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Expansion plans halted at Arran Brewery

The company was seeking to create ten new jobs on Arran and a further 67 on the mainland

REPORT
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The managing director of the Arran Brewery has accused the Scottish government of derailing his expansion plans after a grant application to expand the business was refused.

The Brewery was seeking to create ten new jobs on Arran and a further 67 on the mainland but the project was dependent on the government providing a grant to support the expansion.

Managing director Gerald Michaluk said: 'I am obviously very disappointed.

'Without grant assistance a brewery of this size on island like Arran is simply not economic but with a grant we could have made the numbers work and created sustainable

jobs both here and on the mainland in a new bottling facility that would have shaved a few more pence off costs.'

Arran Brewery's application was considered by a committee of 12 independent food and drink specialists that make funding recommendations to Richard Lochhead, cabinet secretary for rural affairs.

Criteria

According to a Scottish government spokesman the assessment committee did not feel that the application for support towards the cost of establishing a new brewery on Arran sufficiently met the criteria.

He said: 'Ministers understand that the company is disappointed at this set-back and have asked officials to continue to work with Arran Brewery to support them with their development plans.'

Corrie golfers stun with first Winter League win in 32 years



The Arran golfing fraternity is in shock this week after Corrie Golf Club celebrated victory in the Arran Golfers Association's Winter League, after more than three decades without a win.

Never won

In the 32 years since the competition began the team from Corrie have never won.

After fantastic results in the first few rounds, the team teed off in the final at 11.40am on Sunday at Lamash already as champions against Shiskine.

AGA secretary Dougie Macfarlane said: 'This was the shock match of the day - and possibly the year - with Shiskine winning their first match of the year and Corrie losing their first!

'Maybe with the league in the bag

they took their feet off the pedal a bit, we'll give them the benefit of the doubt!'

First win

He added: 'Congratulations to Corrie on their first win in the competition.'

Corrie's captain Stephen Beardsley accepted the trophy on behalf of his team and was visibly emotional as he said his thanks. b10cor01NO

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Arran Banner appoints new chief reporter

Jennifer Lyon has been appointed chief reporter of The Arran Banner.

Announcing the appointment this week, editorial director Stewart MacKenzie said: 'Jennifer has made remarkable progress since joining The Arran Banner as a junior reporter six years ago and we are delighted with the enthusiasm and commitment that the team in Brodick demonstrate on a weekly basis.'

'Their efforts have made The Arran Banner one of the very few regional newspapers in

the UK that can justifiably boast an increase in circulation over recent years.'

In her new role Jennifer will oversee the continued development of Arran's popular weekly newspaper.

Excited

She said: 'I'm extremely excited to have been given this opportunity and I'm looking forward to a fresh challenge as we work to secure the long-term success of this great newspaper.'

Uplifting experience for Ian at the Olympic Games



Ian Burke at the London 2012 Olympics weightlifting competition.

As reported in the Banner last February, Ian Burke, formerly of Whiting Bay was appointed to officiate at London 2012 Olympics.

Ian now lives in Bishopton but gets the Banner from his local shop every week.

He was back on the island last week and popped in to talk about his experiences.

Ian said: 'I was the official timekeeper for the weightlifting competition held in the ExCeL Exhibition Centre in London's docklands.'

It was a great experience – fantastic. I only had one day off in the two weeks, but loved every minute of it.

I was one of the 16 referees and saw 33 Olympic records and 10 world records broken. The accommodation was ba-

sic, but OK. We stayed in the Ibis next door to the centre, but it took 20 minutes to get through security each day.'

Contrary to popular opinion, it is by no means a well-paid job. Ian received just £30 a day and his meals.

'But there was never anything left after the hungry weightlifters had got tucked in,' laughed Ian. He came back with his souvenir official blazer and trousers.

Ian has had a long and distinguished career as a weightlifter and has won five Scottish championships at light heavyweight from the 1970s to the early 1990s.

He refereed at the Commonwealth Games in Manchester in 1986 and expects to be back in action at the Glasgow Games in summer 2014.

'Money doesn't matter,' said Ian. 'I would do it for nothing.'



Former party leader to visit sheltered housing Lunch Club

Annabel Goldie, West of Scotland MSP, will be attending the Lunch Club in McKelvie Road Sheltered Housing, Lamlash on Monday 18 March. Lexie Andrade, local envoy of the Salvation Army, helps to organise the club.

She said: 'Annabel is coming along to our regular weekly Lunch Club; she has been a staunch supporter of the Salvation Army for many years.'

Ms Goldie is former leader of the Scottish Conservative Party in the Scottish Parliament from 2005 to 2011.

Child cruelty charge

A man has been charged with child cruelty after allegedly taking a three-year-old boy to an Arran pub.

Charles Fisher, 48, is accused of drinking 'large quantities' of alcohol and smoking cannabis in front of the child in Shore Road, Brodick. He is also said to have failed to feed the youngster at the time of the alleged offence.

Fisher, of Glasgow Street, Ardrossan, is accused with wilfully exposing the boy to suffering or injury and possessing cannabis.

He was freed on bail at Kilmarnock Sheriff Court for trial in June.

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Sheila Gilmore of the Arran Alcohol Forum with Claire Gilmore and children Charlie and Jasmine. 02_b10alc01

Drop a wine glass size in 2013

Drop a glass size in 2013 was the message from the Arran Alcohol Forum last week. On Friday members of the Forum were manning a stand in Brodick Co-op as part of a national campaign to encourage people to consider



The three glass sizes for wine. 02_b10alc02

Planning applications approved

Current Arran planning applications approved by North Ayrshire Council include the issue of a certificate for existing use as a Youth Hostel for the hostel at Lochranza. The siting of a caravan (retrospective application) at Kildonan Hotel was approved subject to conditions. The erection of a one-and-half storey detached dwelling house to the north of Ardendarroch, Shiskine was approved subject to conditions. Also approved subject to conditions were the three proposed staff accommodation units, laundry building, access route and installation of sewage treatment plant at Auchrannie Spa Resort, Brodick.

the size of the wine glass they use. A spokesperson said: 'Without knowing how many units are in your wine glass at home, it's easy for them to add up.

'If you're thinking of cutting back a bit this year, you'll be surprised at what a difference simple changes like dropping a glass size can make to your weight, hair, sleep and health.'

The Forum stand was placed in the drinks section of the Co-op.

Extension starts on Lamlash Dental Surgery

The Lamlash Dental Surgery at Arran War Memorial Hospital is getting a facelift and a fantastic new extension.

The Bungalow which is in the grounds of the hospital, is being refurbished and extended.

Work has already started and will take approximately 12 weeks, finishing in early May 2013.

For safety reasons during the construction period, the

building will be completely secured. The extension to the surgery will mean that the Community and Salaried Dental Services provided by NHS Ayrshire & Arran will be provided from modern, fit for purpose accommodation. The existing pedestrian pathway will also be changed outside the Bungalow to accommodate the position of the new extension.

Dr Massimo Locatelli, Sal-

aried Dentist at the Dental Clinic, Arran War Memorial Hospital, said: 'This is great news for our patients.'

'Not only is the Bungalow being refurbished but we will be able to provide premises that are specifically designed to meet the needs of a modern dental practice including a new separate Decontamination Unit for cleaning and sterilising instruments separate from the dental surgery.'

Long walk to new Brodick pier

A number of Arran's elderly residents expressed concerns about the distance passengers will have to walk along the new Brodick pier at a meeting on Monday night.

A second public meeting to discuss the pier redevelopment took place in the vil-

lage hall and was attended by CMAL's chief executive Guy Platten and chief civil engineer Ramsay Muirhead.

Mr Muirhead explained revised plans for the new two-berth pier and terminal at Brodick in full and questions were taken from the audience.

The main concern expressed was that a distance of 270m from the terminal to the ferry would be too far for older people to walk.

If plans are given the go ahead the new pier should be completed in December 2015.

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Members of the Arran Elderly Forum and friends enjoyed a belated three-course Christmas lunch in the Douglas Hotel last Wednesday 27 February. 02_b10eld01

Arran livestock sales at Stirling

United Auctions had forward 1,426 store cattle, 143 cast cows, 6,543 hoggets and 1,428 ewes at their Stirling Agricultural Centre last week.

Cattle prices **Bullocks:** Craigview (Limousin cross) £1,080, 228p; Auchenhew (Limousin cross) £860, 236p; Ceithir Gaoithe (Limousin cross) £625, 257p. **Heifers:** Craigview (Limousin cross) £1,110, 222p; Auchenhew (Charolais cross) £1,080, 221p. **Cast Cows:** Kilpatrick (Limousin cross) £1,135, 180p; Lenamhor (Simmental cross) £805, 139p; Moor (Aberdeen Angus cross) £835, 126p; Tighnafreoch, heifer (Black and white) £825, 169p; Clauchlands, cow (Black and white) £615, 96p.

Sheep prices **Lambs:** Moor and Drumnaghinier (Texel cross) £61; Bellevue (Suffolk cross) £62; Cosyden (Cheviot) £47; Springfield (Blackface) £47. **Ewes:** Moor (Texel cross) £90.50; Craigraineach (Suffolk cross) £78.50; Kilpatrick (Blackface) £36.50; Bridge (Blackface) £30.50. **Rams, Moor** £69.50.

Looking for descendants of Dr Hastings

Does anyone know of living descendants of Dr Walter Hastings?

Three weeks ago we reported on the location of the grave of Dr Hastings in Kilbride Churchyard.

Neil MacGillivray of the Sleat Local History Society had contacted the Banner to say that Dr Hastings, who was born in Lamlash in 1870, son of a local miller and grain merchant had died in 1919 in a car accident while practising as a GP on Skye.

He had been a prominent GP and merited a significant obituary in the British Medical Journal.

His body was brought home

to Arran by his brother Enoch Buchanan Hastings of Corrie.

Now Mr MacGillivray has done more research looking for any living descendants on Arran.

He reports that Enoch, the doctor's brother, died in 1933 at Alpine House, Corrie.

Mr MacGillivray said: 'Enoch had four children, Janet, John, Alister and Jean.'

'His sister Sarah died aged 75 in 1940 at Alpine House, unmarried, and her death was reported by her nephew Alister. He in turn married in 1931 and had two children, Alexander born in 1932 and Mary born in 1934.'

'It is possible that these two may still be living.'

Anyone with information about Dr Hastings' descendants should contact The Banner.

Art on show at Arran distillery

A unique exhibition of work by Art in Mind members is being displayed in the Visitor Centre at the Isle of Arran Distillery.

The exhibition began last Monday and will run through Easter until Wednesday 3 April.

Art In Mind is funded by Arran Visual Arts and was started in 2004, a joint venture with the Community Mental Health team who make the referrals to the group.

Sarah Hay an Art in Mind member said: 'The kindness and support Art in Mind has been shown by the Faye Black and her team at the distillery is greatly appreciated.'

The money raised from the sale of both artworks and our unique cards at the distillery over the last two years has played a major part in our fund raising effort. Many thanks for all their help.'

A well known Glas-

gow artist and teacher of art, who has exhibited his work across the UK and Europe, and won many awards for his works ran, has kindly donated a pastel sketch to Art in Mind, for sale towards their fundraising efforts.

The beautiful pastel painting by Neil MacDonald can be seen at the exhibition.



The exhibition of work by Art in Mind members is being held at Isle of Arran Distillery.

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Paul Tinto in rehearsals for Knock Yourself Out, with a table full of drink. b10paul01

From Olympic runner to Glaswegian heroin addict

Paul Tinto, formerly of Lamlash, is continuing to pursue a successful career on the stage.

After a six-month run at the Gielgud Theatre in the West End with Chariots of Fire ended on 5 January, he is now rehearsing for a three-week run in Knock Yourself Out at the Fringe Theatre in Shoreditch, London.

Paul describes his role as a Glaswegian recovering heroin and alcohol addict trying to come clean in Leeds in a production about the dangers of post-university depression.

He told the Banner: 'There are ups and

downs in the acting world, but it is incredibly enjoyable. I'm very fortunate to have had a good career so far.

'But I love coming back up to Arran – the fresh air knocks you out for the first 24 hours!'

Understudy

He had three parts in the ensemble cast in Chariots of Fire and was also understudy for the part of Eric Liddell.

Paul was educated at Lamlash Primary and Arran High School before training at the London Academy of Music and Drama.

The mystery deepens as Dasher body search draws a blank

Excavation work at a site in Ardrossan Cemetery, thought to be a mass grave of bodies from the HMS Dasher disaster, has ended in disappointment.

The archaeology team, led by John Atkinson, hoped to find evidence of a grave site but instead found undisturbed virgin soil.

HMS Dasher blew up off Arran in March 1943, killing 379 people, but only 23 bodies are in marked graves. The others have never been accounted for.

Local writer John Steele, who believed the site could

have contained the bodies of some of the victims, said it was sad for the victims' surviving families nothing had been found.

He said: 'I just feel sorry for all the victims' families because they are all in their 70s and this might be their last chance to find them.'

Crying out

'After 20 years I definitely will continue the search, we know so many bereaved families and they are all crying out for help but no one at the top of the Ministry of Defence seems to be listening.'

Mr Steele said there was a

fatal flaw in the design of the American-built HMS Dasher but the British authorities did not want it made public for fear of upsetting their war-time ally.

Mr Steele added he believed there could still be a gravesite at Ardrossan Cemetery as well as a second site, possibly in a field within a two-mile radius of Ardrossan.

Speaking about the lack of official information about HMS Dasher's victims' graves, Mr Steele added: 'It's wrong that this is the way that the war dead are being treated – it is absolutely appalling.'

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Coastguard station staffed at below risk-assessed levels

Belfast coastguard station, which now oversees rescue operations in Arran waters, has been staffed at below risk-assessed levels.

Following the closure of Clyde Coastguard station last December, the responsibility for co-ordinating rescue operations in the Clyde and around Arran lies with Belfast station.

Now local MP Katy Clark has tabled a Parliamentary question about staffing levels.

Ms Clark said: 'The Government has admitted that Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Centre Belfast was staffed at below risk-assessed levels on 40 shifts in December and on 43 shifts in January.'

'These alarming figures underline the extent to which the closure of MRCC Clyde has compromised maritime safety along the west coast of Scotland.'

In response to Ms Clark's Parliamentary question, Stephen Hammond, Secretary of State for Transport replied: 'Belfast MRCC was staffed at below risk-assessed levels in December 2012 on 14 day shifts and 26 night shifts, and in January 2013 on 14 day shifts and 29 night shifts.'

Ms Clark added: 'The revelation that MRCC Belfast is now being staffed at dangerously low levels will do nothing to allay people's fears.'

'Unfortunately, I now believe that lives are being put at risk by the closure of MRCC Clyde.'

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'Healthy Outdoors' celebrate first birthday



The Arran Healthy Outdoors group is all about promoting conservation, exercise and well-being.

Arran Healthy Outdoors celebrated its first birthday this week after an exciting year of 'conservation, exercise and well-being'.

Over the past year the group, which meets at Brodick Castle, has given people opportunities to improve their physical and mental health, improve the local environment, and more importantly have fun and make new friends.

Ranger Jo Totty said: 'Since we started, the group has had over 20 different volunteers.'

'Some have headed home to France and Switzerland but many are still regularly coming along.'

She added: 'The team has contributed over 500 hours - this is the equivalent of employing one person for nearly 13 weeks. So far an area greater than

the size of two football pitches has been cleared along Wilma's Walk, and enough seeds and hardwood cuttings have been taken at the tree nursery to help regenerate that, and other areas, around the property. We hope they keep up the amazing work and dedication.'

Arran Healthy Outdoors meets every Tuesday with each session running from 10am to 1pm at the NTS Ranger Centre.

The three main projects are clearing Wilma's walk of non-native species, maintaining and enhancing the wildlife garden at the ranger centre, and progressing the tree nursery.

Although tasks vary from week to week, the group stick within these three main areas, clear-

ing vegetation, planting, some path maintenance, weeding, fencing, and general gardening type tasks.

There are also occasional forays into the main Castle Gardens with the head gardener and his team, and to the Roundhouse area.

Everyone is welcome to Arran Healthy Outdoors - please invite any family and friends that you think might be interested.

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Dramatic family fun day

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Dismantled cairns a danger to walkers



Neil Bulger astonished members of the Corrie and Sannox Wednesday Club by lifting the lid on the controversial activities of local NTS chiefs.

'The Trust do not remove historic cairns, however we do remove piles of stones'

A National Trust for Scotland spokeswoman defended their policy of removing some cairns on the slopes of Goatfell. She said: 'We are aware that this has been an on going issue on the Goatfell path.'

'The Trust do not remove historic cairns, however, we do remove piles of stones that start to appear along the very clear path.'

'The Trust have done vast amounts of footpath repair work, so the path is better defined than it ever has been.'

'We also maintain the path on a regular basis so the route continues to be well defined.'

She added: 'The summit of Goatfell has long been an issue and we have liaised with the mountain rescue about ways to make the summit easier for walkers to navigate off.'

'The summit is mainly large boulders, and despite walkers coming up the manmade path, they seem to get lost finding the start again, so we have done lots of work in defining the start of the path.'

'The Trust are in regular contact with the mountain rescue team and has just agreed to meet onsite to discuss this issue further to see if there is any more that can be done.'

'People could die as a result of getting lost on the Goatfell slopes'

Fatalities could occur on the slopes of Goatfell if National Trust for Scotland workers persist with their policy of dismantling stone cairns built by climbers and walkers. That was the view of a concerned Neil Bulger, deputy leader of the Arran Mountain Rescue team.

He revealed his fears during a fascinating insight to his activities as one of the country's most experienced and respected mercy volunteers.

Mr Bulger astonished members of the Corrie and Sannox Wednesday Club (CSWC) by lifting the lid on the controversial activities of local NTS chiefs.

He told how countryside rangers have been ordered to get rid of the cairns - because they are regarded by Trust management as 'man made

structures' which they will not allow to be sited on their land.

The cairns have been formed over years at the side of recognised path routes on a stone-by-stone basis - the pieces of rock being carefully placed by climbers as they pass-by. And they are regarded as essential navigational aids to hillwalkers, particularly when visibility is poor in bad weather.

Mr Bulger stressed the seriousness of the situation and he went as far as saying that people could die as a result of getting lost on the Goatfell slopes.

The Corrie Hotel proprietor also spoke of his involvement in several high-profile rescues and searches, both on Arran and further afield.

For instance, he took a ma-

major part in the hunt for the gunman who ran amok in the town of Whitehaven, Cumbria, three years ago.

Mr Bulger's role was to co-ordinate the transfer of every mountain rescue dog in Scotland to the area, where they were to search a large expanse of remote land.

He pleaded with would-be walkers and climbers not to venture into the Arran hills without suitable clothing and equipment - footwear in particular.

Illustrating his point with images of gruesome leg and ankle injuries he has witnessed, he said: 'Even the most minor of falls can result

in terrible damage - compound fractures etc.'

'It is always a big worry when you see people wearing trainers instead of decent walking boots.'

CSWC members were also given the opportunity to see at close quarters the array of 'kit and caboodle' carried by Neil and his colleagues during their missions.

He was thanked by club organiser Vivienne Coulthard and the proceeds of a raffle were passed to Mr Bulger to add to rescue team funds. Guest speaker at the club's March meeting will be Jim Cassels - the island's foremost authority on birds.

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Hostile to change

How rude! At the meeting in Brodick Hall on Monday night to discuss the development of Brodick Pier you would have thought the timid CMAL executives had suggested introducing slavery to the island not a multi-million pound pier redevelopment.

The four from CMAL were almost lynched by the audience who seemed absolutely appalled that a company wanted to spend money to make the island better.

Building a new two-berth pier in Brodick promises to do wonders for the island's tourism, but the new pier is also a necessity because the current one is on its last legs and CMAL cannot keep pumping endless cash into it.

When the civil engineer showed the meeting plans for the pier – there was an audible gasp from the elderly audience when he said there would be a 270m walk from the terminal to the ferry.

'This is an island of old people,' said one woman, 'how can we possibly be expected to walk so far on to the boat.'

Another piped up: 'People will need to cross the road from the terminal to get to the car park, this is extremely dangerous.'

And then there was real derision at the suggestion that older people could be helped on to the boat – as already happens.

A man who said he only spends a third of the year here mocked the idea of a new terminal and another who moved to the island recently said we needed a ferry service fit for purpose before a new pier. But the one thing that was made clear is that many of Arran's elderly residents obviously don't really enjoy living on Arran.

They complained about everything from the ferry timetable to the distance they have to walk to catch the bus.

But saddest of all seems to be the complete lack of compromise from many of them.

Just because Arran has a predominantly elderly population does not mean all of our public areas should be transformed into care homes with stair lifts and mechanical ramps.

The new pier, in my mind, looks absolutely fantastic. The development is exciting and it will give us the grand gateway to the island that we so desperately need.

At the moment elderly people have to walk up a steep gangway on to the boat – the new pier will have a long flat covered walkway, accessed by a ramp or a lift.

I just don't see what the problem is.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Come to Me and listen to My words; hear Me and you will have life.' (Isaiah 55:3)

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Letters to the Editor



New pier concerns

Sir,
The Arran Public Transport Group do not wish to appear negative about the Brodick ferry terminal – Kenneth Gibson and the Ferry Committee are to be congratulated upon getting the money and this project off the ground.

We would like to emphasise, however, the two points which a number of us were trying to make at Monday night's meeting.

First, a huge amount of time and treasure (£14million originally, now £20million and counting) is being expended on the Brodick terminal whilst the mainland terminal is being neglected.

At the least, since little can be done about Ardrossan owing to the intransigence of Clydeport, another port of refuge must be sought.

Our research shows that this could be either Fairlie or Hunterston.

It would surely have been a more sensible plan to spend less on Brodick and more on establishing equally good terminals for fair and foul weather on the mainland.

Secondly, in the new terminal, the travel distance from the vehicle drop-off point/buses/taxis to the ferries is very long.

In addition to the 270 metres from the terminal to the boats, there is going to have to be a ramp of 110metres (5.5 metre rise at 1:20) plus an assembly hall to cross (around 50 metres).

This totals 430 metres, or over a quarter of a mile.

To cover this distance at say 1.5mph – the speed of an elderly person with baggage – would take 11 minutes, to which should be added the time to buy tickets, say five minutes, thus it would take 16 minutes to reach the boat from buses and cars.

This is simply not acceptable on an island where roughly 30 per cent of the population is elderly.

Of the mentioned alternatives to the ramp, elderly people would find climbing 5.5metres by stair too much and the lift could well be too

slow or out of action.

In conclusion, we in the Arran Public Transport Group would strongly support the Community Council's call to develop a strategic plan for ALL transport on, to and from Arran; buses, trains, airports, ferries and roads.

Yours,

Ian Ferguson
Secretary
Arran Public Transport Group

Mrs Small's book sought

Sir,

I write to you more in hope than in expectation, as the modern term goes.

I am 88 years of age and visited Arran in spring, summer, autumn and winter from 1952 – 1984.

We stayed in youth hostels, camped and finally stayed in cottages – we being groups of schoolchildren, some good, some average, some naughty, as children are.

We walked, climbed, rowed, fished and just absorbed the glory of this wonderful island and its people.

We performed at the local ceilidhs, attended church on Sundays, and the cattle show, sheepdog trials and everything we could to absorb the island's traditions.

I like to believe the youngsters loved it all as they always wanted to come back, and a few even return with their children.

I am writing to ask, did Mrs Small ever write her book or booklet on the island's standing stones and other archaeological features?

If so please could someone either send me a copy or send me information so that I can obtain a copy?

My nephew and I were discussing standing stones in Cumbria and Oxfordshire and I assured him there were some wonderful stones on Arran and that I would try to bring news of these.

I doubt if he will come to Arran with his wife! On my insistence they crossed to Arran just once on one of the island's gloriously wet days. My niece was not impressed,

it was a shame. In the ancient annals of *The Arran Banner* there are a number of references to my school groups from Ashlyns, Berkhamsted.

I still have a few 'bits and bobs' to keep in memory and I'm still in touch with Mrs Picken from Lenamhor.

Sadly over the years I lost touch with the McKinnons from Sannox, the Smalls from Brodick, the 'Greatorex' people from Whiting Bay and so many more of the friendly island people we got to know over the years.

You all gave us such pleasure over a long, long time and I know my ex-pupils will never forget the wonderful times they had.

Yours,

Joan Copeman
94 Kingsland Rd, Boxmoor
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Badger killings

Sir,

On Friday, whilst on the 6.20am bus from Whiting Bay to Brodick I witnessed the very sad sight of two badgers dead on the road on the hill coming into Lamlash.

It was a very distressing sight and both the bus driver and myself wondered how two could have been killed at the same time. These are beautiful creatures, despite what some may say, and luckily we in Scotland are not culling them.

As with otters it is always upsetting to see such lovely wild creatures laid out in the road like that. Can I urge your readers to take more care on the roads, especially at night.

Yours,
Nickey Summer
Whiting Bay

Special joint 50th for Sandie and Jacqueline



Joint 50th for school pals Jacqueline and Sandy.
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Two Arran residents, who are lifelong friends will be sharing a special birthday on Tuesday 12 March.

Jacqueline Thomas and Sandie McQueen, who will be celebrating their 50th birthday, were both born within hours on each other on 12 March 1963.

Their mothers, Kathy Bell and Sheila Roberts were very good friends and neighbours in Mount Florida Glasgow, where the girls spent their early years playing in the shadow of Hampden Park.

Sandie has worked for the Post Office on the island for many years while Jacqueline has pursued a career in nursing.

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Ricky wins Southend hay competition

Last week seven men of the soil resurrected what is hoped will become an annual event on Arran.

They took part in a hay competition to see who could make the best quality winter forage.

Judges George Stewart and Robert Lammie were on hand to assess the quality of seven samples of locally grown hay.

Standards were high and consideration was given to texture, colour, smell and general feel. The day was not without controversy as John Picken was suspected of bribing the judges with a £20 note but this notion was dismissed out of hand amid much hilarity.

Judge Cnoc Stewart tried to introduce a category of how comfy the hay was to collapse on as he had considerable experience in this department.

Richard McMaster displayed a quality product claiming he had harvested early in July 2012, but it was suspected that it was really a late 2011 harvest. Gavin Mutch explained that his technique of growing slowly, harvesting slowly and maturing the crop by sleeping on it was based on training he had received while working for the council.

John Picken admitted that hay was a large part of his life, with his wife spending much of the day shouting 'hey John do this,' and 'hey John do that.' Ricky Kennedy had a slightly oily crop, but young farming novice Alec Miller was complimented on an excellent effort.

Claims that Robert Miller had used Romanian hay proved unfounded, and at the end of the afternoon Ricky McMaster was declared over-

all winner. John Picken took second place with Gavin Mutch coming third.

Organiser Alistair Yates said: 'I had the honour to be asked to oversee the judging of the first Southend hay competition for many years.'

'It is encouraging that local and traditional skills are still to be found; skills that will surely prove to be essential in the future. The lads are hoping for an even larger turnout next year.'

Arran Junior Agricultural Club, the organisation for Arran's young farmers, went into abeyance around 25 years ago. The members used to hold regular stockjudging competitions, shearing competitions, ploughing matches, and clay shooting competitions.

Alistair added that they now hoped to resurrect a ploughing match.



Hay quality judges George Stewart and Robert Lammie. b10hay01

Steep rise in long term unemployment

Long-term unemployment in North Ayrshire and Arran rose by 51 per cent from last year, according to figures from the Office for National Statistics.

In January 2013 there were 1,880 people who have been out of work for more than a year compared with 1,245 in January 2012.

The labour market statistics for January 2013 also show that long-term youth unemployment rose by 94 per cent in the same period, from 180 to 350.

There was also a two per cent increase in the overall number of people claiming Job Seekers Allowance from January last year.

Local MP Katy Clark commented: 'Long

term unemployment is still rising and overall unemployment figures refuse to fall.

'The increasing numbers of 18 to 24 year olds out of work for more than a year also risks a whole generation being lost to worklessness. Meanwhile the Chancellor continues to enforce his misguided Plan A, which has resulted in missed debt targets, rises in borrowing and rapid increases in the cost of living.'

'This plan is clearly not working and the Chancellor needs to rethink his austerity measures in the upcoming Budget on 20 March if he intends to help people back into work and get the economy moving.'



Composting lessons for Kilmory kids

North Ayrshire Council's Zero Waste Scotland co-ordinator Claire Owens and some Zero Waste Scotland volunteers visited Kilmory Primary School last week to teach the P5-7 classes about composting. There was a small presentation, and the school was given a composting bin.

Quilters group begins

Plans are in place to start a quilting group in the hall at Lam-lash Fire Station.

Anyone interested please call Alison Thompson on 600764 or come to a meeting at the fire station on Thursday 14 March at 7pm. Beginners welcome.

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Above: Second-placed Team 4 – Fiona Bulger, Ross Kerr, Joanna Miggin, Emily Hodkinson, Cir Tulloch and Lori Young with Richard Small and Bethany Stevenson S4.

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Left: The winning team with the judges. b10ent06



The winners, Team 1 - Joel Armitage, Kirsty Crawford, Matthew McAllister, Alex Muir, Lennex and Christina Miggin S4. b10ent01

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Failing company saved by School Enterprise

Arran High School S2 students took part in an Enterprise Challenge last Friday.

The students were required to act as a consultancy firm brought in to save a failing company called 'Celebrations' who were selling special days out to people.

Five teams of students competed for the best solution to save the failing company; having to produce a Business and a Marketing Plan including the finance implications.

Working alongside business advisers from The Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce, Arran Youth Foundation and Auchrannie Spa Resort, each team was supported also by an S4 assistant.

Together they assisted, supporting and guided the S2s to formalise their ideas and deliver a presentation, along

with their Business and Marketing plans, to the judges.

Once again the fantastic judges were Sheila Gilmore of VisitArran and Linda Johnston of Auchrannie and VisitArran.

It was a difficult job as the competition between the five teams was so close.

The winning team - Joel Armitage, Kirsty Crawford, Matthew McAllister, Alex Muir, Lennon Ferguson and Georgia MacDonald, were led by Graeme Johnson (Arran Youth Foundation) and assisted by Christina Miggin (S4).

They produced a detailed and well thought out strategy for improving the deteriorating 'Celebrations' company.

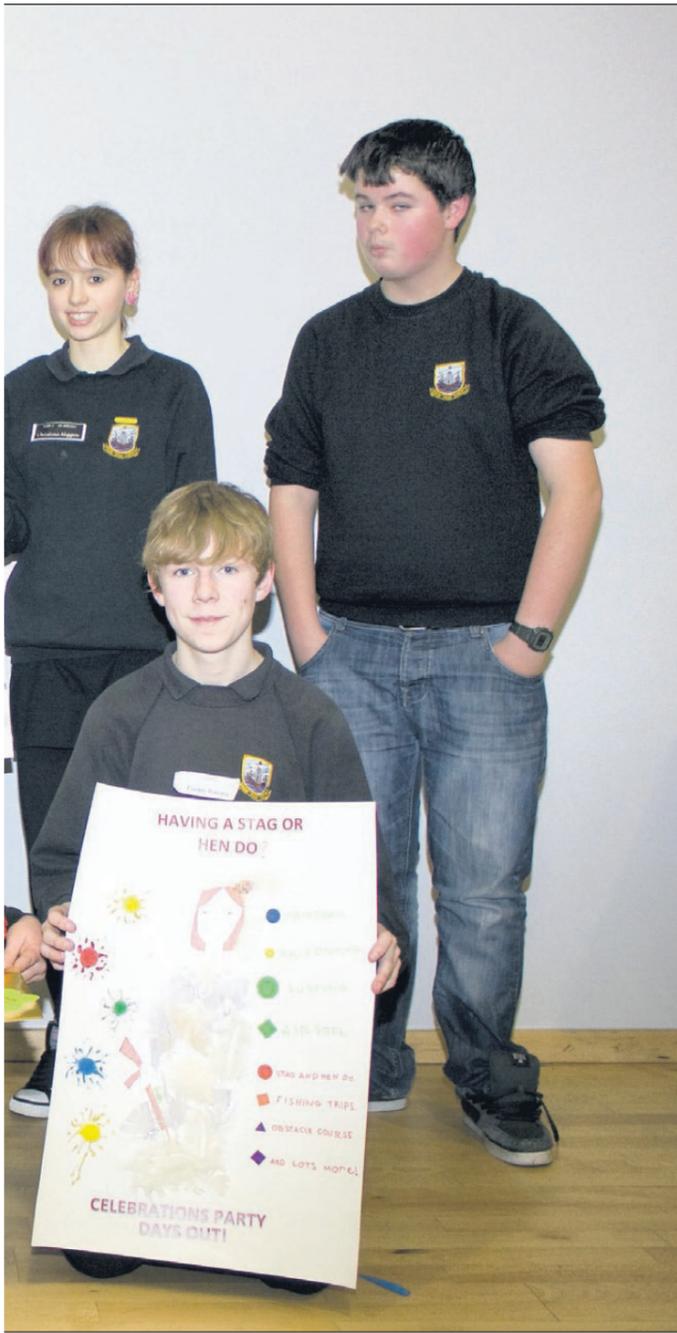
Congratulations to Graeme as he had also taken his S1 team to victory in last month's S1 Enterprise Day – Doing

the Double!

In second place were Team 4 - The Inflatables; Fiona Bulger, Ross Kerr, Joanna Miggin, Emily Hodkinson, Cir Tulloch and Lori Young were led by Richard Small (Auchrannie) and assisted by Bethany Stevenson (S4).

In third place were Team 3 – The Fixers; Cameron Ross-Bain, Ella Kerr, Ellis McKelvie, Tilly Ford, Euan Rains and Tom Mowatt were led by Holly Beedie (Auchrannie) and assisted by Isla Sillars (S4).

A huge thank you goes to all who helped out on the day, to Auchrannie for giving the winning teams for both the S1 and S2 Enterprise Days the opportunity for a free swim, and the cupcakes for the S2s were a pleasant reward for their hard work during the morning session.



on Ferguson and Georgia MacDonald with Graeme Johnston



Third-placed Team 3 – Cameron Ross-Bain, Ella Kerr, Ellis McKelvie, Tilly Ford, Euan Rains and Tom Mowatt with Holly Beedie and Isla Sillars S4. b10ent03

oved by High Day team



Team 5. b10ent05



Team 2. b10ent07



Third-placed Team 3 with the judges. b10ent08



Team 4 in discussion with the judges. b10ent04

Gold medals for Hunter brothers

Sailing brothers Neil and Rory Hunter from Lamalsh were awarded gold medals recently for being the top ranked Scottish boat in their 29er dinghy class during this past season.

The medals were presented by Luke Patience who won a silver medal at the 2012 Olympics in the 470 class of dinghy.

Neil and Rory had a very busy season attending a great many events all over Britain, improving as the season went on.

They achieved a third in the national Grand Prix in Pwllheli, Wales and they also

attended the World Championships in Germany and finished a very credible tenth in their class and gained a great deal from the experience.

Neil is 18 this year, which means he is not eligible for youth classes any more, so Rory has teamed up with Fraser Kitson-Jones as his new crew. Fraser lives in Plockton but has Arran connections as his mum's Uncle is Alistair Wallace who used to own the Drift Inn in Lamalsh.

Fraser sailed with his brother until this year and they found themselves in the same situation as Neil and Rory so it seemed perfect for them

to team up. Rory and Fraser have sailed together extensively through winter training now and have already won the Scottish Winter Championships together.

There is an extensive sailing programme for the coming summer including the Youth Nationals, which are in Largs this year.

This will be followed by the Grand Prix Circuit that extends over Britain and the Worlds in Denmark in July.

The aim is to progress to the GBR Squad after this season with aims of reaching the Olympic development squad in the next couple of years.



Neil Hunter, left, and his brother Rory were presented with their medals by Luke Patience who won a silver medal at the 2012 Olympics.

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Turn left at Lamalsh Bowling Club



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Make tree wishes for the Arran whitebeam

The unique Arran whitebeam is in the running to be chosen as the national tree of Scotland. An internet poll has been launched by the Woodland Trust to gauge public opinion on the matter.

And though the Scots Pine is favourite to win the vote, the Arran whitebeam is a popular choice with nature lovers. They insist it would be the perfect choice because not only is it the island's only totally indigenous tree, it is also the only one that is 100 per cent native to Scotland.

By contrast, only a tiny minority of Scots pines are actually situated in this country.

The online survey by the Woodland Trust was instigated after a petition submitted to Holyrood calling for the 'iconic' Scots pine to

be given the title by default. WT Scotland spokesman Rory Syme said: 'Just 17 per cent of the country's land area is wooded, and less than a third of that is native.'

'Despite that, we have a great range of native trees, each of which has its own important place in the ecosystem.' He added: 'Scots pine is undoubtedly going to be a favourite in the survey, but we want to give some of our other trees a chance to shine.'

'Other strong suggestions have included the Arran whitebeams, which are the only species of tree that are only found in Scotland, and also the rowan, which is well known for its striking red berries and its links with folklore.'



The Arran whitebeam is a popular choice with nature lovers to be chosen as the national tree of Scotland.

The results of the survey will be handed to the Scottish Parliament, which is currently considering campaigner Alex Hamilton's petition in favour of the Scots pine.

Petitions

Mr Hamilton told MSPs on the public petitions committee that 70 countries across the world already had a national tree but that Scotland currently did not.

He described having a national tree as being a 'symbolic statement of a nation's aspirations and its commitment to woodland'.

Mr Syme added: 'Having our own national tree would be a great legacy for the Year of Natural Scotland.'

The Arran whitebeam - also

known as the bastard mountain ash - is rated among the most endangered tree species in the world.

Experts say sheep grazing has probably reduced the population from being widespread and numerous to what it is now - confined to steep slopes, cracks in rocks, and restricted to the mountainous northern end of the island, particularly in Glen Catacol.

Recently, a team from the Royal Botanic Gardens in Edinburgh collected seeds and cuttings to ensure the long-term survival of the trees.

Readers can vote for their tree on the Woodland Trust website: <http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/NationalTree>

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Yorkshire Terrier Ruby has been chosen as a 'poster girl' for the breed.

Ruby to be poster girl at Crufts

'This is a great honour'

An agile young Yorkshire Terrier from Whiting Bay has been chosen by The Kennel Club to be a 'poster girl' for the breed at Crufts.

Margaret Kay's dog Ruby, who does agility, has been chosen for the 'Discover Dogs' group because she can demonstrate that Yorkies are not just lap dogs but can participate in most things.

Margaret said: 'My crew of Yorkies have all been up Goatfell and regularly swim in the sea and Ruby loves agility.'

'Some of her agility photos have been blown up to poster size and will be on display at the Discover Dogs section in the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham.'

'This is where people attending Crufts, who are perhaps thinking about getting a dog, go to learn about the various breeds and to discover which ones might suit them and fit in with their family and lifestyle.'

Discover Dogs usually have stands at major shows or exhi-

bitions throughout the year and Ruby, or at least her photos, will be shown around the UK.

Ruby attends the agility classes at Sandbraes Park and is often 'lent out' to children who want take part but don't have a dog of their own. Margaret herself was recently chosen to be interviewed by The Kennel Club, in association with Mandrill Television, for a programme about popular dog breeds and good breeding.

Stealing the limelight

She said: 'I have to take a couple of my dogs with me so Evie and Autumn will be stealing the limelight on that front.'

'Being invited to do this programme is a great honour as it shows that, even as far away as London in the upper echelons of The Kennel Club, my breeding practices and aims to produce healthy puppies that are fit for life are being recognised.'

She added: 'I have an ordinary admission pass for Crufts myself, as a handler but 'the girls' have VIP tickets.'

Exploring songs and poems of Glasgow

The members of the St Brides Ladies group were delighted to welcome Sir Kenneth and Lady Calman as their guest speakers at their meeting in Monday 25 February.

Sir Kenneth chose the unusual topic of 'Songs and Poems of Glasgow' for his talk and the ladies were surprised to discover there are 119 recorded songs attributed to the city. He and his wife Anne read a selection of the songs and Sir Kenneth shared some of his research into their background.

Starting in 1803 the audience were taken on a journey through Glasgow's history from the fields of 'The Dear Green place' to the industrial times and the overcrowded tenements, from the regular epidemics of cholera due to dirty water and the harnessing of clean water from Loch Katrine.

Alcohol and poverty played a large part in early Glasgow culture which gave rise to songs like Will Fyffe's 'I Belong to Glasgow' and 'The Drunkard's Raggit Wean' by James P Crawford.

More recently, there are poems such as Cliff Hanley's 'The Glasgow Underground' and 'The Last Train to Glasgow Central' by Billy Connolly.

Also there us Adam McNaughton's 'O Where is the Glasgow Where I Used to Stay' and his well-known favourite the 'Jeely Piece' song.

This brought the ladies to the present day with the last poem from the pen of Liz Lochhead.

Following several questions, a comprehensive vote of thanks was given by John Lauder who expressed the gratitude of the company to Sir Kenneth and Lady Calman for finding the time in their very busy lives to come and share their thoughts with the group.



Jordan, Rory and Abbie put Judi Worthington into the recovery position.

First aid education at Kilmory

Kilmory Primary School's pupils proved that you are never too young to learn first aid last week.

The P5-7 class are learning about how to cope and help in an emergency situation.

Teacher Kirsten Millar arranged for some of the First

Responders from both south and north of the island to come and run a workshop with the children.

She said: 'The children thoroughly enjoyed the first one and are excited about the second workshop in two weeks time.'



Isobel Mulholland shows Abbie and Jordan how to tend to a wound.

'The main focus for session one was bandaging and tending to wounds with Isobel Mulholland, choking and the recovery position with Judi Worthington, and CPR with Fiona Laing.'

'I think we might have a few nurses/first responders in the making!'

Miss Millar and the children would like to say a big thank you to the excellent volunteers.

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Brief encounter

Next Tuesday Fiona Simpson of Lamlash will travel to the USA to visit a death row prisoner in the Ohio State Penitentiary.

She will meet for the first time the convicted murderer to whom she has been writing for almost a year now.

Fiona has been writing to Percy Hutton since she saw a television programme about how much these letters mean to prisoners on death row.

She has spoken to him once on the phone and said she is excited to finally meet him in person.



Fiona Simpson is going to America next week to visit a death row prisoner.
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Lorra lorra laughs

More than 150 people packed into Kilmory Hall on Saturday for the 'Blind Date' event to raise funds for the community bus.

Playing Cilla Black was Rachel Jones of Shiskine and first to go was Kath Rhodes of Auchareoch who chose John Graham and missed out on Allan Little and David McKinnon.

David Thomas of Kildonan shoes Rebecca Lacey and turned down Anne McConnell and Christine McLeod.

No Arran for His Holiness

The Dalai Lama is to visit Holy Isle in May but we now know that he won't set foot on Arran.

This will be his final engagement in a tour of Britain and he will come from St Andrews University in a helicopter belonging to Tom Farmer the millionaire owner of Kwikfit.

Campaigners on board

The MV Isle of Arran has

been taken over by campaigners this week.

On Wednesday, national 'No Smoking Day', health board staff were there to hand out leaflets and exhort passengers not to smoke.

Shifting sands

Bob Haddow may have lost the school bus contract to Western Scottish last year but his sand filtration company is going from strength to strength.

For this man who can literally sell sand to the Arabs has seen the business grow considerably during the past year.

Apparently the island's sand has an unusually coarse grain perfect for water filtration and there are 16 Arran men based around the world overseeing the work.

End of An Comunn

At the AGM of the Arran branch of An Comunn Gaidhealach last week it was regretfully decided that the time had come to close.

Created in 1963 by Miss Bess McMillan the branch flourished for many years and a Gaelic choir was formed.

Nags lead pool league

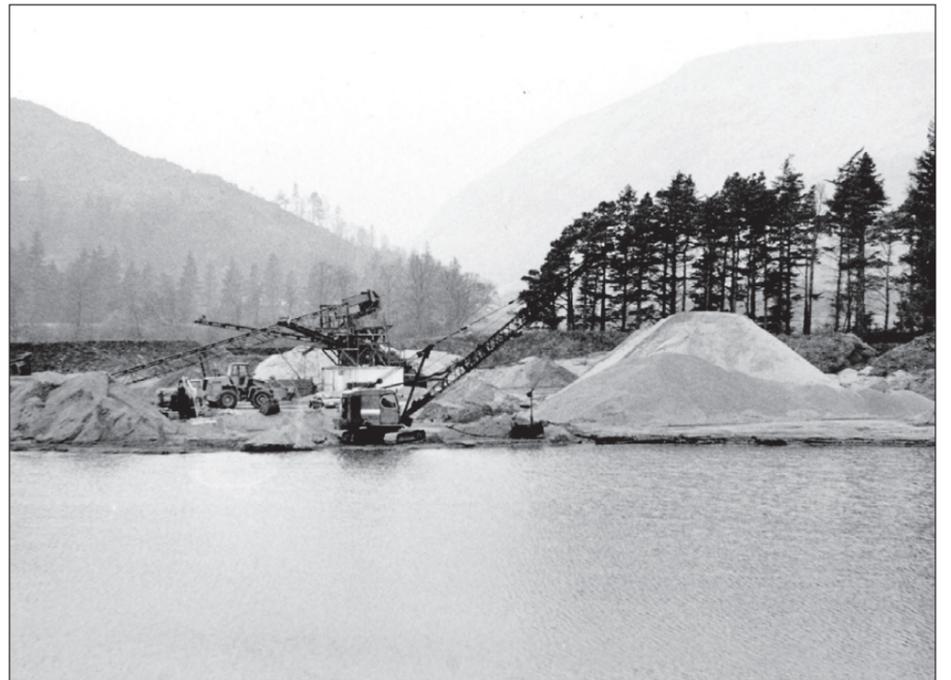
The pool season has come to an end with Lochranza being relegated to division two and the Aldersyde promoted to division one.

Nags came out on top of division one with Drift Inn in second place and Lagg third.

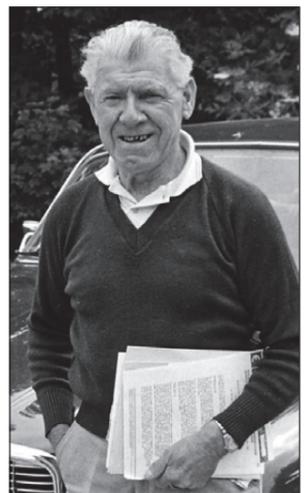
The Aldersyde and Breadalbane topped division two.



The Auchrannie Timeshare development has won an RCI Gold Crown award. Owner Iain Johnston and timeshare salesman John Allan are pictured beside the new plaque. b10twe01



Sand extraction near Home Farm in Brodick. b10twe04



Jock McKinnie, who died last week, was a well known face at Brodick Golf Club and will be sadly missed. b10twe03

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Winter Fundraiser Family Fun
Mixed darts
Bingo
Jazz café band

Auchrannie Road 11am – 1 pm.
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am-12.30pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Arran High School, 10am
Ormidale Pavilion 11am-1.30pm
Catacol Hotel, 7.30pm
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 7pm
Douglas Hotel, 9pm-11pm

Sunday 10th March

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

Church Hall, Brodick, 4.30pm
Call 601206 for details
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
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 2pm

Monday 11th 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
Brodick Highland Games AGM

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
McKelvie Road, Lamlash 12 noon
Ormidale Hotel, 8pm

Tuesday 12th March

Pop Quiz
Alcoholics Anonymous
Youth Club
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Streetly Dance pre school
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Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
Kildonan Hall, 7pm
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 7.15pm
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 1.45-2.30pm
Auchrannie Gym Hall, 3.45pm – 6pm
Brodick Hall, 6.30 – 8pm
Lamlash church hall, 7.30-9.30pm
St Molios Church Hall, 6.30-7.30pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 6-7pm
Auchrannie, 7pm-9pm
10am-1pm NTS Ranger Centre
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7pm-9pm
Brodick Church Hall, 7.30-9.30pm
Lamlash high school car park, 5.30pm
Kinloch Hotel 1.30pm

Wednesday 13th March

Hockey
Tae Kwondo
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Brass Rehearsal
Senior Badminton
Yogalates
Aquafizz
Music Mayhem Class Parents & Little Ones
Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy service
Arran Abs Runners – beginners
Arran Abs Runners - advanced
Northend Football Training
Outside Boot Camp
Cheltenham Festival

Auchrannie Games Hall, 6.30-7.30pm
Arran high School Kids-6.30-7.30pm Adults-7.30-8.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 8pm
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
Kinloch Hotel 1.30pm

Thursday 14th March

Morning Fitness
General Knowledge Quiz
Lochranza Craft Club
Youth Club
Live Country/Folk music
Brodick Embroidery Group
Brodick Bridge Club
Auchrannie Winter Bowls
Ladies Netball
Arran Abs Runners – beginners
Lunchbox
Weight Watchers
Cheltenham Festival

Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Lochranza Hall, 2pm
Youth Cabin, Lamlash, 7-9pm
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay 8.30-10.30pm
Brodick Library 7.30 p.m. – 9.30 pm
Brodick Golf Club, 7 pm for 7.15 pm
Auchrannie, 7pm-9pm
High School sports hall – seniors, 7.30-9pm
Kinloch Car Park, 5.30pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 12.30-2.30pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 5.30pm
Kinloch Hotel 1.30pm

Friday 15th March

Aqua Fizz
Yogalates
Arran Youth Foundations
Lochranza Kids Badminton
Lochranza Adults Badminton
Disco
Outside Boot Camp
Race Night
Beard Shaving for comic relief
Cheltenham Festival

Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am
Church Hall, Brodick 7pm-9pm
Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm
Lochranza Hall, 8pm
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Whiting Bay Park 6am
Ormidale Hotel, 8pm
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Lamlash ACVS 15.15-16.15

Monday 22 April
Whiting Bay Village Hall 11.15-12.15
Kilmory Village Hall 13.00-14.00
Brodick Health Centre 15.00-16.00

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Machrie Golf Club
AGM
Thursday March 21st
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Whiting Bay Bowling Club
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Sunday 10th 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.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

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Sunday 10th March
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Sunday 3rd March
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Sunday 10th March
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Sunday 10th March
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 Brodick 7pm
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ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)
Sunday 10th March
 Morning Service 11am
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 Prayer Meeting
Wednesday 13th March
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DEATH

CYRIL BELL - Peacefully at Arran War Memorial Hospital on Sunday 3rd March 2013. Cyril, aged 88 years, beloved husband of the late Catherine, father of David and Derek. Had a life long love of Arran and especially the golf on Arran. Funeral service at Holmsford Bridge Crematorium, Dreg-horn on Thursday 14th March at 1pm and thereafter to Gailes Hotel, Irvine to which all family and friends are invited. No flowers please, donations at Arran Hospital Supporters League. Transport available from 12 noon ferry, please contact David Bell on 0191 264 4410.

DENNIS GOLDSBROUGH - Peacefully at Montrose House, Brodick, on 3rd March 2013, Dennis Goldsbrough aged 85, beloved husband of the late Sheila and father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Special thanks to all who helped and cared for Dennis. Funeral service on Tuesday, 12th March at Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church, 11:30am to which all family and friends are warmly invited, followed by funeral tea at The Pier Head Tavern, Lamlash. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to ArCaS, the charity Dennis co-founded.



Brodick Golf Club

Gents: Sunday 3 March Stableford Sweep. 19 played. Non-counter for handicap,

1 I Sillars (14) 41 pts, 2 R McGunnigle (10) 40 pts, 3 L Hartley (17) 38 pts (acb). There were six twos, Bert McGunnigle and Iain Macmillan had two each

Fixtures: Sunday 10 March Brandon & Winter Cup, Sunday 17 March Clochendichter.

On Tuesday 19 February 15 happy seniors met and played on a lovely day. Goatfell with a sprinkling of snow smiled upon them. Dougie Robertson murdered the course with a 69-13=56, needless to say first place goes to him. Len Hartley and Charlie O'Neill battled for 2nd place with 76-17=69. Don (I'm a very happy man) Rudge found the pace too fast and quit at the 16th leaving his partners mourning his absence. It's just not as much fun playing dominoes with two. There were three excellent twos, well done all.

Wednesday 20 February, three four balls played in thick fog. It lifted long enough for Eric (I can fix anything) Thompson to win with a 78-18=60, 2nd Jim Green 77-16=61, 3rd Ken Barclay 82-21=16. There were 2 twos. Well done to all and welcome back Ken. The Wednesday Senior Golf Dinner is on Wednesday 27 March following our last game for this year, so be there!

Shiskine Golf Club

Shiskine would like to congratulate Corrie on winning this year's AGA Winter League.

Fixtures: Ladies - Thursday 14 March, 12 Hole Medal, 11am tee-off. Gents - Sunday 10 March, 12 Hole Medal and final of the Winter Cup, 1pm tee-off. The four qualifiers eligible to win the Winter Cup are B Sherwood, D K Henderson, J Culpan and A Napier.



The Crow's Nest at Shiskine Golf Club.

Corrie Golf Club

Results: Saturday 2 March, Stableford medal 17 played. Sweep 1 Alan Napier 41pts, 2 Drew Crawford 38pts, 3 John Adams 36pts BIH over Tom Cotton and Marvin Elliott. Magic twos J Adams, J McConnachie, P Bremner.

Monday 4 March Monday Cup, yellow tees. 17 played, Sweep 1 S Cline 75-18=57, 2 H Taylor 84-24=60, 3 T Cotton 80-19=61 BIH over D Crawford and K Barclay. Best scratch J Adams. Magic twos Pablo Moran 2, John Adams 2.

Fixtures: Saturday 9 March, last round Winter Cup.

Arran Golfers Association

Winter League/Duncan Trophy 2012/ 2013: final round at Lamlash Golf Club on Sunday 3 March.

The final round of matches took place on Sunday at Lamlash Golf Course, the course

was looking superb with the greens running true. Congratulations to Jim and his team, also thanks to Holly and Stuart for the hospitality afterwards, the weather was kind for us with no wind and a nice mild dry day.

The hosts Lamlash were off first against Machrie, both teams tied with Brodick for second place going into the last round and with Lamlash winning by 3 and a half games to a half they took the tie and with it the runners-up shield.

Next were Brodick against Whiting Bay, a close match overall but Whiting Bay edged it by 2 and a half games to 1 and a half to hand second place to Lamlash.

Final match was champions Corrie against Shiskine; this was the shock of the day and possibly the year with Shiskine winning their first match of the year and Corrie losing their first! Maybe with the league in the bag they took their feet off the pedal a bit, well give them the benefit of the doubt!

Congratulations to Corrie on their first win in the competition, captain Stephen Beardsley accepted the trophy on behalf of his team and was visibly emotional as he said his thanks, nice to see.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday 3 March, Whiting

Bay ended their campaign with a victory against Brodick at Lamlash. This result means this season we have two wins, one draw and two defeats. Close, but still no cigar!

Fixtures: Sunday 10 March, final round of the Winter Cup. Draws at 9am and 10.30am as usual.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday 26 February, Winter Cup. 1 Steph Hill 62, 2 Viv Parks 67 BIH, 3 Brian Sherwood 67 BIH. Scratch Brian Sherwood 76.

Twos from David Price. Saturday 2 March, Lochranza Hotel Cup. 1 Campbell Laging 40 pts BIH, 2 Denise Sherwood 40 pts, 3 Elizabeth Ross 38 pts. Scratch Willie Kelso and Brian Sherwood 76.

Fixtures: Tuesday 12 March, Winter Cup tee-off 12noon.

Lamlash Bridge Club

The results of the tournament on Monday 4 March were as follows: N/S 1 Morag Gardner and Brenda Livingston +1840, 2 Janey McLure and Ann McKelvie +1700, 3 Trish Martin and Alison Bilsland +1660.

E/W 1 Michael and Vic Iutz -610, 2 Helen Boyd and Jean Murchie -870, 3 Jennifer McArthur and Jean Barclay -1240.

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Shiskine Football Club captain receiving £100 from Allan Bannatyne.
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Shiskine F.C. are in the MONEY

Charity golf notes for football club
 The Boxing Day Charity Texas Scramble at Shiskine Golf Club raised £100 which was subsequently donated to Shiskine Football Club.
 Golf club captain Alan Bannatyne has just handed the notes for £100 to football club captain Lachlan Jones.

Final games of pool season played
 Last night (Thursday) saw the final games of the Arran Pool League played for 2013. Last week there was just one point between leaders PT1934 and PHT so the Kilmory team had to beat Whiting Bay Golf Club last night to win the season.
 The results from Thursday 28 February were as follows: Kildonan 2 Whiting Bay Golf Club 8 (G) and PHT 6 (G) Catacol 4. In the bye game, Mac's Bar and PHT drew 5-5.



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