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# String Road closure campaign mounts

'With a bit of effort, common sense and goodwill this could be resolved'

A campaign is gathering momentum on the island to force North Ayrshire Council to reopen the String Road, which was closed two weeks ago to allow for major roadworks.

The B880, the lifeline route between Blackwaterfoot and Brodick, was closed for 10 weeks on Monday 17 March and only reopens at specific 'convoy' times each day.

Businesses and residents in Shiskine have expressed high levels of anger at the way the closure has been managed, the apparent lack of progress and the opening hours, which although designed to allow travel to and from the ferry, are not at appropriate times.

Neil Arthur, who lives at Kilpatrick and ran a successful groundworks business for years, told The Banner that there is a 'very high level of dissatisfaction about the scale of the closure'.

**Unsustainable**

He said: 'Being precluded from the String at night and parts of the weekends, whilst the road has to be maintained in a suitable condition for light and heavy emergency service vehicles, is patently an unsustainable argument on behalf of NAC.'

'If it is safe at night for a doctor's car, an ambulance or

**REPORT**  
by JENNIFER LYON  
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a fire engine then it must be safe for any other vehicles, controlled by traffic lights and driven within a set speed limit.

'With a bit of effort, common sense and goodwill this could be resolved.'

'If the council will not commit to 24-hour working then it is totally unreasonable for them to expect west coast businesses, residents and visitors to be inconvenienced for 24 hours a day!'

He added: 'Were it proposed that the Brodick to Corrie road or the Whiting Bay/Lamlash to Brodick road were to be closed for even one week I think we all know that pressure would be brought to ensure that it did not happen.'

'Four years ago the String was shut for 14 weeks for major repairs. Last year the Catacol to Pirmill and the Blackwaterfoot to Kilmory roads were also closed with no 'out of working hours' access.

'So a simple question - why are the island's west coast communities treated differently?'

NAC island officer, Gus

McLeod, denied that the men were not making progress at a meeting of Arran Community Council on Tuesday night.

'We are currently ahead of schedule and, weather permitting, should be completed within this timescale,' said Mr McLeod.

'To date approximately 2,000 tonnes of material have been excavated from the site, 500 tonnes of dry roadstone has been laid and compacted and approximately 400 metres of the filter drain has been laid.'

**Legally required**

'Due to the nature of the work, we are legally required to close the entire road to protect the public and our workforce. However, we will continue to monitor the situation and will look to open the road where it is safe to do so.'

There was criticism at the community council of Councillor John Bruce for allegedly offering little support to the communities on the west of the island in their attempts to reopen the road. He made no mention of the ongoing situation and instead talked about funding secured for the Brodick pier development.

Councillor Bruce was unavailable to comment as the Banner went to press.



## Science fair at Lamlash

Isabella Reid and Kiera Willis get closely involved with their water experiment which was part of the Lamlash Primary School Science Fair. The exhibition featured science projects by pupils from every year in the school. As these girls show, everyone was keen to get stuck in. 20\_b13science07

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### Flame award nomination for AMRT

Arran Mountain Rescue Team has been shortlisted for a very special award that recognises the support the team provided during last year's snow storms. The Flame Awards were due to take place in Manchester last night (Friday) and three members of the team - Mike Mellor, Robbie Mallinson and deputy team leader Neil Bulger - were attending on behalf of Arran MRT.



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# Castle grounds to be used for garden project

A community garden project is being launched in the grounds of Brodick Castle in a bid to bring together people interested in outdoor pursuits.

It is being formed as part of the Umbrella Project by the Arran Community and Voluntary Service (ACVS) which also embraces an indoor initiative.

Under a deal with the National Trust for Scotland the project has been given a parcel of overgrown land at Shore Lodge which will be used to create the community garden.

One of those behind the new project is Jan MacGregor.

She said: 'The experience and success of Art in Mind, which has been running now

for 10 years, is largely due to the fact that people with similar problems come together to create things and focus on art. As a result they feel better, and gain confidence and new skills.'

ACVS development worker Morag Campbell said: 'Whilst Art in Mind membership is by referral through health and social work professionals only, we welcome people to contact us themselves or on behalf of family or friends, who might not feel comfortable in other groups.'

'There are a great many organised group activities on the island for those who are happy to join in, and our intention in the creation of the Umbrella Project is not to double up but to assist those

who may find group activity difficult.'

The outdoor group, which will focus on gardening and walking, will start on Thursday 3 April, at a time yet to be decided, at the Shore Lodge garden site.

The indoor group starts on Monday 7 April in the Fire Station, Lamlash at 10.30am, which will focus on music or storytelling or arts and crafts.

The project is also looking for any garden tools people could bring along or donate.

Property manager David Cameron said: 'It is important that the NTS work with the local community and the involvement with the ACVS marks the beginning of community projects at Brodick Castle.'



In the new community garden are: from left, Bobbi Adamson, Jim Nicols, NTS interim project garden manager Jens Nielsen, Jan MacGregor, gardener Michael Brown and Morag Campbell. 20\_b13garden01

Anyone interested in taking part should contact Morag at www.arrancvs.org.uk or post to the ACVS, Park Terrace, Lamlash, KA27 8NB. ACVS on 600611, or email



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## Dental spaces to be made available

Dental care is to be offered to those currently missing out on the island as Bruce Jenkins Dental Practice in Brodick is attempting to free up spaces on its list.

For the past nine years Bruce Jenkins has provided NHS, Denplan and private healthcare services from his practice in Brodick.

In that time almost 2,000 residents on the island have had access to regular, preventative treatment, who previously may have not been able to.

Mr Jenkins said: 'There is still a large number of people living here who have not been able to get treatment.'

'As a result we have decided to review our list and we have begun contacting patients who have not attended in the last two years.'

'I am giving them the opportunity to commit to regular attendance and if they do not I will contact the NHS and free the space up.'

It is anticipated that by removing those who no longer wish to be on the list, around

150 spaces will become available.

Tricia Jenkins, the practice manager, said: 'In order to manage the availability of these spaces we will be opening on Saturday 5 April between 10am and 12noon to take calls from those who would like to join our list.'

'People can also come into the surgery to register on a waiting list which we will work our way through.'

'We would ask that people do not call or attend the surgery outwith those times as

this would be disruptive to our current patients.'

She added: 'Patients already on our list may want to take this opportunity to check when they are due their next appointment.'

There had been rumours that Mr Jenkins was planning to retire but he has refuted those claims.

'For 30 years I've been committed to NHS dentistry and as I have only just turned 54 I still have a while to go before retirement,' he told The Banner.

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# Big turnout for Kirsty's book launch

Brodick Hall was packed last Friday night for the launch of the debut novel by Kirsty Wark.

Two hundred free tickets for the event had been given away but such was the popularity of the event that more chairs had to be brought in for downstairs and the balcony upstairs opened.

The first novel by the broadcaster and journalist 'The Legacy of Elizabeth Pringle' is set on Arran where Kirsty has a holiday home.

From the outset she was swamped with readers looking to have their books signed and copies for sale did a roaring trade.

### Inspiration

During the event Kirsty also talked about her island inspiration for the book and read from the novel. It was followed by a question and answer session and another book signing.

Kirsty said: 'I couldn't have received a better welcome from islanders.'



Kirsty discusses her book on stage at Brodick Hall. 20\_b13kirsty05

## Unique Scottish tapas restaurant opens at Auchrannie

Auchrannie Resort revealed its exciting new 'Scottish Tapas' styled restaurant to Arran on Wednesday night.

The resort's fine dining restaurant 'eighteen69' closed at the end of October for refurbishment and the restaurant reopened officially on Friday night with its new concept.

The new restaurant very much focuses on creating a relaxed dining experience where couples, families and groups can share great food.

### Small dishes

The concept allows diners to try a greater range of small dishes which can be shared and inspiration for the menu

is drawn from the Scottish larder.

On Wednesday night Arran's 'hoi polloi' were invited to sample the new menu which included some incredibly delicious and unique dishes.

Diners were able to enjoy the likes of cullen skink, scotched duck egg, a butchers plate with a mini steak, delicious Cumbrae oysters, baked whole Arran camembert with Wooleys oatcakes and an open lasagne of sweet butter lobster and crab.

Chefs are using only the best, freshly prepared, locally-sourced produce and the dining experience now extends into the lounges as well as the main restaurant.

The kitchen continues to be headed up by Craig Beedie, winner of the Scottish Hotel Awards, executive chef of the year 2013 and his team.

Richard Small, general manager of Auchrannie, said: 'We

are always looking to evolve the product offering here at Auchrannie and we are confident that this new style of dining will appeal to both locals and our guests.'

Linda Johnston, executive director of Auchrannie, added: 'Whilst eighteen69 and its predecessor 'The Garden Restaurant' have worked well over the last 25 years, we feel now is the right time to intro-

duce a fresh style of dining to Auchrannie.

'Customer feedback indicates a desire for a more relaxed and affordable approach to dining and we believe this is exactly what our new concept will offer.'

The resort's other two restaurants, Brambles Seafood + Grill and Cruize Bar Brasserie, have been unaffected by the changes.



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# Graffiti attacks at Lamlash

## 'We are following a positive line of inquiry'

Police are probing a spate of indiscriminate graffiti vandalism in Lamlash.

In just one night there were eight acts of vandalism the length of the village.

In one of the worst incidents a car had its tyres slashed and was daubed with slogans in the Drift Inn car park. The car was later removed.

A house in Shore Road was also daubed with graffiti along with public toilets and a caravan, which was covered with a racist slogan.

Plant machinery belonging to John Thomson Construction Ltd, parked behind the high school, and a white trans-

sit van parked near the Ship House were also damaged with paint.

The Bungalow Road bus stop and the Hospital Road phone box were daubed with slogans.

They all took place during the hours of darkness over Thursday 20 March into Friday 21 March.

Sgt Allen Dodds said: 'We are following a positive line of inquiry.'

'I would ask any members of the public who saw anyone acting suspiciously over the hours in question to contact Police Scotland on the non-emergency 101 number.



The Bungalow Road bus stop which was daubed with slogans. 20\_b13graf01

'Alternatively they can contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 where they do not have to leave their name.'

# Shoppers shown how resuscitation can save a life

Customers at the Co-operative store in Brodick were given a demonstration in simple cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) last weekend.

The Scottish Ambulance Service set up a stand in the store where the technicians showed the techniques of CPR to shoppers which can help save a life.

They also demonstrated how the community defibrillators, of which there are now 13 on the island, talk the user through the use of the equipment, although basic CPR knowledge is useful.

A series of free courses as part of the Heartstart initiative to teach CPR are to be held on the island in May and June and forms are now available.

Lamlash-based Shirley Anderson of the Scottish Ambulance Service said: 'We are showing the basic techniques of CPR to raise awareness of how the public can help.'



Young Jemma Totty tries her hand at CPR as Shirley Anderson gives a demonstration. 20\_b13defib01

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## Vintage tea party provides a boost for Arran charities

Fine china, scrumptious home-baking and foot-tapping jazz music were wheeled out in Corrie Hall last week as a 1950s-themed vintage tea party was held to raise money for charity.

The band played, the masses danced, and the lost British tradition of 'tea taking' was revived as Marie-Louise Craig hosted the event which raised more than £1,000 for two Arran charities.

Marie-Louise, who lives in Corrie, said: 'After a recent brainstorm I decided to hold a traditional vintage tea party with music and dancing! I mean, why not?'

'And before I knew it I was organising one in aid of the Corrie defibrillator appeal and Arran Cancer Support (ArCaS).

'As a resident of Corrie and someone who has personally seen how much ArCaS has helped a number of close friends on Arran I named these the charities I would give the donations to.'

Marie was lucky to have the support of the Jazz Café Band who managed to pull together on a week day and performed free.

There was also a number of willing helpers from friends and family, who had to deal with a lot of 'blood, sweat and tears' from Marie over the last couple of weeks: 'I think it would be safe to say that I couldn't have done it without them!'

'I have to say that I was blown away by the generosity from the Arran community and local business,' added Marie-Louise.

'I was inundated with donations of raffle prizes from all over. They were starting to take over my house. I would love to list them all but it would fill an A4 page.'

'I was also amazed with how much the local businesses and suppliers helped me cater the event.'

## Not an April Fool!

Arran Civic Trust's first public meeting is on Tuesday 1 April at 7.30pm not Monday as the article last week suggested.

Not an April fool, just a mistake!

Simon Green, an architectural historian, an enthusiastic and eloquent speaker, will talk to the subject of 'Arran's Architecture: A Celebration of the Buildings on the island through the collections of RCAHMS'.

# Kids show they have the appliance of science

Children at Lamlash Primary School showed they have the appliance of science last week at a school event.

Every pupil in the school was involved in the Science Fair to which parents, grandparents and friends were invited.

On show was the class work of the pupils who have been involved in a wide range of science projects from evolution, to pneumatics, to how the water supply works and even flight.

Each group researched their chosen subject and then created models to demonstrate how it worked.

On show was a singing vacuum cleaner created by Ethan Sillars, Lucy Welsh and Aleena Rojan which was the winner of an Irvine Bay Development Company science contest for schools across North Ayrshire.

Primary six and seven pupils invented a range of ice cream flavours which parents were asked to judge.

The winning flavour will be entered into The Great Scottish Dessert Challenge, a Scotland-wide schools challenge to invent a new frozen dessert in time for the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow. The fair was held as part of the National Science and Engineering Week and came after a visit to the school by Generation Science.

Acting deputy head teacher Caroline Stewart said: 'Everyone in the school has been involved in this exciting project. All the work here today has been produced by the pupils in class. They have all done an excellent job.'



Making ice cream are Morgan Duncan, Hannah Glendinning and Patryk Dybalski. 20\_b13science15



Children hold posters which show how evolution works. 20\_b13science10



Two youngsters with their lighthouse display. 20\_b13science11



Aleena Rojan, Lucy Welsh and Ethan Sillars with the prize-winning singing vacuum cleaner. 20\_b13science03



The water cycle display with James Macis, Thomas Copperwheat and Cara McCabe. 20\_b13science12

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# Distillery doors open to local businesses

'Over the years I have had many people say to me 'I've never been round the distillery' so this is an opportunity for people to rectify that'

The doors to the Isle of Arran Distillery are being flung open next month in a bid to encourage local businesses to learn more about what happens on site.

Visitor centre manager Faye Black said the 'Doors Open' week from April 1-7 is designed to allow hotel, guest house and bed and breakfast owners, as well as other local business people, to come along and see first hand what happens at the distillery. All anyone will need to do is leave a business card or fill in a form at the visitor centre in order to receive the free Oak Tour.

'We are offering a free tour of the distillery and information pack to help people on the island better understand

what's on offer at our beautiful distillery visitor centre,' said Faye.

'Over the years I have had many people say to me 'I've never been round the distillery' so this is an opportunity for people to rectify that.

'This year we will be offering loyalty cards in our Casks Café Bar and incentive cards for all local businesses,' she added.

#### Work together

'This is also a chance for me to ask what I can do for others as we all work together to make Arran the best holiday destination it can be.'

The open days are also designed to educate people about World Whisky Day on Saturday 17 May as Faye wants to work with other

businesses to help promote malt whisky on the island.

World Whisky Day is a global event and invites everyone to try a dram and celebrate the water of life.

Events are taking place all over the globe. Last year on World Whisky Day, the distillery team hosted seven tastings around the island as well as offering samples on board MV Caledonian Isles.

This year Isle of Arran Distillers would like to support businesses on the island to do their own activities for and on World Whisky Day, this could be through whisky tastings, special whisky-inspired menus, a cask rolling competition, 'Shove ha-penny' type games, the possibilities are limited only by imagination.



The red team at Lamlash Primary gets ready to start the fun run. 20\_b13relief01

## Pupils raise cash for Sport Relief

Youngsters at Lamlash Primary School held a fun run for Sport Relief 2014 on Friday.

Pupils joined in as events took place all over the country, staging the run which saw groups of pupils complete three circuits of

the gym hall taking on various challenges.

Later in the morning the early years' class and mother and toddlers group joined in and had a great time.

The school also held a baking sale on the day to raise money for the charity.

## Casa Alianza team takes part in World

Casa Alianza, the UK charity founded by Lochranza resident Fred Shortland, has sent a team of boys and girls from Casa Alianza Nicaragua to the Street Child World Cup in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

#### Street children

Ahead of the World Cup, the second-ever tournament is uniting teams of street children from 19 countries, drawing from a network of outstanding projects all cam-

aigning for the rights of children living on streets.

The tournament is a global movement for street children to receive the protection and opportunities that all children are entitled to. The 10-day event kicked off yesterday.

After starting as a small scale initiative it has grown and now has the support of Save the Children.

More than 230 children from 19 countries will participate

in a girls' and a boys' football tournament, a festival of arts and a conference for children's rights with the belief that no child should have to live on the streets.

#### Thrilled

Mr Shortland said: 'We are thrilled to be participating in what really is a life-changing opportunity for our children who were at one time homeless, abandoned and without hope.'



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# Passenger loses court action over Waverley trip mix up

A passenger has lost a court fight with the operators of the Waverley over an 'on-off-on' summer trip from Arran.

Lachlan MacKinnon from Braintree, Essex took legal action against the paddle steamer company after a mix-up over an excursion from Brodick last June to Ailsa Craig.

In a day of confusion the paddle steamer was first delayed thanks to a technical fault then waiting passengers were told that the boat would make an alternative sailing round Holy Isle and Pladda.

It finally did make the trip towards Ailsa Craig, but did not complete the planned tour

because of return time difficulties, as reported by The Banner last year.

Mr MacKinnon and his family left Brodick Pier when the alternative trip was announced as they had no interest in it. A number of other passengers were also upset by the mix up.

Mr MacKinnon immediately demanded a refund for his £92 tickets from the operator and when it refused he took legal action which saw him twice attend Glasgow Sheriff Court as the pursuer in a case against Waverley Excursions for a refund.

Mr MacKinnon said: 'I was claiming that the excursion

had been cancelled, and I was therefore entitled to a refund of my ticket money.

'In evidence Ms K O'Neill, the Waverley CEO, said that no refunds would be given unless the ship did not leave port on the day of the planned excursion.'

### No refund

The sheriff taking the case found for the defendant and ruled that the excursion had not been cancelled, therefore no refund was due.

In a short explanation for her decision, the Sheriff said that the law in Scotland governing sea excursion cancellation claims had been established over many similar cases.

Because of the many occasions that such excursions were altered because of weather conditions, if the company could show that an alternative excursion had been provided, then the contract was satisfied, and no cancellation was involved.

In the court papers the decision was summarised: 'The sheriff dismissed the action against the defender and found no expenses due to or by either party.'

Mr MacKinnon said: 'Having won its case Waverley Excursions could have been entitled to claim costs from me. It chose not to ask for costs, which was gracious of it.'

'I'd like to thank those of you who wrote or phoned in support of my action, and particularly to Meilan Henderson, who attended court on the day,' he added.

## AYF prepares a feast for invited guests

The youngsters from Arran Youth Foundation hosted a sumptuous dinner at Auchrannie on Monday night for a group of invited guests.

The children, all aged between 11 and 16 years, were given the opportunity to run their very own restaurant for the night.

They chose the menu, prepared the food, served all the dishes and cleared up as the evening took place at eight-  
even69.

Parents and friends of AYF sat down to a meal of leek and potato soup or prawn cocktail followed by vegetable stir fry or lasagne. There was banoffee pie or strawberry cheesecake to finish. Graeme Johnston, youth work project manager, said: 'I'd like to say a big thank you to Richard Small, Craig Beedie and the Auchrannie staff for allowing us to use the restaurant and for helping the kids to practice throughout the winter.'



**Duncan Coyne, Alice Kinniburgh and Abbie Jackson prepare the vegetable stir fry.** 20\_b14ayf01



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# THE ARRAN BANNER

## Should we be 'proactive, not reactive' with potholes?

The island has been transformed into a construction site. The String Road, the Boguille, Lamlash hill - all these roads have been dug up as maintenance takes place, and Johnny Kelso and his team have been seen out and about filling in potholes all over the island.

There is an old saying that wherever the Queen goes there is an overwhelming smell of fresh paint.

And it does seem coincidental that all of the island's potholes are being filled in the week before John Swinney MSP and the First Minister Alex Salmond come to Arran.

Mr Swinney will be here on Sunday night to take part in a Scottish independence referendum debate.

Mr Salmond will have the pleasure of attending a dinner at the Isle of Arran Distillery on Monday night.

When these two gentlemen arrive on Arran and enjoy their smooth ride around the island there will be an overwhelming smell of fresh tar.

Arran has long suffered from terrible road conditions. The potholes and appalling state of the carriageways have been putting off visitors for years and locals are forced to pay out again and again for repairs to vehicles.

Scottish councils are now spending more than £1,600 a day on compensation for drivers whose cars have been damaged by potholes.

In total, £584,745 was paid out last year to drivers, with the five-year total now passing £2.7m.

The String Road is now closed for 10 weeks while 800m of the carriageway at Glenloig is repaired.

The road is opened at three different points during the day but the times are not really appropriate for those trying to get to and from work on the east coast.

But the undeniable truth is that Arran's roads desperately need to be maintained. They have been neglected and left to crumble for too long. For years residents have campaigned for more to be done. The southenders blockaded the road at Levenorrach 10 years ago after the road was left to disintegrate.

Ian Small from Brodick has now been campaigning for years to see proper investment in the island's infrastructure.

So, frustrating as it is to see the road closed, and as disruptive as it is to communities, the island cannot say no to investment in the roads.

When it comes to potholes we must be proactive, not reactive!

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

'Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.' (1 Peter 1:3)

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# Letters to the Editor

## String roadworks questioned

Sir,  
Is it possible to get an answer for the following questions.

1 On the String Road, two or three years ago, a stretch of three kilometres (3,000 metres) was renovated.

Why this time is it that only as little as 800 meters is being done in the same time? The first renovation managed an already poor 50 metres a day, but now it is an absolutely ridiculous 13 metres a day.

2 Why is a perfect stretch of a recently resurfaced road, with a sufficient width, being renovated when the same length of road at the bad end of the renovation site is desperately in need for the repair?

3 Why can the work not be done in two shifts? I think the council is not doing a good job here.

In times of separation, a discussion to separate Arran into an independent council is really appropriate too.

It would also be beneficial for North Ayrshire; they can concentrate on their core business and not have to bother about Arran, of which there is obviously no understanding of the needs at all.

Yours,  
**Bruno Baumgärtner**  
**Corriecravie**

## Debate funding

Sir,  
So John Swinney and Kenneth Gibson are coming to Arran to speak on the Scottish government's bid for independence from the UK.

I am told that this is part of a Scotland-wide tour 'explaining' the Scotland's Future document.

Fair enough if it was being funded by the Scottish National Party but, in fact, the cost will fall on the hard pressed taxpayer.

Complaints about the tour and, indeed, the document itself, have fallen on deaf ears. Alex Salmond did after all actually refer to it, in an unguarded response in parliament, as an 'SNP manifesto'.

Moreover, its distribution cost to date was confirmed by Nicola Sturgeon to be some

£1.25 million.

So why not make the first question at the public meeting - why are Arran taxpayers contributing to the cost of promoting the SNP's aim of separating Scotland from the UK rather than SNP funds?

A second question could be - would the North Ayrshire 'lottery millions' donated to Yes Scotland not be a more appropriate source of funding?

Yours,  
**Richard Wilkinson**  
**Better Together Activist**  
**and Chairman, North Ayrshire and Arran Conservatives**

## Nostalgic afternoon

Sir,  
What a wonderful afternoon we had on Wednesday 19 March in Corrie and Sannox Village Hall.

True to the poster we stepped 'back in time' and relived 'a great British tradition'; fine china, hand embroidered tablecloths, delicate sandwiches and cakes - accompanied by the nostalgic sound of the 'Jazz Cafe Band'. Foot tapping!

Who could resist a slow foxtrot and a nostalgic jive if only in our imagination.

Well done Marie!  
Yours,  
**Elma Stevenson**  
**Sannox**

## Vintage entertainment

Sir,  
A huge thanks to the ladies of Corrie who organised the vintage tea party - with jazz!

Dorothy and I sped along from Whiting Bay, dropping into ArCaS on the way.

I wanted to buy a vintage hat, Dorothy did!

At the hall pretty waitresses in 1950s frocks were hard at work distributing plates laden with goodies, tea pots and coffee pots.

The china was vintage; the band was already playing.

We sat amidst an appreciative throng (two of them were barely walking, as they were so little).

Time passed, local couples took to the floor and some of us quietly danced.

Sam wrapped up in her horn sand 'Midnight in Moscow' in Russian!

One Corrie girl danced most of the afternoon, feigning exhaustion as she skipped over the floor for the last dance.

This was truly an event which must have meant hard work before, during and after the fun.

We go to Corrie for culture these days.

Yours,  
**Anne Hodge**  
**Spindriff**  
**Whiting Bay**

## Milestone congratulations

Sir,  
Congratulations on reaching 40, in rude good health and vigour and esteem.

I have read *The Banner* since my first visit in about 1987 or was it before?

Long may your lum reek.

Yours,  
**Jeremy Godwin**  
**Drovers Lane**  
**Penrith**

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## Pop-up shop success

Sir,  
I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of Arran for supporting and shopping at my 'Stella & Dot' pop-up boutique at Home Farm in aid of ArCaS.

It was very kind of Duncan and Sheila at 'Friday's Child' to assist in the organising of the day and to the other outlets based there, 'Island Hair and Beauty' and 'Janie's Cafe' for getting so involved.

As well as selling sparkly jewels and bright accessories to the local ladies, we managed to raise £90 for ArCaS which is such a valuable charity on the island.

During the month of April 'Stella & Dot' are supporting 'The National Autistic Society' so if anyone purchases from my website next month you are shopping for another great cause.

Thank you again to everyone who got involved and I hope to hold another pop-up event in the near future.

Yours,  
**Carly McGovern**  
**Whiting Bay**

## THE ARRAN BANNER... on holiday



Since 'The Banner on Holiday' feature started six years ago, we have been absolutely overwhelmed by the number of fantastic photographs of our readers that have come through the doors.

Arran residents and holidaymakers are making sure that they pack their copy of the Banner to keep up with local issues when they go on holiday.

This week we have a super picture of former Arran High School headteacher Douglas Auld who has just returned from his post-retirement holiday in Austria.

He is pictured with his Banner at Schatzberg mountain in Auffach - and there's not a pupil in sight!

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More than 100 lots were up for grabs during the day with

some fierce bidding for the most popular items.

Auction goers were treated to a welcome glass of bubbly, to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the hall refurbishment, and there was tea, coffee and homebaking on offer for the modest entrance price.

The auction was conducted at a good pace by Sheila Gilmore who, at the end, thanked everyone who had helped to make the day such a success.

Afterwards she said: 'It was good to see so many people come over to Shiskine despite the road closure.'



Customers have fun with a giant snake which went under the hammer. 20\_b13auction03



Agnes Madden shows one of the lots for sale. 20\_b13auction02



Sheila Gilmore keeps the auction under control. 20\_b13auction04



Fierce bidding at the Shiskine Hall auction. 20\_b13auction01

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Above: A helicopter airlifts a new pole. Photo SSE

Above left: Arran Resilience co-ordinator Dr David Hogg 20\_b13snow01

Left: Phone lines and electricity wires were laden thick with snow. b12snow10

An SSE vehicle fights through the snow drifts on The String. Ph

# Arran better tackle natural Anniversary of snow storm

The whole of Arran breathed a huge sigh of relief last weekend when the first anniversary of 'Snowmagedon' passed with little more than a whimper.

A bright sunny day with only some heavy showers replaced the unrepentant snow of a year ago.

However, a year on, the island is better prepared than ever for any repeat of the once in a generation snow or any other natural disaster.

During the snow, power to the whole island was severed and thick snow cut off much of the north and west of the island for days leaving whole communities stranded and livestock dead.

Such was the extent of the crisis, caused by the unprecedented collapse of two major pylons on Kintyre, it stretched emergency services to the limit and only the spirit of the island's communities saw everyone get through it.

Afterwards there was praise for energy supplier Scottish and Southern Energy (SSE) which at the height of the crisis had 250 engineers and linesmen working day and night to restore power and shipped 50 huge generators to the island to supply back-up power.

It took a week to get everyone reconnected to the grid. The total bill for the storm which also hit Kintyre was £12 million - with payments still being made.

The emergency services and the island volunteers came in for high praise and the Arran Resilience group came into its own, later winning a coveted national award.

In the aftermath of the snow SSE found that more than 100 power supply poles had been damaged, around half of them snapped in two, which had to be replaced.

A total of 200 miles of power cable had to be

checked in the months which followed the snow and tidying up work carried out.

But Neil Wilson, operations manager of SSE Power Distribution, responsible for Arran, said: 'The network on Arran is as robust as it can be. Last year's snow storms were totally unprecedented. It was the first time for all of us and if it happened again we would know exactly what to do, but the operation would not necessarily be any quicker.'

Arran is set to benefit from the £200 million sub-sea link from Kintyre to Hunterston being built in Crossaig forest which will see two sub-sea cable circuits from this new substation laid round the north coast of Arran by October 2015.

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Above: Clearing ice from the power lines. Photo SSE



Above right: SSE operations manager Neil Wilson 20\_b13snow12

Right: SSE rescues were hailed as liberators when they reached Catacol b12snow11



# prepared to al disaster s passes with a whimper

ran electricity could be fed on to the island from the new cables from Kintyre, which as Mr Wilson said, will be easier than shipping generators to the island.

Arran Resilience co-ordinator Dr David Hogg said the snow was the first real test of the resilience group set up in 2010. He said the award was a great honour but he was keen to play down their role during the snow storms.

He said: 'Arran Resilience did not sort the snow. It was a small cog which was able to help get the emergency teams around the table within hours of the snow starting. No-one knew then the severity of what was to come.'

'We had two or three hours to do what we could to the best of our ability before help could arrive from the mainland and one of our priorities was

to mitigate a lot of feeling of isolation.'

He says that in the year that has followed resilience has become the 'buzz word'.

'There is a lot of government talk about community resilience, even personal resilience, but our group is predominantly focused on facilitation training opportunities for emergency teams on the island.'

The group meets once every two months and holds two major exercises a year. Exercise Dauntless had been planned for the day of the snow and the latest, Endeavour, was held on the day of the anniversary (see page 12).

Dr Hogg, a GP who has been on the island for three and a half years, said: 'We are dependent on voluntary support. We only exist by people buying into the concept and the community support we have is unparalleled.'

'We have no bank account and no committee. We are a co-operative team getting out what everyone puts in. There is no ownership but a group of teams which see the benefit in a joint endeavour. I kind of like it that way. Personally my job as a GP involves the immediate medical care in the event of an emergency. As a result of group working I have a much better awareness of how I can find relevant support.'

'People are also getting to know each other and the equipment and capabilities of other groups,' he said.

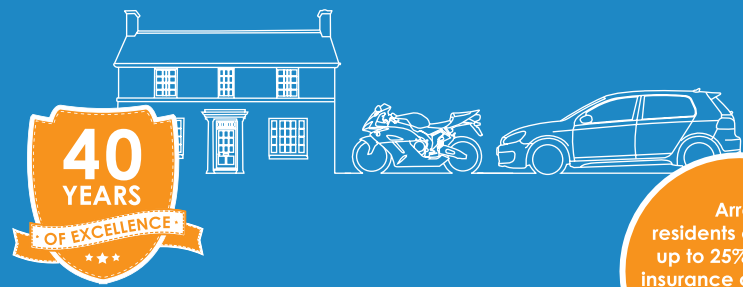
Now the Scottish government has identified Arran Resilience as a potential model for rural communities and it has already been approached by three different organisations to learn lessons from the group. Dr Hogg said: 'I think Arran Resilience is healthy but we can't rest on our laurels. With on-going liaison, practise and continually optimising how we work, we can make a real difference.'



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# Integration of health and social care a step closer

NHS Ayrshire and Arran and North Ayrshire Council have moved closer to the full integration of health and social care services.

From April a range of health and social care staff throughout Ayrshire and Arran will be working more closely together to improve people's experience of services; and to give them the support they need to live safe, healthy lives in their own communities.

### Integration

This year the Scottish parliament approved the Public Bodies Bill for the integration

of health and social care, paving the way for the creation of three Health and Social Care Partnerships in East, North and South Ayrshire.

Each partnership will have one, integrated budget for delivering services, and will be led by a new joint post - director of health and social care - reporting jointly to the chief executive of NHS Ayrshire and Arran and the chief executive of the council. North Ayrshire Partnership's director is Iona Colvin.

She said: 'The creation of the partnerships is a wonder-

ful opportunity to improve the way our teams work together to achieve the healthiest life possible for people in our local communities.

### Deliver

'The staff won't change - health staff will still be employed by the NHS and social services staff by the local council.

'But we will be able to plan and deliver services in a more joined-up way, which means we can anticipate and respond more effectively to the health and social care needs of the people who use our services.'

# Keep a check on your council tax

Arran residents can now keep up to date with their council tax by going online.

The service allows people to access their council tax account 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Online accounts are quicker and cheaper to administer - and put residents in full control.

Once registered with North Ayrshire Council, anyone

can access a whole host of information including: council tax details, records of individual payments, yearly summary statement, details of tax band and information on what to do if anyone has difficulty paying.

People wishing to register should go to [www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/counciltaxonline](http://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/counciltaxonline).

Councillor Ruth Maguire,

cabinet member for finance and corporate support, said: 'It's so much easier to keep on top of bills like this if you have all the information in one place.'

'Online access allows people to see at a glance how much they are due and how much they have paid as well as explaining what they should do if experiencing difficulty with payments.'

# Bus crash exercise tests Arran's emergency teamwork

Emergency services across the island took part in an emergency exercise at the weekend.

A fatal crash involving a bus and a car was the chosen scenario for what happened on the minor Rodden road between Shiskine and Torbeg on Sunday.

Exercise Endeavour was coordinated by Arran Resilience as part of the ongoing initiative to get emergency teams across the island working together.

The event was held in real time with the crash being reported at 10am.

Police were first to arrive followed quickly by the retained firemen from Blackwaterfoot.

They were confronted by a fatality in the car, along with a badly injured driver and an

injured child. The 20 bus passengers had a wide range of injuries with two 'unresponsive', others with serious injuries and the rest walking wounded.

Sgt Allen Dodds of Police Scotland took command and as the exercise progressed emergency services arrived from all over the island.

### Raced

First responders and full time ambulance crews raced to the scene along with RNLI, HM Coastguard, the Arran Mountain Rescue team and a second fire crew from Brodick.

All played their role in helping to rescue the injured from the bus and an emergency casualty station was set up where the wounded were assessed by doctors and NHS staff.

The severity of some of the injured meant that the decision was made to call in the search and rescue helicopter from HMS Gannet, which was on Arran on its own exercise, and four of the most serious were loaded on to the helicopter with three other injured - but the exercise ended before it took off.

Observers from the mainland from the police, fire and NHS all kept a close eye on proceedings.

Arran's senior NHS manager Alan Stout said: 'The emergency services had to deal with an ever-changing situation as the emergency progressed.'

'It was a worthwhile exercise in the development of a co-ordinated island plan.'

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A casualty is stretchered off the bus. 20\_b13bus03



An 'injured' woman (Rosie Cook) is helped off the bus 20\_b13bus04



Doctors discuss how to treat the casualties. 20\_b13 bus10



Firemen Fred Galbraith, Alan John victim to safety. 20\_b13bus06

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A fireman cuts the windscreen of the car to rescue the injured passengers. 20\_b13bus01



Firemen pull the injured driver from the car. 20\_b13bus02



Above: Casualties are assessed by doctors at the casualty station. 20\_b13bus07

Left: Firemen treat the injured on the road. 20\_b13bus05



nston and Gavin McCrae carry a

HM Coastguard personnel load an injured patient on the helicopter. 20\_b13bus08

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## Healthy roots key to plant protection

A plan to protect Scotland's rural economy is being developed.

The Scottish Plant Health Strategy will set out measures to safeguard agriculture, horticulture, forestry and the wider environment, all found on Arran, from pests and diseases.

The strategy will raise awareness of plant health and also clarify roles and responsibilities amongst Scottish agencies, industry organisations and the wider public to tackle pests and diseases as well as identify key priorities for Scottish plant health.

Environment and climate change minister Paul Wheelhouse said: 'Plant health is the root of Scotland's thriving natural environment and booming rural economy.'

'However, the number of plant health threats is rising, and the spread of these has been exacerbated by aspects of globalisation and climate change.'

'The development of a Scottish Plant Health Strategy in response is essential, and this will be hugely beneficial to tackling the challenges. It will also make clear that no single measure in isolation can rule out the threat of pests and diseases.'

# Death on Arran's Shores

'The violent storms that have battered Europe's western seaboard this winter are to blame for the deaths of thousands of birds there'

In the February Bird Notes in The Banner mention was made of the effect the prolonged stormy weather throughout December and January had on some ocean-living birds.

During February there were many reports of dead birds, mainly Razorbill and Guillemot, on Arran's shore - these birds had virtually no flesh on them and had starved to death.

In February there is the annual systematic count of these dead shore birds called the 'Beached Bird Survey'.

It is part of a European wide survey and here on Arran

20 volunteers from the Arran Natural History Society walked the shores counting and identifying dead birds around the weekend of 22/23 February.

Last February, around 650 volunteers walked 2,120 kilometres of beaches around the UK and found a total of 375 dead seabirds.

This works out at around 0.18 dead seabirds per kilometre, the fourth lowest figure since 1991. The UK figure in the last 20 odd years has ranged from 0.14 to 3.80.

Arran matched this figure last year with 0.15 dead bodies per kilometre. By contrast this year on Arran the figure was more than 20 times larger.

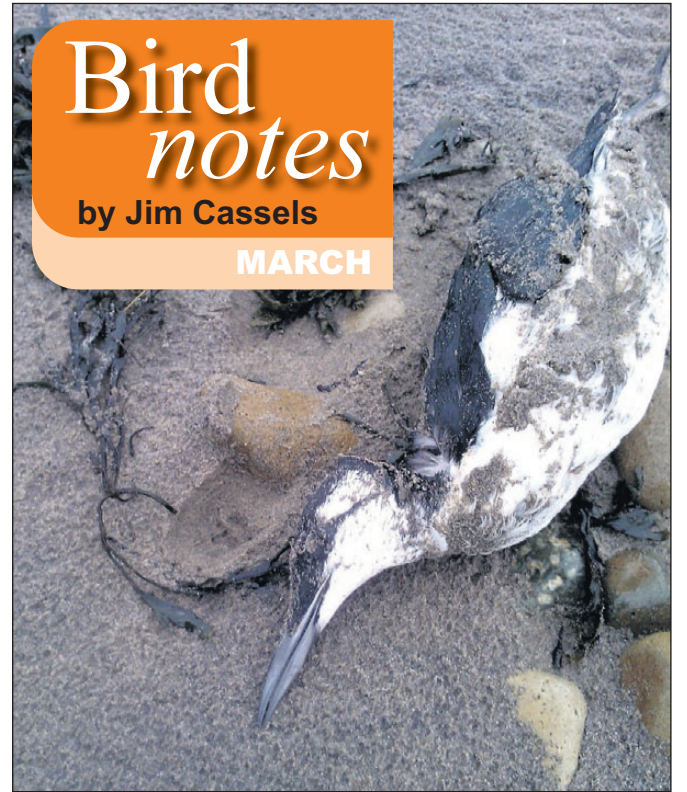
The Arran volunteers walked almost 70 kilometres of beaches and found a total of 281 dead seabirds.

This works out at more than four dead seabirds per kilometre. By far the largest group were Razorbill, being 80 per cent of the bodies found. The next two largest groups were Guillemot at eight per cent and gulls at seven per cent.

Many of the Razorbills were young inexperienced birds. These birds seemed to have died of exhaustion or starvation as a result of days of gale-force winds, which made it impossible for them to fish.

Four of the Razorbills had a ring on their leg. The data has been sent off to Euring and hopefully background information including where these birds were ringed will be provided.

It may be some time before all the results for the UK are



Many of the Razorbills were young inexperienced birds. Photo by Lucy Wallace

collated and the full picture emerges but from figures released from France the violent storms that have battered Europe's western seaboard this winter are to blame for the deaths of thousands of birds there.

Indeed a total of 21,341 dead birds were found in western France by 500 volunteers working over three weekends, the French League for the Protection of Birds said in a recent statement.

The worst affected species

were Puffins, Guillemots and Razorbills.

Enjoy your birding.

Please send any bird notes with 'what, when, where' to me at Kilpatrick Kennels, Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot, KA27 8EY, or email me at james.cassels@virgin.net. I look forward to hearing from you.

For more information on birding on Arran purchase the 'Arran Bird Report 2013' and visit this website [www.arran-birding.co.uk](http://www.arran-birding.co.uk)



Sadly large numbers of dead Guillemots were seen. Photo by Mary Hardie



Twenty times more birds died on Arran this winter than normal. Photo by Brian Couper

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## Fascinating bat talk for friends

The Friends of Brodick Castle had a change of speaker this month and were delighted to welcome Corinna Goeckeritz, a castle ranger, at short notice. She gave an entertaining, illustrated talk on *Creatures of the Night* at Brodick Castle. Not what may at first be thought, but bats.

She is the island's only bat woman, being licensed to handle them and was keen to dispel the myths surrounding them by testing the audience's knowledge. They do not bite and suck blood, they make a small puncture and lap the blood - but only in South America so no fear on Arran then.

They range in size from a two-metre wingspan to smaller than a pound coin - but the

six species identified on Arran are all smaller than a mouse. They can get into the smallest space and roost or breed but their droppings are dry and do not cause damage. They don't gnaw at wood but use existing tiny holes to nest in. The babies are called pups. Best of all, one small bat will eat 1,000 midges in a night.

**Guided bat walks**

Corinna told the friends of two upcoming guided bat walks at the castle so people can see these wonderful little creatures for themselves.

Ann Hollingworth reminded members to book their places on the day trip on May 16 to the Livingston Centre.



Here's to another forty years!

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P1-P4s, Arran High School, 6-7pm  
Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm  
Arran High School, 6-6.30pm  
Ormidale Pavilion 7.30pm

## Saturday 29th March

Army Cadets  
Over 21s Disco  
Karate  
Family Games  
Arran Dancers (4yrs & up)  
Junior Football  
Live Music from James Burge  
Art Exhibition

Auchrannie Road 11am - 1 pm.  
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am-12.30pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm  
Arran High School, 10am  
P4s and upwards, Arran High School, 11am-12.30pm  
Douglas Hotel Bar, 9pm  
Corrie Hall, 10am - 4pm

## Wednesday 2nd April

Hockey  
Tae Kwondo  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
Arran Brass Rehearsal  
Yogalates  
AquaFizz  
Music Mayhem Class Parents & Little Ones  
Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy service  
RunArran mixed ability  
Running Coaching  
Yoga-Arran  
Sports Club  
Arran Heritage Museum Opens for the season  
Corrie Golf club AGM  
Drift Inn Quiz

Auchrannie Games Hall, 6.30-7.30pm  
Arran High School Kids-6.30-7.30pm Adults-7.30-8.30pm  
Lamlash Church Hall, 8pm  
Brodick Church Hall, 7-9pm  
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 car park, 5.30pm  
Auchrannie car Park, 5pm  
Kinneil, Lamlash, 7-8.30pm  
P4-S2s, Arran High School, 6-7.30pm  
Brodick, 10.30am - 4.30pm  
Corrie Tearoom, 7pm  
Lamlash, 9pm

## Sunday 30th March

Family Games  
Fun in the pool  
Cocaine Anonymous (& all other drugs)  
AA Meeting  
Mackerel Lottery  
Open folk session  
Art Exhibition

Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm  
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm  
Ormidale sports pavilion, 2pm - 3.30pm  
Brodick church Hall, 4pm - 6pm  
Kinloch Bar, 5pm  
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 2pm-5pm  
Corrie Hall, 10am - 4pm

## Thursday 3rd April

Senior Fitness  
General Knowledge Quiz  
Lochranza Craft Club  
Live music  
Weight Watchers  
Yoga  
Shirley & Sarah fitness class  
Brodick Embroidery Group  
Winter bowls  
Bridge Club  
QuiltArran  
Metafit  
Garden Club  
Arran Heritage Museum  
Lunchbox  
Open Music session

Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am  
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
Lochranza Hall, 2pm  
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay 8.30-11.00pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, 5.30pm  
Corrie Village Hall, 6pm - 7pm  
Lamlash High School, 6.30-7.30pm  
Brodick Library, 7.30pm  
Auchrannie sports hall, 7pm  
Brodick Golf Clubhouse, 7pm  
Fire Station, Lamlash, 2-4pm  
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 6 - 6.30pm  
Brodick Ranger Centre, 7.30pm  
Rosaburn, Brodick, 10.30am - 4.30pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 12.30-2.30pm  
Drift Inn, Lamlash, 9pm

## Monday 31st March

Quiz  
Over 50s Badminton  
Badminton  
Citizens Advice  
Senior Fitness  
Table Tennis  
Aerobics (low impact)  
Badminton  
Arran Junior Football Club  
Yoga  
Lunch club  
Yoga - Arran  
Shirley & Sarah fitness class  
Scottish Country Dancing  
Bridge Club

Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 8.30pm  
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  
Shiskine Hall 6pm  
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm  
Ormidale Park, 6-7.30pm  
Corrie Village Hall, 11am - 12 noon  
Brodick sheltered Housing, 12.30pm  
Kinneil, Lamlash, 3-4.30pm  
Lamlash High School, 6.30-7.30pm  
Beginners & Improvers Corrie Hall, 2-4pm  
Lamlash Golf Clubhouse 7pm

## Tuesday 1st April

Pop Quiz  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
Youth Club  
Rotary club  
Streetly Dance pre school  
Streetly Dancing minis P1-3  
Streetly Dancing Juniors P4-7  
Streetly Dancing Seniors  
Junior Hockey Club  
Healthy Outdoors

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, 4-4.45pm  
Auchrannie Gym Hall, 4.45-5.30pm  
Auchrannie Gym Hall, 5.30-6.15pm  
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 6-7pm  
10am-1pm NTS Ranger Centre

## Friday 4th April

Aqua Fizz  
Yogalates  
Arran Youth Foundations  
Lochranza Kids Badminton  
Lochranza Adults Badminton  
Arran Heritage Museum

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  
Rosaburn, Brodick, 10.30am - 4.30pm



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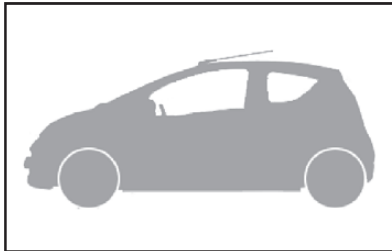
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**CHURCH NOTICES**

**SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

(in full communion with the Church of England)  
 St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.  
**Sunday, 30th March**  
 (Mothering Sunday)  
 Holy Communion, 11.00am  
 Mr John Roberts.  
 Coffee after service.  
**Wednesday 2nd April**  
 Holy Communion, 12.15pm  
 ALL WELCOME.

**ARRAN CHURCHES TOGETHER**

There will be Taizé worship on  
**Thursday 3rd April**  
 at 7.30 pm  
 in St Molios' Church, Shiskine  
 ALL WELCOME

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

Parishes of North Arran  
 Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza,  
 Pirmill and Shiskine  
 Independent but working  
 together

Minister:  
 Rev Angus Adamson  
 Parish Assistant:  
 Mrs Jean Hunter  
 Worship will be conducted in  
 the above churches at the  
 following times to  
 which all are invited.  
**Sunday 30th March**  
 Brodick Church, 10.30am,  
 Morning Worship  
 Corrie Church, 12noon,  
 Morning Worship.  
 A Service of Worship will also  
 be held in Montrose House  
 at 1.30pm  
 Lochranza Church, 9.30am  
 Morning Worship  
 Pirmill Church, 10.45am,  
 Morning Worship.  
 Shiskine Church, 12noon,  
 Morning Worship.

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

Kilmory linked with Lamlash  
 'A faith to proclaim ~ a  
 fellowship to share'  
**Sunday 30th March**  
 Kilmory 10am  
 Lamlash 11.30 am  
 Both Churches:  
 Mrs Sharon MacLeod  
 All welcome, including  
 families; children's area  
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**WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN**

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**  
 (Charity Number: SC014005)  
 Sunday 30th March  
 Worship will be conducted by  
 the minister, Rev Elizabeth  
 Watson, at 10.30am.  
 Tea and coffee will be served in  
 the transept after the service.  
 All most welcome.

**HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Sunday morning masses 11am



**Brodick Golf Club**

Sunday 23 March, was the last round of the Clochendichter. Knowe 9 Alma 7; Street 5 Village 11. The final table is Knowe 51pts, Village 38pts, Alma 28pts and Street 27pts. That result makes it six in a row for the Knowe, captained this year by Kenny MacMillan. A real scrap at the bottom left the Street to pick up the wooden spoon, magnanimously accepted by captain Finlay Sillars.

Wednesday 19 March, 10 hardy souls braved the high winds. 1 Jim Green 78-19=59, 2 John Dick 78-14=64. Magic twos Jim Green and Don Rudge.

Fixtures: Sunday 30 March, last round of Winter Cup, open draws at 9am and 12noon. The Summer Cup begins on Wednesday 2 April.

**Shiskine Golf Club**

Sunday 23 March, 18 Hole Medal, CSS 65, 13 played. 1 W Kelso 72-7=65 BIH, 2 D K Henderson 72-7=65, 3 C Rutterford 84-17=67 BIH. Scratch W Kelso 72 BIH. Magic twos D K Henderson, A Kerr and A Napier.

Fixtures: Sunday 6 April, Gents 12 Hole Medal. Sunday 6 April, Ladies 18 Hole Coronation Foursomes. Wednesday 9 April, gents Daniel Ferguson Trophy. Thursday 10 March, Ladies 12 Hole Medal.

**Machrie Bay Golf Club**

Tuesday 11 March, Winter Cup. 1 Alastair MacDonald 61, 2 Fiona Scott 65, 3



**The victorious Knowe team.**

David Wilkinson 67. Scratch Alastair MacDonald 67. Magic twos Brian Sherwood. Tuesday 18 March, final day of the Lochranza Hotel Cup. 1 Brian Sherwood 36, 2 Campbell Laing 29 BIH, 3 John Milesi 29. Scratch Brian Sherwood 74. Winner of the Lochranza Hotel Cup Brian Sherwood 182. Runner up David Price 172. Fixtures: Tuesday 1 April, sweep tee off 12.30pm. Tuesday 8 April, start of Lady Mary/Peter Sutton, tee off 12.30pm and 5.30pm.

**Whiting Bay Golf Club**

Sunday 23 March, 15 played in the sweep from the yellow tees. 1 Jamie McKechnie (6)59, 2 Peter Town-drow (8)63, 3rd John Dick (14)64. Jamie McKechnie won scratch with 65 and there were magic twos by Jamie MacPherson and

**Jamie McKechnie.**

Fixtures: Sunday 30 March, Captain's Prize, twice postponed because of the weather.

Rolling start from 10am, stableford from the yellow tees - mark putts (on the green) on cards. Saturday 5 April, mixed fours Poole Trophy at 11am. Sunday 6 April, Roy Ure Tankard. Preferred lies still in operation until the end of April.

**Lamlash Golf Club**

Sunday 23 March, Glenburn Cup Final Day. 1 Mark Wren 75-9=66, 2 Ian Bremner 73-6=67, 3 Graeme Andrew 77-9=68. Best Scratch Ian Bremner 73. Magic twos Billy O'Connor at the 13th. Fixtures: Sunday 30 March, Winter Stableford final round, 9.30am and 12noon starts. Thursday 3 April, Summer Cup, make up own groups.



**Street captain Finlay Sillars receives the wooden spoon from Clochendichter president Iain MacDonald.**

**DIAMOND WEDDING**



Many congratulations to Margaret and Vic Shaw on your Diamond anniversary - 27th March 1954. Love from all your family x

**Busy month for Arran Bridge Club**

The recent results from the Arran Bridge Club tournaments are as follows.

Thursday 28 February, Boyd Trophy, round five: North/South 1 Tricia Martin and Douglas Hamilton, 2 Jan and John Beattie, 3 John and Mary Dick. East/West 1 Morag Gardner and Jean Barclay, 2 Dougie and Margaret Bruce, 3 Brenda Livingstone and Pat Adamson.

Monday 3 March, aggregate points: North/South 1 Elizabeth McKellar and Margaret McGill, 2 John and Jan Beattie,

3 Fiona Crawford and Maureen Cumming. East/West 1 Pat Adamson and Rion Culpin, 2 Janie Maclure and Anne McKelvie, 3 Tricia Martin and Alison Bilsland.

Thursday 6 March, aggregate points: North/South 1 Tricia Martin and Douglas Hamilton, 2 Janie Maclure and Anne McKelvie, 3 Margaret Macgill and Elizabeth McConnell. East/West 1 Dougie and Margaret Bruce, 2 Morag Gardner and Jean Barclay, 3 Alison Bilsland and Elaine Duncan.

Monday 6 March, Match Points, round six: North/South 1 John and Mary Dick,

2 Pat Adamson and Elizabeth McConnell, 3 Janie Maclure and Anne McKelvie. East/West 1 Tricia Martin and Alison Bilsland, 2 Jan and John Beattie, 3= Margaret and Dougie Bruce, Brenda Livingstone and Morag Gardner.

Thursday 13 March, aggregate points: North/South 1 Elizabeth McKellar and Linda Trickett, 2 Irene and Craig McMillan, 3 Janie Maclure and Anne McKelvie. East/West 1 Dougie and Margaret Bruce, 2 Tricia Martin and Douglas Hamilton, 3 John and Jan Beattie.

Monday 17 March, Match Points Special Tournament: 1 Dougie and Margaret Bruce, 2 Tricia Martin and Alison Bilsland, 3= Pat Adamson and Elizabeth McConnell, Jennifer McArthur and Jean Barclay.

Thursday 20 March, aggregate points: North/South 1 Tricia Martin and Douglas Hamilton, 2 John Baraclough and Jennifer Wales, 3 Jean Barclay and Morag Gardner. East/West 1 Helen Boyd and Jennifer McArthur, 2 Brenda Livingstone and Pat Adamson, 3 Elizabeth McConnell and Margaret Macgill.

Monday 24 March, aggregate points: North/South 1 Pat Adamson and Elizabeth McConnell, 2 Tricia Martin and Alison Bilsland, 3 Morag Gardner and Brenda Livingstone. East/West 1 Margaret McGill and Elizabeth McKellar, 2 Jessmay and Jim Peacock, 3 Jennifer McArthur and Jean Barclay.

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## Mary Jo takes home final Drumadoon prize

Mary Jo Tod won the Arran Ladies Golf Union final Drumadoon of the season which was played at Brodick Golf Club on Saturday 22 March.

The weather report threatened heavy rain showers for most of the day, but thankfully it held off for most of the players, with the exception of the last few groups.

Results were good for some and not so good for others.

Despite an incredible seven-point reduction in handicap since the beginning of the season, first place went to Mary Jo Tod 68 (27).

Second was Sally Brookes 71 (23) and third place went to Lesley Murray 72 (25). Scratch was won by Yvonne Brothers who had a better inward half against Susan Butchard who also finished at 91.

The ladies would like to thank Trish for the lovely soup and sandwiches and the greenkeepers who kept the course in great playable condition for March weather.

The next fixture is the inter-club competition, the Kiscadale, at Corrie starting on Tuesday 15 April at 4.45pm.

As always, spectators are most welcome.

This year it will be trialled as a referee-free competition.

The ALGU would like to formally thank all past Kiscadale referees who have helped to keep the players on track with rules and scoring.



Drumadoon winners, left to right, Susan Butchard, Yvonne Brothers, Lesley Murray, president Lynn Walker, Mary Jo Tod and Sally Brookes.

## Consider fundraising for this year's 10K

With only four weeks left to go until the Arran 10K race on Sunday 27 April it's time for people to start really getting involved.

For those hoping to run simply for fun, this is an opportunity to focus on something other than training.

This week is the perfect time to start fundraising and get sponsorship to raise money for the charity of your choice.

Along with the abundance of larger more well know charitable organisations, there are many worthwhile volunteer-run organisations on the island from the Arran Mountain Rescue Team and Royal National Lifeboat

Institution to Arran Cancer Support and toddler, music, sport or youth groups which could greatly benefit from any fundraising contributions generated on their behalf.

With a minimum entry age of 15 years, pupils from Arran High School are welcome to enter and they are encouraged to challenge other secondary schools within the area to enter and compete against them.

Fancy dress is also encouraged whether you are a serious runner or fun runner with a prize on the day for the best dressed in the race.

All competitors - including regular runners looking to hit a personal best - must remember to take it just one

step at a time. By breaking up the run/walk and setting incremental goals like the next lamppost or next corner you will have crossed the finish line before you know it. Those worried about managing to achieve their goal will be reassured to know there is a water station at the half way mark and stewards will be on site to assist throughout the event.

Whether it be in aid of the elderly, children, animals, homeless, medical research, victims of war or any other notable cause, now is the time to start raising awareness, generating offerings and spreading the word.

Use Twitter with #Arran10K to kick start your campaign.

### Week 8

Increase your run time on days one, three and five to 45 minutes.

On day three split the session up into 4x10-minute jogs but increase the sprint time in between to 45 second sprints.

Cross train on day six and rest on days two, four and seven.

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