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# At your service!

## Impressive new fleet of buses for island

Arran's new £1.5 million bus fleet has taken to the road.

The 12 brand new low-floor, wheelchair-accessible vehicles will replace the entire existing stock.

Eight new Wrightbus Streetlites, built in the company's factory in Ballymena, were introduced into service this week. They all feature hybrid-type technology which greatly reduces carbon emissions, helping to protect the island's environment.

And they also will be followed in the coming days by four smaller Optare Solos, which were built in North Yorkshire and have now arrived on the island.

The Solos will be mainly used for easy access to Arran Hospital, specific school journeys and more remote pick up points. All buses are fitted with seatbelts throughout.

Both the bus types feature pull-down ramps to allow easy access for wheelchairs, which will be an EU requirement next year.

**REPORT**  
by HUGH BOAG  
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Representatives from Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT), North Ayrshire Council (NAC) and Stagecoach visited the island this week to welcome the arrival of the new buses.

The buses have been bought by SPT and have been handed over to Stagecoach Western to operate which says it will significantly enhance the provision of bus services for the people of Arran and its many visitors. The contract is worth £3.5 million and will run until 2019.

Councillor Denis McKenna, SPT operations committee chairman, said: 'It is great to see the new buses on the island and I'm confident that the new fleet will encourage even more residents of Arran, where bus services are such a vital aspect of life, to travel by public transport.'

'I'm delighted that the SPT continues to provide for

the local community, as it has done on Arran for many years, to this high standard.'

This will be the first time in the island's history that the bus network will be fully accessible and will now offer greater access for wheelchair passengers and passengers with children's buggies. The comfortable, high-spec vehicles produce very low carbon emissions and will deliver environmentally-friendly public transport enhancing the quality of life on Arran overall.

Ronnie Park, SPT's director of bus operations, said: 'The new buses represent part of a wider, longer term plan for Arran.'

'SPT, with the help of our partner council North Ayrshire, has already invested in road and bus stop improvement works in anticipation of the new bus fleet. Going forward, we also have plans for real time information provision at bus stops and integrated smartcard ticketing.'

'I'm really pleased to see  
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## Here's looking at ewe kid!

Meet Rhudi and Heidi the first lambs to be born on Arran by one of the world's cutest sheep. The twins from the Valais Blacknose ewe were born at Glenkiln Farm in Lamlash. Full story page 3. 20\_b12sheep03



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# Island tourism is set to sizzle after Cold Water Conference

The first major international conference to be held on Arran took place this week.

More than 150 delegates from the UK and overseas attended the Cold Water Island Tourism Conference held at Arran High School over three days, which finished yesterday (Thursday).

Sponsored by North Ayrshire Council, the event was organised by VisitArran and Taste of Arran and provided a forum where delegates could share their expertise, experience and knowledge in a bid to develop tourism on small cold water island destinations across the world.

Based on the concept that cold water islands, particular-

ly those in the North Atlantic, face common issues the conference looked at how to create strategies for economic growth.

One of the event's key themes was the sustainable growth of island communities, where tourism is a mainstay of their economy.

### Welcomed

VisitArran director Alastair Dobson welcomed the delegates at the opening session.

He said: 'This is a fantastic opportunity to meet with like-minded business people and policy makers to share ideas and practises and find common ground that can help us all move forward.'

'We've been delighted with

the response from people and think the Conference will be really successful.

'We hope it can be the start of some exciting tie-ups.

'Island tourism tends to focus on warm water locations: the Mediterranean, the Caribbean, and the Pacific Ocean.

'Cold water island tourism is vitally important to the economy for the island communities but, importantly, cold water islands offer tourists a wonderful opportunity to get close to nature and to experience authentic island life.

'For northern European markets there is scope to jointly develop events and festivals across a wide geo-



Alastair Dobson of VisitArran welcomes delegates to the conference. 20\_b12cold01

graphic area that can develop tourism visits.'

Representatives from Scotland, Wales, Denmark and the Netherlands attended the conference.

Lars Olsen, who has vis-

ited Arran twice before and helped set up the event, is the director of CKT which is based in Hvide Sande on the west coast of Jutland.

He said: 'This conference can be the starting point of

cooperation between islands.

'Events can be developed on one island, tailored to others and then 'travel' internationally between the destinations.'

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## Impressive new fleet of buses for the island



Arran councillor John Bruce shakes hands with SPT operations committee chairman Councillor Denis McKenna in front of the new buses as Guy Bodie of Stagecoach, Ronnie Park and Frank Rennie of SPT look on.

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the buses in situ and ready for service. Be it education, employment, healthcare or leisure – high-quality bus services keep this island and communities like it moving and vibrant.'

Councillor John Bruce said: 'Many people living on Arran rely on bus transport to access things like healthcare, education and employment so it's great to see this impressive new environmentally friendly fleet of buses arrive on the island.'

### Enhance

'There's no doubt that these new vehicles, which are fully accessible for everyone, will enhance the lives of those living in the community and encourage more visitors to Arran to choose this as their preferred mode of transport during their stay.'

Tom Bridge, managing director, Stagecoach West Scotland said: 'We are delighted to continue to work in partnership with SPT and to introduce these new low floor vehicles to our customers.'

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# First lambs born on Arran to world's cutest sheep



Hannah with one of the lambs. b12sheep02

One of the world's cutest sheep has produced her first lambs on Arran.

The Valais Blacknose ewe has given birth to twins at Glenkiln Farm in Lamlash.

The highly prized flock arrived on the island in November from Switzerland and has since been settling in at the Bone family farm.

The arrival of the twins last week was a surprise as a scan had determined the mother was carrying a single lamb.

The male and the female, which are both doing well, have been named Rhudi and Heidi after their Swiss origin.

#### Pregnant

Three other ewes in the flock are pregnant, but the others are too young.

Hannah Bone, who helps to look after the flock, said: 'They are just so adorable, just like little balls of wool.'

#### Unusual

The sheep are well-known for their shaggy coats and spiral horns, but it is their distinctive 'black hole' faces that hold much of their appeal. They are also unusual in that they lamb twice a year.

They are gradually being adjusted from an indoor enclosure to a semi-open pen before being allowed out into the fields when the weather improves.

And they are already beginning to lose the 'shaggy' look they had when they arrived and will soon be showing why they have their 'cutest sheep' tag.



Hannah with the ewe and her two lambs. b12sheep01

## Staff vote Auchrannie one of the best places to work

The Auchrannie Resort has been named one of the best places to work in the hospitality industry by the staff themselves.

The Brodick hotel complex followed up its win at the Scottish Thistle Awards, as reported in last week's Banner, by being named in the top 30 UK hospitality employers by the most widely read UK trade publication, The Caterer.

These unique awards were designed to reward and recognise the cream of hospitality employers as judged by the people who know them best - their employees.

A total of 61 employees, 40 per cent of Auchrannie staff, were provided with an online tool-kit to answer a series of questions relating to their employer and workplace. The results of this gave the employer a ranking against other entries. This process made for a realistic and unbiased judg-

ing process, as it is based on the true opinion of individuals who know exactly how good their employer is.

Staff at Auchrannie scored the business at 90.4 per cent, a whopping 15 per cent above the benchmark figure and highlighted a number of factors which make the hotel 'a best place to work'.

#### Work/life balance

These included a respect for work/life balance as well as being part of a team which communicates well, produces results and respects one another.

Staff at Auchrannie also said that they really wanted to do a great job and enjoyed involvement in decisions that affected their jobs.

The full listing and ranking will be announced by the The Caterer next month in London where it will host its inaugural People Forum at Park Plaza Victoria, where leading employers and employee en-

gagement experts will share their stories and the latest HR innovations.

HR manager Lorna Jackson said: 'I'm delighted that Auchrannie has been recognised as a top employer. It's great to be part of an organisation where so many staff are so passionate about working there. We realise that it is only by providing such a positive environment for our staff that we are able to continually deliver such high levels of customer service to our guests.'

Having been recognised as a Best Place to Work in Hospitality, Auchrannie is now being invited to join an

elite group of employers and take their achievement to the next level by entering for the Best Employer in the Catey Awards.

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the top UK employers from the Best Places to Work in Hospitality. A panel will review all of the submissions as part of the Catey's judging process and award one employer the top title.

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## Artwork gift for island doctor off to pastures new

A popular island doctor is leaving for pastures new.

Dr Alwin Hoelzl is leaving after working on Arran for seven years. He and his family are moving to Cumbria.

Friends and colleagues recently enjoyed an '80s themed party in Brodick Hall for his leaving party. During the evening he was presented with a specially created artwork by island artist John Earle.

Dr Hoelzl first came to Arran in February 2008 and is married with two young children. German born, he studied medicine in Munich before moving to Yorkshire, where he trained.

He told The Banner: 'I have

enjoyed working on Arran very much and my family and I have fond memories of the years we lived here. We will certainly be back for holidays and to catch up with our friends.

'I would also like to say thank you to the people of Arran for having us for the last seven years, to the patients who gave us wonderful presents and cards and last but not least to my colleagues in Arran Medical Group, the ambulance service, Arran War Memorial Hospital, social services, the homes and home care, the district nurses, the lifeboat and just about everybody else who had to endure me professionally.'



Dr Hoelzl (right) is presented with his original painting by artist John Earle. Photo by David Hogg.

# Candidate in 'work together' plea over fuel prices

Conservative candidate Jamie Greene visited Arran on a fact-finding mission to investigate the island's sky-high fuel prices.

Having heard about MP Katy Clark's plan to take the matter up with the Competition and Market Authority, he decided to talk to people on the ground before making any sudden knee-jerk decisions to lobby the government or the regulators.

Jamie, who is the Scottish Conservative candidate for North Ayrshire on Arran, was visiting the island for the first time on his campaign trail.

He said: 'Rather than point the finger, I felt it necessary to hear from all parties involved in this complex issue to see what constructive actions can be taken in reality.'

He met with George Lammie, owner of the island's Gulf network of petrol stations, to hear first-hand his views on the situation as a fuel station owner. George told Jamie that he didn't really make money on petrol and it was his ancillary business-

es and retail shop that helped keep the business afloat. George said there had been little 'wiggle room' in the wholesale price because there was now only one supplier to the island and there were logistical issues with the ferries in getting fuel tankers to and from Arran.

Going further, George warned Jamie that by going too far and taking Certas to the regulators it could scare it off altogether, which would benefit no-one as islanders would end up having to go to the mainland for fuel, such as they do on the Isle of Cumbrae.

Certas has no mandate to service Arran with petrol.

Jamie was told that despite Ms Clark's calls for more competition, there was competition in the past and prices were still high then.

Jamie travelled to Whiting Bay to meet with local people and business owners filling up their vehicles and was told by one local small businessman that he would rather pay more on Arran than have to



Conservative candidate Jamie Greene (centre) with garage owner George Lammie and supporter Colin Siddle of Lochranza at the Gulf garage in Brodick.

travel to the mainland.

Concluding his fact-finding mission, Jamie maintained that if more could be done to help ease prices then all ave-

nues should be pursued.

He added that the Scottish government should do more to help private petrol stations and small businesses not just 'community' petrol stations.

He stated: 'The local MSP and MP should work together to have constructive conversations with Certas, bearing in mind that pushing them over the edge might end up leaving Arran in a worse situation.'

'This is no time for party politics, it is time to hear all sides of the argument and do what is right for the businesses and people living here.'



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# Island goes Red Nose Day crazy to raise charity cash

Various events were held around the island to raise money for Comic Relief on Red Nose Day last Friday.

Brodick Primary School and nursery class had a red dress code on the day which also saw a cake sale, backed by teachers and staff, to raise charity cash. The school made £332 for Comic Relief on the day.

At Whiting Bay Primary the five house captains organised an afternoon of fun activities to raise money for Comic Relief.

Pupils were encouraged to come to school in a funny disguise. There was a coin trail of loose change which stretched for almost four metres. There were three main activities: decorate a Red Nose Day biscuit; find the house captains' funny faces; or design a bin bag outfit for a member of staff.

### Gunged

After playtime members of staff had to show off their lovely outfits on the catwalk.

Finally, there was a quiz which ended with three members of staff being gunged. A total of £133.06 was raised and everyone had a great time.

Meanwhile, as part of the Shiskine Cubs' fundraising, Donald Currie and James McCarthy successfully completed a sponsored cycle.

They cycled twice round the 'wee' square in Blackwater-

foot completing eight miles and raised an amazing £180 between them.

A cub leader said: 'A big well done to both of them and the other fundraising cubs.'

Finally in Brodick the staff at the Homestyles shop dressed up and held a charity collection last Friday and Saturday raising £214.77 for Comic Relief.



Donald Currie and James McCarthy with the money they raised.



Staff show off their bin bag outfits on the catwalk at Whiting Bay school.



Older pupils at Brodick Primary get into the red nose spirit at the cake sale.



The nursery class and younger pupils at Brodick Primary dressed in red.



Pupils dressed up at Whiting Bay school.

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# Eco Savvy auction and pop-up shop finds new homes for unwanted goods

Eco Savvy held another successful auction in Whiting Bay hall last weekend and along with its first pop-up shop was a resounding hit.

Running over the Friday and Saturday, the goal was to

reduce Arran's waste and Eco Savvy was pleased so much could be re-homed.

The auction was conducted by Ian Cook and Gillian Lithgow and after a slowish start

than 150 items up for grabs.

Exciting bidding over a nearly new rubber inflatable dinghy had everyone holding their breath.

Skis, baby cots and a drum kit, vintage maps and a central heating system were among the other items which found new homes.

More than 20 volunteers gave many hours of their time and made the events happen and special thanks go to auction runners Erin Macpherson and Finn McCarthy.

The pop up shop allowed everyone to bring in items of clothing, shoes and bags they no longer wanted. They took an 85 per cent share of the proceeds.

More than 200 items were booked into the pop up shop, with many more donated by generous members. Vintage stunners hung next to design-



The pop-up shop proved a big success. 20\_b12auction01



Ian Cook conducts the bidding at the auction. 20\_b12auction04

er gowns, practical fleeces and smart suits. Even the 'last chance' table, where small items were available for a donation helped to re-home lots of unwanted goods.

The items that had their last chance and didn't find a new home are being donated to schools on the island to raise funds through rag bag collections.

Eco Savvy would like to express its gratitude to all the volunteers and helpers over the two days, and to all the members and visitors for their support in making the days great fun.



The auction in full swing. 20\_b12auction02

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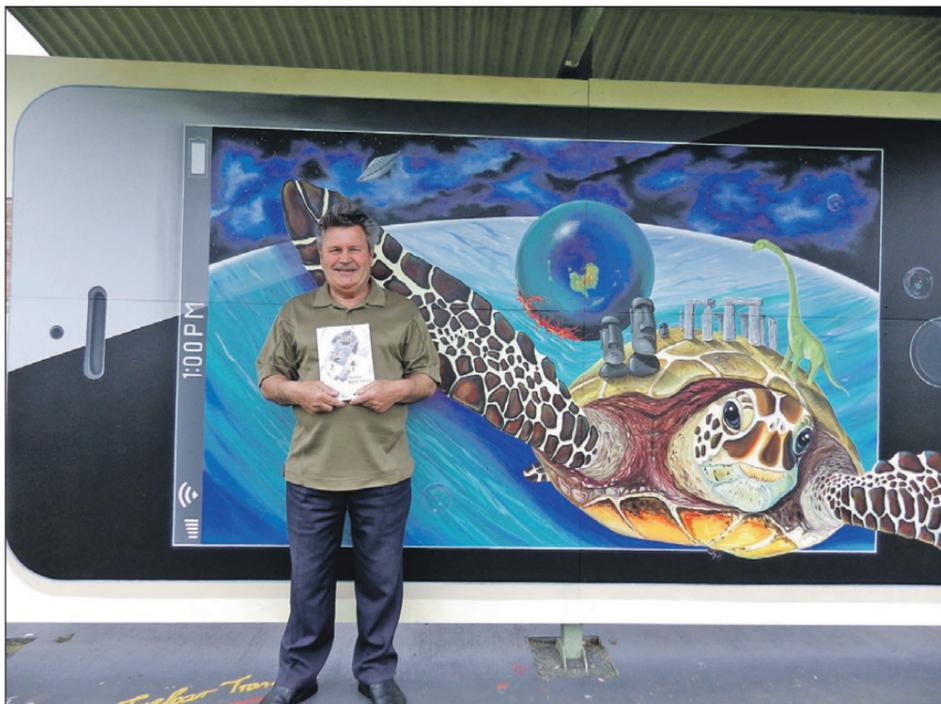
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**Arran route is busiest**

The main Arran ferry route helped Caledonian MacBrayne (CalMac) report an increase in the number of cars and passengers carried last year.

The UK's largest ferry network operator, which runs 26 routes, said it carried 4,653,958 passengers and 1,095,816 cars. The number of passengers was at a four-year high, while the number of cars was at its highest level since 2009.

CalMac said that its Ardrossan to Brodick service had carried the most passengers, a total of 715,048. The Wemyss Bay to Rothesay service saw the highest number of cars at 147,501. The route with the lowest carriage was the Mallaig to Lochboisdale run. However, CalMac added this new winter-only service also posted the highest percentage increase in numbers.



Terry Trunecka with his copy of the Arran Bird Atlas at a mural in Sheffield, Tasmania.

# Bird atlas flies as far as Tasmania

The reputation of the Arran Bird Atlas is known far and wide.

But just how far hadn't been realised until it was discovered Terry Trunecka of Tasmania has a copy of the first atlas, covering the years 2007-2012, published last year by Arran bird recorder Dr James Cassels.

Terry lives in Sheffield, which is known as the town of murals. So why would he be interested in a bird atlas from the other side of the world?

Terry explained: 'In 1965, while working for the Forestry Commission of Scotland on Arran and during subsequent hiking holidays to the island, I was able to observe and study some of the outstanding bird life on the island.'

### Unique

It certainly is a unique place for birding, with ecosystems ranging from seashore to mountaintop.

'It was interesting for me to buy this latest survey of Arran birds as I could compare the latest data with my notes on earlier birding experiences on Arran.'

'All that was available in 1965 was small publication entitled The Birds of Arran by J Gibson published 1956, which was an excellent reference work for the time.'

'Now, what an excellent surprise to receive this new

Arran Bird Atlas, with its beautiful colour photos and specific references and data on each resident and non-resident bird that can be seen in and around Arran.

### Encouraged

'It was interesting to see the changes in bird activity on the island, eg: merlin were more abundant in the 1960s due to more heather moorland at that time, somewhat reduced now by pine plantations, the young pine plantations encouraged the hen harrier which was just establishing in the 1960s now the area is a stronghold for this species.'

'The effect of weather and climate on bird populations would be an interesting area of study.'

'There are so many highlights in this publication to relate to.'

'So if you are a seasoned

birder or just remotely interested in birds, I encourage you to buy this book and get involved.'

'Also if you live on Arran and you are looking for a purposeful hobby, get involved in observing and recording the birds of Arran.'

'You will find it challenging and rewarding. It also has a benefit to ecotourism encouraging visitors to your beautiful island.'

And how did Terry get to know about the bird atlas? Through [arranbirding.com](http://arranbirding.com).

### Small world

'It is a small world today with the internet,' he added 'I would like to thank the Arran Natural History Society and its [arranwildlife.co.uk](http://arranwildlife.co.uk) website for making the atlas available and for promoting the study of the natural history of Arran.'

## Save the Children raise nearly £8,000 after a successful year

As a result of weather conditions disrupting the ferry services, guest speaker Morag Smith was unable to attend the annual general meeting of the Arran branch of Save the Children held on Monday 23 February in the Glencloy Suite of the Auchrannie Spa.

Chairwoman Carol Budge welcomed everyone to the meeting and in her opening remarks she intimated the retirement of Maureen Oakes after 28 years' service. She was thanked for her invaluable contribution to the work of

the committee, as was Alison Page who had also decided to step down.

Carol was delighted to welcome new member Sheena McLean and she thanked everyone for all their hard work which had resulted in another successful year.

In spite of the unexpected cancellation of one event and poor weather affecting another, the sum of £7,969.25 was raised.

After a brief resume of the year's events the office bearers were elected as follows:

chairwoman Carol Burge; vice chairwoman Margaret Wright, secretary Margaret Shaw, treasurer Myrna Boal; collections Kath Truner; trading Vivienne Haigh and press Jean Robertson.

Forthcoming events were discussed and it was decided, once again, to dispense with the door-to-door collection during Save the Children week at the end of April. Instead each village will organise its own event, which it is hoped will be well-supported as usual.



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## Conference was a great coup

Arran has this week been hosting its biggest ever international conference.

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As a result Arran has had great coverage about the event in national and international media.

The conference is a great coup for the island and organisers made sure all the delegates were given a warm Arran welcome.

The staging of it was a huge amount of work and the logistics of arranging accommodation for all the delegates around the island was a challenge. But everyone involved from VisitArran and Taste of Arran are to be congratulated particularly Sheila Gilmore and her small conference team for making the event such a success.

The sponsorship by North Ayrshire Council should also be credited.

It means that the island can think more about business tourism, which has huge economic impact and can encourage other conference business.

This was not possible in the past for two main reasons. The first was the lack of a purpose-built conference facility which is now a reality with the top class facilities available in the community theatre at Arran High School.

The second was the prohibitive price of ferry fares, but the reduced RET fares could make it far more attractive for conference organisers to consider island destinations.

As for the conference itself, delegates were able to share their expertise, experience and knowledge to help each other develop tourism on small cold water island destinations across the world.

As VisitArran director Alastair Dobson said, it presented a fantastic opportunity to meet with like-minded business people and policy makers to share ideas and practises and find common ground that can help everyone move forward.

Island tourism has in the past tended to focus on warm water locations like the Mediterranean, the Caribbean, and the Pacific Ocean.

It's time for the cold water islands to show they can sizzle too.

## New buses are welcome sight

The arrival of a fleet of a dozen brand new gleaming buses is a welcome sight on the roads of Arran. Each of them has low-emissions and full wheelchair access and has cost the Strathclyde Partnership for Transport a cool £1.5 million.

What must be ensured now is that the fleet is fit for purpose and used by operator Stagecoach to provide a service that meets both the needs of both the travelling island public and the many visitors who use the service.

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

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# Letters to the Editor



## Funding thanks

Sir,

I am writing this letter to personally thank the Arran Society of Glasgow, on behalf of the Argyll College Drama class and Arran High School's Higher English class, for its kind funding for our trip to see The Slab Boys performed at the Citizens Theatre in Glasgow on 25 February.

The acting in the play itself was top-notch across the board. It was a very enjoyable experience which has provided excellent material for myself and the other Higher Drama candidates which we can use in our final examination at the end of next month; the National 5 students also benefited from seeing professional actors as they have an acting exam in a couple of weeks.

The play will also help the Higher English class pupils with their final exam in May as they are able to use it in the Set Text section of their exam paper.

To reiterate; we are very pleased to have been given the funding for this educational trip which has definitely helped us in the drama performances we will have to do as part of our final examination as we can see different techniques used by the actors to provoke a response from the audience.

Yours,  
James Mutch

## Unreliable fallback

Sir,

True - it was a touch stoozy and choppy at Ardrossan on Monday 23 February. It was clear that things got a lot better in the lee of Bute and Cumbrae as we travelled by cramped bus to meet the diverted Caledonian Isles at Gourock.

The sea there was calm. After all, there's shelter or limited fetch all around. The Caley Isles was standing-off in the bay as another vessel cleared Gourock pier. Luckily the Tourism Prevention Department had failed to dissuade a devoted Ayr couple from travelling.

They ignored website warn-

ings about weather changing en-route and threats of the ferry having to turn back if conditions proved unfavourable for docking. They stuck with it when an easy return home was always an option. Did a bowl of chips on board compare with Auchrannie's lunch potential?

Equally, three generations of a family complete with toddlers and infants persisted and weary teachers corralled a posse of school kids who had enough cases to occupy a good portion of the fabled square on number four deck.

Thank you to those and others who made the journey. Their island adventure had already started.

You'd think that a soundly run ferry operator with round-hole shaped berthing facilities would be careful not to buy a square-peg shaped vessel.

Yes, of course they would and anyway it was a long time ago when the Caley Isles was new. Still - things have changed?

There's been plenty of opportunity since then to develop a joined up fleet and infrastructure policy (a stifled cough fails to disguise a clearly audible cry of, 'Loch Seaforth'. Phew, that was close).

The docking facilities at Gourock lack foot passenger access and a phalanx of containers make an old-fashioned gangplank impossible even if the height it has to reach would make it more like a ladder. And, where does that other vessel tie-up?

It's only evidence from one recent visit, but I wonder if wind speed and direction are the only considerations to affect the viability of this port of refuge.

Brodick pier isn't the problem. It's clearly the port of ultimate refuge. Where does the Caley Isles come when it can't go anywhere else?

It's not the doughty Caley Isles that's unfit for purpose either. By definition any Clyde ferry worthy of the name is well able to cope with wind and sea common in the area it operates.

Ships in harbour are safe,

but that's not what ships are for.

Of course safety is paramount and we rely on the professionals to discern the line between an odd scary moment negotiating the entry to Ardrossan harbour and genuine Herald of Free Enterprise rollover potential.

I wouldn't like to balance safety, public relations, economics, risk avoidance and litigation potential. It serves none of us, islanders, tourists and operator, to have a ferry moored in Brodick when our livelihood depends on it being at sea.

Please find the way to have a mainland port that works. Not a compromise with an unreliable fallback, but a proper, joined-up place where the floating bits can come together with the concrete bits reliably in all weathers all year. Please.

Yours,  
John Boyd  
Easdale  
Brodick

## No credit

Sir,

The letter from the Westminster SNP election candidate Patricia Gibson about petrol prices on Arran does her no credit.

The SNP Scottish government has introduced a selective RET policy which does nothing to address the matter.

To accuse Katy Clark of not representing her constituents is misplaced and ridiculous.

Katy has been an attentive and diligent MP over the course of the past 10 years.

She has done her best, despite her party and its ups and downs, to represent the interests of the people of North Ayrshire, including Arran.

The problem for Katy is that she is in the wrong party and she will sink or swim on the basis of its record and its political direction. Cheap political jibes are not required in this election - it is not about the personalities but about greater issues.

I will vote for Ms Gibson as the most prominent independence candidate, but with no illusions about either her or her party.

Labour's demise under Jim Murphy is well deserved and the efforts of a small minority of its members with principle and integrity, like Katy Clark, will not save it.

Yours,  
Colin Turbett  
Rannoch  
Shiskine

## Job well done

Sir,

Last Tuesday 24 February, a very windy day, I had occasion to go to the mainland along with a number of other passengers on the 1.50pm ferry.

Captain Colin Bain advised us that the conditions were difficult, but he would try and get us into Ardrossan Harbour. We knew that if he was not successful we would need to return to Brodick. The staff in the Brodick office had told us this would be the possible outcome.

Throughout the journey Captain Bain kept us informed of progress and when conditions worsened he advised us that the vessel would slow down and when manoeuvres were to be made. He calmly told us to be seated.

He tried several times to get into Ardrossan Harbour without success but he did not give up and finally succeeded much to the delight of the passengers who had onward journeys to make, many for business reasons.

I am writing this letter to convey my appreciation for a job well done in very difficult weather conditions.

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Judges Jock Kelso, Teri McIntosh and Archie Nicol.



P1/2 entrants with winner James Worthington, centre front.



A participant checks her poem with master of ceremonies Heather Gough.

# Poetry and prize Burns verse speaks The standard of entry was

Photographs courtesy of Richard Fletcher

Nearly 90 pupils from across the island's primary schools took part in the revived Burns verse speaking contest at Arran high school earlier this month.

It is the first time in three years that the contest has been held, thanks to the intervention of Lamlash Burns Club (LBC), and the standard of entry was extremely high.

All the island's primary teachers, in particular Annette Treble, head teacher at Whiting Bay Primary School, put a tremendous amount of hard work and energy into making the day a reality.

Sheila Gilmore, who was involved for 14 years in organising and running the competition until it ceased in 2012, provided help and support in arranging the programme and guidance

on running the event. The event was sponsored by the Burns club which had special commemorative medals struck for the competition, to be awarded to the winner in each of the following categories: primary 1 and 2 mixed; primary 3 and 4 mixed (both categories any Scots poem), primary 5 mixed; primary 6 mixed and primary 7mixed (Burns poems).

In addition, Mrs Treble and North Ayrshire Council provided five celtic quiches to be presented to the school of the winner of each category. Every pupil who entered the competition also received a personalised Burns scroll featuring the winning drawing by Lori Prescott selected from the recent Burns drawing competition.

The judges for the competition were Jock Kelso, president Lamlash Burns Club; Ms Teri



P3/4 entrants with winner Harry Gilmore, centre front.

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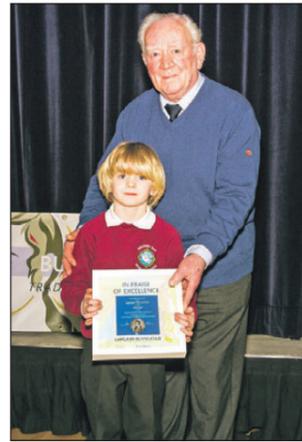
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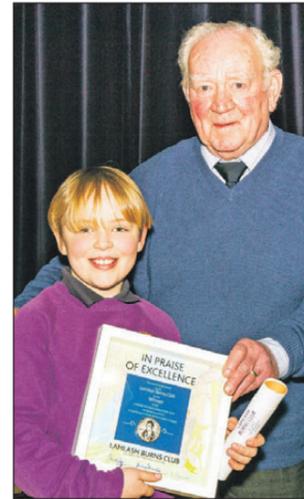
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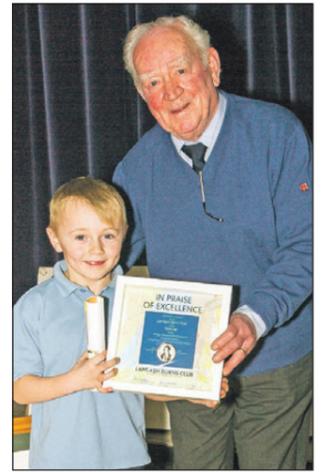
P5 entrants with winner Cameron McNeish, centre front.



P1/2 winner Jamie Worthington gets his award from LBC president Jock Kelso.



P5 winner Cameron McNeish with LBC president Jock Kelso.



P3/4 winner Harry Gilmore with LBC president Jock Kelso.



P7 entrants with winner Naomi Provan, centre front.

# Standards at revival of speaking contest was extremely high

McIntosh, NAC; and Archie Nicol, past president Lamlash Burns Club. Heather Gough was compere for the day and Alan Kelly and Tony van Breugel helped ensure everything ran smoothly.

The judges were hugely impressed by the high standard of the contributions across all the age groups. The judging became particularly difficult in the P6 and P7 categories, where several excellent performances were very difficult to separate. However, after considerable deliberations, the winners were announced.

Mr Kelso said: 'Lamlash Burns Club would like to thank all pupils, parents, schools and staff for their support of the competition and look forward to another successful competition next year.'

## And the winners are ...

**P1/2 mixed:** Jamie Worthington (Whiting Bay), The Bubblyjock (Hugh MacDiarmid).

**P3/4 mixed:** Harry Gilmore (Brodict), TwaLeggit Mice (J K Annand).

**P5 mixed:** Cameron McNeish (Kilmory), Tam O'Shanter.

**P6 mixed:** Sam Reid (Brodict), Scots WhaHae.

**P7 mixed:** Naomi Provan (Whiting Bay), To a Louse.



P6 winner Sam Reid with judge Teri McIntosh and Jock Kelso.



P6 entrants with winner Sam Reid, centre front.



P7 winner Naomi Provan with judge Teri McIntosh and Jock Kelso.

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The Arran trio with their London hosts.

# Trio of Arran poets read in London

Three Arran poets recently took to the road on an ambitious reading in the Poetry Place in London's Covent Garden.

Tim Pomeroy, Cicely Gill and David Underdown were guests of a group of four London poets, Simon Kirwin, Steve Boorman, Lynda How and last year's Maclellan Poetry first prize-winner, Alex Josephy.

The Arran three have been actively arranging reciprocal readings with other poetry groups throughout the UK.

Last year they travelled to Lancaster where they were the headline act to the Lancashire April Poets, then April Poets headlined in the Brodick Bar later in the year.

Next month another group of poets comes up from Darlington to read on Arran.

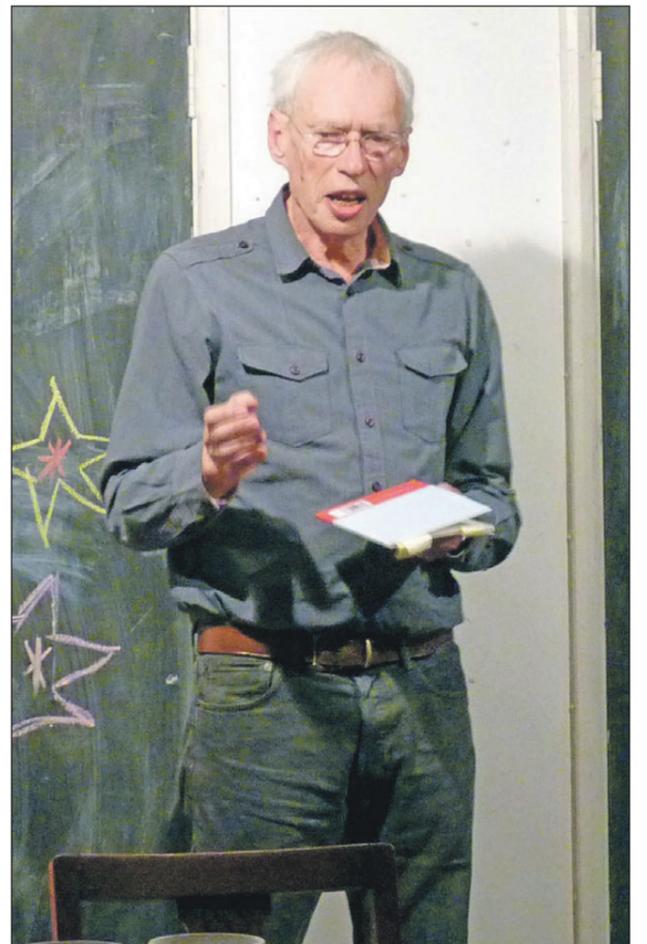
The London reading, called Lines Across the Water, was a full house. The Poetry Society-owned, Poetry Café's basement seats up to 44. All seats were filled and people were sitting on the stairs down.

The hosts warmed up the evening reading with a variety of voices encompassing both distinctly London poems to flash fiction; from poems to do with climbing to those about the fear of flying. Tim Pomeroy on acoustic guitar, ended the first half with three songs.

The Arran poets took the whole second half reading for

about 20 minutes each. Cicely's poem Passing Through, set in Glasgow Central station, was particularly well received as was David's upside down poem about grandchildren. Tim's eco poem caused a few wry smiles. All of these had, of course, been rehearsed the week before

at the Copperweats pop-up reading. The audience was warm throughout the evening and all attending thought it was a great success. Already the London poets are in discussions about a 'return match' on the island. Watch The Banner for details or visit [www.arranpoetry.co.uk](http://www.arranpoetry.co.uk)



David Underwood reads at the London event.

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# Women's Day celebrated with the story of Arran's own suffragette

Arran's Women for Independence group celebrated International Women's Day a day early, on Saturday 7 March, with a well-attended coffee, cake and conversation event in the Ormidale Pavilion in Brodick.

The headline speaker was to have been Pam Currie, who had so impressed everyone at the referendum debate at Arran High School last year, but unfortunately she had to call off because of the bad weather forecast. Instead the group were treated to two local speakers, each outstanding in their own different way.

Liz Dale of Pirmill regaled the audience with the story of Arran's own suffragette, Flora Drummond (1878-1949), popularly known as The Little General because of her fondness for military-style uniform and for leading the suffragette parades on horseback. The group learned what led to Flora's passion for women's rights.

As a young woman she had studied to enter the civil service and wanted to be a postmistress (possibly in Pirmill, where her grandmother ran the local shop), but just before she passed her exams with flying colours, the height regulations were changed disqualifying anyone under 5ft 2in. At 5ft 1in, Flora was most aggrieved!

Flora married and moved to Manchester where she became involved in the Independent Labour Party and the

Women's Social and Political Union, where she became close friends with Emmeline Pankhurst and her daughters Christabel and Sylvia, and with other prominent suffragettes, Annie Kenney in particular.

She worked in local factories, learning about the poor working conditions and pay endured by women workers, and this fired her fight for social justice. She became a leading organiser in the WSPU and moved to London to take charge of the WSPU offices there. She was at the forefront of the militant suffragette campaign, gained a reputation as a brilliant orator with a special talent for dealing with hecklers, and was imprisoned nine times as a result of her exploits.

She was not subjected to the force-feeding inflicted on so many of the suffragettes, perhaps because the prison authorities were afraid of making a martyr of such a prominent figure, and when it was discovered she was pregnant, in 1908, she was released early from her three-month prison term. She called her son Keir Hardie Drummond, making her political loyalties clear!

The gathering also heard that it was Flora, with her civil service training, who had initiated the practice of female prisoners using morse code, tapping on the cell walls, to communicate with each other under the watch-

ful eyes of the guards. Flora returned to Glasgow and worked for the WSPU there for a while, organising the famous March of Women along Princes Street in 1909.

She returned to Arran in 1914 in an attempt to recover her failing health, caused by jail-time and hunger-strikes, and after that concentrated on speech-making and administration to avoid arrest. She, like Emmeline and Christabel Pankhurst, supported the women's war effort that was to achieve the vote in 1918, and went on to found the Women's Guild of Empire that opposed the strikes and lock-outs of the 1920s and 30s, mainly because of their effect on working women and their families. She was a pall-bearer at Emmeline Pankhurst's funeral in 1928.

Her first marriage broke up and she later re-married, eventually settling in Carradale where she died, fiery to the last, in 1949.

Photographs of this 'bonnie fechter' were passed round and Liz's illuminating talk, filled with amusing anecdotes, caused a buzz of appreciation in the audience.

After questions and discussion, the mood changed when Jenny Williamson of Brodick took the floor to recite a few of her entertaining verses, peppered with humour and not a little political invective.

A star turn greatly appreciated by the audience who were able to leave with a smile on their faces, uplifted, inspired and ready to take on the world.

Thanks to the superb speakers, to all who attended on a day of such inclement weather, and to all the behind-the-scenes helpers who made this celebration event such a brilliant success.

The next Arran Women for Independence event will be on Friday 27 March at 7pm for 7.30pm, again at the Ormidale Pavilion with guest speaker Jeane Freeman. AB



Arran suffragette Flora Drummond with her son Keir Hardie.

## Society hears of diverse wildlife on Canna

The meeting of the Arran Natural History Society on Thursday 5 March heard Gordon Riddle give an illustrated presentation on The Wildlife of Canna.

Gordon first visited Canna in 1984 on holiday and continues to do so on an annual basis. The National Trust for Scotland owns and manages the island, which had a population of 426 in 1826 before the Clearances. Its full-time population now is 18.

Gordon said: 'Canna is one of the Inner Hebrides and has a diverse and interesting range of wildlife communities.' The illustrated talk explored not only the wildlife, with special emphasis on the exceptional bird life but also the conservation work that is carried out there.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 2 April starting at 8pm in the Ranger Centre in Brodick Country Park, when Sue Weaver will show the film of her recent trans-Atlantic sailing expedition investigating the effects of plastic pollution in the seas and will discuss the implications of the project.

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The audience look at photographs of Arran's suffragette.

# What's on

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## Everyday

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

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

## Saturday 21st March

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

Auchrannie Road 11am - 1 pm.  
 Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
 Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm  
 Auchrannie Spa pool, 4-5pm  
 Fiddlers, Brodick from 8pm  
 Auchrannie Road, Brodick, 10-4.30pm  
 Blackwaterfoot bowling club, 1.45pm  
 Shiskine Hall, 2pm for 2.30pm start

## Sunday 22nd March

Family Games  
 Fun in the pool  
 AA Meeting  
 Open Session - All musicians & Singers welcome  
 Live music with the Jazz Cafe Band

Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm  
 Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm  
 Brodick church Hall, 5pm-6.30pm  
 Fiddlers, Brodick 2.30pm  
 The Drift Inn, Lamlash, 12noon

## Monday 23rd March

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

Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm  
 Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm  
 Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30-1.30pm  
 Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am  
 Corrie Hall, 6.30pm  
 Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm  
 Ormidale Park, 6-7.30pm  
 Corrie Village Hall, 11am - 12 noon  
 Auchrannie Gym, 6-7pm

## Tuesday 24th March

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

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

## Wednesday 25th March

Rock & Pop Bingo  
 Tae Kwondo

Ormidale Hotel 9.30pm  
 Arran High School Kids-6.30-7.30pm Adults-7.30-8.30pm

Alcoholics Anonymous  
 Arran Brass Rehearsal  
 Yoga  
 Hydrofit  
 Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy service  
 RunArran  
 Yoga-Arran  
 Drift Inn Quiz  
 Mixed Hockey  
 Dog classes  
 Coffee Morning  
 Arran Music & Drama EGM

Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm  
 Brodick Church Hall, 7-9pm  
 Auchrannie Studio, 9am-10am  
 Auchrannie Hotel leisure, 10.15 - 11.15am  
 10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30  
 Auchrannie car park, 5.30pm  
 Kinneil, Lamlash, 7-8.30pm  
 Lamlash, 9pm  
 Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7.30-9pm  
 Whiting Bay Hall, 1pm  
 Brodick Church Hall, 10.30 - 12noon  
 Brodick Hall, 7.30pm

## Thursday 26th March

Morning Fitness  
 General Knowledge Quiz  
 Folk, Country, Bluesy Night with Cams & Friends  
 Yoga  
 Bridge Club  
 Open Music session  
 Ladies Hockey  
 RunArran Beginners  
 Cardiac Rehab  
 Body & Mind  
 Country Park Volunteer Day  
 Brodick Embroidery Group  
 QuiltArran  
 Auchrannie Winter Bowls  
 Metafit  
 Arran Heritage Museum AGM

Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am  
 Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
 Fiddlers, Brodick, 7.30pm  
 Corrie Village Hall, 6pm - 7pm  
 Brodick Golf Clubhouse, 7pm  
 Drift Inn, Lamlash, 9pm  
 Ormidale Pavilion, 7.30-8.30pm  
 Auchrannie Car Park, Brodick, 5.30pm  
 Auchrannie leisure club, 2-3.30pm  
 Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 6-7pm  
 Brodick Castle, 10am - 4pm  
 Brodick Library, 7.30-9.30pm  
 Lamlash Fire Station, 2-4.30pm  
 Auchrannie, 7pm  
 Auchrannie, 6pm  
 Brodick Church Hall, 2pm

## Friday 27th March

Yoga  
 Hydrofit  
 Arran Youth Foundations  
 Live music  
 Lochranza Kids Badminton  
 Lochranza Adults Badminton  
 Family fun night  
 Brodick Market  
 AA Meeting  
 Live music  
 Tae Kwondo  
 Women for independence  
 Coffee Morning

Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9am - 10am  
 Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 10.15 - 11.15am  
 Church Hall, Brodick 7pm-9pm  
 Fiddlers, Brodick, 8pm  
 Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm  
 Lochranza Hall, 8pm  
 Brodick Golf Club 4.45pm  
 Auchrannie Road, Brodick, 10-4.30pm  
 Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm  
 Fiddlers, Brodick, 8pm  
 Arran High School, Lamlash Adults, 7pm -8.30pm  
 Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 7pm for 7.30pm  
 Corrie & Sannox Village Hall, 10.30am



# THE ARRAN

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Saturday 25 March, 1995

## Age of discovery

An exhibition of the plans for the proposed Arran Discovery Centre was mounted in Shiskine Hall this week and will go into Brodick Library and the Kinloch Hotel next week.

The plans show a modest looking building, sited about 50 metres along the Kings Cave path from the new car park.

It is circular and roughly 25 metres in diameter, made from a steel frame, clad in timber, with a slate roof topped by a small cupola to give light. The building, which will cost £500,000, is round in keeping with ancient hut circles.

The proposed centre would provide modern tourist facilities and present the story of 8,000 years of uninterrupted settlement though the archaeology and natural history of the island using an interactive exhibition.

## New amenity homes

Work has started on a further group of Kirkcare houses for the elderly, this time at Sandbraes in Whiting Bay.

The houses, being built by John Thomson Construction, will comprise eight semi-detached dwellings for rent and will be ready for occupation in November.

It is some years now since Kirkcare, in association with Scottish Homes, became involved in building on Arran. Since then houses for the elderly have been built in Brodick, Blackwaterfoot and Lochranza.

Kirkcare and Scottish Homes were also behind the Park scheme in Lamlash and the next scheme is to be in Lower Glencloy, behind Glen Estate in Brodick.

Phase one has now been approved and will include one and two storey houses which will be 75 per cent for rent and 25 per cent shared ownership.

## Bequeathed to trust

Glenscorrodale Farm has been bequeathed to the Ropka Trust following the death of Paul Watson who had been living on Arran for two years since coming from Yorkshire.

It is one of the oldest houses on the island

having been built in 1776. It was in use as a guest house and a sheep farm until 1993, despite being one of only a few properties on the island not connected to mains electricity.

The Rokpa Trust is part of the Samye Ling Buddhist organisation which says it has no plans at this stage for Glenscorrodale except to maintain it in good order.

## Two hurt in fire

Fire engines were called at 4am last Sunday morning to a blaze at the Lamlash Bay Apartments near the Pierhead Tavern in Lamlash.

One man had to be rescued by firemen and a second man managed to escape by breaking a window.

Both were taken to hospital where they were detained.

A couple in the flat above, who were in bed at the time, also managed to escape.

The cause of the fire is under investigation but it is thought it may have been caused by a blanket which was too near a heater. Police say there are no suspicious circumstances.



Four friends are to walk the West Highland Way to raise money for Arran Pipe Band. They are Willie Innes, Mel Jones, Sandy Gauld and Jimmy McCrorie who are seen here being piped off from The Banner office in Brodick by piper Lindsay Proudfoot.

b12twe05



Arran Riding Club held a tetrathon at Cairnhouse Riding Centre where 27 competitors took part in the timed event in which they had to showjump, run, cycle and swim. Our picture shows the winners with their trophies and rosettes following the event.

b12twe03



Lamlash Youth Club almost swept the boards winning the football, unihoc and pool competitions at the Arran Action for Youth sport afternoon in Lamlash Community Centre.

b12twe04



Pupils at Arran high school celebrated Red Nose Day by dressing up. Emily Padfield, Katy Glew and Emma l'Anson, above, dressed as St Trinians girls. Right: the whole group which raised £315 for Comic Relief.

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# Public Notices

**Lochranza Mooring  
Owners Association  
AGM**

Lochranza and Catacol Village Hall  
Saturday 4th April, 10am

**ARRAN HERITAGE MUSEUM  
A.G.M.**

Thursday 26th March at 2pm  
in Brodick Church Hall.  
ALL WELCOME

**Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence**

Arran Haulage Services Ltd. of Home Farm, Brodick, Isle of Arran. KA27 8DD is applying to change an existing licence as follows:

To keep an extra 10 trailers at the operating centre at Home Farm, Brodick, Isle of Arran. KA27 8DD

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**ARRAN MEDICAL GROUP**

## Easter 2015

The island GP surgeries  
will be closed on  
**Monday 6 April**

If you need to contact a doctor  
urgently when the surgeries are  
closed please phone NHS 24

# 111

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**SANNOX  
CHRISTIAN  
CENTRE**

**Annual General Meeting**  
Saturday 25th April 2015, 11.15 am  
at Sannox – all welcome  
Scottish Charity No SCO42770

**CORRIE GOLF CLUB  
ANNUAL GENERAL  
MEETING**

**WED 1ST APRIL 2015 7.30pm**

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### Property Management Assistant - Part Time Maternity Cover

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### Housekeepers

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**Sunday 22nd March**

Holy Communion 11.00 am.

Mr John Roberts.

Coffee after service.

**Wednesday 25th March**

Holy Communion, 12.15 pm.

ALL WELCOME.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Parishes of North Arran Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirmill and Shiskine

Independent but working together

Minister:

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Parish Assistant:

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Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times to which all are invited.

**Sunday 22nd March**

Lochranza and Pirmill Churches. 10.15am

Morning Worship in Pirmill

Shiskine Church, 12noon

Morning Worship.

Brodick Church, 10.30am

Morning Worship.

Corrie Church, 11.30am

Prayer Meeting

12noon Morning Worship.

There will also be a Service of

Worship in Montrose House

at 1.30pm.

**Wednesday 25th March**

12 noon Service of Prayers for

Health and Healing in

Brodick Church.

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**Sunday 22nd March**

Kilmory 10am

Lamlash 11.30 am

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(continuing)

**Sunday 22nd March**

Morning Service, 11am

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Evening Service 6.30pm

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Prayer Meeting

**Wednesday 25th March**

AT 7pm

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Annual Meeting at the close of

worship for the congregation to

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There will be a Soup Lunch

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Sunday mass 11am

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Minister: Rev Vince Jennings

**Sunday 22nd March**

11am Morning worship

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**Sunday 22nd March**

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Donaldson, aged 89 years.

Past Captain and Honorary

Member at Shiskine Golf Club.

Memorial service to be held at

West Kilbride Parish Church

on Thursday, 26th March at

11.30am to which all friends are

invited.

**HAMILTON** - Mary (May). Of

Lamlash, Isle of Arran. Passed

away suddenly on Tuesday,

17th March 2015. Beloved wife

of Andrew, mum to William,

Johnny, Pauline, Andrew and

Craig, much loved granny, great

granny, sister and auntie. Funeral

service at Lamlash Parish church

at 11.30 on Thursday 26th March

to which all family and friends

are invited.

**BANNER ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**Whiting Bay Golf Club**  
Sunday 15 March. At last, bright skies and a reasonably dry golf course let us entertain Lamlash GC for the final meeting in this winter's series.

A reasonable turnout from both clubs meant only minimal transfer activity was needed and Adam Kelso and Steve Fenton were 'loaned' to Lamlash for the duration. The resultant 5 four-balls and 1 two-ball ended with a one game victory to Lamlash by 3 and 1/2 to 2 and 1/2 and a decisive series victory by 12 and 1/2 to 6 and 1/2. The Auld Cronies trophy for the best two stableford scores - one at each course - was won by John O'Sullivan with two rounds each of 40 points.

Congratulations to Lamlash and to John for a fine set of performances throughout the series. The pleasant conditions encouraged fine scoring in the individual stableford and the first three places were separated only by a countback on 40 points each. 1 Scott Campbell, 2 John O'Sullivan and 3 Jamie MacPherson.

There were magic twos from Sandy Pringle at the second and from Ian Murchie and David Brookens, each at the 17th. Thanks to John Simmons for the soup and rolls much enjoyed after the golf and to both clubs and staff for the hospitality enjoyed by us all over the winter months.

Fixtures: Sunday 22 March, stableford sweep, yellow tees (non-counting). Usual draws at 9am and 10.30am.

**Brodick Golf Club**  
Sunday 15 March, Clochendichter, round 5, fourball better ball. On a beautiful day for golf, and with the course in amazingly good condition after last week's floods, both matches were drawn. This means that the desti-



There was a recent Kelso double at Shiskine Golf Club when Elizabeth Kelso won the Alan Smith Plate and Willie Kelso followed by winning the Colditz Quaich.

nation of the trophy will be decided on Sunday 22 in the Greensome match between Knowe and Alma. A draw will do Knowe while Alma need a win. Street look destined for the wooden spoon again, unless they can beat Village 5-1 or 6-0!

Latest results: Knowe 3 Alma 3, Street 3 Village 3. The table standings are: Knowe 18, Alma 17, Village 14 and Street 11.

Fixtures: Sunday 22 March, Clochendichter. Sunday 29 March, Winter Cup final round. Wednesday 1 April, Summer Cup starts. The Old Fart's Dinner will be on Wednesday 25 March 7pm for 7.30pm.

**Shiskine Golf Club**  
Sunday 15 March, gents 18 hole medal, 16 played in good weather. 1 Jack McNally 78-18=60, 2 Brian Sherwood 74-12=62, 3 Willie Kelso 72-8=64. Scratch W Kelso 72 (ACB). Magic twos Jack McNally at the eighth, Brian Sherwood at the 12th. Great play from young Jack and your handicap will be cut.

Fixtures: Saturday 21 March, gents Lochranza match at 1.30pm. Sunday 22 March, gents Shiskine grand shoot out at 2pm.

**Lamlash Golf Club**  
Sunday 15 March, winter friendly Lamlash v Whiting Bay. Congratulations to Lamlash on retaining the Winter Shield with a resounding victory. Also to John O'Sullivan on winning the Old Cronies Trophy with a great score of 80 pts, 40 at Lamlash and 40 at W/Bay.

Fixtures: Sunday 22 March, Glenburn Cup final round 9.30am and 12noon starts. Thursday 26 March, Yellow Medal, draw at 11am. Corrie Golf Club

Saturday 14 March, Winter Cup, round five, 12 played. CSS 62. 1 G Percy 39+33=72-13=59, 2 A Napier 37+31=68-7=61, 3 J McGovern 38+38=76-11=65. Best scratch A Napier 68. Magic two Gordon Percy.

Fixtures: Saturday 21 March, Winter Cup, tee offs at 8.30am and 12.30pm. Sunday 22 March, tee reserved for from 10am till 3pm for Arran Ladies competition.

**Machrie Golf Club**  
Saturday 14 March, Lochranza Hotel Cup, Stableford, six played. 1 Phil Betley 37 pts, 2 David Price 35 pts, 3 Brian Sherwood 34 pts.



Joe Faulkner won the Mahogany Trophy at Shiskine Golf And Tennis Club.



Brian Sherwood won the 2014/15 Winter Cup at Shiskine Golf Club, winning it for perhaps the eighth time, although everyone at the club may be losing count it has been so often!

# Arran second top after 24-goal weekend rout

## Promotion decider could see team go up in first season

**Arran 16 Rottenrow Bluesox II 0**  
Arran's hockey ladies fairly knocked in the goals in a double header in Brodick last weekend.

Over two days of matches the team knocked 24 goals past their opponents without reply in the West District Division Four fixtures.

The results put them in second place in the league and bidding for promotion in their first season with the league decider today (Saturday).

Last Saturday, Rottenrow Bluesox IIs travelled to Arran with only their players and no umpires but still wanted to play the game and not concede.

The home side were 8-0 up at half time with a final score of 16-0. Arran had a team of 14 with three rolling subs, which gave everyone a good game.

Captain Victoria McNicol said: 'We treated it as a training exercise, even though the score will help our goal difference in the league. The away team were lovely and were glad to come over and play.'

Lorraine Hewie scored eight goals, Anne Watts scored seven and Victoria got the other one. Anne Watts was dame of the game.

**Arran 8 Uddingston II 0**  
On Sunday Arran played Uddingston 2s.

The home side had a team of 14 again and rolled three on/off every 15 minutes.

Arran probably played their best hockey ever. They had great passing, calling and tackling and were not for letting the opposition score.

The home side were 2-0 up at half time when quite a

few of the opposition started to get frustrated, leading to some unsporting behaviour.

But Arran turned the other cheek and scored a further six goals in the second half, making the final score 8-0.

Lorraine, Anne and Judith Ross scored two, with Victoria and Juliette Walsh getting the others. Dame of the game was Anne Watts again.

Victoria said: 'Huge thanks to Aunt Sally Brookes for her calm and professional umpiring throughout the season, she has been fabulous.'

'We had great home support. This puts us second in the league with one game left to play.'

'We are at Holy Cross, Hamilton - pass back 1.20pm - for the final league game'

'This is a promotion decider and we need as much support as possible as they are top of the league. Fingers crossed.'



Judith Ross on the attack against the Bluesox. Photo Chris Hogge. 20\_b12hockey02



Faith McKelvie brings the ball out of defence. 20\_b12hockey06



Determination shows on the face of Ann Watts.

Photo Chris Hogge 20\_b12hockey03



One of the Arran forward collides with the Bluesox goalkeeper.

Photo Chris Hogge 20\_b12hockey01



Judith Ross hits the byline. 20\_b12hockey04



Pauline Reid gets tight in the tackle with an Uddingston player. 20\_b12hockey05



Anne Watts was the dame of both games.

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# On your marks as runners prepare for Arran 10K

It's time to dust off those running shoes and get in training for the Isle of Arran 10K Road Race.

This year's race will be held on Sunday 26 April and organisers are hoping to beat the numbers of entries from the last event which attracted 69 runners.

Started by Arran Runners the race has been run annually for nearly 30 years. Previously known as the Ormidale 10K, in recent years the entry numbers had fallen to near critical levels with less than 40 entrants.

But with the help last year of The Arran Banner Training Schedule, and a big interest in running on the island thanks to RunArran, numbers almost doubled.

Now organiser Tommy Gilmore of the Ormidale Hotel is hoping that even more runners will take part this year.

He said: 'The turnout of Arran runners last year was excellent and I hope we can encourage even more this year. The event has always been popular with runners on the mainland, many of whom return year after year and I hope we see some familiar faces again this year.'

As usual, entry is on the day at the Ormidale Sports Pavilion from 11am onwards for a noon start.

The same route has been used since 1989. Starting at Ormidale Park the run heads out to Merkland Point and back with a diversion up the Knowe Road to make it the precise 10,000 metres.

Tommy said: 'The course is very flat and entrants are welcome to walk the route if they don't want to run or jog.'

'The five weeks remaining until the race is certainly enough time to train to complete the six mile course, although to be competitive, a higher level of fitness would be ideal. Novices or seasoned runners may want to join one of the RunArran groups on the island to improve their fitness'

'And I would urge everyone to remember, if training on roads, to wear some hi-vis gear, as well as appropriate footwear.'

Last year's race was won by David Simpson from Musselburgh running for the fourth time and finishing in 33 minutes, 24 seconds. Paul Hewie was the first Arran runner home in 41 minutes, 51 seconds while Linsey Mackintosh from Lamlash was the first woman in a time of 42 minutes 37 seconds.

Anyone with any queries regarding the 10K can phone Tommy Gilmore on 01770 302293.



The Whiting Bay beginners group with their medals. Jean McInnes is not pictured. 20\_b12run01

## Keeping on running in Whiting Bay

Nine runners in Whiting Bay have just completed their 10-week Jogscotland beginners course.

It was the first course held by RunArran in Whiting Bay and at the end of the final week all the participants received their completion medals.

All the runners have now gone on to the intermediate run group which started last Monday and which meets at

Sandbraes at 6pm. Those who received their medals were: Ella Kerr, Karen Ward, Elaine Kelso, Janice Miller, Kay Stout, Lynda Fenton, Paul Emsley, Gordon McInnes and Jean McInnes. Paul and Gordon made every session.

**Proud**

Laura Aitchison of RunArran said: 'I am very proud of the whole group, they did exceptionally well and are keen to

step up to the next stage.'

A new beginners group has also just started and meets at Sandbraes at 5.30pm, also on a Monday.

RunArran also run regular classes in Brodick and Lamlash and all sessions cost £3.50.

For details phone Laura on 303541 or go to [www.runarran.com](http://www.runarran.com) or find them on facebook.

## Arran go second in league

The Isle of Arran rugby team are sitting second in the BT West Division 3 after previous leaders Strathaven had points deducted for the use of ineligible players.

The move puts Arran in second spot on 36 points and in the second promotion spot behind Cumnock who are on 41 points.

Arran are at home today

in their rescheduled game against Millbrae of Ayr from earlier this month.

They are hoping for a big crowd to support them for the game at Ormidale Park. Check club facebook page for kick-off time.

Millbrae along with Wigtownshire and Loch Lomond have all had points deducted during the league campaign.

## Arran Bridge Club results

The latest results from the Arran Bridge club are: Thursday 12 March at Brodick,

N/S 1 Tricia Martin and Douglas Hamilton, 2 Douglas and Margaret Bruce, 3 Alison Bilsland and Elaine Duncan. E/W 1 Janie Maclure and Anne McKelvie. 2 Brenda Livingstone and Pat Adamson, 3 Mel and Ellie Jones.

Monday 16 March at Lamlash, N/S 1 Pat Adamson and Rion Culpin, 2 Margaret McGill and Elizabeth McKellar, 3 Douglas and Margaret Bruce. E/W 1 Jennifer McArthur and Jean Barclay, 2 Tricia Martin and David Campbell, 3 Janette McBride and John Baraclough.

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