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# Snow carnage devastates Arran's farms

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## REPORT

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Glas cnocan may mean 'green hills' in Gaelic, but those on the west side of Arran have been anything but this week.

Covered in snow, the mountains and fields are still difficult to negotiate for the farmers whose flocks are scattered across the hillsides.

From Kilmory to Lochranza several inches of snow still cover the fields while 10ft-high drifts bury dry stane dykes and fences.

David Henderson of Kilpatrick Farm hasn't yet been able to count how many animals he has lost.

## Inside

He and his dad Neil have also had to keep more than 150 lambs and their mothers inside for more than a week.

'Normally they'd be straight back out into the field after lambing but we've had to

keep them in the sheds,' said David.

'It's crowded and confusing and many of the lambs lose their mothers so it's hard work keeping them altogether.'

He added: 'The snow couldn't have come at a worst time. Even now we are having to consider whether we will have enough stock to carry on next year.'

George Tod from Balgowan is another farmer facing up to losses.

He said the snow had come at the worst time of year as Arran's busy lambing period is beginning.

'I've lost 20 ewes and there are more on the hills I still can't get to,' he said. 'Thankfully we hadn't starting lambing yet but I have no doubt there will be more dead on the hill.'

Total losses on Arran are unlikely to be finalised until a significant thaw takes place but for some businesses these



## White Easter for parts of Arran!

Parts of Arran celebrated Easter in the snow last weekend and many of the youngsters didn't miss an opportunity for a spot of sledging! For more photographs from Arran's week of snowstorms and power cuts see pages 9,10 and 11. Picture by Anne McConnell

will be considerable.

Nigel Miller, president of NFU Scotland, said that the last few days have been catastrophic for some Arran farms.

He said: 'We are now entering a phase when income losses and increasing costs will combine to create a perfect storm that will threaten the very existence of many

otherwise robust units.

'The financial pressures will build day by day across much of Scotland, but without grabbing the headlines.

'The legacy of 2012 and the

prolonged winter of 2013 will affect all areas of Scotland.

'The longer the severe weather goes on, the more extreme and widespread the impacts are going to be.'

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## Dog fouling signs vandalised

Two notices warning people that dog fouling is an offence have been vandalised in Lochranza, according to a local dog trainer.

Margaret Kay from Whiting Bay contacted The Banner this week to say that she has returned two dog-fouling notices to the council offices in Lamalsh that she found on the ground in Lochranza.

She said: 'Irrespective of the unpleasantness and unsightliness of dog mess lying around and the added offensiveness if this is stood on and trailed into the house on someone's feet, I am not sure if the people who seem to be offended by these signs being displayed in Lochranza and keep removing them, are fully aware of the health implications that dog faeces can have if they come into contact with children (or indeed adults) when they are playing outside.'

'It maybe an idea to draw this to everyone's attention and I am certain any of the GPs would gladly expand on the health issues if required.' She added: 'I have actually seen a dog defecate in the middle of the putting green in Whiting Bay whilst folk were putting and the owner just whistled and walked away.'

'I, among with others, have challenged folk who do not pick up after their dogs only to incur, if not their wrath, a complete disinterest in clearing up the mess.'

## Arran's community spirit praised in Parliament

Following the prolonged power cuts and disruption caused by heavy snow and high winds, Arran's MSP Kenneth Gibson asked questions last week in the Scottish Parliament.

His question was: 'To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to assist people without power in Arran, Kintyre and elsewhere following the recent severe weather?'

Transport Minister Keith Brown answered: 'The people of Kintyre and Arran remain at the forefront of our minds.'

'Multi-agency response team (MART) partners were activated 24 hours a day from midnight on Thursday. We will, of course, not rest until services have been fully restored to all those affected'

Mr Gibson continued: 'What the island will need ultimately is a permanent upgrade of its electrical infrastructure.'

'When is the Office of Gas and Electricity Markets likely to agree to the provision of new electrical infrastructure for the island?'

Mr Brown responded: 'Around £6million of investment for a range of maintenance and refurbished activities in the Argyll area is already planned for 2013, which will underpin supplies to Arran as well as the SSEPD network.'

'The Government encourages SSE and Ofgem to consider whether appropriate



Kenneth Gibson MSP and Transport Minister Keith Brown on Arran last week. 02\_b14keith01

infrastructure investment in the near future and in the next price control period can further improve the resilience of electricity supply for the communities affected.'

Mr Gibson added: 'Given the minister's visit, does he agree that what has been happening in the difficult circumstances of the power outage on

Arran has shown the high level of community spirit and resilience of the island's communities, particularly the hard-working volunteers whom he mentioned, who have put in sometimes 18 hours-plus a day to help their fellow islanders keep warm, to deliver food, to clear snow and to aid communications?'

## Full power restored to island

Scottish Hydro Power Distribution (SHEPD) engineers have successfully restored full power to all homes in Arran following one of the most complex engineering challenges in its history.

This follows the catastrophic damage by heavy snow and ice during the atrocious weather conditions that hit the island one week ago.

At the peak of the event around 20,000 customers on Arran and in Kintyre were without power.

SHEPD's director of distribution Stuart Hogarth said: 'I would like to thank everyone who has been affected by the loss of power over the past week for their patience.'

'We have successfully re-

stored power in extraordinarily difficult circumstances.'

'This would not have been achieved without the exceptional dedication of our own staff and close team work of the multi-agency partners.'

He added: 'Although power has now been restored, our work is not yet complete. We still have to rebuild part of our network and we will be proactively contacting customers about compensation, as well as organising roadshows in the area to listen and respond to customer feedback.'

Every customer on Arran left without power last week will receive a letter from the company in the coming weeks explaining how compensation can be applied for.

## Rubbish piles in wake of snow a cause for concern

Concerns have been voiced about the uplift of huge volumes of rubbish from homes on the island after large amounts of frozen food had to be binned.

Rubbish collections on the west of the island did not take place last week due to the snow and many wheelie bins were overflowing.

A spokesperson for North Ayrshire Council said: 'We are working hard to collect household and business waste. We have been able to collect rubbish in Brodick and Whiting Bay and aim to cover Lamlash and Lochranza on Wednesday.'

'Collections are dependent

on refuse trucks being able to access communities and may not take place on the scheduled collection days. Residents should ensure waste is placed at their normal collections point, is double-bagged and can be safely lifted by council staff.'

'Additional bin bags will be made available at Corrie Village Hall, Kinloch Hotel in Blackwaterfoot, Kilmory Hall and Arran Local Office in Lamlash.'

'However, we would like to emphasise that members of the public are advised to avoid travel unless absolutely necessary.'

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## Dogs sniff out lost sheep

Three Arran dogs came to the rescue of some sheep last week when they were able to sniff them out of huge snowdrifts.

Cassie, an Irish water spaniel and her two golden retriever friends, were trained in just two days to follow the smell of the wool into the snow.

The dogs were used at Balgowan Farm and at Aucharroch and found a number of sheep in the snow.

Jean Fitzpatrick from Slidery, Cassie's owner, said: 'The drifts were neck high at some points so it is easy to see how the sheep become lost.'

'We were desperate to do anything we could help so along with my friend Sarah Cowan and her two golden retrievers we decided to try and train the dogs to find the sheep. We spent just one afternoon with the dogs and a bit of wool and we were able to train them to sniff out the wool.'

'George Tod said that he wasn't sure how he would ever have found those sheep without the dogs.'

## Wildfire warning issued

Crisis-hit Arran was issued with a wildfire warning on Monday - just 10 days after the island was brought to a standstill by freak blizzards.

Countryside experts believe there is a real danger of an inferno on the hillsides, despite the fact that snowdrifts as high as 12 feet can still be seen in places on the west side.

The alert was sounded as firefighters contented to battle a major outbreak on high ground close to Fort William.

Please be vigilant - do NOT start a blaze.'

# Working together to return Arran to normal

North Ayrshire Council have retaken responsibility of the island from police following the chaos and confusion caused by last week's snow and power cuts.

In the first days of the emergency Strathclyde Police took control of the situation to manage rescue efforts to stranded villagers.

But following the reconnection of most of the island to mains power NAC have now resumed their role of managing the island.

Elma Murray, chief executive of NAC said: 'Following a very difficult week for islanders, it is good to see that life on Arran is returning to normality.'

'North Ayrshire Council took over from the Police on Thursday 28 March to lead the recovery process along with our partners in the NHS, Coastguard, Cal Mac, SSE, the Scottish government and, of course, the Arran community.'

'No single organisation can address this issue, so it is pleasing to see our combined efforts working well and being genuinely appreciated by the people of Arran.'



At a multi-agency meeting in Lamalsh last Thursday, NAC resumed control of the island.

'This is in no small part down to the willingness of the islanders and local volunteers to stick together and do everything they can to help.'

She added: 'Island police played a very effective part in leading the initial response to the emergency and worked with the council's roads team

and local contractors to clear and maintain roads which had been blocked by unprecedented snowfall.'

### Ensure

Social services worked around the clock to ensure all vulnerable people on the island were safe. While this approach was a

success, Ms Murray believes there are always lessons to be learned to ensure the island is more prepared in future.

She said: 'As we undertake

the recovery phase, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved for a tremendous emergency effort.'

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## Snow forces Music festival reschedule

One of the casualties of the recent snowstorms and power cuts was the last day of the island's Music Festival that had to be abandoned.

In order to allow those disappointed by the cancellation to have another chance to perform, the final day of the Festival has been rescheduled for Friday 19 April.

Tony Smith, secretary of the festival committee, said: 'It was so disappointing for the 200 or so performers scheduled to appear on that day.

'They would have been practising assiduously for several weeks beforehand and the Festival Committee quickly decided they couldn't be let down, so the whole of the Friday programme has

been re-arranged.'

Both the music adjudicator Russell Cowieson and official accompanist Lorna Buchanan are able to be there on the day.

As far as possible the original timetable as shown in Festival Programme for morning, afternoon and evening sessions will be repeated but some classes could be transposed if particular difficulties arise.

As always the committee encourage friends, relatives and others to come and join the audience in order to support the performers.

Contact festival secretary Tony Smith on 700203 if you have any queries or would like further information.

# Laugh out loud at second Arran Comedy Fest



The man who came up with the great idea of staging the event is comedian and writer Philip Differ.

Prepare yourself for jokes and punch lines galore as Arran Events prepare to host the island's second Comedy Fest this Friday night.

Organised in association with Philip Differ, the Fest takes place in Whiting Bay Hall and is set to be a righteous evening.

Philip Differ said: 'The stand up community in Scotland is relatively small so when a good gig appears the news spreads quickly.

'After the great reports about the last gig on the island, comedians were approaching me and asking

'when's the next one, put me down for it'.

'The atmosphere in Whiting Bay Hall that night was fantastic and I'm sure it will be

the same again on Friday.'

As well as Philip Differ the line-up for the evening includes Bruce Morton, John Gavin and Scott Agnew.

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## 'Ambitious' broadband plan unveiled

Arran is set to get access to high-speed fibre optic broadband for the first time as part of £145.8m initiative to bring faster connections to Scotland's islands.

The project is being led by Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) and will be delivered by BT.

It is being funded by £126.4

million of public money and £19.4million from BT.

Deputy First Minister Nicola Sturgeon said it was one of the most ambitious infrastructure projects in Scotland's history.

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She added: 'It will connect communities across some of the most challenging land-

scapes in Europe and provides a platform for future economic development and regeneration.

'It has the potential to transform the way in which we educate our children, provide health and social care and deliver our public services.'

BT will lay more than 497 miles (800km) of new fibre

on land and about 248.9 miles (400km) of subsea cables over 19 crossings to remote islands.

### Biggest

The company said it would be the biggest subsea engineering project it had undertaken in the UK, and the first ever with so many seabed crossings.

## Worshippers gather for sunrise service

At 6.40am on Sunday, after losing an hour of sleep when the clocks went forward, around 30 people and four dogs gathered at The Viking Fort, Kingscross to celebrate Easter.

Reverend Elizabeth Watson led the service as they gathered to give thanks and to worship God, the Giver of

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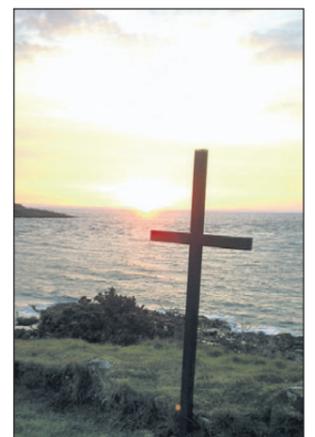
As they gathered, waiting for the sun to rise - which it did spectacularly, at 6.52am, they sang praises to the Risen Saviour; listened and knew, that if not for Easter, the chaos of this world would be

all there is and all there ever would be.

Rev Watson said: 'If not for Easter, the unfairness of life would drive us to despair.'

'But God sent His Son to give eternal life filled with peace, happiness and unimaginable blessings to all who come in faith.'

'Maybe others will join us next Easter, Sunday 20 April, for what will be the 32nd time worship has taken place, without a break, at sunrise at Kingscross Point.'



A sunrise service was held at Kingscross on Sunday to celebrate Easter.

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# Easter Sunday fun at Brodick Castle



Easter Sunday at the castle has become something of an institution 01\_b14cas02

Despite widespread fears that Arran would be very quiet during Easter weekend following the heavy snow and power cuts last week Brodick Castle

was bursting with visitors on Sunday. Easter Sunday at the castle has become something of an institution and there were hundreds of visitors and locals wandering around the grounds for the special event. There was fun and games for all the family with an Easter theme running through the whole afternoon.



Jemma Totty modelling her lovely and rather unusual Easter bonnet. 01\_b14cas04

From egg decorating to Easter egg hunts, wacky races on the lawn and of course the highlight of the day the Easter bonnet competition; there was non-stop entertainment for adults and children.

Property manager Ken Thorburn told The Banner: 'We've been absolutely overwhelmed with the number of people here today.'

'We've had around 400 children and their families signing up for the Easter egg hunt, it's great to see so many peo-



Molly Pettigrew from Glasgow won the under fives category for her lovely Easter bonnet. 01\_b14cas03

ple here.'

The tearoom opened for business on Sunday but the castle doors remained tightly shut until Monday to conserve energy until the island was linked back on to mains power.



Ross Kerr won the egg decorating competition with his Angry Bird design. 01\_b14cas05



Easter Bonnets on parade at Brodick Castle. 01\_b14cas01

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# Tragedy inspires marathon effort

With her bright eyes and beautiful smile, Deborah Hanlon brought immense joy to all that knew her, especially her fiancée David Allsop.

But sadly her life was cut cruelly short last year when she was just 36 after she was diagnosed with terminal breast cancer.

Now David, who is origi-

nally from Arran, is determined to keep her name alive by running the Edinburgh Marathon in May.



David and Debs.

He now lives in Kilsyth near Glasgow but his mother Audrey and brother Gordon still live on the island in Sannox.

David said: 'I am hoping to not only raise awareness of why I am doing it but also to raise money and promote the Marie Curie Cancer Care. 'I am running the Edinburgh Marathon on Sunday 26 May in memory of my beloved fiancée who sadly passed away last November of secondary breast cancer, age just 36. I

am trying to raise money for the Marie Curie as they do a wonderful job looking after patients with terminal cancer, providing them with the necessary care and support.

'Although Debs didn't go to one of the Marie Curie hospices, she spent the final few days of her life in the Glasgow Royal Infirmary Hospital being looked after by the medical team which included a doctor from the Marie Curie and the hospital Palliative Care team of nurses. 'Working together, they visited Debs daily and they were very compassionate, respectful and understanding towards her needs and controlling her symptoms. During the time Debs was in hospital the Marie Curie also provided me with emotional support with some counseling sessions at the Glasgow hospice.

'Debs was truly beautiful and brave right to the end, still having her sense of humour under what was an incredibly emotional and difficult time for her.

'By doing the Marathon its not only going to be uplifting and emotional on the day running the 26.2 miles in memory of my girl but also the money I will raise will help towards Marie Curie in continuing their fantastic work. 'Deborah was from Moodiesburn near Glasgow and worked as a receptionist and administrator for Scottish and Southern Energy in Glasgow. 'She is sadly missed by all that knew her, her mum, dad, brother, nephew, close family and friends as she touched our hearts in so many ways.'



The building site at St Molio Park. b14dev01no

## Timescale for St Molio Park development

A timescale for the development of 56 houses in Lamlash has been announced.

Work started earlier this year on the site at Benlister that has just been named St Molio Park.

The 56 home development is a mixture of rented and shared equity homes, which will be owned and managed by Irvine Housing Association. The first 16 homes, eight rented and eight shared equity, are due to be completed this summer.

A marketing and launch event will be held in Glenisle Hotel, Lamlash on Thursday 18 April.

During the construction phase young people from Arran High School will have the chance to gain valuable work

experience on site with the help of John Thomson Construction. This will support their construction skills studies.

The time capsule being prepared by pupils at Lamlash Primary School will be buried on site before the school

closes for summer holidays.

The handover of phase one should take place later this summer.

The second site visit for High School pupils will be in autumn this year, with the planned handover of phase two in summer 2014.

## Dine in style at eighteen69

Diners raised a glass to the eighteen69 restaurant at Auchrannie this week as it reopened its doors for the summer season.

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The menu this year features wonderful starters such as King Scallops with quail egg and black pudding bons bons and a pressed tomato terrine with a refreshing gazpacho consommé.

There are so many incredible mains to choose from but the prime 21 day aged fillet of scotch beef certainly stands out, as does the trio of Arran lamb.

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# Red Cross Transport and Escort Service could be axed

A degree of anxiety has spread across Arran with rumours that the valuable Red Cross Transport and Escort Service is being axed.

This vital community transport service is widely used by patients travelling to mainland hospitals.

Since 2003 the service has provided a lifeline to people on Arran who have difficulty using public transport but do not qualify for an ambulance.

Now it appears that the two drivers who operate the service have had notice that they may be paid off because of funding cuts, and the service is being discontinued.

But this is not necessarily the case.

Marie Hayes, British Red Cross operations director for West Scotland, said: 'The Red Cross understands the

importance of this service to the people of Arran and we are committed to doing everything we can to make sure it continues.

'We are currently in discussion with funding partners to find the best way forward.

'Whatever the outcome of these discussions, I can assure those who use the service that they will be kept fully informed and given early notice of any proposed changes.'

British Red Cross spokesman Derek Masterton told the Banner: 'This service has been funded by SPT (Strathclyde Partnership for Transport).

'Next year SPT are only going to provide 50 percent of the cost so we have to get matched funding from elsewhere.

'Because of employment

laws, we have had to take the precautionary move of informing the two paid drivers.

'But the Red Cross is absolutely committed to this service. Talks with other possible partners are ongoing as we speak.

'There may have to be a streamlining of the service. It costs a lot to run the two vehicles and to pay two drivers.

'Our mission is to see that those who need help in time of crisis get it – it would be one of the happiest moments if we could secure match funding and keep the service going.'

For the past 10 years, the service has taken thousands of patients from Ardrossan ferry terminal to consultant and out-patient appointments in hospitals in Kilmarnock, Ayr and Glasgow.



Claire Richardson with some of the delicious cakes on offer at her newly opened Machrie Bay Tearoom. 01\_b14mac01

## Machrie Bay tearoom has its menu down to a tee

The new owner of Machrie Bay Tearoom showed off its lovely new kitsch decor and fantastic menu after a refurbishment when it opened its doors for the season this week. After battling huge snowdrifts and five days of power cuts, Claire Richardson made it to the tearoom and opened for business last Friday.

Claire is the former operations manager for VisitArran and before that spent three years at Auchrannie Resort as

sales and marketing manager, winning the coveted Scottish Hotels Sales and Marketing Manager of the Year in 2011.

With her passion for the island and its important tourist economy, Claire is keen to put Machrie Bay Tearoom firmly on the Arran map.

'Machrie is such a beautiful place,' said Claire.

'Whether you're here to play golf or you just happen to drive by, the tearoom is a great place for morning coffee,

lunch and afternoon teas while enjoying one of Arran's most stunning views.'

With a delicious menu crammed with freshly baked cakes, yummy sandwiches and toasties made with local produce and a daily specials blackboard there is plenty on the menu to tempt your tastebuds. There's also a children's menu for little ones as well as simply delicious Lavazza coffees and Twining teas to enjoy on the deck.

### Arran goes viral

The Arran Banner's most popular facebook post ever was a photo posted last week of a Land Rover driving through huge snowdrifts at the south of the island.

This photo had 189 likes on the AB page but was shared 484 times and as a result reached a whopping 38,048 people because the photo went viral.

That's a potential 37,088 people seeing the name Arran Banner that may not have seen it before!

### Arran high priority for BT

Openreach, the BT division that maintains the network on behalf of all service providers, is urging islanders who have lost telephone or Internet access as a result of the adverse weather to contact their communications providers and report the fault.

An Openreach spokesman told The Banner: 'From our experience of previous severe weather events and given that the Isle of Arran and other areas have been without power for lengthy periods, it is expected that a large number of faults may be reported over the coming days.'

'BT has a small team already on the island proactively dealing with areas we can access and more are ready to respond if required. We will work hard to restore service as quickly as possible.'

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## Arran's farmers count the cost

Blue skies and sunshine have been shining down on Arran this week in complete contrast to the previous seven days.

Many will agree that the snowstorms which ripped apart our electricity cables and left the island without power for seven days in some parts were a once in a lifetime experience, and most will be happy to put the experience behind them.

Instead of folks saying 'Do you remember the snow of '47?' we'll now be talking for years to come about 'Snowmageddon 2013'.

For the majority of Arran's residents life has now returned to relative normality but for the farmers the consequences of these March snows will haunt them for months and maybe years to come.

David Henderson of Kilpatrick took time out from his exhausting day on Wednesday to talk to The Banner about the current situation on Arran's west coast.

He has uncovered so many dead sheep in his fields that he still doesn't know how many he has lost.

With many still hidden under snow drifts and hundreds of lambs stuck inside, as the fields are too thick with snow to let them out, it has been an exhausting couple of weeks for the farmer and his father Neil.

From Kilmory to Lochranza the farmers are counting huge losses of livestock and many will be wondering how they can go forward from here.

Farmers all over Britain have faced similar tasks this week, as the worst March snowfall for 50 years blighted the lambing season and their plight dominated newspaper headlines.

Rather than celebrating new life over the Easter weekend, they have been counting the dead.

Farmers in Northern Ireland estimate that they have lost 10,000 sheep, while similar numbers have died in Dartmoor, Shropshire and Cumbria.

On the Isle of Man, thousands are missing and some farmers fear more than half of their flock has perished.

The NFU shipped specialist vehicles to the island last week to help farmers feed animals on the higher snowy slopes, and the Royal Air Force has begun emergency airlifts of animal feed in other areas.

On Arran's higher slopes it could be some weeks before the thaw hits and only then will the true cost of the snowstorms to our farmers be known.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'There is nothing in all creation that can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.' (Romans 8:39)

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## Letters to the Editor



### Extra Christmas deliveries?

Sir,  
My friend Mike from Tennessee was distressed to learn of Arran's dreadful plight in recent days.

Being one of life's optimists, he ended his e-mail to me on this cheery note: 'I always try to think of the bright side.'

'Nine months from now, we may see an increase in Arran births.' Yes, Mike, Christmastime could prove to be a busy period for deliveries of more than one kind this year.

Yours,  
**Robin Hill  
Longniddry  
East Lothian**

### Community blitz spirit

Sir,  
At the start of the 'Great Blackout' on Friday 22 March, I visited the big Co-op in Brodick.

Against all the odds, the shop was open. With no electricity, therefore no tills or card machines working, the staff wrote all purchases down.

Luckily I had the right money. One member of staff, complete with head torch, came with me to find out the price of the goods I needed.

I am full of praise for the manageress and all the staff who had managed to get into Brodick and open up.

As older neighbours have said, the last few days have been reminiscent of the Blitz spirit. In our electronic dependent age, there has been such an upsurge of community spirit which is very heartening.

Yours,  
**Pat Wright  
12 Fen Place  
Whiting Bay**

### Community confusion

Sir,  
Following the decision made by the police to force the cancellation of this year's rugby sevens tournament, I felt compelled to write a letter.

It seems to me that the police

on this island are determined to stop hall parties at all costs, like the attempt to shut down the Highland Games dance last year, so that they can carry on having an easy working life.

The rugby sevens is one of the biggest events for Arran in the calendar year and generates a huge amount of funding for the rugby club of which would not function without the event.

The disruption on the roads caused by the extreme weather was kept to the north and west sides of the island.

Most of the teams coming from the mainland would not have been affected at all as they can either leave on the last boat or as most of the teams do, stay with friends in and around the Brodick area.

The police on this island need to start participating in the community spirit shown by the residents of Arran.

For example, the many village halls and hotels that encouraged everyone to come together and get warmth and food instead of sitting in their powerless, freezing cold houses.

Brodick Hall was powered since the crisis started so I still can't see why the hall couldn't remain powered by the temporary generators.

I just wanted to make the police see that a lot of locals have had a rough week without any showers or heating etc and they were looking forward to a brilliant day out and a laugh at the Ormidale Park then the hall.

I will certainly look forward to the reasoning why they have ruined a lot of the hard working members of the rugby club's efforts and plans when the event could have quite easily been run.

I would like to finish by congratulating the many people involved in aiding the people of Arran during this crisis.

Yours,  
**Name and address supplied**

### Molio, Molios and Molaise

Sir,  
I refer to the article on the new housing development at Lam-

lash to be called 'St Molio'. It was delightful to notice that the children were involved in the selection of a name but saddening that no-one had guided them as to the correctness of the names involved. St Molios (not Molio) was a thirteenth century Cistercian monk from the abbey of Saddle in Argyll and not 6th century as your article stated nor did he have any direct connection with the Holy Isle.

His name was, in gaidhlig, Maol Iosa meaning the bald or tonsured one of Jesus. Clearly, this name could have applied to any monk indicating that the people of this island were not aware of his given name.

He was sent by the Abbey to supervise the 'lands of Shisken' which had been granted to the Abbey by the, then, Lord of the Isles.

This was a common practice in those days and used as a means of providing income for the religious establishments. The sixth century Saint of the Holy Isle was Molas and, as a result, the Holy Isle became known as 'Eilean Molaise' using the genitive and indicating that as far as the people were concerned, it was his island with the result today he is known as Molaise.

This name for the island persisted right up to the early days of the twentieth century when gaidhlig was still spoken when, in its corrupted form it named the village on the shore - Lamlash which, till then, had been known as 'Loch an Eilean'.

There is a common belief that Molios visited the Holy Isle in order to honour his illustrious predecessor. Clearly, the two names were sufficiently similar in sound for the people of the island to confuse them and, ultimately to believe that they were one and the same.

This confusion was shown to be erroneous by subsequent authorities and particularly so by the scholarly author of the 'Book of Arran'. I write this letter not to criticise the children, after all, they can call a place anything they like nor the members

of NAC who cannot be expected to know the history of the island but simply to make some small contribution to the effort by many people to correct the class of errors inherent in your article.

Yours,  
**Bill McLaughlin  
Whiting Bay**

### From facebook

**Celia Sillars:** The Arran Banner has been amongst my list of heroes from day one! Though 'powerless', I did have constant access to the Internet and passed on as much Banner info as possible. Mobiles were useless and everyone seems to have phones reliant on power (useless in this emergency). Word of mouth was the order of the day! Take a bow...brilliant work...much appreciated!

**Claire Berrie:** I would just like to say many thanks to The Arran Banner and VisitArran (Sheila Gilmore deserves an OBE) for all your support and information over this week, you have all been great!

**Olivia Edwards:** Well done Banner crew! I checked The Arran Facebook page regularly here in Vancouver, Canada, as my husband and son were over to help out with his parents moving house on the island. I managed to call each day and keep them informed with info from The Banner. It was a lifeline for me and made me feel as if I could help my family. Outstanding job!

**Margaret Parker:** Well done all of you. It was absolutely wonderful to be able to be kept informed by you hard working souls and made such a difference to us. Knowing what was happening, especially to those less fortunate than us in Lamlash, was humbling and awe-inspiring at the same time. Being able to update others with no access to the Internet was so valuable to all. Many, many thanks to every single person and organisation who worked together to prevent what was an extremely difficult situation for so many from becoming a disaster.

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# Snowmageddon!

Teams of men from SSE had to contend with some of the most extreme conditions ever seen on Arran. b13sse01



**A welcome cup of tea and sandwiches in Lamlash Fire Station.** 02\_b13snow10

Snowdrifts higher than a grown man, electricity poles felled like dominoes, freezing cold homes and long hours of darkness – the havoc caused by last week’s snow storms will never be forgotten on Arran.

Snowmageddon – as it has being affectionately named – is the biggest emergency ever experienced on Arran, mainly because it involved every single person living here.

It brought the island together and demonstrated just how wonderful Arran’s community spirit can be in times of crisis.

Here The Banner has collated some of the best pictures from a week that will be remembered for a very long time to come.



**Smiling faces of the staff at the Brodick catering van.** 02\_b13snow16



**A Polish family enjoying free breakfast in Whiting Bay Hall; Gwizdowski Dariusz, Gwizdowska Matgorzata, Maria Szwalec, Nina Szwalec, Patryk Gwizdowski and Victor Gwizdowski.** 02\_b13snow06



**The Banner’s very own Howard Driver is helped out of the ditch on Friday afternoon.** 02\_b13snow05



**Fireman Dave Ingham fills flasks and hot water bottles for Sandra Rawlings to take to her mother.** 02\_b13snow11



Huge snowdrifts in Slidery.



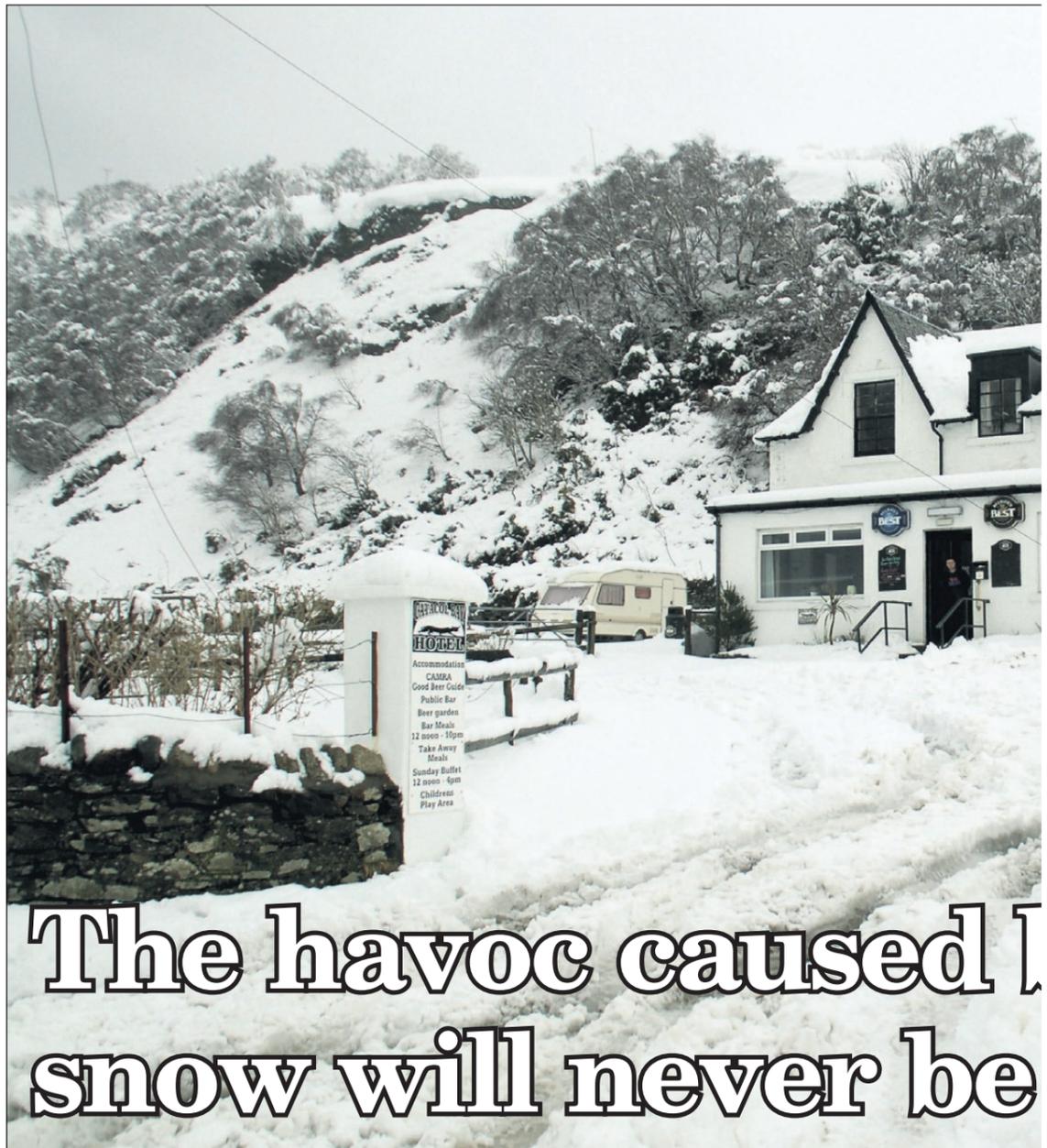
Oliver Glistler spent hours clearing the tracks and roads in Slidery.



Above: Even last Thursday SSE workers were still piling onto the island from Claonaig.



Generators can now be seen all over the island. 02\_b13snow08



The havoc caused by snow will never be

Catacol Bay Hotel on Saturday when it had been snowing non-stop for more than 24 hours. 01\_b13cat02



Abbi Traill and Ben Innes enjoying the snow in Lochranza. Picture by Jill Bain.



The Boguille was impassable for three days.



After three days, the String Road was finally cleared by teams from John Thomson Construction Ltd last Tuesday. b13snow14



Teams from SSE have worked night and day to restore island's power.



# by last week's forgotten



Ross Traill from Lochranza makes the most of the snow and an unexpected week off school.  
Picture by Jill Bain.



The Banner's Jennifer Lyon, who was stranded at her home in Catacol for three days, with Lindsay Patrick.



Electricity poles were literally snapped in half by the weight of the snow.



Kilmory Hall became a hub for the community as they had no power for seven days.



Desperate measures: Gail Scott from Lochranza uses heat from the Aga to dry her hair.



This picture demonstrates the extreme conditions rescue workers were up against.



Abandoned cars were discovered buried under deep snowdrifts on the String Road.



the Clearing a pathway at the old Shannochie Post Office. b13snow15



SSE vans finally rolled into Catacol on Sunday afternoon much to the delight of villagers. 01\_b13sno20

# COAST hold 'eggcellent' Easter scavenge

## Children searched for the all-important chocolate egg

Blue skies and bright sunshine shone down on Lamalsh Bay last Saturday when the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) held two Easter scavenger hunts on the beach.

At noon and 2pm the small stall was packed with almost 100 children taking part,

searching for a range of beach treasures that included the all-important chocolate eggs!

After collecting all of the items on their list the children explained what they had found to one of the COAST team and learnt about how they could protect the wonderful marine biodiversity on our shores.

They even got the chance to meet some of the inhabitants of the local waters including starfish, crabs and butterfish in the touch tank.

COAST would like to thank everyone for coming along and making the event such a huge success.

The trust is currently campaigning for a Marine Protected Area to conserve the sealife around the south of Arran.

This region will promote sustainable fishing such as creeling, hand diving and sea angling, whilst preventing damaging methods such as bottom trawling and dredging. For more information visit [www.arrancoast.com](http://www.arrancoast.com)



COAST held an Easter scavenger hunt on Lamalsh beach last Saturday. 01\_b14egg01



The day was designed to allow children to learn about how they could protect the wonderful marine biodiversity on our shores. 01\_b14egg03



Almost 100 children took part in the scavenger hunt. 01\_b14egg04

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Children searched for a range of beach treasures that included the all-important chocolate eggs! 01\_b14egg05  
 Inset: After collecting the items on their list the children explained what they had found to one of the COAST team. 01\_b14egg02

In 2012 almost 300 contributors submitted almost 7,000 records on 160 species of birds - one of which had never been recorded before on Arran.

From all this information 'The Arran Bird Report 2012' has been produced.

This annual report is a 'must' for anyone interested in the birds of Arran.

It includes information on all species seen on Arran, a month by month summary of what was around last year, the impact of weather on birds, information on ringed birds and reports on some of Arran's bird projects.

The uniqueness of Arran is reflected throughout the report, including the number of UK protected birds that share the island with us, as well as the differences between here and even the adjacent mainland. Make sure you get your copy. Only a limited number have been produced. This latest version of the annual bird report is now available from shops and other outlets throughout the island or directly from Alan and Jill Hollick of High Kildonan alanandjillhollick@gmail.com

Enjoy your birding.

Please send any bird notes with 'what, when, where' to me at Kilpatrick Kennels, Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot, KA27 8EY, or e mail me at james.cassels@virgin.net

I look forward to hearing from you. For more information on birding on Arran purchase the 'Arran Bird Report 2012' and visit this website www.arranbirding.co.uk

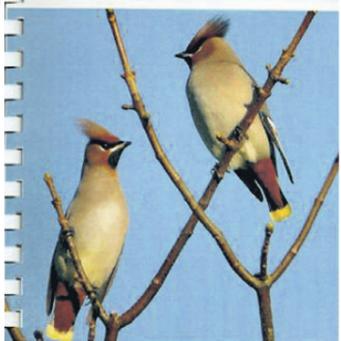
## Bird notes

by Jim Cassels



# Keeping in Touch with Arran's Birds

The Arran Bird Report 2012



Published in 2013

The uniqueness of Arran is reflected throughout the report, including the number of UK protected birds that share the island with us.

Right: The latest version of the annual bird report is now available on Arran



The bird report covers many of Arran's magnificent birds such as the Golden Eagle.

## MSP lessens the load for Mary's Meals

A collection of Mary's Meals backpacks initiated at the Scottish parliament has produced a fantastic response from MSPs and parliamentary staff.

Arran's MSP Kenneth Gibson is supporting the project that aims to provide a daily meal in a place of education to chronically poor children in countries such as Malawi, Liberia and Haiti.

In 2002 the project fed 200 children but now feeds over 600,000 providing a lifeline to the very poorest families.

As part of their work, Mary's Meals runs a backpack project which provides a backpack filled with basic school equipment pencils, pens, paper and personal items such as a t-shirt, towel and toothpaste which is given

to the children to help in their education and daily lives.

The initiative at the Scottish Parliament resulted in 111 backpacks being donated by MSPs, their staff, parliament staff and members of the press.

Kenneth Gibson said: 'Mary's Meals is a fantastic project doing brilliant work to help some of the world's poorest children.'

'The Backpack project is a key part of their on-going work. I was delighted to join my parliamentary colleagues and friends in the media in trying to do our wee bit to help.'

For more information about organising a backpack go to <http://www.marysmeals.org.uk/what-you-can-do/backpack-project/>



Kenneth Gibson MSP is pictured with Tony Begley, education coordinator of Scottish charity, Mary's Meals.

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**Chill wind**

A chill wind is blowing through the Arran community.

People were shocked to wake on Monday morning to the news that five houses in Hillview Place, Brodick were burgled.

All had people sleeping in them and all had dogs.

Break-ins have tended to be a very rare occurrence on Arran but recently there has been a steady increase of crime on the island.

Sergeant Jim Wilson said: 'We're keeping an open mind but the tourist season hasn't started yet so that points the finger locally.'

**Unclean!**

As if rising crime wasn't enough of a problem, Arran has also been castigated this week for the condition of its beaches.

The Heinz Good Beach Guide, a nationwide survey of beaches and water quality, was published on Monday.

Two Arran beaches, Brodick and Blackwaterfoot, failed to be included due to litter and sewage solids.

**Final service**

Tennis was being played on the Whiting Bay tennis courts this week but it could be the last time.

The date set to close them in March 24 but a stay of execu-

tion until mid April has been granted to allow them to be used over Easter.

**Nicked**

A camper who had pitched his tent next to Brodick golf Course last weekend returned to find that the entire contents had been taken away.



**Jennifer Turner won the prize for the Best Solo Vocal performance at the recent Arran Music Festival.** b14twe04

**Easy access**

Holy Isle, difficult to get to for some years, is to have two regular timetabled ferry services this summer.

One will be from Lamalsh Pier to the farmhouse and will be run by Tom Sheldon and Harold Kyte.

They have already been doing most of the ferry work for the Buddhists but it will now

be at a regular time so people know when to turn up.

The other service, run by Jim Ritchie, will go from Whiting Bay to White Point.

**Curling proposed**

Forester Kerr Robertson has been working hard to get curling reinstated on the island's pools despite the recent spate of mild winters.

A newspaper clipping from January 1893 has been handed to us which states: 'In a curling game at Lamlash, Lamlash (William Todd, A Thomson and J Crawford, skips) beat Brodick (R Hamilton, F McCrae and E Wilson, skips) by 60 to 43.'

**Bar fire**

Brodick Fire Brigade were called out to a fire in a shed next to Brodick Bar that was being used to store beer.

It is understood the fire started in the car park behind the shed, a derelict car being engulfed and the petrol tank bursting into flames before it spread to the shed.

**Irvine win Sevens**

It was a grand day out to Arran on Saturday for the Irvine team as they won the annual rugby sevens tournament on the island.

Irvine beat Stirling Country 19-14 in the final despite having to play in terribly wet conditions.



**The Arran Mountain Rescue Team was invited to open a very large bottle at Lochranza Hotel on Saturday – full of money. Filled with coins from the hotel's regulars it yielded just over £300 for the volunteer charity.** b14twe02



**Arran boys went to Beith last Sunday with coach George Lammie to compete in the Scottish Health Cup Soccer Sevens tournament for primary boys. They are: Craig Hendry, Jamie Picken, Neil MacDonald, Greg McRae, Darren Thompson, Iain Keen, Calum McFadzean, Peter Clarke and Christopher Stewart.** b14twe03



**The Arran team that got to the quarter finals of the island's annual rugby sevens tournament.** b14twe01

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## Everyday

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## Saturday 6th April

Army Cadets  
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Karate  
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Daffodil Tea

Auchrannie Road 11am – 1 pm.  
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am-12.30pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm  
Arran High School, 10am  
Lochranza Hall, 2pm – 4pm

## Sunday 7th April

Alcoholics Anonymous  
New Al-Anon Meeting  
Family Games  
Fun in the pool  
Folk Music Session  
Folk night  
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Church Hall, Brodick, 4.30pm  
Call 601206 for details  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm  
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm  
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 2pm  
Ormidale Hotel, 8.30pm  
Ormidale sports pavilion, 2pm – 3.30pm

## Monday 8th April

Quiz  
Outside Boot Camp  
Over 50s Badminton  
Badminton  
Citizens Advice  
Morning Fitness  
Breathe Walk Class  
Table Tennis  
Badminton  
Lamlash Bridge Club  
Volleyball Club  
Arran Junior Football Club  
Lunch Club  
Summer Bridge Tournament

Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 8.30pm  
Whiting Bay Park 6am  
Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm  
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30-1.30pm  
Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am  
Kinneil, Lamlash, 5.15pm  
Corrie Hall, 6.30pm  
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm  
Lamlash Golf Club, 7pm for 7.15pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 7-8pm  
Ormidale Park, 6-7.30pm  
McKelvie Road, Lamlash, 12noon  
Arran High School, 6.30pm for 6.45pm

## Tuesday 9th April

Pop Quiz  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
Youth Club  
Rotary club  
Streetly Dance pre school  
Streetly Dancing Classes P1-S7  
Youth Club  
Rowan Singers  
Weight Watchers  
Junior Hockey Club  
Auchrannie Winter Bowls  
Healthy Outdoors  
Cricket Practise  
Scottish Country Dancing  
Arran Abs Runners – beginners  
Arran Food & Craft Market

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
Brodick Church Hall, 2pm  
Kildonan Hall, 7pm  
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 7.15pm  
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 1.45-2.30pm  
Auchrannie Gym Hall, 3.45pm – 6pm  
Brodick Hall, 6.30 – 8pm  
Lamlash church hall, 7.30-9.30pm  
St Molios Church Hall, 6.30-7.30pm  
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 6-7pm  
Auchrannie, 7pm-9pm  
10am-1pm NTS Ranger Centre  
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7pm-9pm  
Brodick Church Hall, 7.30-9.30pm  
Lamlash high school car park, 5.30pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, 11am – 4pm

## Wednesday 10th April

Hockey  
Tae Kwondo  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
Arran Brass Rehearsal

Auchrannie Games Hall, 6.30-7.30pm  
Arran high School Kids-6.30-7.30pm Adults-7.30-8.30pm  
Lamlash Church Hall, 8pm  
Whiting Bay Hall, 7.15pm

Senior Badminton  
Yogalates  
Aquafizz  
Music Mayhem Class Parents & Little Ones  
Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy service  
Arran Abs Runners – beginners  
Arran Abs Runners - advanced  
Northend Football Training  
Outside Boot Camp  
Elderly Persons Forum  
Friends of Brodick Castle  
Corrie Golf Club AGM  
Lamlash Guild Spring Coffee Morning

Arran High School, 8-9pm  
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am  
Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am  
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 10.45am  
10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30  
Auchrannie Spa Car Park, 5.30pm  
Auchrannie Spa Car Park, 6pm  
Lochranza, 7pm  
Whiting Bay Park, 6am  
Ormidale Pavilion 11am  
Castle Tearoom 2.30pm  
Corrie Golf Club Tearoom, 7pm  
Lamlash Church Hall 10.15am – 12noon

## Thursday 11th April

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

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

## Friday 12th April

Aqua Fizz  
Yogalates  
Arran Youth Foundations  
Lochranza Kids Badminton  
Lochranza Adults Badminton  
Disco  
Outside Boot Camp  
Coffee morning  
Arran Comedy Festival  
Rowan Singers Concert

Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am  
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am  
Church Hall, Brodick 7pm-9pm  
Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm  
Lochranza Hall, 8pm  
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
Whiting Bay Park 6am  
Corrie Hall 10.15am  
Whiting Bay Hall 8pm prompt  
Arran High School, 7.30pm

## Saturday 13th April

Army Cadets  
Over 21s Disco  
Karate  
Family Games  
Arran Dancers (4yrs & up)  
RNLI Coffee Morning  
Royal Foundlings  
Arran Rugby Sevens  
Rugby Sevens Dance

Auchrannie Road 11am – 1 pm.  
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am-12.30pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm  
Arran High School, 10am  
Ormidale Pavilion, 10.15am – 12noon  
Arran High School, 7.30pm  
Ormidale Park, kick off 11am  
Brodick Hall 9pm

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2008 REGULATION 20(1)**

Format: Application No; Address; Proposed Development  
13/00144/PP; Camusban, Machrie, Brodick, Isle Of Arran; Erection of conservatory to front of detached dwelling house.

13/00159/PP; Mallow Cottage, Middle Road, Whiting Bay, Brodick;  
Formation of 3 dormer extensions to front including alterations to raise roof height and erection of porch to front of detached dwelling house.

Elma Murray  
Chief Executive  
Cunninghame House  
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**Tuesday 16 April 2013  
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### Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday 31 March, 17 played in the Easter Medal from the Yellow Tees.

The winner, by a clear margin, was Kevin Jackson (9)55, 2 Stuart Paterson (11)61, 3 Jamie MacPherson (6)62.

Kevin Jackson won scratch with 64 and there were magic twos from John Rankin (2), Kevin Jackson, Colin Nisbet and Markus Kroner.

Fixtures: Saturday 6 April, Poole Trophy at 11am (Mixed Fours). Sunday 7 April, Roy Ure Tankard Stableford.

### Shiskine Golf Club

Shiskine Sixes Snow Glo Golf – six hole challenge with a six6 iron only! Ladies: 1 L Kerr 32, 2 E Kelso 38, 3 C Stewart 41.

Gents: First Class 1 R Stewart 24, 2 K McKinlay 27, 3 A Liddell 32. Second Class 1 S Garraway 28, 2 A MacAlister 33, 3 J Crorie 35. Fixtures: Sunday 7 April, 18 Hole Coronation Foursomes (Ladies). Sunday 7 April, 12 Hole Medal. Wednesday 10 April, Daniel Ferguson Trophy. Thursday 11 April, 12 Hole Medal (Ladies).

### Corrie Golf Club

Saturday 30 March, Medal Sweep, nine played. 1 B Sherwood 78-8=65, 2 M Elliot 81-15=66, 3 A McDonald 77-10=67. Best scratch B Sherwood 73. There was one magic two from C Pattenden.

Fixtures: Saturday 6 April,

Eddie Rankin Game, Corrie v Machrie stableford at 1pm.

### Lamlash Golf Club

Thurs 28 March, Yellow Medal-Winner Paul Bremner 66-5=61. Saturday 30 March, Glenisle Cup, mixed fours. 1 Shona Nicol and David Nicol 80-17=63, 2 Calum Nicol and Fiona Gillan 93-29=64.

Sunday 31 March, Texas Scramble. 1 Alistair Crawford, David Cameron, Alan Smith and Lesley Handley 54-5.7=48.3, 2 Ian Gillan, Andy Smith, Rachel Wren and Elma Dougal 57-7.3=49.7, 3 Sam Handley, Calum Nicol, Gregor Docherty and Val Crawford 58-8.1=49.9.

Fixtures: Thursday 4 April, Summer Cup, organise own games and see starter for times.

Sunday 7 April, Carpenter Rose Bowl, starting times 9.30am and 12.30pm.

### Brodick Golf Club

Ladies: Tuesday 2 April, Medal CSS 69. Silver 1 El-lie Jones (14)69 BIH, 2 Ann MacVicar (15)69, 3 Fiona Crawford (13)73.

Bronze 1 Ann Hart (24)72, 2 Gege Kroner (23)73, 3 Janette McVicar (32)75.

Scratch winner Ellie Jones 83. Susan Butchard and Ann Hart both had one two.

### Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday 19 March, Final Day Lochranza Hotel Cup. 1 David Price 35pts, 2 Alastair MacDonald 34pts BIH, 3 Brian Sherwood 34pts. Scratch Brian Sherwood 76. Winner of the Lochranza Hotel Cup was David Price. Runner up was Brian Sherwood.

Fixtures: Saturday 6 April, Eddie Rankin Gents at Corrie 1pm tee-off. Tuesday 9 April, start of Peter Sutton/Lady Mary 12.30/5.30pm tee offs.



Shiskine Golf Club remained under a blanket of snow this week. 01\_b14shi01

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**SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
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St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.  
**Sunday 7th April**  
Holy Communion, 11.00 am.  
Mrs Janis Gallagher.  
Coffee after service.  
ALL WELCOME

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**  
Parishes of North Arran:  
Broddick, Corrie, Lochranza,  
Pirrmill 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 7th April**  
Broddick Church, 10.30am, Morning Worship.  
Corrie Church, 12noon, Morning Worship.  
Lochranza Church, 9.30am Morning Worship  
Pirrmill Church, 10.45am Morning Worship  
Shiskine Church, 12noon, Morning Worship.  
A Service of Worship will also be held in Montrose House at 1.30pm.

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**  
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**Sunday 7th April**  
Kilmory 10 am  
Lamlash 11.30 am  
In both churches:  
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**HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**Sunday 7th April**  
Mass 11am

**WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**  
(Charity Number: SC014005)  
**Sunday 7th April**  
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.  
The Stated Annual Meeting of the Congregation will brief

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BANNER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Sunday 7th April**  
Ormidale Sports Pavilion, Broddick  
11am Morning worship  
Tea/Coffee after the service  
Home Fellowship Group meets on Wednesday at 7.30pm  
For details telephone 860 232  
Everyone very welcome.

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Services as follows  
Shiskine 11.00am (Church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)  
Broddick 7pm (Church behind post office)  
Rev Marcus McCullough  
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**ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND (continuing)**

**Sunday 7th April**  
Morning Service 11am  
Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Broddick  
Evening Service 6.30pm  
5 Glen Road, Broddick  
Prayer Meeting  
**Wednesday 10th April**  
at 7pm  
5 Glen Road, Broddick  
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**BIRTHS**

**EARLE** - Jennifer and Andrew are delighted to announce the arrival of Rowan Hazel Josie on 27th March 2013. A sister for Daisy, first grandchild for Jo and John and seventeenth (!) for Irene and Jim. Many thanks to Donna and Elaine and all the staff at A.M.U.

**MACARTHUR - MCKINNON** - Neil and Karen are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Ruby Morag Sine on Saturday 16th March at A.M.U. Granddaughter to Sine and the late James McKinnon, Sannox and the late Alasdair and Morag MacArthur, Tiree. Sister to Hector and Ruairidh.

**ENGAGEMENT**

**WALL - TIMMS** - Capt. Alistair M. F. Wall and Miss Angharad L. Timms. The engagement is announced

between Alisdair son of Mr & Mrs Wall on Newbury and Angharad daughter of Mr & Mrs Timms of Ballymoney North Ireland.

**DEATHS**

**ARMIT** - Campbell. Peacefully at Arran war Memorial Hospital, on Saturday 30th March 2013 after a short illness bravely borne. Campbell, aged 83 years, always affectionally known as Skit, beloved husband of Rose, dear father of Billy, Andy and Campbell, Grandad and Great Granddad of the family. Funeral service in Broddick Church on Friday, 5th April at 11:30am, and thereafter to Broddick new cemetery to which all relatives and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired, to Isle of Arran Hospital Supporters League.

**BLAKE** - Roy. The Blake family regret to announce the sudden death of Roy, beloved husband to Audrey, father to Stuart and Granddad to Stephen and Matthew, who passed away at home on Wednesday 28th March. Our grateful thanks are extended for the prompt action of the medical team and First Responders. A funeral service will be held in Corrie Church on Monday 8th April at 11.30hrs. Cremation thereafter at Holsford Bridge Crematorium, Dreg-horn, near Irvine at 13.00hrs on Wednesday 10th April.

**MILDRED** - Evelyn, of Shiskine on Thursday, 28th March 2013. Funeral service in St Margaret's, Whiting Bay, Monday, 8th April at 11:30am followed by internment at Shiskine Cemetery. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Arran Mountain rescue Team.



**Do you recognise these faces?**

Douglas McGowan of Cheltenham has sent The Banner a photograph of a Lennox bus that he took in August 1965 in Whiting Bay.

He is interested to know if anyone can tell him the name of the driver and conductress.

**Family holidays**

He said: 'I fell in love with Arran and Whiting Bay in particular in the 1950s when we regularly went family holidays to Arran.

'For me, an exciting part of the holiday was

sailing to the island on one of the old paddle steamers, often the Caledonia or the Waverley. I had a fascination for the old paddlers since childhood. Little did I think, some years later in 1974 that I would be handing over a £1 note to buy the Waverley, the world's last sea-going paddle steamer, from Caledonian MacBrayne!

Please call The Banner or write to us if you know the name of the people in the picture.

**The Curries in Thailand and Canada**

Colonel The Honourable Henry Currie has been in touch with The Banner to tell us that his new house in Thailand has been named Arran-croft, with a lovely gold on granite plaque outside.

He explained: 'This all stems from my great grandfather, Ronald Currie, who emigrated from Arran to Canada in 1849.

'My Arran roots mean a lot to me - I've visited there four times, beginning in 1956.

The Currie name began on Arran in 1263, when it was MacMhurrigh in Gaelic.

'Circa 1700 the new clergy, English speakers, had a hard time with the Arran dialect which didn't pronounce the 'm' at the beginning of words, and also omitted the 'mh' which was pronounced as a 'v', so MacVurrig sounded to them something like 'acurrie' and they wrote it down as such.

'In 1701 my direct ancestor Donald McMhurrigh and his wife May McKIDonigh had a

son John baptized. When they next appeared in the church register in 1705, baptizing a daughter named Katherine, they were Donald McCurrie and Mary McKenzie.

'I've done a lot of research into the Currie genealogy, and we appear in Ireland as early as 177 AD.'

Colonel Henry Currie, or Harry Currie as he is better known, has promised more background information on the Curries. He has also asked if anyone can find any Arran symbols that might be used on his coat of arms, under design with the Canadian Heraldic Authority.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**Taylor - Magaletti**  
**6 April 2013**

Best wishes to Allan and Carla on the occasion of their wedding. First Taylor wedding on Arran since 1900!

Lots of love from Mum and Lindsay

**50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**



**Congratulations on your 50th Wedding Anniversary**  
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**WHITING BAY HALL COMMITTEE**

would like to thank everyone who contributed in any way during the recent power cut. Many people volunteered, gave donations and helped people from in and out with the village to enjoy hot food and drinks 24 hours a day.

All of the support to help the community was greatly appreciated. We hope to see you at our Pancake Morning on Saturday 6th April at 10:30am

Jan would like to say a very big thank you to everyone for their good wishes, cards, phone calls and gifts on the occasion of her birthday.

Thanks also to Stags for a lovely candlelit dinner and to Kips and Kylie for chauffeuring us.

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# There's 'Snow' stopping Arran rugby club!



Arran's rugby players gathered for a friendly on Saturday following the cancellation of the annual Sevens tournament. 01\_b14rug01

Arran's rugby boys gathered at the Ormidale Park on Saturday for an impromptu friendly following the cancellation of the annual sevens tournament.

The Sevens should have taken place on Easter Saturday but they have now been postponed until Saturday 13 April.

The Isle of Arran Rugby Club have taken the decision to rename the tournament the 'Thank You Sevens' to celebrate the incredible community spirit that overtook the island during the crisis last week.

In particular the club wishes to honour the members of Arran's Mountain Rescue Team who worked day and night to reach the most isolated communities cut off by the snow.

As a result 50 per cent of the profits made on the day will be donated to local charities as a gesture of thanks.

Jenny Lyon, secretary of the club, said: 'Whilst it was disappointing for many of the teams wanting to take part in the Sevens that they had to be cancelled we felt it would have been unsuitable for the event to go ahead given the ongoing crisis.'

'We're really pleased to have been able to rearrange the Sevens for April 13 and it promises to be just as good a day as it would have been on Easter Saturday.'

She added: 'We would like to celebrate the incredible

community spirit on Arran and say thank you to everyone involved.'

The Sevens will kick-off

at 11am on the Saturday and with seven teams participating it will be a great day out for all rugby fans.

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