress.

She has called on a retired couple to carry out a council questionnaire and advise them on old folks services.

Dorothy Campling and John Roberts as the rather old fashioned couple are determined to present a united front to the world. 'This is for old people, not us,' says Dad. 'They put you on a register and next thing you know you're sitting around banging tambourines,' exclaims Mam.

Mr Nicol liked the 'softness of Dad and the sharpness of Mam' and declared it to be an absorbing performance. Acclaiming John Roberts' role, he added: 'I think I saw a little bit of Alan Bennet in Dad.'

### The Worst Day of My Life

Whiting Bay Club of Drama and Music gave *The Worst Day of My Life*, a comedy set in a hospital ward.

The patient, Charlie Brown, played by Allan Nicol, greets his devoted wife and secretary Joanne, played by Val Brown.

All is well until another visitor (Gill Gregory as the snobby Evelyn) arrives and announces herself as Mrs Brown.

As his carefully planned secret life is hilariously disentangled, a third female visitor (Helen Macfarlane) makes a grand entrance as the blousy Melissa and declares herself to also be Mrs Brown. For years, Charlie has spent two days and nights each week with each 'wife', but now his chickens are coming home to roost.

It seems as though it can't get much worse, until the young nurse Samantha (Linzi Nicol) enters and declares that she and Charlie are about to be betrothed.

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Geoff (Alan Little) and Vera (Mary Crawford) in *The Beach Hut*. 02\_b09bea01



John Roberts, Dorothy Campling and Assja Baumgartner in *Say Something Happened*. 02\_b09cast02

# performances at festival 2013

Poor Charlie incurs the wrath of all four women, as Samantha prepares to deliver a lethal injection to the Lothario.

Mr Nicol thought that Charlie was very natural and believable and Evelyn excellent at barbed comments. He declared Melissa's entrance to be 'the best moment of theatre at the festival', winning Helen Macfarlane the Whiting Bay Club of Drama and Music Golden Anniversary Trophy.

## Seven Wives for Dracula

On Saturday night, Lamlash Junior Drama Club gave 'Seven Wives for Dracula'.

This play won producer Mary Young the Mary Stewart Orr Trophy for best youth team.

The scene is a sanatorium for the disturbed, and the cast of 13 youngsters had a great time with some wacky performances such as Mrs Half Nelson (Katharine O'Donnolly) who knits with invisible needles and wool and the Odd Sisters (Maddison Mahew and Mollie Hodgkinson) who speak in unison and can never complete a full sentence.

Iona Flewitt is vampire hunter Dr Van Helsing, and Chris Jenks makes a commanding and sinister Dracula, laced with a hint of black comedy. Mr Nicol praised the positive and confident performances, particularly the appearance of the Wolf Man and a Benny Hill type chase.

## The Beach Hut

The final play of the festival was *The Beach Hut*, a black comedy by Lamlash Drama Club.

Allan Little is Geoff, a man in his late 60s, and his wife Vera is played by Mary Crawford. The scene is set outside a beach hut in Scarborough, and the couple have been coming here for '40 bloody years' says Geoff.

As the play progresses, we witness the final moments of a marriage that has lasted 40 years, despite the conflicting personalities of the cou-

ple. The henpecked Geoff finally riles against his pretentious and bossy wife.

We realise that each plans to kill the other; Vera by poisoning Geoff's tea flask, and he by donning an apron and taking an axe cleaver to his wife.

As Geoff finally relaxes after his bloody deed, he unwittingly picks up the poisoned chalice of tea and the lights go down.

Mr Nicol said: 'There was great comedy timing all the way through with so many lovely moments. It was a great pairing and Geoff was living inside the skin of his character.'

## Presentation of awards:

Jean Bannatyne Trophy for best supporting performance in a youth play – Innis Thorburn as Paris in *Romeo and Juliet*.

Douglas Sillars Trophy for best performance in a youth play – Chris Jenks as Dracula.

Mattie Gillies Trophy for best supporting performance in adult play – Assja Baumgartner as Helga in *Say Something Happened*.

Monie Kelso Trophy for best acting performance in adult play – Alan Little as Geoff in *The Beach Hut*.

Whiting Bay Club of Drama and Music Golden Anniversary Trophy for best moment of theatre – Helen Macfarlane as Melissa in *The Worst Day of My Life*.

Mary Stewart Orr Trophy for best youth team – *Seven Wives for Dracula* by Lamlash Junior Drama Club.

Archie Kerr Wooley Trophy for team gaining highest marks in the festival – *The Beach Hut* by Lamlash Drama Club.

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Adjudicator Ron Nicol with Innis Thorburn, the best supporting actor in a youth play. 02\_b09cup01



Helen Macfarlane won the best moment of theatre. 02\_b09cup08



Michael Collins, producer of Say Something Happened with the Millhill Players Trophy. 02\_b09cup05



Maureen Smith was the winning play, The Beach

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Dracula (Chris Jenks) makes his dramatic entrance in Seven Wives for Dracula. 02\_b09drac01



Renfield (Josh McDonald) emerges from his coffin in Seven Wives for Dracula. 02\_b09drac02



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Alan Little was best actor in an adult play.  
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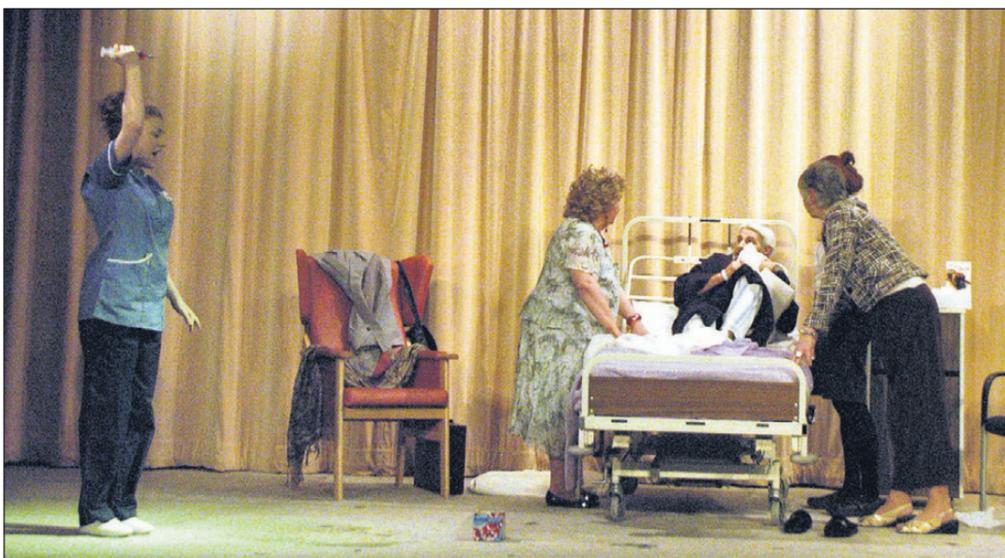


Assja Baumgartner was best supporting actress in an adult play. 02\_b09cup04



Mary Young produced the best youth play Seven Wives for Dracula. 02\_b09cup03

# ma Festival success



Nurse Linzi Nicol about to administer a lethal injection in The Worst day of My Life.  
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Helen Macfarlane, Allan Nicol, Val Brown and Gill Gregory in The Worst Day of My Life.  
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Nearly all of Arran's villages have charming churches that are ideal for a traditional marriage ceremony.

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For larger gatherings a marquee can be erected on the south-facing lawn, with the castle forming a spectacular backdrop.

**Reception**

Arran has a wealth of wonderful places to hold your wedding reception after the marriage ceremony.

The charming Kinloch Hotel in Blackwaterfoot is set in a stunning location with panoramic sea and mountain views on Arran's west coast.

The hotel is an ideal setting for any wedding whether you plan to get married in the nearby church or in the hotel itself.

The ceremony can be held in the beautiful grounds set against the backdrop of the sea.

And there is a dedicated wedding coordinator on hand to assist you in all the planning.

With its large ballroom that looks across the Kilbrannan Sound, the Kinloch is a wonderful place to celebrate your marriage.

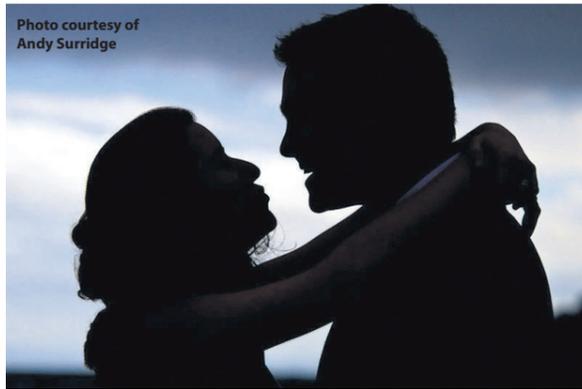
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Her beautiful bespoke rings are created on the island and she is happy to take on commissions - look out for her online shop opening soon.

A wedding list for gifts continues to be popular as many modern couples already live together and do not need the usual household items.

There are some superb shops and boutiques on Arran that offer a gift service for you.

Buntys in Brodick offers a fantastic selection of home accessories ranging from unique ornaments and unusual gifts for the home as well as gorgeous hand painted furniture that would look amazing in any couple's new house.

Wedding gift lists are available too so that you can ensure your guests aren't left wondering what to buy.

Jolly Molly is also located in Brodick and sells stunning gifts and accessories mainly for the home.

The Brodick shop and online store has a collection of unusual gift items not found on the high street that make ideal wedding presents that include keepsakes, decorations, accessories and even scarves and bags.

Friday's Child at Home Farm just outside Brodick is one of Arran's most popular gift shops and it is piled high with quirky and interesting gifts.

With its unusual collection of gifts for the home as well as gorgeous presents for all ages from young children all the way up, there is something here for everyone.

Distinctive picture frames, unique homeware by Joseph and Joseph and unusual knick-knacks all make perfect wedding presents.

The Curtain House in Lamlash is a gem of a boutique offering everything from soft-furnishings, made to measure curtains and blinds as well as lovely gifts for the home.

Here your wedding guests will find delightful gift ideas ranging from candlesticks to coastal inspired ornaments, cushions and throws.

**Cake**

One of the main events of your wedding day will be when you get to cut your wedding cake in front of all your friends and family.

Adele from Whiting Bay can create cakes to delight all of your guests.

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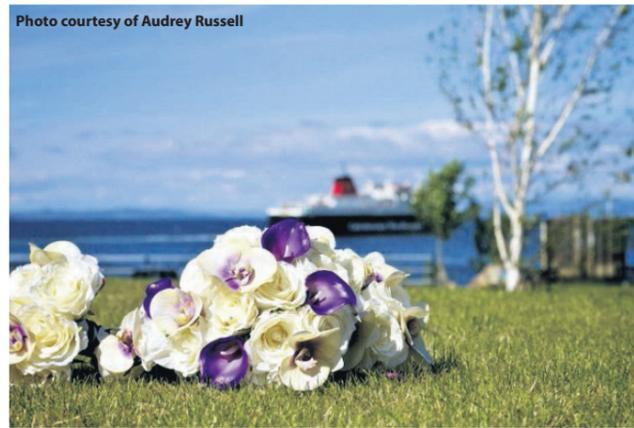
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vanilla sponge or classic fruit filling, range from single tiers for 40 people, right up to three tiers serving 100.

And with optionally a luxurious smooth icing or a fabulous chocolate finish, these cakes are designed to be both delicious and delightful for the joyful day!

If you love cheese more than fruitcake, and you'd like to make a visual statement after the dinner, then a cheese wedding cake is the perfect alternative for your big day.

Linzi Black's stunning cakes are made entirely of cheese produced here on the island and from other artisan creameries.

After 10 years working at the Isle of Arran Cheese Company in Brodick, Linzi's cakes make a great alternative to the traditional wedding cake.

These towers of cheese make a real statement on your wedding day and provide you with a unique substitute for the evening buffet.

**Memories**

'Turning dreams into lasting memories' – that is what local photographer Andy Surridge believes his job is on your wedding day.

Combining chic black and white as well as colour, he aims to create a contemporary, stylish and complete story of your wedding day.

Every single wedding is different but Andy will ensure he gives you a collection of beautiful images as a record of your day.

Offering a discreet, flexible and friendly service, this is wedding photography to treasure from one of Scotland's most beautiful islands.

The photographer Audrey Russell loves Arran and has a great passion for every picture that she takes.

'To be part of someone's biggest day and at the end of it to hand back a window into that day, is an amazing feeling,' she said.

Audrey is passionate about her work which is evident on the day, bring both a creative eye and an unobtrusive attitude.

She now works in tandem with her partner David Elliott and together they capture your day as it unfolds resulting in a mix of natural and stunning images.

With parents living on the island accommodation is never a problem so full day coverage right up until the first few included in their packages.

Whatever kind of wedding you are planning – small and intimate or large and grand – the Isle of Arran is the perfect location.

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### First service

The regeneration of the Whiting Bay tennis courts has often been seen to be one of the community council's greatest success.

But this week, 10 years after they were re-opened, they received a notice to remove the tennis courts and equipment by March 23.

Situated on land belonging to Cooriedoon Nursing Home, owner Celia Butler's

daughter Sandra said: 'It causes aggravation to our residents.

'Lads come out of the pub and sit down and taunt our residents. It's a difficult one.'

### New phone codes

The villages' new phone codes will come into use at the end of the month but the island code is also set to change.

The 0770 code will become 01770 but BT does not yet

know when this change will happen.

### Cash machine opens

With the opening of the Royal Bank of Scotland's new Cashline on Thursday, Arran now has two cash dispensing machines.

### Holy visit

The Dalai Lama will visit Holy Isle this summer.

He will arrive on May 14 although we do not yet know whether he will travel via Arran or land by helicopter.

### New health centre

Brian Wilson MP is to make an approach to the Ayrshire and Arran Health Board to enquire about the possibility of them building a community health centre in Brodick, probably at the Ormidale Park.

### Brodick to Rotterdam

CalMac is considering expanding into Europe and Ireland and, who knows, it might sometime be possible to purchase on Arran a through ticket from Brodick to Rotterdam.

### School board election

Elaine Duncan and Barbara Williams have been elected out of six candidates for the two vacant places on the Arran High School Board.

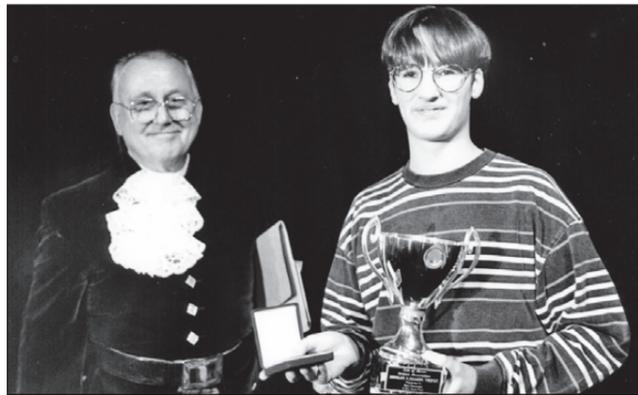
One will serve only until September 1993 and the other until September 1995.



Whiting Bay Drama Club represented the island at the first round of the Scottish Community Drama Association's One Act Festival at Kilmarnock last weekend. Their play 'Departure' by Stephen Smith won them the runners-up shield. b09twe04



Arran High School performed 'Red Sky at Night' at the Drama Festival with David Hedley, Jamie Crawford, Gael Holmer and Barbara Lawson. b09twe01



Jamie Crawford was given the Douglas Sillars trophy for best actor in a youth play. b09twe02



The Right Reverend Hugh Wyllie, Moderator of the Church of Scotland and his wife are shown round Torylinn Creamery by manager Neil McLean on Thursday. b09twe03

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# Long-tailed Tit

Throughout both December and January there were numerous widespread reports of groups of Long-tailed Tits foraging in gardens.

These ranged from Pirnmill in the north to Whiting Bay in the south.

The largest group in December was 12 in Whitefarland and in January the largest group was 10 in Lamlash.

It is typically a bird of deciduous woodland but is also found in orchards, parks and gardens.

Wherever they appear they bring delight to those who see them.

### Insectivorous

Despite being more insectivorous than other tits, Long-tailed Tit has been coming increasingly to garden feeders.

The British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) Garden Birdwatch has shown that over the last 40 years the number seen in gardens has increased ten fold.

Described as flying teaspoons or little balls on sticks these dainty agile birds readily hang on peanut feeders.

Peanuts seem to be the best food for attracting the species but it will feed on a range of

foods including suet and grated cheese.

Being small makes the species particularly susceptible to cold winters.

They can lose about nine percent of their weight overnight.

To help reduce this they roost huddled together and on

pair, offspring and helpers. Helpers are usually siblings of the male and they help with raising young.

Nest building usually begins in mid-March.

The nest of the Long-tailed Tit is a truly incredible construction.

Four materials are used - lichen, feathers, spider egg cocoons and moss, with an estimated 6,000 plus pieces in a typical nest that can take forty days to complete.

The nest is a flexible sac with a small, round entrance on top, suspended either low in a gorse or bramble bush or high up in the forks of tree branches.

The structural stability of the nest is provided by a mesh of moss and spider silk.

The tiny leaves of the moss act as hooks and the spider silk of egg cocoons provides the loops; thus forming a natural form of velcro.

The tit camouflages the outside of the nest with hundreds of flakes of lichens and insulates the inside of the nest with more than 2,000 downy feathers.

### Monogamous

The species is monogamous and single brooded.

On average around seven eggs are laid.

Incubation by the female lasts about 13 days. The young fledge in about 14 days and are provisioned by parents and helpers for a further 14 days.

The failure rate of nesting Long-tailed Tit is high.

Whereas for the hole nesting Blue Tit less than ten percent of nests fail at the egg stage, for Long-tailed Tit it is more than forty percent.

However, research has shown that the presence of helpers doubles the survival rate of the Long-tailed Tit fledged young.

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 .

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Long Tailed Tits are typically found in deciduous woodland but is also found in orchards, parks and gardens. b09b1r02NO



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## Bird notes

by Jim Cassels

MARCH

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Over 21s Disco  
Karate  
Family Games  
Arran Dancers (4yrs & up)  
Jazz Café Band  
NEDL Meeting

## Sunday 3rd March

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

## Monday 4th March

Quiz  
Outside Boot Camp  
Over 50s Badminton  
Badminton  
Citizens Advice  
Morning Fitness  
Breathe Walk Class  
Table Tennis  
Badminton  
Lamlash Bridge Club  
Volleyball Club  
Arran Junior Football Club  
Scottish Country Dancing  
Lunch Club  
CMAL Meeting

## Tuesday 5th March

Pop Quiz  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
Youth Club  
Rotary club  
Streetly Dance pre school  
Streetly Dancing Classes P1-S7  
Youth Club  
Rowan Singers  
Weight Watchers  
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Arran High School, 10am  
Douglas Hotel 9pm – 11pm  
Lamlash High School, 10.30 – 4pm

Church Hall, Brodict, 4.30pm  
Brodict Church Hall, 4.30 – 6 pm.  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm  
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm  
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 2pm-5pm  
Ormidale Hotel, 8.30pm  
Ormidale sports pavilion, 2pm – 3.30pm

Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 8.30pm  
Whiting Bay Park 6am  
Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm  
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30-1.30pm  
Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am  
Kinneil, Lamlash, 5.15pm  
Corrie Hall, 6.30pm  
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm  
Lamlash Golf Club, 7pm for 7.15pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 7-8pm  
Ormidale Park, 6-7.30pm  
Beginners & improvers, Corrie & Sannox Hall, 2-4pm  
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Brodict Hall, 7.30pm

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
Brodict Church Hall, 2pm  
Kildonan Hall, 7pm  
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Auchrannie Dance Studio, 1.45-2.30pm  
Auchrannie Gym Hall, 3.45pm – 6pm  
Brodict Hall, 6.30 – 8pm  
Lamlash church hall, 7.30-9.30pm  
St Molios Church Hall, 6.30-7.30pm  
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 6-7pm  
Auchrannie, 7pm-9pm  
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Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7pm-9pm  
Brodict Church Hall, 7.30-9.30pm  
Lamlash high school car park, 5.30pm  
Glenisle Hotel, 7pm

## Wednesday 6th March

Hockey  
Tae Kwondo  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
Arran Brass Rehearsal  
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## Thursday 7th March

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General Knowledge Quiz  
Lochranza Craft Club  
Youth Club  
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Brodict Embroidery Group  
Brodict Bridge Club  
Auchrannie Winter Bowls  
Ladies Netball  
Arran Abs Runners – beginners  
Lunchbox  
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## Friday 8th March

Aqua Fizz  
Yogalates  
Arran Youth Foundations  
Lochranza Kids Badminton  
Lochranza Adults Badminton  
Disco  
Outside Boot Camp  
Arran Ceilidh Dance Group  
Race Night  
Posh or Pink Afternoon Tea

Auchrannie Games Hall, 6.30-7.30pm  
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Lamlash Church Hall, 2pm  
Whiting Bay Hall, 7.15pm  
Arran High School, 8-9pm  
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am  
Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am  
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 10.45am  
10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30  
Auchrannie Spa Car Park, 5.30pm  
Auchrannie Spa Car Park, 6pm  
Lochranza, 7pm  
Whiting Bay Park, 6am  
Lamlash church hall 10.15am – 12noon  
Brodict Hall, 7pm  
St. Margaret's, 7.30pm

Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am  
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Youth Cabin, Lamlash, 7-9pm  
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Brodict Library 7.30 p.m. – 9.30 pm  
Brodict Golf Club, 7 pm for 7.15 pm  
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Ormidale Pavilion, 5.30pm  
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Lochranza Hall, 8pm  
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13/00081/PP; Braeside, Shiskine, Brodict, Isle Of Arran; Replacement roof and formation of dormer window to semi-detached dwelling house

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

The final round of the Winter League will be played at Lam-lash Golf Club next Sunday 3 March. Matches are: Lam-lash v Machrie Bay 10am, Bro-dick v Whiting Bay 10.50am, Shiskine v Corrie 11.40am.

**Whiting Bay Golf Club**  
Sunday 24 February. A good turnout of 23 played in the 5th round of the Winter Cup. Con-ditions were super and scoring was very good with the CSS dropping to 62. 1 Danny Head (7)59, 2 Kevin Jackson (9)62, 3 Dave Hackett (12)63 BIH, 4 Gus MacLeod (10)63 BIH.

Nicol Auld won scratch with 65 and although there were a couple of magic twos they were eclipsed by Danny Head's magic ONE at the 17th! Well done Danny, and a big thanks from everybody who enjoyed a free drink!

Fixtures: Sunday 3 March, AGA Winter League at Lam-lash, Whiting Bay v Brodick at 10.50am.

**Shiskine Golf Club**  
Ladies: Thursday 21 Febru-ary, Ladies 18 Hole Medal, 14 played, CSS 70. Silver: 1 and Scratch J Turnbull 88-14=74, 2 S Gray 91-16=75. Bronze: 1 F Scott 94-25=69, 2 L Mur-ray 98-25=73. Congratulations Fiona on winning the Medal!

Fixtures: Thursday 7 March, Ladies 18 Hole Medal, 11am tee-off.

Gents: 12 hole Medal and

wood 37 pts, 3 Steph Hill 36 pts. Scratch Brian Sherwood 74  
Fixtures: Saturday 2 March Lochranza Hotel Cup tee off 12noon. Tuesday 5 March Winter Cup tee off 12noon.

**Brodict Golf Club**  
Sunday 24 February Brandon & Winter Cup. 21 played. CSS 65. 1 F Sillars (11) 59, 2 D Robertson (13) 62, 3 R McGunnigle (10) 64 (acb). Scratch G Hendry 71

There were six twos. 1st Class Brandon F Sillars, 2nd Class Brandon D Robertson.

Fixtures: Sunday 3 March AGA Duncan Trophy & Sweep. Sunday 10 March Brandon & Winter Cup.

**Arran Ladies Golf Union**  
Saturday 23 February, ALGU Drumadoon, Machrie.

Twenty ladies took part in the penultimate Drumadoon of the season held at Machrie Bay. It was a very still weather day, with just a few flurries of snow, otherwise, a great day for golf. Given the challenges of Machrie golf course at the moment and in particular the very wet weather the course was playable and we all enjoyed the game.

Thank you to members of the committee who provided catering and of course to Elizabeth and Marshall for their excellent soup!

The winners; second place went to Yvonne Brothers with a very respectable 66 (17) and first place went to our newest ALGU member Mary Jo Tod (and someone to watch!) with a super score of 55 (36). The winning scratch score of 80 went to Susan Butchard.

Next ALGU fixture, Satur-day 16 March Whiting Bay from 10.30am. Sign up at your club in the usual way by Satur-day 9 March.

**Machrie Bay Golf Club**  
Results: Tuesday 19 February Lochranza Hotel Cup. 1 Camp-bell Laing 39 pts, 2 Brian Sher-

wood 37 pts, 3 Steph Hill 36 pts. Scratch Brian Sherwood 74  
Fixtures: Saturday 2 March Lochranza Hotel Cup tee off 12noon. Tuesday 5 March Winter Cup tee off 12noon.

**Corrie Golf Club**  
Results: Saturday 23 February 21 played CSS 61. White tees, sweep 1 John Adams 67-7=60, 2 John McGovern 70-9=61 (bih), 3 Robert Logan 67-6=61 (bih over D Price).

Best scratch Euan McKin-non 67 bih over J Adams and R Kerr. Magic twos R Logan 2, J Adams 2, B Sherwood 2, P Bremner, J McGovern, A Mc-Donald, E I Cannon.

Monday Cup, yellow tees. Sweep 1 T Kerr 74-21=53, 2 S Wood 65-11=54, 3 L Hartley 71-15=56.

Best scratch S Wood 65. Mag-ic twos, 10 recorded, but twos sweep won by Stevie Wood who had a hole in one at the fifth – well done Stevie.

Fixtures: Saturday 2 March Stableford white tees 8.30am and 12noon. Monday 4 March Monday Cup, yellow tees, 12noon sharp.



**Torbeg captain Joe Faulkner with the 2013 Ryder Cup.** b09golf02

**Torbeg lift 2013 Ryder Cup**

The 2013 Shiskine Ryder Cup golf competition came to a climax last week with the Torbeg team scooping the prestigious trophy from Shiskine and last year's winners, Kilpatrick, tied in second place.

Torbeg captain Joe Faulkner received the splendid wooden trophy on behalf of his team.

The team captains appointed for 2014 are: Torbeg, James Kelso; Kilpatrick, David Tod; Shiskine, Ian Murchie; Black-waterfoot, Alistair Liddell.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.  
**Sunday, 3rd March**  
Holy Communion, 11.00 am.  
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There will be Taizé worship on **Thursday 7th March** at 7.30 pm in St Molios' Church, Shiskine. ALL WELCOME

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**Sunday 3rd March**

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

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**Sunday 3rd March**  
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Rev Elizabeth Watson at 10.30am.  
Tea and coffee will be served in the transept after the service.  
All most welcome.

There will be a service in Co-riedoon at 2.30pm to which all friends are warmly invited.

**ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**Sunday 3rd March**

Ormidale Sports Pavilion, Brodick  
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**Wednesday 6th March**

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**DEATH**

**CAMERON – Mary (nee Lawson)**

Very peacefully at The Beatson, Glasgow, on Wednesday 20th February 2013, after an illness bravely fought, Mary, much loved wife of the late Dick Cameron, loving mum of Sue and son-in-law Phil and gran of Rich (& partner Amy) and Stu.

Former active member of Machrie and Corrie Golf Clubs and first lady President of Lam-lash Bowling & Tennis Club (2012/2013).

Before retiring back to Scotland, Mary was very active in the Girl Guides movement during the 1960s and 1970s in Romsey (Hampshire), rising from Brown Owl of one of the local Brownie packs to become the first Division Commissioner of Romsey Rural – a post she held for several years. There, she touched the lives of many young people with her energy and enthusiasm, attributes she brought to Arran, encouraging others here to take up the sports she so enjoyed.

The funeral service took place in Lam-lash on Thursday 28th February. Donations in her memory, if desired, to 'Friends of The Beatson' (www.friendsofthebeatson.org or call 0141 301 7667).

The family express their grateful thanks to Dr Angus Campbell, the nursing and Home Care teams on Arran, Dr Taha and his surgical team at Crosshouse Hospital and to the Doctors and staff on Ward B4 at The Beatson for their outstanding care.

Our special thanks also to Clair and David Hendry for sympathetic funeral arrangements, Alan Saunderson for a sensitive and moving service and to Fran, Jo & staff at the PHT for catering, our thanks to all those who have sent cards and messages of condolence.

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**BIRTH**

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## Scotland call ends in defeat for Ewan

'Both sides were very physical in the tackle and contact areas'

Arran's rising rugby star Ewan Bulger has had a busy few weeks playing for Glasgow Warriors and a Scotland select side.

The youngster from Corrie formed part of the Warriors' under-18 squad that were narrowly defeated by Edinburgh last Wednesday.

'It was a great effort from both teams in such difficult conditions,' said the Scotland Under-18 coach, Eddie Pollock.

'Both sides were very physical in the tackle and the contact areas and pleasingly they both endeavoured to play rugby.'

Following this Ewan went on to play for a Scotland select side against the Scotland Exiles.

The Exiles are a team of players who play in England but are eligible to play for Scotland from teams like Northampton Saints and Saracens.

Ewan managed to score a try from loose play, breaking the opponents line just 10-metres out.

He showed great pace to run in close to the posts.

Sadly Scotland Select were defeated 23-15.

'The Exiles were the stronger side towards the end of the match,' said Scotland under-18 coach, Eddie Pollock, 'but they did have some under-19 player to bolster their side. I'm pleased that this was a very competitive game. We've certainly learned a lot today.'



Ewan Bulger, centre, with teammates Ben Johnston and Gavin Lowe.

### Cathy is 2013 Ladies Pool Champion

Cathy Hamilton won the 2013 Arran Ladies Pool competition last Sunday evening. Five ladies took part in the tournament held at the PHT, Lamlash. In the final, Cathy beat Karen Copperwheat who has been champion for the past five years.



Arran Ladies Pool champion Cathy Hamilton in the PHT on Sunday evening with other finalists Lorna Logan, Karen Copperwheat, Susan Logan and Gill McCormack. 02\_b09pool01

### Arran Bridge results

**Brodick Bridge Club**  
The results of the tournament on Thursday 21 February were as follows:

N/S 1 Margaret McGill and Elizabeth McConnell 2260, 2 John Baraclough and Jennifer Wales 1420, 3 Jennifer McArthur and Elizabeth McKellar 1380. E/W 1 Irene McMillan and Craig McMillan 650, 2 Janie McLure and Anne McKelvie 240, 3 Helen Boyd and Jean Murchie -170.

**Lamlash Bridge Club**  
The results of the tournament on Monday 25 February were as follows:

N/S 1 Douglas and Margaret Bruce +1700, 2 John and Jan Beattie +1640, 3 Elizabeth McConnell and Pat Adamson +650.

1 Jennifer McArthur and Jean Barclay +1200, 2 B Livingston and Morag Gardner -360, 3 Jennifer Wales and Linda Trickett -410.

### PT1934 have one hand on pool league trophy

With just two weeks to go, it looks as though PT1934 have a virtually unassailable lead at the top of the Arran Pool League. They lead second-placed Mac's Bar by three points and have a significantly better game difference.

The quarter-finals of the Arran Singles competition will be played on or by Sunday 3 March.

The draw is as follows: R Buchan (Mac's) v M Worthington (1984) at PHT, D Smith (1934) v G Stewart (1934) at PT1934, J Ainsworth or C Duncan v A Picken (1934) at Bar Eden, I McDonald (Mac's) v D Head (Whiting Bay) at PHT.

The Champion of Champions will be played at Whiting Bay Golf Club on Sunday 10 March at 2.30pm.

The Finals Day will be played at Kildonan Hotel on Sunday 17 March at 3pm.

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