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## Prison staff get on their bikes for Vanessa



The staff from Barlinnie Prison on Whiting Bay jetty on their cycle ride for Vanessa. 02\_b10van01

**REPORT**  
by HOWARD DRIVER  
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As reported in last week's Banner, a group of cyclists arrived on the island last Saturday morning to cycle round Arran.

This has become quite a common occurrence, but this group had a special mission. The men, all staff from Barlinnie Prison, Glasgow, were on a mission to raise funds for expensive medical treatment in America for 10-year-old Vanessa Riddle.

The little girl is suffering from neuroblastoma, a cancerous

tumor which requires treatment in America costing over half a million dollars.

### Fund Raising Events

She became friends with Jessica Reid of Clauchlands when Jessica was being treated for leukaemia at Yorkhill, and a number of fund raising events are being held on the island for Vanessa.

She also became friendly with Katie Currie, another leu-

kaemia sufferer and the daughter of Barlinnie PE instructor Neil Currie. The Banner met Neil and his fellow cyclists in Whiting Bay at 8.30am on Saturday and they spread out on the jetty for a photograph. Then they continued south in miserable wet weather, but with the promise of the sun coming out in the afternoon.

There is another fundraiser for Vanessa in Brodick Hall this Saturday night 10 March with a disco by the X-Factory.

# Tories to push for RET introduction

### REPORT

by JENNIFER LYON  
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Infrastructure problems at Brodick ferry terminal cannot be blamed for the delay in RET, according to the Scottish Conservatives spokesman for Transport.

Tory MSP Alex Johnstone visited the island on Friday and he exclusively told The Banner that he will be lobbying the Scottish Government to introduce the cheaper fares

## 'I don't see how the infrastructure in Brodick can't cope with RET now'

as soon as possible.

He said: 'I don't agree with the Transport Minister (Keith Brown MSP) that infrastructure problems in Brodick are the reason for the delay in introducing RET to Arran.'

'If we get the projected 25 per cent increase in passenger numbers because of RET then

the fare changes are almost self-financing.

'It also means that passengers numbers will simply be back up to the same level they were three years ago.

'So I don't see how the infrastructure can't cope with RET now.'

The draft Scottish Ferries

Review states that fares based on road equivalent tariff (RET) will be rolled out to Arran by 2014, but that the 'harbour infrastructure at Brodick acts as a capacity constraint and needs to be addressed prior to it's introduction'.

Kenneth Gibson, Arran's MSP said: 'The reason RET

will not be introduced until 2014 has been explained many times; vessel capacity must be increased and we need a new Brodick linkspan, the latter will itself cost £14 million!

'If Mr Johnstone's colleagues in the UK Government had not cut the Scottish Parliament's capital budget by a whop-

ping 32 per cent over three years we could possibly have brought forward that investment sooner.

'The Tories made no suggestions during the five month Budget process as to how RET could be brought forward or what other projects should be delayed or cancelled to provide the capital funding.'

He added: 'Mr Johnstone served on the Finance Committee - which I chair - until December and he never once

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# Tories to push for RET introduction

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mentioned it. Sounds like his sudden interest is merely bare-faced political opportunism!

There is still time to make your views on the draft ferries review known to the Scottish Government.

You can respond in two ways.

Responses should be sent to Colin Grieve, Transport Scotland, Ferries Unit, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ or e-mailed to Colin.Grieve@transportscotland.gsi.gov.uk



Alex Johnstone MSP, left, with Conservative council candidate David Tate last Friday in Brodick. 01\_b10msp02

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Lindsay Wheeler of Corrie won her 50<sup>th</sup> cap for Scotland. Photo: Courtesy of the SRU.

# Lindsay gets her 50th cap against France

Lindsay Wheeler of Corrie has won her 50<sup>th</sup> cap for the Scotland women's rugby team.

For flanker Lindsay, the French international in Stirling on February 25 marked her 50th outing in the international jersey.

Lindsay, who went to Arran High School, explained how she got into rugby.

She said: 'At school, the fifth and sixth year girls were really keen on starting a rugby team so we got some of the boys to start coaching us. 'Then we had a coach for a

while, who didn't really believe we wanted to play, lined us all up on the try line and told us to dive on the ground - so we all did. We were really enthusiastic.'

Lindsay then went to Edinburgh University where she played for the university women's team and went on to win her first cap in Sweden, against the home nation.

'It was a five-day camp and we played on the last day, I was really shocked to be in the squad and I started in the second row and scored a try!' she said.

'It was a really good experience for me and a great introduction to international rugby.'

With 49 caps-worth of highlights to consider, what would Lindsay rate as her top memory? 'Probably the win against France two years ago at home (Scotland won 10-8 at Lasswade). France is a team that you rarely come close to beating so that was a real high point.'

When she is not playing rugby for Scotland Lindsay is a physiotherapist, working at Homerton University Hospital in north London.

# Councillors overturn Hunterston plans

On Monday 5 March RSPB Scotland welcomed a vote by North Ayrshire councillors to overturn the recommendation of their officers and remove all reference to a new coal-fired power station at Hunterston from a planning document.

North Ayrshire Council's Proposed Local Development Plan included proposals for a 'clean coal-fired power station' along with other developments on a nationally important Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) at Hunterston.

The Council also voted to remove any support for a biomass power station on the site.

Senior Conservation Officer for Central Scotland, Zoe Clelland, said: 'This is a further welcome decision from North Ayrshire councillors.'

'We look forward to working with the Council to help ensure development can happen in North Ayrshire without harming the environment.'

Approximately 22,000 individuals and organisations have formally objected to the Hunterston proposals - the most ever for an application in Scotland.

# 'Report It' app video now available

A video is now available online showing just how easy-to-use North Ayrshire Council's 'Report It' smartphone app really is.

The council announced the launch of the free app on Android smartphones last month - adding to its successful iPhone app.

Both versions harness mobile technology and uses maps, photographs and GPS to enable residents to report issues and faults such as dog fouling, fly tipping, graffiti, potholes etc.

The video can be viewed at [www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/NewsArticles/ReportItVideo.aspx](http://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/NewsArticles/ReportItVideo.aspx)

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# Scottish Water to start water mains project on Arran

Scottish Water is about to start a key project on Arran that will help provide greater security of supply in an area that has been affected by burst.

The £590,000 project will involve upgrading about four miles of pipe around Blackwaterfoot, Birchburn and Shiskine and it is hoped it will benefit residents and visitors to the area.

## Less Susceptible

The replacement of stretches of the existing main with new, durable plastic main, which is less susceptible to bursts, will make the system more robust, reduce the risk of disruption to supply and enable us to meet the peak demands of the summer months when the

number of holidaymakers on the island increases.

The project, which is due to start about March 7, follows the start in January of a £2.8m upgrade to the Balmichael Water Treatment Works, which will improve the water quality to the almost 4,000 customers served by the facility.

Mr Jim Hassan, Scottish Water's water operations manager, said of the mains upgrade: 'We are delighted to be starting another important project on Arran which will provide further improvements to our infrastructure on the island.'

'This investment on Arran, which involves a total of £3.4m of improvements in the

two projects, will bring significant benefits to customers for many years to come.'

The work will mainly involve the use of the pipe-bursting method, where the existing pipes are broken and new pipes are installed in their place.

## Not Affect

Most of the work will be in fields and will not affect road users.

However, where the affected stretches of pipe cross public roads some road traffic management will be necessary.

The work will be alongside the String Road from Shiskine to Birchburn and Blackwaterfoot and beside the C147 from Blackwaterfoot to north of the village.



Dr Gordon Tiley, Grassland Society Secretary, Alex Reid, judge Jim Brown and Stuart Reid receiving the Grassland Society Silver Rosebowl 2011. 02\_b10cla01

## Champion silage-makers

Last month we reported on the expertise of the Reid family at Clauchlands in making top quality silage.

Stuart Reid and his father Alex won the South West Scotland Grassland Society's 2011 Silage Competition, a first-ever for Arran. And last Friday they received the Silver Rosebowl and were judged for the national award.

Scottish National Silage Judge Jim Brown,

a beef farmer from Gaindykehead in Airdrie, presented the trophy to Stuart and Alex, then undertook a two-hour inspection of the farm, accompanied by Gordon Tiley, Grassland Society Secretary.

## Judged

The Reids will be judged against the other three regional winners from Central, North and North-East Scotland, and the results announced next month.

## Kintyre passenger ferry proposed

The community of Carradale are proposing to set up a new passenger ferry that will sail between Kintyre and Pirn-mill.

The proposal is for a summer-time passenger/cycle ferry from Carradale to Arran and it is hoped cyclists could also utilise the Claonaig ferry to complete a circuit of Arran and Kintyre.

The provisional proposal is that the project be in the name of a 'Kilbrannan Sound Development Trust', which would be answerable to both East Kintyre Community Council and the Arran Community Council.

The island's community council have already expressed their support for the venture.

Other stakeholders could include North Ayrshire Council, Argyll and But Council and Transport Scotland.

A spokesman for the planners said: 'By crossing the boundary between two local authority areas and two traditionally separate tourism areas the intention is that new opportunities would open up for both Arran and Kintyre.'

'We would hope that the scheme would allow some of Arran's success to flow into Kintyre.'

## Tanker alert for Clyde Coastguard

Members of Clyde Coastguard were alerted to the motor tanker Keewhit after it reported suffering engine failure 11 miles south of the Mull of Galloway on Sunday 4 March.

The vessel, which was carrying 1,600 tonnes of fuel oil and had eight people on board, restarted her engines and continued on her passage to Brodick Bay.

After lying at anchor in the bay on Monday she departed for Hunterston.

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# Attention Arran computer users!

'Unsolicited phone calls over the last few weeks claiming to be from Microsoft'

By Cams Campbell

There have been a lot of unsolicited phone calls to Arran residents over the last few weeks claiming to be from Microsoft or other computer security companies. Anecdotal evidence suggests that the callers have an Asian accent. Please do not engage these callers in conversation.

They are scammers who are trying to gain remote access to your computers and

your wallets. If you express doubt, they will direct you to an error log in your computer, which they offer as proof that your computer has been compromised.

These callers are preying on fear and doubt, knowing full well that most computer users are not particularly tech savvy.

Microsoft will **never** call anyone at home unsolicited.

One thing I urge all compu-

ter users to do is to make sure that your Windows operating system is fully up-to-date.

I see many computers with up-to-date anti-virus software, but out-of-date operating systems.

This may seem sensible, but it would actually be safer to run with a fully updated operating system and no anti-virus software whatsoever than to run Windows without updating it, even with anti-virus and anti-malware software running in the background.

#### Third-party Software

The same applies to third-party software, particularly Adobe Reader, Adobe Flash Player, Java and iTunes. These also should be updated.

Windows update can be found in your Start menu. To update Adobe Reader to the version X, download it from [www.adobe.com/reader](http://www.adobe.com/reader); Java is at [www.java.com](http://www.java.com) and Adobe Flash player is at [www.adobe.com/flashplayer](http://www.adobe.com/flashplayer).

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If you use Google Chrome as your web browser, you don't need to install Flash player as it is included in the browser and will auto-update.

I recommend Chrome for all Windows XP users, as the latest version of Internet Explorer (version 9) will not install on Windows XP.

Apple users are not immune either, although they are a much smaller target.

Keep your operating system up-to-date through Software Update, which is found under the Apple menu.

If you are worried that your computer has been compromised, a full reinstallation of your operating system is the only way to be 100 percent sure that your computer is secure.

So go and update your computers right away, and give short shrift to any so-called security calls.



Tree planting on Brodick Hill by Roots of Arran youngsters in June 2011.

## Views wanted on community woodland

Arran's communities are being given a chance to help shape the future use of the local woodland at Lag-a-Bheith in Brodick.

A public consultation to gather views on what people want from the community woodland is being organised by Forestry Commission Scotland and the charity, Roots of Arran Community Woodland.

The week-long consultation, which starts Saturday 17 March, will be centred around

Brodick Public Library where a display will be on show.

A drop-in day at the library is also being held on Friday 23 March so that members of the public can talk over plans with staff from the Commission and Trustees of Roots of Arran Community Woodland.

Forestry Commission Scotland's District Forester Andy Walker said: 'Local volunteers have been working hard to establish this community woodland since 2002.'

'With the help of Scottish Natural Heritage, thousands of trees have already been planted on the site.'

'An apple orchard is already in place as is the beginnings of a willow crop. A new path is also being constructed to a newly dug pond.'

A map of the woodland area will be on display in Brodick Public Library during opening times: Saturday 10am-1pm, Tuesday 10am-5pm, Thursday 10am-7.30pm, Friday drop-in day 10am-7.30pm.

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## Skilled Arran student honoured

A highly skilled carpentry and joinery student from Arran was recognised recently at the annual Reid Kerr College ICE Awards.

Lachlan Jones, 25, from Shiskine was recognised for his quality skills picking up the First Year Carpentry and Joinery award.

An evening of celebration was held at Paisley Town Hall where skilled students from the College's Institute of Construction and Engineering (ICE) were celebrating their achievements alongside family, friends, employers, official guests and college staff. Everyone 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.



Lachlan Jones is presented with his First Year Carpentry and Joinery award.

## Proper wage urged for low-paid school workers

A motion was presented to North Ayrshire Council by Ardsrossan and Arran SNP Councillor Tony Gurney urging councillors to support low paid workers throughout the council area.

The issue had previously been highlighted by the GMB union who had asked politicians to support a petition asking employers, including Mitie - the company who run the North Ayrshire PPP schools, to implement the living wage.

Labour leader David O'Neill apparently excused the lack of support by Labour councillors saying that, as the ruling party, Labour support might compromise future contract negotiations.

At the sometimes-heated council meeting the Labour Executive finally agreed to support the motion on the basis that the results of the officers' investigation be passed to the Executive for action. Speaking after the meeting Councillor Gurney said: 'I am happy and relieved that my motion, which was seconded by Councillor John Hunter,

has been agreed by the Council. The idea of the Council supporting companies that post huge profits on the back of paying cleaners such a pittance is abhorrent.

'I look forward to reading the officers' report and hope that it keeps the pressure on the big companies who can easily afford to pay their workers a proper wage.'

# MP urges support of coastguard petition

Katy Clark, Arran's MP, is supporting an e-petition which is opposing the closure of coastguard centres across Britain and she wants Arran's residents to do the same.

The government are proposing reducing the number of coastguard centres from 18 to 10 with a new Maritime

Operations Centre in Farnham co-ordinating operations centrally.

One of the centres earmarked for closure is MRCC Clyde based at Greenock.

Ms Clark said: 'I believe the government's proposals will jeopardise maritime safety due to vital local knowledge

and local working relationships being lost.

'A number of my constituents in North Ayrshire will be made redundant and vital skills and experience built up over many years service will disappear as these jobs are lost.'

She added: 'I am concerned that safety has not been paramount in the decision making process and I have recently submitted a Freedom of Information request to the Department of Transport and will be looking to ensure they release information on the criteria they used when earmarking MRCC Clyde for closure.

'In particular I have very serious concerns that under the government's current plans

MRCC Clyde is to close at the end of this year, well before the Maritime Operations Centre becomes operational. I have asked the Minister responsible to provide clarification regarding the transitional arrangements.'

If the petition gains 100,000 signatures it will be considered for a debate in the House of Commons.

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Elma Murray, North Ayrshire Council's Returning Officer, is encouraging people to make sure they are registered to vote in time for the elections.

'It only takes a few minutes to complete a registration form but you must make sure we receive it by Wednesday 18 April.'

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# New logo for Arran Folk Festival

The 2012 Arran Folk Festival will run from Thursday 14 June to Sunday 17 June.



The 2012 Arran Folk Festival design by Rose McCormack. b10folk01

Andy McCallum of Arran Events said: 'We decided to run a competition through the High School to design this year's Folk Festival artwork, with the help of Art teacher David Wedge.

#### High Standard

'We received 14 entries, all of a very high standard and showing real imagination and understanding of our brief.

'After much debate we chose our winning design which will appear on all promotional material for this year.'

The winning design is by Rose McCormack of Whiting Bay. This year's Folk Festival is produced in association with the Douglas Hotel.

## Invitation to join ShopArran

The shops that recently hosted the Giant January Sale in Brodick would like to invite all established retailers who have premises on the island to join ShopArran.

The main aim at the moment is to publish a brochure highlighting the diverse range of quality products available on the island, to develop a website and host more joint events.

The publication will be distributed to tourists so that they can easily plan which shops they would like to visit.

Because of the short timescale until Easter we have to put a deadline of Friday 16 March for our first print.

If, however, you miss the deadline don't panic you can be included in the next one.

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Mountain Rescue team leader Alan McNicol, right, with Arran's first Search and Rescue Dog handler Brian Boal.

# Three decades of SARDA celebrated on the island

Local members of the Scottish Search and Rescue Dog Association (SARDA) will celebrate 35 years of search dogs on Arran later this year.

In 1977 Brian Boal of Brodick introduced the first dog to Arran, a German Shepherd called Max.

To commemorate Max and 35 years of search dogs on Arran, Brian donated a picture of Max - with the SARDA badges awarded to the dog - a framed copy of Max's amazing life story and the original 'Certificate of Merit' Max was awarded, for the Arran Mountain Rescue Team to display.

Neil Bulger of AMRT said: 'Although the handlers are from a mountain rescue background, SARDA is a separate organisation that not

only supplies search dogs to Mountain rescue teams but also HM Coastguard, Fire and Rescue and Police forces nationally.

'In my time with SARDA we were called to a widely varied source of callouts from missing hill walkers to incidents like the shootings in Whitehaven.

#### Introduced

'It's down to people like Brian and dogs like Max that not only introduced search dogs to Arran but were also for runners to the whole of the UK.'

Max was born in Lamlash in 1976 and Brian who was already a member of Arran Mountain Rescue Team took Max to Grantown-on-Spey for initial training with SARDA - a group started

by mountain expert Hamish MacInnes. The dog started his training in Glencoe and qualified as a full search dog in March 1979.

He served with the team on Arran and also on the mainland and in 1981 took part in a call out on Achir Ridge for a missing climber.

Max located the climber in the early hours of the morning - unfortunately the young man had been killed in a fall.

Due to arduous nature of the callout, Max was awarded a certificate of merit by SARDA.

Not only was Max the first full search dog on Arran, he also was the first dog to 'find' a missing person.

Max served with the mountain rescue team until December 1984, unfortunately only a month later Max died on January 19, 1985.

## MSP calls for treasury action on fuel costs

Following the start of the long-awaited island fuel discount scheme pilot last week, Arran's MSP Kenneth Gibson has called on the UK Treasury to close a loophole that means hauliers receive no benefit from the scheme.

Currently the discount is only available on fuel drawn from service station pumps and not on fuel delivered in bulk to hauliers.

Mr Gibson is now calling for the Treasury to act and address the problem.

His calls come amid concerns that island motorists will not actually see any benefit from the 5p/litre fuel discount scheme because of recent price hikes.

Mr Gibson said: 'The whole point of this scheme is to help households and businesses with the soaring cost of fuel, and so it is ridiculous that the Treasury have excluded hauliers from the benefits of the scheme.'

'This is a Treasury problem and Danny Alexander, as Chief Secretary and a Highland MP, must step in to ensure that hauliers are able to benefit from the discount, otherwise island goods and services will continue to be more costly than need be the case.'

He added: 'With fuel prices having increased by the equivalent of the discount over recent weeks, there are clearly real questions over whether people will feel the benefit.'

'There are growing doubts about how effective the pilot will be.'

He concluded by saying that it is a 'scandal' that in energy-rich Scotland we have the highest fuel taxes in Europe.

He said: 'This highway robbery is putting a huge and unnecessary amount of pressure on communities in Arran and on the island economy, and risk choking economic recovery.'

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Sarah Jenkins, Sophie Corbett and Jessica Tetlow represented Arran High School at the Rotary Youth Speaks competition in Glasgow.

## Olympic effort from Arran Youth Speaks team

Three pupils from Arran High School took part in the annual Rotary Youth Speaks competition last month.

### Featured

This year the event was held in Pollockshaws Burgh Hall and featured teams from a range of schools from the west of Scotland.

The theme for the event was Olympic Spirit, and the youngsters delivered a series of well researched and adeptly presented talks.

The Arran High School team spoke on the topic of 'National Obsessions', incorporating the Olympics into this subject.

Whilst they put in a very impressive performance they unfortunately just missed out on first place, ending their run in this year's competition.

### Worthwhile

They did, however, thoroughly enjoy their day and feel that it has been a valuable and worthwhile experience.

## Fairtrade day in Brodick

Brodick Co-op was the venue for a special Fairtrade exhibition last Saturday as part of Arran's Fairtrade awareness-raising day.

Over 100 items of different Fairtrade produce were on display and members of Shiskine Scouts were on hand to sell raffle tickets and tell customers about Fairtrade as part of their Global Challenge badge.

A dozen Scouts took turns in a rota throughout the day.



Shiskine Scouts Lewis and Duncan Coyne on the Fairtrade stall in Brodick Co-op on Saturday. 02\_b10fair01

Also on show were three display boards with a selection of poems penned by pupils from Kilmory Primary, Pirnmill Primary, Whiting Bay Primary and S1 and S2 at Arran High School.

The poems, whatever the age of the writers, all reflected an understanding of how taking the steps towards Fairtrade can help the plight of farmers and their families and improve life for people all over the developing world. The poems also showed a passion for justice and a compassion for those so much less fortunate than themselves.

Brodick Primary head teacher Susan Kelly said: 'Fairtrade is an important part of the school curriculum.'

'We encourage the children to learn about the aspects of helping people and sustainability in the developing world.'

'Well done to all the young poets, not only for understanding what Fairtrade means themselves, but for helping to make Fairtrade work.'

To encourage customers to embrace the concept of Fairtrade, the store was selling those products at a 20 percent price reduction.

When the Banner visited the store, Scouts Lewis and Duncan Coyne were on duty.

Pat Trewby of Lamlash was the lucky winner of a £50 Fairtrade hamper raffled on the day.

The Arran Fairtrade AGM will be held in the Ormidale Pavilion at 7.30pm on Thursday 22 March. There will be cheese and wine, and a talk by Jan McGregor about her trip to Peru.

## Exciting new tours on offer at Isle of Arran Distillery

Isle of Arran Distillery has introduced a range of exciting new tours at their Lochranza based Visitor Centre for the coming season.

Faye Black, visitor centre manager, said: 'I have listened to our valued customers and I am proud to offer three different types of tour which will suit the needs of individuals and groups, novices and whisky enthusiasts alike.'

The 'Oak Tour' is an introductory tour, which starts with a welcome dram of 10-year-old Arran Malt while enjoying the video in the atmospheric Crofters Cottage.

After that the tour progresses to the distillery where the individuals will learn about the whisky making process before returning to the shop for a taste of the Arran Gold Whisky Cream Liqueur.

The 'Copper Tour' in addition to the Oak tour allows the visitor to enjoy half an hour in the tasting bar and learn more about the maturing process before receiving a tutored tasting of the award winning 14-year old and Malt of the Month.

There is also a £3 discount voucher that can be used against a bottle of Arran Single Malt over £25.

The 'Gold Tour' is another new attraction this year. Interesting for whisky novices and enthusiasts alike.

This tour must have a minimum of four persons and must be booked in advance by calling 01770 830 264 or e-mailing [visitorcentre@arranwhisky.com](mailto:visitorcentre@arranwhisky.com)

This new VIP experience will consist of a welcome dram, a tour around the distillery, followed by a walk up to the point where the clear, pure water is drawn.

After a sample of water is collected, the tour then has

special access to the restricted bonded warehouses.

In the bonded warehouses the visitors will be able to see examples of dunnage, racking and palletisation systems.

After the tour around the buildings the tour withdraws to the tasting bar, where each person will have a tutored tasting of six Arran Malt Whiskies, which will be tailored to the individuals requirements.

To complete the Gold experience, participants will then have an opportunity to fill and take home their own 200ml bottle of Cask Strength Arran Malt from the Distillery Cask and presented with a Spey Dram Glass.



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# THE ARRAN BANNER

## Wha's like us? Damn few and they're a'deid!

For centuries the Scots have been prone to boast of their countrymen's achievements on a worldwide stage.

For example, without Sir Alexander Fleming or John Logie Baird there would probably be no antibiotic penicillin or television.

But here on Arran we have more than our fair share of modern-day homespun champions who can punch well above their weight.

In this week's Banner alone there are several such unassuming achievers.

On page two we report that Lindsay Wheeler of Corrie has just won her 50th cap for Scotland's women's rugby team.

There are only 15 players in a rugby team, so from our tiny island we have supplied one-15th of the national team!

On page three, the family farm of Alex and Stuart Reid at Clauchlands has won the 2011 regional cup for best silage-makers in one quarter of Scotland. They are now going on to the national finals.

It may seem mundane, but it is a remarkable achievement especially as they make over 3,000 tonnes of silage a year to feed their 400 cattle.

On page five we have Lachlan Jones picking up the annual carpentry and joinery award at Reid Kerr College's Institute of Construction and Engineering prizegiving in Paisley.

And on page six we feature the 35 years service of search and rescue dogs for Arran's Mountain Rescue volunteers, Coastguards and Fire, Rescue and Police services.

Janis Murchie of Shiskine has just attained second place with her carriage driving team in regional competition in Carlisle and appears on page 10.

The continuing international success of the Isle of Arran Distillery with their award-winning Arran Malts is featured on page seven.

The Banner also regularly carries stories about national awards being won by island hotels and restaurants.

Recent recipients of the MBE have been islanders Geoff Norris, Margaret MacKenzie, Iain Johnston and Celia Butler.

And of course, we mustn't forget local heroes Margo Wheeler and North Arran First Responders who are short-listed respectively in the Citizen of the Year and Community Group of the Year categories in the 2012 NAC Provost's Civic Awards.

Arran may be dubbed Scotland in Miniature, but the people of Arran are anything but miniature in their achievements.

### 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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# Letters to the Editor



## Discuss Scotland's future

Sir,  
In this period of consultation on the proposed referendum on Scottish independence it is good that the Banner has put forward some thoughts on the matter.

All sides should be able to discuss Scotland's future in an open and frank manner. However it is also important that opinions should not masquerade as facts. I refer to two statements in the Banner editorial two weeks ago.

The first said that 'Tory Prime Minister David Cameron has actively promoted a referendum for Scots on independence'.

The truth of the matter is that David Cameron, the Conservative Party, and indeed the entire Unionist opposition actively opposed, and blocked any attempt by the Scottish Government to hold a referendum on Scottish independence right up until the parliamentary elections last May.

Only after the results of that election were known, did David Cameron change from total opposition to the very idea of a referendum, to that of wanting one as soon as possible. Alex Salmond and SNP campaigned throughout that election with the promise that a referendum would be called in the latter half of the parliamentary term. Alex Salmond, no doubt mindful of what happens to parties who renege on promises made during elections, has committed his Government to holding a referendum in the autumn of 2014.

I can see that the Coalition Parties of the Westminster Government might find bizarre the concept of keeping the promises you made to the electorate. However in politics as in most things in life, you reap what you sow.

The second misleading point in your editorial is the statement 'if we vote yes then we can separate from England'. A yes vote does not increase the width of the river Tweed. Both Scotland and England will stay in the same place.

(Ed: Wow, what a surprise!).

There is a social union which the nations that make up the British Isles, and I include the Irish Republic, enjoy and which allows for free movement and interaction. I would argue that this social union would be enhanced, not threatened, by the partnership of equals that a yes vote would bring about.

What would change is the ability of the Scottish electorate to choose a government that it actually voted for. To decide for ourselves whether or not we want to procure and deploy nuclear weapons, and whether or not we should invade other nations as in Iraq. Above all, it would allow Scotland to take her rightful place in the world community of nations.

I would argue that the real 'separatists' are those who would seek to keep Scotland removed from that community.

Yours,  
**Jim Lees**  
**Cir Mhor**  
**Sannox**

## Ferry gives a very good service

Sir,  
I have to take issue with your front page asking for a 'reliable and regular ferry service'.

People can be stranded in certain conditions beyond the control of the ferry operators, such as weather.

I myself was inconvenienced on 19 January by being at Ardrossan waiting for the weather to change. A lady from the staff explained the situation to each passenger in turn. Quite a task in itself. As far as I could gather, everybody accepted the situation without a grumble.

The ferry gives a very good service to the island and does not deserve a hue and cry every time the gales blow.

I have experienced sailing on Greek ferries between Piraeus and Limassol, Cyprus, on many occasions and had some shocking experiences. CalMac are very efficient in comparison to Greek or Italian ferry services.

In 1968 when I was think-

ing of a move to Arran I met with help from Arran District Council and in particular the late David Pendrigh, Isle of Arran Council of Social Services. The population of Arran in 1968 was around 3,500 and David explained that if the population dropped to 3,000 there was a danger of ferry services being cut or reduced sailings; no mention of the weather.

I end by quoting two old sayings: 'If its not broke, don't fix it' and for Ardrossan pier 'anything that you try to fix will take longer and cost more than you thought'.

Happy sailings; see you on the ferry.

Yours,  
**Sandy Mutch**  
**Burnside Road**  
**Brodick**

## Whiting Bay energy survey

Sir,  
I am writing to inform the people of Whiting Bay that we intend to carry out a survey on Scottish rural community attitudes towards community purchasing of renewable energy in the village for academic and policy purposes.

The timing of this survey should be between 13 and 20 March.

No personal data shall be recorded and we are not trying to sell anything.

The survey is short and if we do not manage to speak to a householder we shall leave a survey and would be gratified if it could be filled in and left out for us to collect later in the week. Many thanks for your assistance.

Yours,  
**Murray Mitchell**  
**Meadows Consultations**  
**Edinburgh**

## Motorhome munificence

Sir,  
I read in a UK wide Motorhome Magazine recently that an article in *The Arran Banner* expressed the opinion that motorhomes would bring no benefit to Arran with the proposed two-ferry scheme, which is being considered.

I presume that the same opinion applies now to motorhomes visiting the island. I would ask your journalist to look at a Caravan Club survey which states that members, including motorhome owners, contribute over £400 million into local economies in the UK.

Research by the Camping and Caravan Club in 2007 revealed that the average daily spend in local communities adjacent to Club sites was £29.55 per pitch.

My family has been to Arran many times when we camped, using at various times tents, caravan and motorhome and we contributed significantly to the local economy starting with paying for ferry fares giving employment to people in the local community, paying campsite fees, to horse riding, golfing, fishing and eating and drinking in hotels, bars and restaurants on the island. It is a narrow minded uninformed view which states that motorhome owners will 'bring little to the economy.'

Tourism is a major contributor to Arran's employment and economy and the Arran Banner should be encouraging visitors with money to spend to come to the island and spend it there.

Your negative view of motorhome owners has now been seen UK wide in the motorhome press and has spread worldwide through the Internet.

France, Germany and Scandinavia actively encourage motorhomes to visit their countries, what a difference here with the Transport Minister Keith Brown agreeing with your paper's view when he obviously is ignorant of the available facts and figures. If Arran doesn't want motorhomes on the island that is no problem, we can head south to visit the rest of the UK and take ferries to welcoming Europe.

Yours,  
**J McKenzie**  
**Ayrshire**

Ed: We would advise Mr McKenzie to read the original article in the Arran Banner of Saturday 31 December.

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# Now is the time to vote for Arran's local heroes

It is time to vote for your choices in the 2012 Provost's Civic Pride Awards.

This is the second year that North Ayrshire Council Provost Pat McPhee has held these awards for the unsung heroes in the community.

There are three short-listed nominees in each of five categories and we are honoured to have two of these 15 nominees here on Arran.

In recent weeks the Banner has featured the 15 volunteers of North Arran First Responders' nomination as North Ayrshire Community Group and Margo Wheeler's nomination as Citizen of the Year.

Provost Pat McPhee said: 'North Arran First Responders is a voluntary group which gives medical assistance to people who have taken ill or collapsed.'

'Their main aim is to save lives and assist the ambulance service. The group formed as it could take an ambulance

between 30 and 40 minutes to reach the north of the island from its base in Lamlash.

'An early response can often mean the difference between life and death.'

The group was formed on 9 June 2003 and since then they have been continuously available, 24 hours a day. Fiona Laing of Pirnmill coordinates just who is on call and there are always two people available at a moments notice, each with identical medical kit.

Fiona said: 'I co-ordinate just who is on call and it relies on everybody buying into it. There are always two of us available night and day and we are on our way to 100,000 hours continuous service.'

'There are other similar groups in Scotland, but very few of them manage 24 hour duty. Our patch is from Whitefarland to Balarie, but over the years we have responded to medical emergencies in every Arran village.

We all go through a process of training with the Scottish Ambulance Service and have training days every month.'



**Margo Wheeler of Corrie, nominated for Citizen of the Year.** 02\_b10civ02

Speaking of Margo Wheeler's nomination as Citizen of the Year, Pat McPhee said: 'Margo's leadership, optimism and skill have helped the Arran communities of Corrie and Sannox 'punch above their weight' for many years.

'Margo was key to the Millennium reconstruction of the local village hall, leading the community in its funding efforts. She also plays a significant part in the social life of the community - her firework displays being legendary.'

'Her generous and unwavering support for a variety of local groups and ventures have helped many of them to be a big success.'

Margo told the Banner: 'I was taken aback; I'm just part of the community groups here in Corrie.' But local wood carver Marvin Elliott who first put Margo's name forward said: 'Margo is always in the background of everything that happens in the village. She does all the hard work behind the scenes and never seeks the limelight.'

Make sure to cut out the voting form on this page and send it to arrive at Cunninghame House by Friday 16 March or vote online on the NAC website.

**the provost's civic pride awards 2012**



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**North Arran First Responders, nominated for Community Group of the year.** 02\_b10civ01

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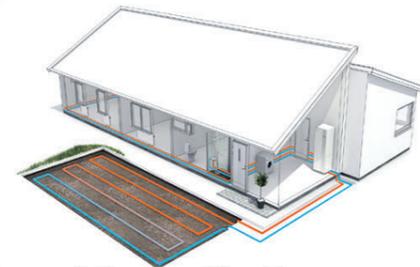
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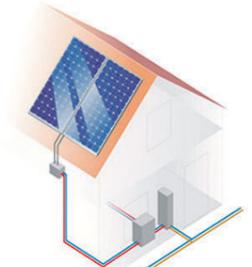
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# Fèis Arainn prepare for festival of Gaelic

*Tha sinn air tilleadh!* We're back!

Fèis Arainn will be returning this year from Tuesday 24 to Friday 27 July and registration forms will be distributed in all the schools on the island early in May.

As always, we welcome youngsters who will be 8-18 at the start of the Fèis and will consist of the usual wide choice of workshops.

The venue will be Arran High School and transport will be available for those living outwith Lamlash.

*Tha sinn a'coimhead air adhart ri'r faicinn ann!* We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Bidh Fèis Arainn a toiseachadh am bliadhna, air Di-Mairt 24 gu Di h-aoine 27 de'n Og Mhios, mur sin, feumaidh gach bileag a tha air an cuir mu sgaoil anns gach sgoil air an eilean, a bhith air an lionadh, trath anns an Mhagh.

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Se an lathair Ard Sgoil Arainn, agus bidh athais, air a chuir air bhonn, do gach neach a tha fuireach, air an taobh am muigh do Lamlash.



Janis Murchie with Eilidh Blair and her two ponies, Woody and Buzz, competing at Carlisle. b10hor1no

# Carriage driving at Carlisle

On Saturday 25 February Janis Murchie from Blackwaterfoot travelled down to Greenlands Equestrian Centre just south of Carlisle to compete in an Indoor Carriage Driving competition with her pair of Welsh section B ponies Woody and Buzz.

The competition consists of three phases - the grace of precision and paces in the dressage; the accuracy through the cones; and the speed and thrills of the obstacles.

Janis said afterwards: 'Our dressage was an experience; we had two balls down in the cones and there was certainly a lot of speed and thrill in the obstacles.'

'You have to very much work as a team in this type of competition, with myself driving the ponies and the most important person being the back stepper, especially in the obstacle phases.'

'Eilidh Blair from Corriecravie has the job of keeping the carriage steady by leaning into the very tight turns we take through the obstacles.'

'Eilidh, who is only 15, was highly commended by the event organisers for her talents on the back-step!'

'We were very very pleased to finish the pairs class in second place and are looking forward to the competition in three weeks time.'

# Arran livestock sales

United Auctions had forward 1562 store cattle, 108 breeding cattle, 148 cast cows, 4518 prime and store hogs, 1552 prime and breeding ewes at their Stirling Agricultural Centre last Wednesday.

### Cattle prices:

Simmental cross bullocks £1,110, 219p/kg Craigview, Limousin cross bullocks £830 Craigview, £790 Craigraineach, Charolais cross bullocks £760, 244p/kg Creagraineach, Simmental cross heifers £990, 214p/kg Craigview, Limousin cross heifers £920, 208p/kg Craigraineach, Charolais cross heifers £785, 232p/kg Creagraineach, Simmental cross in-calf heifers £1,450 and £1,360 Bridge, Simmental cross in-calf cows £1,250 Bellevue, Aberdeen Angus cross in-calf cows £1,050 Bellevue, Simmental cross bull stirk £810, 187p Bellevue.

Cast cows: Limousin cross Glenree £1,075, 161p, Glenree; Creagraineach £755, 124p, Aberdeen Angus cross £1,025, 158p Glenree, Black and White £825, 113p Clauchlands.

### Sheep prices:

Texel cross hogs £92.50 Craigdhu, £91 Kilpatrick, £75.50 Auchenhew, Suffolk cross hogs £92.50 Altgolath, Auchenhew £86, Drumnaghinier £84, Mule hogs £83 Altgolath, Texel cross ewes £122.50, Craigdhu, Buri-can, £113.50, Kilpatrick £89.50, Bellevue £83.50.

Cross ewes £84.50 Kilpatrick, £81.50 Auchenhew, Suffolk cross ewes £98.50 Creagraineach, £88.50 Auchenhew, Cheviot ewes £94.50 Auchenhew, £79 Creagraineach, £68.50 Cosyden, £64.50 Bridge, Blackface ewes £64.50 Altgolath, £62.50 Creagraineach, £61.50 Craigview, £60.50 Ceither Goithe, £56 Drumnaghinier, £55.50 Shed-dock.

Cast tups Texel £121.50 Kilpatrick, Cheviot £69.50 Cosyden, Blackface £67.50 Bridge.

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The Club's aim is to allow people the chance to share a passion for food in convivial surroundings.

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# Supper Club curry dinner success

The Arran Supper Club held its second successful dinner last week at a 'secret location' in Whiting Bay.

Before the Arran Supper Club got underway many people asked: 'Why are you doing that? And who's going to go?'

### Sceptical

Last Thursday, one of those sceptical commentators was among 40 Arran Supper Club members, representing almost every village on Arran,

who enjoyed an Indian Thali meal at the Big Beach House in Whiting Bay.

### Award Winning

Top Indian chef, Bashir from Glasgow's award winning Mother India restaurant prepared a variety of dishes that went down a treat.

John Boyd, the Club's regular chef and an Indian food enthusiast said: 'It was a treat to work with Bashir and to learn some of his techniques.'

'His spicing is very delicate,

he cooks everything freshly and it shows.'

The Club's aim of sharing a passion for the food in convivial surroundings was achieved when so many people from all around Arran turned out on a Thursday night in February to share a meal together.

### Compliments

Organisers said that there was many compliments on the night and e-mails after which show that Arran Sup-

per Club is clearly off to a great start.

Due to popular demand there will be an unscheduled second helping of curry on 15 March.

Forthcoming events include a really special night to commemorate the centenary of RMS Titanic sinking on 14 April.

Anyone interested in hosting a Supper Club event can find details on the Club's website: [www.theboorach.com](http://www.theboorach.com).



The Indian Thali meal enjoyed by 40 guests.

Photo by Arran Photoco



Forty Arran Supper Club members, representing almost every village on Arran, enjoyed an Indian Thali meal at the Big Beach House in Whiting Bay.

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John Boyd, back, the Club's regular chef worked alongside top Indian chef Bashir to produce the feast.

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## Dubai enjoys a Taste of Arran

Taste of Arran was one of just 14 Scottish companies exhibiting last month at Gulfood in Dubai, which is one of the largest food and drink exhibitions in the world.

The company was part of the Scottish pavilion, hosted by Scottish Development International (SDI). This year's attendance has been Scotland's largest commitment to Gulfood to date and reflects the growing importance of the Middle East market to the Scottish food and drink industry which was valued at \$117.8m in 2010. The UAE in particular is seen as exceptionally important, becoming the second fastest growing market for Scottish food and drink with a growth of 114% in the same year.

The event was attended by Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment: Richard Lochhead, who commented, "It has been fantastic to come here to Dubai and see so much of Scotland's fine produce on display at this huge international event. The opportunities for Scotland and our food and drink companies who are attending are vast and everyone here representing Scotland will be doing our best to make sure we capitalise on each and every one."

Taste of Arran received financial assistance to exhibit from LEADER/ NAC Business Gateway and from SDI and Highlands and Islands Enterprise.

Speaking after his return from the show, Taste of Arran MD, Alastair Dobson said, "We're extremely grateful for the public sector support which made it possible for us to attend this exhibition. There is a great deal of interest in Scottish Food and Drink in this market and seeing the many opportunities there has helped us focus our export strategy. We hope to be able to appoint an export manager in the not too distant future."



## Can you afford not to be seen to be green?

Just as consumers are increasingly looking for 'green' products, so environmental credentials are increasingly becoming a differentiating factor in the business to business supply chain too.

More and more tender specifications now require companies to show they are taking their environmental responsibilities seriously and ask what they are doing to reduce their environmental damage – mostly through the medium of having an environmental policy. Having a policy is seen as an indication that companies understand and meet their legal obligations as well as take action to reduce pollution, the company's carbon footprint or use of raw materials, etc. As a supplier or customer this is really useful information. For example, businesses prefer to be associated with companies inside rather than outside of the law! And increasingly consumers are asking what an "environmentally friendly" company actually means – many now look to a company's website to check out

whether this is in writing; looking for a policy or statement of some sort. Some research conducted by Lloyds TSB in 2011 found that 91% of small businesses have taken steps to be more environmentally sustainable in the previous 3 years and a third of these had seen growth on the back of these initiatives. Commercial and environmental progress is increasingly being recognised as being on the same page. And being green doesn't have to cost the earth. By simply reducing paper and waste you can also reduce costs. Putting a policy together can guide businesses in where they can make the most effective commercial impacts as well having a positive effect on their capacity to win contracts and their public image. So the question increasingly is not "Why have a policy?" – it's more "can we afford not to have one?"

If you would like to find out more call Debbie Cairns on 01743 343403 or drop an email to [dsc@e4environment.co.uk](mailto:dsc@e4environment.co.uk).

## Business Gateway Enterprise Growth Fund

Supported By The Scottish Government and the European Community Argyll and the Islands Leader 2017-2013 Programme. Over the last two years our funding programme has supported over 100 different projects on Arran and Cumbrae and disbursed over £90,000.

Our funding is aimed at supporting businesses in their aims to become more sustainable and profitable and helps with staff training, purchase of software, e-marketing, websites and marketing strategies.

The businesses supported over the two years include nearly all of the hotels on the islands and I am sure that they will be proud

to acknowledge our help if you ask them. We have also supported sole traders, partnerships and community businesses on the islands. The deadline for applications is the 31st March 2012 if you wish to apply please contact Arranshand on 01770 302676 or [arranshand@googlemail.com](mailto:arranshand@googlemail.com) to get an application form.

## Women in Business

The second Arran Women in Business evening was a huge success, with 51 attendees. The event kindly and generously hosted by The Lamlash Bay Hotel, with great hosts in Liz and IanKersop and a delicious buffet. Liz, along with Claire Richardson, will be attending the Ayrshire Association of Business Women's biggest annual meeting for International Women's Day on the 20th March. Everyone is welcome to this event, a good excuse for a networking night out with great hosts. The meeting is being held at The Gailles in Irvine. Please let Claire know if you wish to attend.

The next AWIB event will be kindly hosted by AnneAccuna at The Kildonan Hotel on Tuesday March 27th, 7-10pm. Anne & Rod not only have lots of great home-made culinary treats, but we have a very special very exciting secret itinerary, which promises to be great fun. A private Stagecoach bus has been provisionally booked, leaving Brodick at 6pm and stopping all the way and back - returning around 10 from Kildonan. If you wish to attend again, please pass on £5 to cover the return bus, to Claire, Liz at Lamlash Bay, or Lynn Raeburn at Buntys in the next couple of weeks, then we can confirm the transport.

Finally, The Marie Curie Blooming Great G&T Party in aid of the 2012 AWIB charity, Marie Curie, is all booked and is on Sunday June 3rd, on The Douglas Lawn. With headline jazz bands all confirmed, lots of family fun. Contact Claire Robertson at [claraarran@hotmail.com](mailto:claraarran@hotmail.com)

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## Arran Active on the Move

When we bought Arran Active in 2005, we were confident that the business had the potential to grow. We are really pleased how things have turned out: after six years, we are taking another huge step of moving into larger premises in Cladach. Loyal and generously supported by locals and visitors alike, we have achieved excellent sales growth each year and discerned that we could be doing even better if we had more space to display the wider range of products that

we know our customers want us to stock. But where to look for new premises? The universal opinion was that we should stay in Cladach – regular customers know we are there and walkers new to Arran always find themselves in Cladach on the Goatfell path. We enquired about the availability of the Old Courthouse opposite our existing shop. Having identified the possibilities that this larger building offered we have now moved in – early reactions are very promising. We

are introducing new brands such as Mountain Equipment, Deuter, Salomon footwear and more boots from Scarpa, Brasher and Merrell. For next winter we are investigating more competitively priced down clothing from customer recommendations; we always welcome fresh ideas and love trying out new gear. Business Gateway offered us lots of practical advice to help us make the decision to relocate as well as vital financial assistance in implementing our marketing strategy.

## The Importance Of Business Insurance

If you have recently started your own business, your view of insurance may be that it is a luxury that big well established businesses can afford. After all when you start off, cash flow will be tight, you may have employees to pay and you also have to market your new business.

In the current economic climate insurance may seem like an added expense, however business insurance must be seen as a necessary expense.

If you do not have the correct level of cover you could leave yourself open to costly compensation claims, legal bills, difficulty in replacing equipment or repairing property and worst of all disruption to your business and source of income. It is sometimes easy to underestimate how much risk your business faces. Ask yourself the following

questions. Would you have sufficient funds to cope if fire destroyed your premises, equipment and stock or a break-in resulted in a loss of equipment, cash and stock? If a member of the public or an employee was injured on your premises or as a result of your actions could you fund the legal bills?

Of course as a business person there are certain legal requirements that you require to think about. Insurance doesn't just cover your property; it can protect you from costly legal bills. As an employer

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# Bird Notes – Blackcap

by Jim Cassels

Blackcap is a common summer breeding visitor in much of central and southern Scotland including Arran. A distinctive greyish warbler, the male has a black cap and the female a chestnut one. Its delightful fluting song has earned it the name 'northern nightingale'.

In the wintertime birds from central and northern Europe head for southern Europe and North Africa, usually leaving around September. In the 1970s over-wintering birds started to appear in gardens in some parts of Scotland including Arran. Studies of ringed birds have



A distinctive greyish warbler, the male bird has a black cap. Photo Brian Coupar



A female blackcap. Photo Brian Coupar

shown that these wintering Blackcaps are not the same birds that breed here in the summer. The Arran breeding Blackcaps are still migrating south for the winter. Where are these birds that are seen in the winter coming from? The increasing winter populations in the UK have been traced to a tiny population of Blackcaps caught in Germany which exhibited a tendency to migrate in a north-westerly direction (instead of the majority that migrate southwards across the Alps to Africa) - the combination of more

food and milder temperatures in Britain means that the birds that migrate from Germany to Britain are now apparently at an advantage over those migrating south. **Postulated** It has been postulated that they are spared the long flight to and from Africa and in mild winters their overwinter survival rate may be relatively high. They may also gain better breeding grounds and territories as they return earlier in the spring than the birds that winter in Africa. In the summer time Black-

caps eat mainly insects but in the winter they eat berries and find fruit on the bird table very attractive. Watch out for these delightful birds in your garden this winter. Enjoy your birding. Please send any bird notes with 'what, when, where' to me at Kilpatrick Kennels, Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot, KA27 8EY, or e mail me at james.cassels@virgin.net . I look forward to hearing from you. For more information on birding on Arran purchase the 'Arran Bird Report 2010' and visit this website [www.arranbirding.co.uk](http://www.arranbirding.co.uk)

## Corrie Film Club

Film of the Month: *Like Water for Chocolate* (Mexico 1993 Cert 15)

Based on the best-selling novel by Laura Esquivel, this internationally popular romantic fable from Mexico centres around a young woman who discovers that her cooking has magical effects. The tale's heroine, Tita, is the youngest of three daughters in a traditional Mexican family. Bound by tradition to remain unmarried while caring for her aging mother, Tita nevertheless falls in love with a handsome young man named Pedro. Pedro returns her affection, but he cannot overcome her family's disapproval, and he instead marries Tita's elder sister. The lovestruck young woman is brutally disappointed, and her sadness has such force that it infects her cooking: all who eat it feel her heartbreak with the same intensity. This newly discovered power continues to manifest itself after the wedding, as Tita and Pedro, overcome by their denied love, embark on a secret affair. It is a romantic, exquisite and magical comedy and can be seen in Corrie and Sannox Village Hall this Sunday at 8pm.

## Bargains in the Byre at Brodick

The Byre at Brodick was the place to be last Saturday. To celebrate the re-opening of the former Sheepskin Shop, owner Lorna Mans-

field arranged for the shop to be packed with cut-price bargains in a special Blue Sheep one-day sale. Manageress Claire Berrie

was busy multi-tasking, handing out complimentary drinks and snacks while serving customers. Lorna explained that the new shop name was designed to emphasise the

connection with the Old Byre Showroom at Machrie. Claire said that the event was so popular that there had been a queue outside before opening time.



Some of the shoppers picking up bargains on Saturday morning in the Byre at Brodick. 02\_b10byre01

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## Lochranza and Catacol Village Hall 200 Club

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# The Arran Banner 20 years ago

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### Rent or buy

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On Tuesday morning Brian Wilson MP, who has been lobbying this issue for some time now, performed the opening ceremony for the 30-house development at Benlister Road, Lamlash.

There will be 15 houses for let and 15 for shared rental/purchase leading to full ownership.

### Pollution

The Community Council at their meeting last week was told that the shores on the west of Arran, particularly in Machrie, are being badly polluted with rubbish from the sea.

It is believed that the rubbish is coming from the Carradale coup which in high tide is often flooded.

### New rules

Alastair Gold will be able to get his liquid gas onto the island once the new (all enclosed) ferry arrives.

MP Brian Wilson told us: 'I have been in contact with Colin Paterson (CalMac's chief executive) and he assures me they will provide a service for the alternative gas supplier.'

This we understand does not mean the new ferry but the Claonaig to Lochranza route.

### Combustible car

A car burst into flames on the Castle Drive at about 8.30am on Friday morning after colliding with another vehicle driven by a castle gardener going to work.

The other vehicle hit the near off-side of the gardener's car and that is believed to have broken the fuel pipe, thus causing the fire.

### Junior singers

The Arran Junior Singers, the choir for young people formed by Tony Smith three years ago, are set to enter the BBC Choir of the Year competition.

As well as being in several classes in the musical festival, later this month they are having a concert in Brodick Hall.

### Free furniture

The old fixed seating and tables from the Mini Golf Café is being replaced and Alastair and Allison would be pleased to donate it to any island charity organisation.

### Lost

Old John Stewart. Last seen in the Brodick area sieving red amaranth whilst eating a tuna sandwich and doing impressions of MC Hammer.

If found please return to Arran Aromatics as we need him to put the bins out.

Signed Rap.



Government minister Lord James Douglas Hamilton paid a visit to The Banner offices last week while on the island for the Arran Tory afternoon tea at the Auchrannie. b10twe04



Hamish Bannatyne won the Douglas Sillars Trophy for the best actor in a youth play for his performance in 'Jump Off'.



Adjudicator Robert Canavan presents Irene Currie of Arran High Shuraig House with the Mary Stewart Orr trophy for best youth team in the Drama Festival last week. She produced the play 'Hallowe'en'.



MP Brian Wilson is pictured at the controls of a JCB after officially opening the new affordable housing site at Benlister Road in Lamlash. b10twe03NO

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Last week Archie was contemplating borrowing a book from Brodick Library. First correct answers came from Carol of Lochranza, Finlay from Middlesbrough, Michael from Brodick and Tracy of Fife. This week he is on the grass again, but what is that sandstone building behind him?  
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Over 21s Disco  
Karate  
Family Games  
Fun in the Pool  
Arran Dancers (4yrs & up)  
Teddy Bears Picnic  
Kids Family Quiz  
Charity Disco  
Live Music - Patrick Bullen

Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am -12.30pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm  
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm - 5pm  
Arran high School, 10am  
Playbarn Auchrannie, 2pm - 3pm  
Playbarn, Auchrannie, 5pm - 6pm  
Brodict Hall, 9pm  
Douglas Hotel, 9pm

### Sunday 11 March

Alcoholics Anonymous  
Family Games  
Fun in the Pool  
Teddy Bears Picnic  
Live Music  
Corrie and Sannox Film Club - 'Like Water for chocolate'  
Arran Pool Champion of Champions

Church Hall, Brodict 4.30pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm  
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm - 5pm  
Playbarn, Auchrannie, 2pm - 3pm  
Ormidale, 8.30pm  
Corrie Village Hall, 8pm  
Drift Inn, 2.30pm

### Monday 12 March

Over 50s Badminton  
Badminton  
Weight Wise  
Ladies Netball  
Citizens Advice  
Breathe Walk Class  
Table Tennis  
Hatha Yoga  
Activity Time  
Come Dance With Me - LeRoc Modern Jive  
Scottish Country Dancing for Beginners and Improvers  
Yoga  
Arran Junior Football  
Circuit Training  
Quiz  
Lamlash Bridge Club  
Citizens Advice  
Badminton

Lochranza Village Hall 2pm-4pm  
Lochranza Hall 6.30pm  
Hospital Bungalow 5pm-5.30pm  
High School Sports Hall - seniors 7.30pm-9pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict 10am-2pm  
Kinneil, Lamlash 5.15pm  
Corrie Hall, 6.30pm  
Arran high School, 6pm - 7.30pm  
Whiting Bay Hall 7.30pm  
Corrie Hall, 2pm-4pm  
High School, 6pm  
Ormidale Park, 6pm-7pm  
Auchrannie Spa Gym, 6pm-7pm  
The Shurig at Bar Eden, 8.30pm  
Lamlash Golf Clubhouse, 7pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30am - 1.30pm  
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7 - 9pm

### Tuesday 13 March

Lochranza Swimming Club  
Army Cadets  
Pop Quiz  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
Youth Club  
Rotary Club  
Junior Hockey Club - 8yrs up  
Melody Movement, Ballet Class-2 ½ yrs up

Kinloch 11am- 12pm  
Auchrannie Road, 7.30pm-9.30pm  
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
Brodict Church Hall - 2pm  
Kildonan Hall - 7pm  
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie 7.15pm  
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 6pm-7pm  
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 2pm

Dudes & Divas Funky Dance Class- 2 ½ yrs up  
Youth Club  
Scottish Country Dancing  
Winter Bowls  
Zumba Fitness Class  
Rowan Singers  
Weight Watchers

Auchrannie Dance Studio 2pm  
Brodict Hall, 6.30pm - 8pm  
Brodict Church Hall, 7.30pm  
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7pm-9pm  
Arran High School, 6.30-7.30pm  
Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm  
St Molios, Church Hall, 7pm

### Wednesday 14 March

Hockey  
Tae Kwondo  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
Arran Brass Rehearsal  
Senior Badminton  
Museum Archives & Genealogy Service  
Yogalates  
Aquafizz  
Music Mayhem Class Parents and little ones  
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Auchrannie Hall, 7pm-8pm games hall  
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Lamlash church Hall 7.30pm - 9.30pm  
Whiting Bay Hall 7.15pm  
High School Games Hall 8pm - 9pm  
10.30am -12.30pm & 1.30pm - 3.30pm  
9.30am - 10.30am Auchrannie studio  
Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45am - 10.30am  
Auchrannie dance studio 10.45am  
The Playbarn Auchrannie 5pm - 6pm  
Auchrannie Spa Games Hall 6pm - 7pm  
Whiting Bay Hall 1pm  
Brodict Church Hall, 4.30pm-6.30pm

### Thursday 15 March

General Knowledge Quiz  
Lochranza Craft Club  
Youth Club  
Coffee Morning  
General Knowledge Quiz  
Brodict Embroidery Club  
Brodict Bridge Club  
Winter Bowls  
Zumba Fitness Club  
The Wee Blether  
Machrie Bay Club AGM  
School Choir Concert

Ormidale Hotel 9pm  
Hall 2pm  
Youth cabin, Lamlash 7-9pm  
St Molios Church 10.30am - 12pm  
Kinloch Bar 9pm  
Brodict Library 7.30pm - 9.30pm  
Brodict Golf Club 7pm  
Auchrannie Sports Hall 7pm - 9pm  
Arran High School, 6.30-7.30pm  
Whiting Bay Hall, 12 - 1.30pm  
7.30pm  
Brodict Church, 7pm

### Friday 16 March

Senior Badminton  
Quiz  
Aqua Fizz  
Yogalates  
Arran Youth Foundations  
Kids Party Games  
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Quiz Night  
Lochranza Kids Badminton  
Lochranza Adults Badminton  
Arran Ceilidh Group

Auchrannie Sports Hall 2pm  
Whiting Bay Golf Club 8pm  
Auchrannie Hotel Pool 9.45am - 10.30am  
Auchrannie Studio 10am - 11am  
Church Hall, Brodict, 7pm - 9pm  
The Playbarn, Auchrannie 5 - 6pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, 6.30pm  
Catacol Bay, 9pm  
Lochranza Hall, 6 - 8pm  
Lochranza Hall, 8pm  
Lamlash Church Hall, 8 - 10pm

### Saturday 17 March

Over 21s Disco  
Karate  
Family Games  
Fun in the Pool  
Arran Dancers (4yrs & up)  
Teddy Bears Picnic  
Kids Family Quiz  
Arran Music Society

Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am - 12.30pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm  
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm - 5pm  
Arran High School 10am  
Playbarn Auchrannie 2pm - 3pm  
Playbarn, Auchrannie 5pm - 6pm  
Brodict Hall, 7.30pm

### Sunday 18 March

Alcoholics Anonymous  
Family Games  
Fun in the Pool  
Teddy Bears Picnic

Church Hall, Brodict 4.30pm  
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**Wednesday, 14th March**  
 Holy Communion, 12.15 pm.  
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**Sunday 11th March**

Brodick Church, 10.30am  
 Corrie Church, 12noon, Lochranza/Pirmill 10.15am at Pirmill  
 Shiskine Church 12noon  
 A service of worship will also be held in Montrose house at 1.30pm

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**Sunday 11th March**  
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**Wednesday 14th, March**  
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**DEATH**

**DENTON**

James Keith (Jim) peacefully passed away on the 2nd March 2012 following a short illness. Much loved husband of Kath (deceased) dad to Janet, Chris, David and Kes, granddad to Gemma, Laura and Ross. Funeral service at Corrie church on Friday 9th at 11.30am. Followed by Sannox cemetery to which all relatives and friends are respectfully invited.

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**Brodick Golf Club**

Wednesday 22 February, no play due to adverse weather. Wednesday 29 February 15 players turned up on a warm dry day. A few regulars were missing, possibly, as they did not want to chance passing the Book and Card Centre where Doreen was rumoured to be waiting to ensnare transitory bachelors. Given the conditions, apart from one notable exception scoring was poor, the prize giving was clouded in controversy once more as John Dick (Whiting Bay) lived up to his surname and totally confused yours truly, which admittedly is not a hard thing to do. However, as I have criticized him several times during the past months he is forgiven, but if he pulls that trick again he is getting it! Not much to report on the playing front, no twos, only two players were under par, Wolfie Kroner with a fine 63 and Lenny Hartley shot his age with a 71 less 15 for a 56. I will leave it to you to guess if he is 71 or 56. Bill Paul was on the last step of the podium with a 65 with bih from Bryce Walker. 1 L Hartley 56, 2 W Kroner 63, 3 Bill Paul 65 (bih).

With only three weeks to go, Charlie O'Neil is in pole position to take the coveted Wednesday Cup. The prize giving and official dinner will be held at the Clubhouse on Wednesday 21 March. If you are attending please put your name and menu selection on the sheet in the Clubhouse. I have booked Arran's top after dinner speaker so I don't have to put up with your dire jokes. League Table 1 C O'Neil 310, 2 equal J Green/L Hartley 314, 4 equal D Robertson/E Thompson 315.

Sunday 4 March, Sweep, 14 played. A beautiful sunny day, though after all the rain very wet underfoot. A fair turnout considering the elite Winter League squad were occupied winning the Duncan Trophy, with a home win against Lamlash. Congratulations to all who contributed.

Sweep results: 1 Russell Duncan (11)38 pts, 2 Bryce Walker (17)34 pts, 3 Terry Raeside (7)34 pts. There were only two twos, from Jimmy Armit and Lindsay Keir.

Fixtures: Sunday 11 March, Brandon and Winter Cup, open draws at 9am and 12 noon.

Sunday 18 March, Final round of Clochendichter.



**Whiting Bay Golf Club**

**ALGU**

Machrie Drumadon - well done Sally! Sally Brookes hobbled round Machrie and won the Drumadon two days before going for a knee replacement operation.

1 Sally Brookes 97-23=74 bih, 2 Jenni Turnbull 89-15=74, Scratch Ellie Jones and Jenni Turnbull both had 89 but Jenni lost out again on the bih. Not her day! Twenty ladies played.

Thanks to Machrie for courtesy of the course and great to see the changes that have taken place over the winter. The new larger windows brighten the room and allow sea views. Tom and Felicity have taken over the catering as well as at Shiskine and we hope they have a successful season at both venues.

The last Drumadon will be played at Shiskine on Saturday 24 March.

Please contact Viv Parks, 870342 with any queries.

**Whiting Bay Golf Club**

Sunday 3 March, final of Winter League match of the season saw Whiting Bay sign off with a 3-1 victory over Shiskine at Brodick.

Fixtures: Sunday 11 March, final round of the Winter Cup.

**Corrie Golf Club**

Saturday 3 March, Winter Cup 10 played. Sweep 1 A Smith 70-9=61, 2 P McKinnon 86-23=63. Best scratch R Logan 70, A Smith 70. Magic twos A Smith, P McKinnon. A Smith won two-sweep for Saturday 25 February. Monday 5 March, Monday Cup, 17 played. Sweep 1 J Henderson 71-10=61, 2 A Smith 67-6=61, 3 K Barclay 82-21=62. Best scratch A Smith 67. Magic twos; B Rooney, J Henderson, S Kerr, A Smith.

Fixtures: Saturday 10 March Winter Cup, 8.30am and

12noon. Monday 12 March Monday Cup noon start.

Please note – Eddie Rankin Memorial Trophy, Machrie v Corrie at Machrie on 31 March at 12.30pm.

Would all golfers playing Corrie Course please repair all divots and plug marks on greens and course.

**Machrie Bay Golf Club**

Tuesday 28 February Winter Cup 1 David Price 65, 2 Steph Hill 69, 3 Alastair MacDonald 71. Scratch David Price 76. Saturday 3 March Lochranza Hotel Cup 1 David Price 37, 2 John Milesi 32, 3 Elizabeth Ross 28.

Fixtures: Tuesday 13 March Winter Cup tee off 12noon.

**Shiskine Golf Club**

Thursday 1 March Ladies 18 hole Medal, 12 played. Silver 1 and scratch S Gray 87-16=71, 2 L Kerr 89-17=72. Bronze 1 E Henderson 111-36=75 bih,

2 J Hutton 108-33=75. Fixtures: Sunday 11 March, 12-hole Medal and Winter Cup final, 1pm draw.

**Lamlash Golf Club**

Thursday 1 March, 15-Hole Medal. 1 Jim Young 59-10=49, 2 Mark Wren 58-8=50, 3 Ian Parker 68-16=52. Twos from Tom Paterson, Ian Bremner and Drew Wales.

Sunday 4 March, Winter League Final. Congratulations to Brodick on winning the League at Brodick. An exciting final down to the last game. Unlucky Lamlash - always next year!

Fixtures: Sunday 11 March, final day of Glenburn Cup, 9.30am and 12noon starts.

Thursday 15 March, 15 Hole Competition, make up own fours.

Sunday 18 March, final of Winter Friendly, Lamlash v Whiting Bay at Lamlash, 10.30am for 11am start.

**Drift Inn are Arran pool league champs**

The Drift Inn team is celebrating this week after they secured their victory of the Arran Pool League on Thursday.

The Lamlash team defeated fellow villagers the PHT 7-3 to take them up to 20 points. This is three points out of the reach of nearest rivals Whiting Bay Golf Club who are sitting on 17 points.

The other results saw Bar Eden and PT1934 draw 5-5, Whiting Bay Golf Club defeat Catacol 8-2 and Mac's Bar were beaten 8-2 by Kildonan.

The Champion of Champions competition will take place this Sunday at the Drift Inn from 2.30pm.

Finals Day will be held at Whiting Bay Golf Club on Sunday 18 march from 2.30pm.

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Drift	13	8	4	1	20
WBGC	13	7	3	3	17
PT1934	13	6	3	4	15
Bar Eden	13	4	4	5	12
Catacol	13	4	4	5	12
Kildonan	13	4	3	6	11
PHT	13	2	5	6	9
Mac's	13	3	2	8	8

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# Brodick lift Duncan Trophy as Winter League ends

Brodick Golf Club celebrated a nail-biting victory in the Arran Golfers Association Winter League on Sunday.

The Brodick team led by Nicol Hume won the Duncan Trophy after the final round at Brodick Golf Club.

The customary close finish materialised yet again this year with Lamlash leading by one point over Brodick before the start and with the two meeting it was definitely going to be an interesting final round! First match out was the tie that would settle this year's event - hosts Brodick against Lamlash.

First out were Neil Young and Todd Jameson against Iain McDonald and Sneaker; the Lamlash duo did well to recover from two down with only a few to play to half the match on the last green.

Second out were Dougie McFarlane and Alan Winship against Bruce Jenkins and

Dougie Robertson, this match never had more than a hole in it and only three holes were actually won but Dougie and Alan held their nerve to win by one hole.

Third out saw Stud and Gordon Robertson against Dan and Mark Wren.

An inspired Stud led the Brodick boys to a very convincing win by 6 and 4.

With the match balanced perfectly Lamlash just needed a half in the last match to take the trophy.

Brodick however with young Finlay Sillars and Kenny McMillan had other ideas and two wins in the last four holes - helped slightly by an unfortunate lost ball on 17th by Stuart Cree - saw the Brodick boys take the tie by two holes along with the match and this years league.

With the first match deciding things it was a bit of an anti-climax for the last two

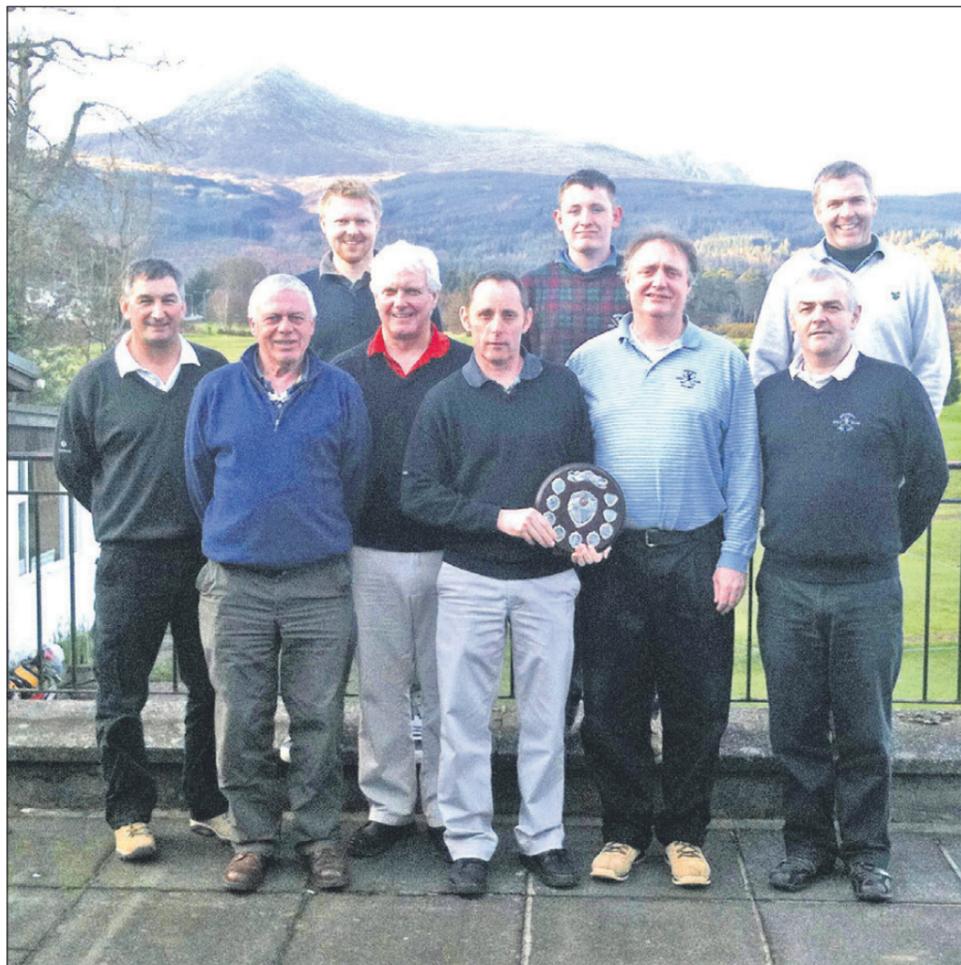
matches but the players involved didn't let that spoil their day and all 32 fought to the bitter end regardless.

Whiting Bay had a convincing win against Shiskine by three games to one and last match saw Corrie lose - although each game was close - to Machrie by 4-0 to take this year's wooden spoon.

The clubhouse after the games saw a very proud but humble Brodick captain, Nicol Hume, accept the trophy on behalf of his team.

Thanks to Brodick for hosting and to Tricia for soup and rolls which were appreciated by all the players.

After a great speech by Nicol the winning team set about celebrating their success although it was clear that their neighbours from over the hill will be back next year even more determined to get their revenge and swap runners-up for winners!



Brodick's captain Nicol Hume, centre, proudly lifts the Duncan Trophy on behalf of his team after they won the AGA Winter League on Sunday.



## Arran triumph in Hyndland

**Hyndland 10 Arran 42**  
Arran RFC added another victory to a long list of triumphs this season when they beat Hyndland 42-10 in Glasgow on Saturday.

The game, which was bi-

zarrily played on an Astroturf pitch, was easily won by the Arran side.

Despite the pitch being a bit sore on the knees, there were tries from Jack Barbour, Gregor Adamson, Jamie Picken,

Ben Tattersfield and Stuart McMaster.

Arran's next game will be on Saturday 24 March when they travel away to Moffat RFC.

Picture by G. Pilgreen

## Arran Bridge results

**Brodick Bridge Club**  
Results for Brodick Bridge Club for Thursday 1 March: N/S 1 Trisha Martin and Douglas Hamilton +840, 2 Jean Barclay and Morag Gardner +720, 3 Liz Paul and Helen Boyd +490.  
E/W 1 John and Mary Dick +2280, 2 David Scobie and Douglas Bruce +1650, 3 Elaine Duncan and Jennifer McArthur +550.

**Lamlash Bridge Club**  
The results from Monday 5 March were as follows: N/S 1 H Boyd and J Murchie +10, 2 R and P Thompson -650, 3 T Martin and A Bilsland -1060.  
E/W 1 J and J Beattie +3940, 2 M and J Dick +2990, 3 J McLure and A McKelvie +2520.

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