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# Magnum money clawed back for road repairs

## £1 million will help sort winter damage

A sum of money earmarked by North Ayrshire Council for the replacement of the Magnum Centre in Irvine has been clawed back for urgent road repairs.

Last month it was proposed to move £1 million from the 'roads pressures budget' of £1.4million to help towards the cost of replacing the Magnum leisure centre in Irvine.

At a meeting of the executive of NAC on Tuesday, it was decided that only £400,000 should go to the Magnum, the additional £1 million will go towards roads funding for this year to put right the damage caused by what the council has called 'the worst winter in 20 years'.

This means that £2.8 million will be spent on the 630 miles of road for which the council is responsible.

Councillor Margie Currie said that this money is not enough to address all the faults on Arran's roads but it is a start. 'Arran will receive a proportion of this £1 million to be spent on the roads. This funding will be for pothole repairs and patching work which will considerably help the state of the roads but it is not the answer to the bigger problems.'

Tom Orr, corporate director of property services, told the executive that reducing spending on roads 'leaves a greater proportion of the network open to further attack and effectively stores up problems for future years'.

Councillor David O'Neill, council leader, said: 'The weather conditions this winter included rapid freeze/thaw cycles, which meant our salting and snow clearing teams had to revisit areas, sometimes on the same night, to keep our roads safe.'

'Salt usage more than doubled and in general we have spent more than 80 per cent more on winter emergencies.'

Arran's MSP Kenneth Gibson said he had been following this issue with interest. 'This year, Holyrood provided NAC with a 5.1 per cent increase in revenue spend, money to freeze the council tax and a 3.5 per cent increase in capital funding, on top of a 30 per cent increase last year.'

### Priorities

'Under the SNP/Local Government Concordat, NAC has freedom to spend according to its own priorities. However, councillors decided to spend £25 million on a new Magnum Centre in Irvine, partly funded by £1 million cut in this year's road budget. It is therefore unseemly, I believe, for councillors, who did not try to amend the budget on February 12 to prioritise Arran's roads, to then complain about the lack of resources for island roads.'

Ian Small, local pothole campaigner, said: 'It is good news that this money has been diverted back to the roads but it is clearly not going to be enough. I hope the repairs are done properly.'



The Brodick bon viveurs at their final Come Dine With Me party last Saturday night. From left, Jason Bohan, Graeme Kerr, Nicol Hume, Ian Small, Campbell Seaton, Fiona Hume, Moira Small and Catherine McBain. b17din01

## Come dine with the Brodick bon viveurs

The six Brodick bon viveurs who have been recreating the popular television show *Come Dine With Me* had their final gastronomic get-together last Saturday.

Over the past six weeks Ian and Moira Small, Nicol and Fiona Hume and Campbell Seaton and Jason Bohan have had three dinner parties in a spirit of fun and competition.

Last Saturday it was the turn of Nicol and Fiona to be mine hosts at their Glen Rosa cottage. In keeping with the television programme, for

each party there have been two mystery guests and on Saturday they were Graeme Kerr of Shiskine and Catherine McBain of Whiting Bay.

Fiona's menu started with scallops wrapped in parma ham as hors d'oeuvres. Then goat's cheese and walnut salad followed by a main course of individual beef Wellingtons with a mushroom Wellington for Jason. For pudding they had lemon mousse.

The diners all score each other out of 20; ten points for food and ten points

for ambience and hospitality, but the scores are kept in sealed envelopes.

Fiona said: 'Giving a score is the part that no-one really likes, but it's all just a bit of fun.'

In two weeks they will all meet up again at Ian and Moira's home at Millhouse for an evening of reckoning along with all the mystery guests. The envelopes will be opened and the scores totted up.

Then all six will have a super weekend in Glasgow with the winners being paid for by the other two couples.



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# Police files

## No seatbelts

Four motorists were issued with conditional offers of three points and a fine after being caught without seatbelts.

A 21-year-old man from Whiting Bay, a 46-year-old man from Edinburgh and a 36-year-old woman from Blackwaterfoot were stopped on Shore Road in Brodick on Monday April 13.

The next evening a 21-year-old Lamlash man was stopped on the Shore Road in Lamlash for the same offence.

## No road tax

A 46-year-old Kilmory woman was reported to police on Wednesday April 15 after being stopped on the Shore Road in Brodick for having no road tax.

## Faulty brake lights

Police issued a 40-year-old woman from Bearsden with a defect form for faulty brake lights

## Assault

A 52-year-old man from Pirn-mill was arrested for assault at 4pm on Thursday April 16.

## Prohibited parking

Police issued a 60-year-old man with a conditional offer after he was caught parking in the taxi bays on market road in Brodick on April 17.

## Vehicle offences

A number of drivers were stopped by police on Shore Road in Lamlash for several different vehicle offences on Friday April 17.

A 62-year-old Lamlash woman was caught with no road tax or insurance. Two 43-year-old Lamlash women were caught in separate incidents with no tax or MOT.

## Speeding

A 43-year-old woman from Whiting Bay was caught speeding on Shore Road in Brodick on Saturday afternoon.

## Drinking in public

At 29-year-old Kildonan man was issued with an anti-social behaviour order when he was caught drinking in public on the Shore Road in Brodick last Saturday.

## Breach of the peace

Police arrested a 20-year-old man for breach of the peace at Torrylinn, Kilmory at 11pm last Saturday night.

## Fraud

Police arrested a 38-year-old man from Leck, England for fraud as he attempted to board the 9.45am ferry to Brodick on Sunday morning.

## Counterfeit money

A number of counterfeit Bank of England £20 banknotes were seized last week by police on the island.

Sergeant MacKay would like to remind all local businesses to be extra vigilant in the coming months and to look out for bogus notes.

If any business has received these notes please contact police as soon as possible as it will increase the chance of catching the people involved.



Mechanic Craig Galloway with the broken spring and shock absorber on Willie McDonald's taxi. b17pot01

# Potholes wreck Willie's taxi

Arran's potholed roads wrecked another car last week.

Lamlash taxi driver Wille McDonald was travelling along the Corrie shore when he hit a pothole in the road. He thought it had done some damage but a few minutes later he was driving carefully down to Cordon.

Willie said: 'I hit a big hole in the road and the front end collapsed. The main spring snapped and the shock absorber was shot.'

'It's cost me another £250 and I'll be putting a bill into North Ayrshire Council. I broke a front spring on the opposite side a fortnight ago. If I don't get any joy I'll put it into the hands of my lawyer.'

'My accountant told me that vehicle repairs on my two cars ran up to £5,000 last year and that is out of proportion for anywhere else in Ayrshire.'

Brodick mechanic Craig Galloway said: 'Willie's car is not old and doesn't have a big mileage. I'm quite happy to do normal motor servicing but I'm spending too much time picking up the pieces from road-damaged cars.'

'I've driven all over Scotland and no other roads are as bad as ours.'

Whiting Bay taxi driver Ian McCallum told the Banner: 'The roads on Arran are hellish. Bush repairs are a constant expense for me. It would be interesting to find out how many springs are broken here in a month.'

Willie added: 'I regularly do a run around the Northend and it is like riding the rapids. These roads need some serious attention.'

## Police seek residents' help

Sergeant MacKay is urging Arran residents to contact the police immediately if they see anything suspicious on 01770 30257 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111 day or night.

'This will allow us to deal with the matter promptly and

assisting in detecting the offenders more quickly,' said Sergeant MacKay.

The police are also appealing for information about bogus workers, anti-social behaviour or any other matter that the public may be concerned about.

## Business Gateway re-launch

Representatives from local industries and those thinking of starting a business are urged to attend the re-launch of the Business Gateway Services at the Auchrannie this Tuesday.

The open day will begin at 12pm until 2.30pm at the Brambles Suite and exhibitors will be present from Business Gateway, North Ayrshire Council Business Development,

Jobcentreplus and representatives from the voluntary and environmental sector.

It will give people the opportunity of talking with representatives and becoming aware of the products and supports that are available to businesses.

It will also be an opportunity to meet the new Business Gateway representative for Arran and Cumbrae, Derek Shand.

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# Lone walker rescued in the Goatfell mist

A lone walker had to be rescued by the local mountain rescue team on Friday night after becoming lost in mist near to the summit of Goatfell.

The man who was holidaying in Blackwaterfoot was able to lead the team to his position by taking photos on his mobile phone.

### Identified

These were sent to the leader of the Arran Mountain Rescue Team who identified the man to be west of Goatfell on the Rosa slabs.

According to an AMRT spokesman this is a very dangerous area to be if you are not familiar with it and it can become treacherous in bad weather conditions.

Team member, Neil Hamilton-Bulger said: 'This is yet another example of walkers mis-navigating off Goatfell summit where it is flat

and the path is not marked. The gentleman was located in the same area as the body of a woman who fell to her death just over a year ago, who had also lost her way in the mist.'

On Friday night the team of 15 members split into two and approached the slabs from the summit of Goatfell and Glen Rosa. The man was located and returned to the team base by 10pm.'

### Locate

As well as using mobile phone pictures to locate the man, the team used two land rovers, an agrocat and a new search management system for this callout.

Neil added: 'All of this new technology would be nothing without the tireless efforts, skills and bravery of team members who are able to locate a person in such a dangerous area.'

# 'Exceptional minister and hero' dies

A second cyclist injured in the fatal road accident at Merkland shore last year has died.

Rev Leith Fisher was 67 years old and described as one of the ablest Church of Scotland ministers of his generation.

A van travelling north driven by an Arran man was in collision with two cyclists travelling south on Saturday August 30. The 59-year-old woman, Elspeth Kelman, was pronounced dead at the scene and Rev Fisher was taken by air ambulance to the Southern General Hospital in Glasgow with serious head and leg injuries.

They were part of a group that have been doing an annual memorial cycle ride round

the island for many years in memory of Mrs Kelman's late husband who died in 1994.

Leith Fisher was known as a fine preacher and exceptional parish minister and worked in Govan, Calton and Falkirk before moving to Wellington Church in 1990.

### Astute

A fellow member of the Iona Community of which Rev Fisher was a member said: 'Leith was a fit and active man, a songwriter and astute parish minister. As a minister he cycled between duties and still played squash.'

'I knew him well in Falkirk and Glasgow. Despite not seeing him for some time I am shocked at his death; his father

lived well into his 90s as did his mother. He was in hospital for several months after the road traffic accident and it is a shame that he probably never fully recovered from his severe and life-threatening injuries.'

Iain Todd of Brodick is a trainee reader with Rev Angus Adamson.

He said: 'I knew Leith for 50 years and for a long time as the minister at Wellington Church in Glasgow. He was a great exponent of justice and peace and had hoped to do a lot more writing in retirement.'

At his funeral on March 21 David Lunan, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, described Leith Fisher as his hero.



James Stevenson, the president of the Scottish Rugby Union (back) with fellow guests at the annual rugby club dinner, Bill McLaughlin, and the Reverend Angus Adamson. b17soc11

## Special guest at rugby club dinner

Arran Rugby Club had a rather special guest at their annual dinner on Saturday night.

James Stevenson the president of the Scottish Rugby Union was invited to join the team at the Kildonan Hotel to celebrate the end of another successful season.

He was appointed to the post last year and is trying to visit as many of the club sides as possible during his term in office.

This is the second time he has been to Arran and on both occasions he has volunteered to

run the line at Arran's matches in the afternoon.

Speaking at the dinner Mr Stevenson spoke of the SRU's commitment to club rugby.

### Fantastic Sport

'For me it has been the highest honour I could ever have expected to be chosen as the president of the SRU,' he said. 'This role has given me the opportunity to meet some of my rugby heroes - in particular the great New Zealander Jonah Lomu. But I will never forget that it is the players from club's

like Arran that make rugby such a fantastic sport.'

Having played rugby with Rutherglen, Cambuslang and Dalziel and represented Glasgow and District Union and Lanarkshire during his 30-year rugby career, Mr Stevenson can certainly demonstrate his love of club rugby.

After seven years as president of Cambuslang he was elected president of the SRU at the last annual general meeting and still tries to run out for his club whenever time permits.

## Film of Arran's roads a hit

A video posted on the YouTube website about the poor state of Arran's roads has had more than 1,000 hits.

Arran's pothole campaigner Ian Small, who stars in the short film, had it made as a further plea to North Ayrshire Council to fix the crumbling roads.

More than 30 locals and tourists have added comments to the website.

Hmcgloin wrote: 'Well done Ian! This shows our lovely roads in their true light, safety should

be a priority, the Rice Crispie machine is nae use!'

Kilbyhorse commented: 'What a shocking state the roads are in. I look forward to cycling round the island several times during the summer season, but I'll be having second thoughts about it this year unless I can hire a Challenger Two Tank which might be adequate for the job. Go to Argyll if you want to see better roads, you can go for many miles without seeing a pothole!'

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# Affordable housing policy should benefit those struggling to buy

Arran residents who face problems buying a home will benefit from a new affordable housing proposal agreed for the island by North Ayrshire Council's executive this week.

It places an obligation on all builders planning a development of four units or more to incorporate affordable housing at a rate of 25 per cent.

For instance if the capacity of a site is identified as 40 houses then 10 units will benefit from an affordable housing contribution.

It will be worked out according to the value of the land.

Affordable homes secured by the policy will then be transferred to Isle of Arran Homes, who will manage them.

The new policy stipulates that they should not be significantly different in external appearance from free market housing on the same site.

A spokesman from North Ayrshire Council said: 'During consultation there was one objection to the policy, from local builders John Thomson Construction Ltd. Their consult-

ants suggested that the threshold should be 15 units, not four.'

The executive was told that this higher threshold would make the policy virtually ineffective.

If applied over the past four years only six affordable houses would have been built on Arran.

By contrast a four-house

threshold would have resulted in 33 affordable homes over the same period.

Last week, *The Arran Banner* reported that a number of local families have moved into new homes in Laigh Letter Row, Lamlash that were recently purchased by Isle of Arran Homes.

The housing provider bought

the newly constructed three bedroom homes from Arran based builder John Thomson Construction.

The move helps address the significant housing need on the island and the organisation said it was 'delighted' with the purchase of the homes in Lamlash, which were made at a discounted price.

## Howard Wood on green list

Howard Wood from Whiting Bay, chairman of the Community of Arran Seabed Trust, has been placed second on the first Scottish Green List.

Howard was nominated for the work he did in creating Scotland's first no fishing zone, in Lamlash Bay.

### Pioneers

The Scotsman newspaper has been counting down the top 50 green pioneers in Scotland this

week, with a list that includes engineers, academics, activists and writers.

The newspaper printed the first 40 on a daily basis but the final 10 places were decided at a special ceremony in Edinburgh on Wednesday night.

Compiled by the Scottish Sustainable Development Forum, the list shows that, in terms of environmental thinking, Scotland often leads the world.

## Gardeners warned not to be hasty

Arran's gardeners are being warned not to be too hasty.

Local horticulturalists are concerned that the recent spell of warm weather may mislead amateur gardeners into planting out bedding plants and vegetable seedlings before the recommended time.

### Setback

One said: 'The soil temperature has still not risen much and the air temperature can drop very low at night. Plants can

take a real setback if they are put out too soon.'

For 20 years the famous Hospital Supporters League plant sale has heralded the beginning of the Arran gardening year for many mere mortals. League members spend weeks sowing seeds and raising plants in their greenhouses for sale in aid of this worthy local charity.

This year the plant sale will be held in Arran High School on Sunday May 10.



Iona, Katharine and Christopher relax at Glasgow airport on Friday night looking forward to their flight to Bristol. b17rot03no

# Katharine, Christopher and Iona speak proudly for the youth of Arran

Katharine O'Donnelly won the remarkable award of best chairperson in the whole of the UK at the National Youth Speaks championships in Somerset last week.

Katharine was one of the three-person team representing Arran High School at the 2009 Rotary International competition.

She was accompanied by

Iona Flewitt and Christopher Jenks. The trio were selected to represent the island after their speaking performances at the local Rotary Club and then at the regional finals at Reid Kerr College in Paisley in February.

Teams for this prestigious competition come from schools, colleges and youth groups and comprise a chair-

man who speaks for two minutes, a speaker who has up to six minutes and a proposer for a vote of thanks who has two minutes.

They left Glasgow airport last Friday night bound for Bristol and the national finals at the Kings of Wessex School in Cheddar, Somerset.

Rotarians from Ringwood and Cheddar acted as a taxi service for the Arran contingent which included teacher Heather Gough, Rotary president Gillean Bussell and vice president Mairi Christie.

Gillean Bussell said: 'Arran

had to perform first and it was worth noting that they were all aged 13, the youngest in the group of seven teams who were all aged 14.

'After an almost faultless performance, there was a great reception for Arran who looked impeccably dressed for the occasion. Arran did not win a place as a team but Katharine was named best chairperson of the intermediate section.

### Youngest

'What a result for the youngest team from the smallest population.'

The Rotary hosts took the party on a tour of Cheddar Gorge and the heights overlooking Glastonbury to round off a great day.

Mairi Christie said: 'Although Katharine did brilliantly, she was supported by a marvellous team who did their school, Arran's Rotary and the whole island proud.'

## Creamery photograph

The photographs illustrating the article on Torrylinn Creamery in the *Banner* two weeks ago were taken by Nigel Walker of Arran Photoco.

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# Celebrated local jazz singer returns to Arran

Celebrated local jazz singer, Joni Keen, is bringing her sell-out show back to Arran.

Back by popular demand, Joni and the Euan Stevenson Trio will be performing their hugely successful show a 'Tribute to Ella and Oscar'.

The show is a heady combination of wonderful music, great anecdotes and lashings of humour.

Joni has become an outstanding all round entertainer who can move you tears with her wonderful voice and reduce you to howls of laughter with an unexpected joke thrown into the mix.

'I'm very excited about performing on Arran again,' said Joni. 'It was my home for almost 30 years and we got a great response last years and I'm hoping for a lot more of the same this year.'

Joni and the trio will be performing at the High School Theatre in Lamlash on Sunday April 26 at 7.30pm prior to supporting Martin Taylor at the Darvel Festival on May 3.

This is a show not to be missed and it is advised to get your tickets as soon as possible. Tickets cost £10 from the Book and Card Centre in Brodick.



The MV Lord of the Glens in Brodick Bay last Wednesday. b17mon01

## Luxury yachts drops in to Brodick

Arran waters were visited by a luxury vessel on Wednesday.

The *MV Lord of the Glens* cruised into Brodick Bay in late afternoon and made a brief stop at the pier for provisions before heading north for Rothesay.

The luxury cruiser will be making weekly visits to Arran

throughout the rest of April and May to allow her passengers to visit the distillery in Lochranza and Brodick Castle.

Her sleek modern lines and black and white livery made her look like something out of a James Bond movie.

The luxury yacht has 27

state cabins accommodating 54 passengers, each tastefully furnished in mahogany finishes with dressing table, satellite television, music system and ensuite bathrooms. All cabins are outside facing with 23 having a large picture window with tinted glass for privacy.

That privacy doesn't come cheaply. She is the only ship able to navigate both the open sea and the Caledonian Canal and an 11-day cruise around the west coast will set you back up to £4,399. *MV Lord of the Glens* was built in 1988 and refurbished in Spain in 2000.

### Appeal for treasured recipes

The Lochranza and Catacol Sea Society needs your help with the upkeep of the new pontoon and slipway that were installed last year.

Society member Jane Nichol said: 'We are looking for 'pieces of eight'! We want your favourite and treasured recipes, secret or otherwise, to make up a pot of gold in the form of a cook book.

'We want you to share with us your favourite concoctions. If you can eat it, then we can print it on our colly-wobbles scrolls.

'Send in your treasures before May 31 and we will compile a hoard to be proud of. Good luck me hearties!'

Please contact Jane Nichol, Croftbank, Lochranza, email janenichol1@hotmail.co.uk

### Greeting cards at Kilmory WRI

At the last meeting of the winter season for Kilmory WRI on April 13, Julie Murchie very kindly stood in at short notice to demonstrate the craft of making greeting cards.

Phyllis Picken won the competition for muffins and Helen Driver was the winner in the competition for a gent's tie.

Phyllis also received the Rose Bowl, which is given to the member with the most points received in the competitions during the season.

The annual dinner will be held on Monday May 11 at Lamlash Golf Club. The community bus will leave Kilmory Hall at 6.30pm. Names to Phyllis please on 870263.



Joni Keen and the Euan Stevenson Trio will be performing on Arran this Sunday.

### Antiquarians hear about Tormore

The next field trip of Arran Antiquarians will be tomorrow, Saturday April 25.

Liz Dale will be telling the members all about the Tormore area of the Isle of Arran. Visitors and non-members are most welcome and all should meet at the King's Cave car park at 10am.

Bring a packed lunch and stout walking shoes. If anyone requires a lift from Brodick please contact Harry Davidson on 302036.

Unfortunately, because this is the lambing season dogs will not be allowed on this field trip.

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The Yates' painting was created from a photograph that was a runner-up in last year's photo competition. It shows their lab Ceri flanked by two of her puppies, Daisy, left, and Scout, right.

## From photo to painting

One of the runners-up in *The Arran Banner's* photo competition last year has had their winning entry turned into a painting by one of Britain's most important dog painters.

Marion and Peter Yates from North Yorkshire entered a photograph of their three black Labradors posing for the camera in Glen Catacol.

'It was such a nice photograph that we decided to have John Trickett turn it into a proper oil painting,' said Peter.

John Trickett has been described as 'the finest painter of Labradors in England if not the world'.

'The painting is about two feet by three feet wide,' said Peter.

'It is quite big but it had to be to really capture the three dogs perfectly.'

Peter explained that in preparation for the painting John, not only worked from the original photograph, he also took three rolls of film of each dog to represent each individual personality.

Inspired by the likes of Rembrandt and Caravaggio, John spends his time studying scenery and taking photographic references of his subjects to create the most realistic scenes.

His paintings and prints hang in houses all over the world and he continues to be regarded as one of the greatest dog painters of his time.

## Hardship grants given to struggling cancer patients

Cancer patients on Arran struggling to make ends meet were awarded £600 in hardship grants by charity Macmillan Cancer Support last year.

Figures published last week also show that keeping warm was a particular problem with half of the grants awarded to Arran patients being used to pay household fuel bills.

Macmillan Cancer Support's director for Scotland, Elspeth Atkinson, said: 'It is appalling

that as well as coping with a cancer diagnosis, patients are worrying about money. Patients tell us that money worries are second only to physical pain as a cause of stress. More needs to be done to ensure that patients who are already trying to cope with a cancer diagnosis are not worried sick about paying the bills.'

Macmillan is campaigning for Westminster to extend the Winter Fuel Payment to cancer

patients under the age of 60 – a move that would go some way to alleviating the stress caused by financial worry.

Dr Atkinson added: 'Cancer patients of all ages tell us they feel the cold more because of the side effects of cancer and its treatment and having to spend more time at home. They are unable to work because of their diagnosis so their income has dropped at a time when their fuel bills are soaring.'

Across Scotland in 2008, Macmillan gave grants totalling £1.6 million to help more than 4,400 people affected by cancer.

A cancer diagnosis is expensive and as well as helping patients pay their fuel bills, the charity gave grants for travel costs to and from hospital.

Grants were also awarded for every day items that make life better for those coping with cancer.

## Setting the scene for the show

Arran Torch Players were faced with the difficulty of painting two stage backcloths each 12 metres by 4.2 metres for their forthcoming production.

Two different backcloths are needed for Arran Torch Players' next show of Terry Pratchett's *Wyrd Sisters* at the end of the month.

The problem of finding somewhere to lay them flat was finally solved by using George and Mairi Christie's driveway. Their prayers for a sunny day were answered with much relief last Saturday when the sun shone on a glorious day.

They then got several cast members together to paint them. Ten hours, and several stiff and sore people, later the job was done.

Rehearsals are hotting up and translating Stephen Briggs' adaptation onto the stage is exercising everyone's capability.

The gales of laughter at each rehearsal tell how the fun and enjoyment are turning into comedy to keep the audience chuckling. Staging a show with 23 scenes in just over two hours is also a challenge, not to mention the stage flashes which are



Helen Kerr, George Christie and Assja Baumgartner finishing one of the huge backcloths for *The Wyrd Sisters* needed for the stage in Lamlash Community Theatre.

required, and scenery building is getting more frantic as the dates for the show approach.

By then, however, everything will be ready, and the Torch Players look forward to welcoming you to an evening

filled with laughter and enjoyment as they introduce you to *Discworld*, its characters and, for those with a literary bent, enough allusions to Shakespeare to keep you on the edge of your seat.

Tickets are available from The Book and Card Centre,

Brodick, Old Pier Tearoom, Lamlash or Village Shop, Whiting Bay, cast members, or at the door on the night (if not sold out).

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# In hind sight, Neil's a hero

## Corrie man's two-mile paddle to save wild animal

An Arran man commandeered an old kayak and paddled two miles out to sea to save a startled young deer from drowning.

Neil Bulger from Corrie rescued the deer on Sunday morning after it had entered the water, opposite Sannox Bay Hotel, to escape a dog that had chased it all the way from Corrie to Sannox along the road.

### Panicked

David Kelso from Sannox witnessed the whole thing. 'When the hind reached the hotel it panicked and headed for the shoreline, waded in and began to swim straight out towards Millport,' said David.



Neil Bulger from Corrie used an old kayak to rescue a deer that had been chased out to sea by a dog.

When it showed no sign of heading back to dry land, Neil Bulger - who was visiting his parents at Rigsid - frantically

looked for a boat and the only one available was an old kayak lying in our garden.

'Neil carried it down to the jetty, stripped to his underpants and set off in pursuit. He deliberately gave it a wide berth in an effort not to startle it further and by the time he was parallel with it, they were at least a mile from the shore.'

### Turn about

Neil paddled round from an easterly direction and managed to persuade it to turn about and head back for Arran.

Neil said: 'I had to try to and separate the dog and the hind which were both swimming across the bay.'

'The dog turned back and by the time I got to the deer it was about two miles offshore.'

'It took a lot of corralling to get it to turn back - it was extremely determined to get to the mainland.'

'When I eventually got it to go back towards the shore, I didn't know if it would make it because it was shaking badly and starting to struggle to stay afloat.' Neil managed to get it back to shore about 30 minutes later but on seeing all the people it headed for the sea again.

'I managed to coral it back to the shore again and it eventually headed for the hills,' said Neil.

## Ghana trip funds needed

Two local youngsters are appealing for sponsorship to enable them to travel to Ghana this September to work in an orphanage.

Hollie Adamson and Katie Todd told The Banner that because it is voluntary work, they have to raise the money to fund it themselves.

Hollie said: 'We have already held a coffee morning in Lam-lash Church Hall which raised £586 and the second fundraising event was a bag pack at the Coop in Brodick which raised an amazing £800.'

Their next event is a jumble sale on Saturday June 30 in Brodick Village Hall.

To donate any items please phone either 600261 or 600019 to arrange a collection.

## Friends of Brodick Castle

Members of the Friends of Brodick Castle who are going on the visit to The Hill House, Helensburgh on Friday May 15 should please note that they need to be on the 8.20am ferry that day.

## Clarification

In last week's Banner we referred to the owner of the Arran Asia shop in Brodick as Marie Rintoul. Her name is in fact Marie Gray.

## Arran livestock sales

Arran cattle was recently sold in Stirling and Ayr.

### United Auctions of Stirling

United Auctions had forward 1,216 store cattle, 3,286 prime hogs and 816 cast ewes at their Stirling Auction Mart at Kildean, Stirling last Wednesday.

**Cattle prices:** Simmental cross bullocks £645/228p Clachaig, £580/192p Auchareoch.

Limousin cross heifers £600/196p Creagraineach.

Simmental cross heifers £630/199p Clachaig, £485/173p Auchareoch.

**Sheep prices:** Texel cross hogs £46.50 Ceith Gaithe.

Blackface hogs £47.50 Ceith Gaithe, £40.50 Montrose Terrace.

Mule cast ewes £76 Ceith Gaithe, £70 Kilpatrick.

Texel cross cast ewes £69 Kilpatrick.

Blackface cast ewes £48.50 Montrose Terrace.

Cross cast tups £92 Ceith Gaithe.

Blackface cast tups £77 Craigview.

### Craig Wilson of Ayr

Craig Wilson Ltd of Ayr sold 279 Arran consigned cattle at their recent Spring sale of grazing cattle within Ayr Auction Market.

Charolais bullock calves: £775, £700 Auchenhew.

Angus bullock calves: £635, £625 Auchenhew. £525 Mayfield.

Highland cross bullock calves: £410 Ceith Gaithe.

Limousin bullock calves: £500 Craigraineach. £475 Springfield.

Friesian bullock calves: £325 Knowe.

Bullocks (pence per kilo) 233.8, 215.5, 219, 197 Birch-

burn, 221.4 Bellview, 212.8 Clachaig, 191 Springfield, 190.2 Mayfield, 191.2 Cairnhouse, 195.2 Auchenhew, 194.6 Bridge, 190.4 Ceith Gaithe.

Simmental heifers: £875 Altgolath £720 Clachaig Limousin Heifers: £840 Cairnhouse 196.4 Clachaig, 191.8, 185 Bellview, 186.8 Birchburn, 184.1 Auchenhew.

Angus heifers: £735 Cairnhouse.

Charolais heifers: £760 Cairnhouse.

Simmental heifer calves: £620, £518 Bellview. £650, £570, £550 Birchburn.

Charolais heifer calves: £685 Auchenhew.

Limousin heifer calves: £580 Auchenhew.

Heifers (pence per kilo) 196.4 Clachaig, 191.8,

185 Bellview, 186.8 Birchburn, 184.1 Auchenhew.

## Holiday Arran available online

Holiday Arran is now available online.

This comprehensive guide to attractions, shopping, restaurants, events and experiences is the ideal way to explore the beautiful island of Arran.

The publication produced by The Arran Banner can be accessed digitally by going to The Banner's website and clicking on Holiday Arran.

Once on the site, click on 'current issue' to scroll through all 60 pages of information.

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# Photo Competition 2009

**It's that time of year again, when we ask Banner readers, locals and visitors, to share with us their photographic gems from the last year.**

As in previous years, whether your pictures are magnificent Arran's views, make us roar with laughter or bring tears to a glass eye, we will enjoy seeing them all.

Now in its 29th year the 2009 photo competition will follow the usual highly successful format. It is open to both residents of and visitors to Arran, and entries should be in one of two classes: People (and/or animals) and Places. The only proviso is that all entries MUST have been taken on, or around, Arran after August 2008

Each year, after the competition has closed, we select as many entries as possible to show in The Banner prior to announcing the winners in early October. The Banner therefore reserves the right to publish entries.

**The closing date is Tuesday 15 September and the decision of the judges is final.**

Send your entries to: [editor@arranbanner.co.uk](mailto:editor@arranbanner.co.uk), or, if technology is not your thing you can still send us prints of your favourite photos by filling in the address form. Please send a SAE if you would like your pictures returned.

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**BANNER****Budget has little effect on domestic purse strings**

As Alistair Darling made his 2009 Budget announcement on Wednesday it was clear that he knew this was one that will define generations to come.

Some have said it was an unconvincing speech made by someone who did not believe his own forecasts and was simply trying to persuade us that he can get the country out of this economic quagmire.

The chancellor spent the first half hour of his speech telling us why this is a global problem and that the UK is in fact in a better position than many other developed countries.

He clearly wanted to reassure us that he was looking to invest to grow out of the recession rather than looking to reduce spending and reduce the borrowing requirements.

He announced an extension to the scheme that allows loss-making businesses to reclaim tax on previous earnings, which means that more than 100,000 businesses in the UK will have their losses wiped out.

With one in three small firms in rural areas concerned about their financial prospects over the next six months, the government had to take action to keep the heart of the village community alive.

The Federation of Small Businesses is concerned that too many rural businesses were thriving before the recession, but that more and more of them are going bust.

Over the course of the last six months, Arran felt this all too strongly when it was feared that Arran Aromatics would be forced into administration.

The island based toiletries manufacturer, that employs more than 100 people, was given just 14 days to pay a huge tax bill, or face liquidation or administration.

At the time, Arran's MSP Kenneth Gibson criticised the British government for not doing enough to safeguard the future of firms that had been booming just six months before.

It is a relief that the flexibility in making tax payments, of which many Scottish small firms have already taken advantage, is to continue.

The extension of the scheme to allow loss-making companies to reclaim taxes already paid on profits in the past three years could be worth £4,000 each year to these firms.

However, the fuel duty rise will make it particularly hard for rural and other essential business road users to keep moving during the downturn.

The reduction in mortgage rates and general falling prices, according to the chancellor, is leaving us all with a higher disposable income, which should lead to increased spending to stimulate the economy.

But the truth of the matter is that the above measures will have little effect on domestic purse strings. We will all have to keep on budgeting.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Jesus said 'Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. Trust in God, trust also in Me.' (John 14:1)

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**Letters to the Editor****Sick act of vandalism**

Sir,  
Regarding the damage done by vandals at Kilmory graveyard, we are one of the families affected by this sick act of vandalism.

This place should not be used as a children's playground.

We longed for children, and when our son Ryan was still-born this was devastating.

To be told a few days before his 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary that a cherub ornament had been smashed to bits from his grave left us gutted.

No words can express how we felt.

We just hope that these children never have to go through things like stillbirth in later life.

Yours,  
**Jim and Margaret Quinn**  
Burntisland  
Fife

**Ridiculous representation**

Sir,  
I am glad I wasn't the only person who thought the giant cow and cow balloons greeting people off the boat on Good Friday was a ridiculous representation for the island!

Having lived here for 11 years and spent the past six years working with the public in island coffee shops, I struggle to see the reason behind this.

I thought the whole production was an embarrassment to the island and did little in the way of promotion.

How about ensuring the Tourist Information Centre, a much needed and requested service for tourists, is open seven days a week instead?

As for the VisitArran magazine; a cheap, badly designed arrangement with stretched pictures and blurred writing; if the biggest businesses on the island can't even provide a decent free information booklet, I have little faith in their island promotion scheme.

Call yourselves a DMO (destination management organisation). I think rewording of their title would be appropriate in this case.

Yours,  
**Vicky Tulika**  
Seall-na-mara, Shiskine

**Council hypocrisy**

Sir,  
On the return ferry journey from a bone-shaking weekend on Arran I noticed that Caledonian MacBrayne has a display stand of leaflets, in several European languages, entitled 'Driving in Scotland'.

As the title suggests, the leaflets give visitors various advice about driving around Scotland. Laughably, in the case of Arran's roads, the second sentence starts with the statement 'Driving on our roads requires great care'!

How true; after the last couple of days travelling around Arran's I think I might have to call on the services of an osteopath.

Further, I also note the hypocrisy of North Ayrshire Council on the front page of *The Banner* in defending its removal of Ian Small's signs because they did not have advertising consent, while on page two of the same edition similar privately initiated signs about dog fouling were allowed to remain in place.

One question; I know that there are differences in the legal systems on either side of Hadrian's Wall, but did the council employee(s) who removed Ian's signs, from private property, have either the permission of the landowner, or a court order authorising them, to enter the property?

Yours,  
**P W Yates**  
Tarnside Barn  
Bedale  
North Yorkshire

**Go for it, Ian**

Sir,  
Reading today's *Banner* I cannot help but see the articles regarding signs (about potholes and dog fouling).

Both sets of signs and campaigns I agree with. Both are generated by the lack of action by those charged with looking after these matters on everyone's behalf, visitor and local alike.

There the similarity ends; one incurs the wrath of the council, the other gets no mention. While I have no wish to see either sign removed, having set the ball rolling I hope the council is going to be impartial

and remove the other sign (dog fouling) as well.

Finally I suggest to Councilor Currie that instead of chastising Ian she makes sure her compatriots administer fairly, and as for haranguing, Forres got its bypass due in no small part to people haranguing any council representative who was able to make an input to the matter.

Oh, and is the discussion about future funding of Arran roads brought on in part by Ian's campaign? Judging by the tetchiness shown by the removal of his signs this is eminently possible.

Go for it Ian and Brodick parents. Keeping quiet was never an option or as I was taught when growing up in Brodick, tell the truth and shame the Devil.

Yours,  
**R C McKay**  
15 Croft Road  
Forres  
Moray

**Ian's campaign raises the issue**

Sir,  
On February 12 a meeting of the executive of NAC expressed concern that the severe winter conditions were having a detrimental effect on road surfaces and sought a report from the Corporate Director, Property Services.

Many salient points are made which clearly indicate the executive is aware and acknowledges the general state of North Ayrshire roads.

The report says: 'The majority of the local roads network has evolved over the years and are not constructed to any recognised design standards. There has been increased media interest in road conditions. This, allied to the information issued by the Warrant Direct Insurance Company, has further fuelled the public perception of the deterioration due to winter.'

Ian Small's campaign has been successful and has helped raise the issue to executive level, this despite particular opposition from local sources.

Here we have a local department that seemingly remains aloof and whose only response to a serious complaint is to

rip down notices it obviously finds embarrassing. No positive response or acknowledgment of the complaint has yet been published by the department on Arran. The report clearly details the scale of the situation and lists the implications.

North Ayrshire's carriageway infrastructure totals 1,014 kms and Arran's is perhaps 140 kms, it is therefore more important than ever that Arran's submission continues to be loud and insistent.

In the meanwhile, Arran's motorists will continue to buy new springs, tyres and bushes.

Yours,  
**Ian McCallum**  
Ardtalla  
Whiting Bay

**Attacks and criticism**

Sir,  
Over the past couple of weeks both I and my colleague Fiona Laing have been on the receiving end of criticism from elected councillors to wannabe MSPs/MPs.

These attacks have come about due to the publication of our letter (*Banner* April 3) in which we criticised the unbalanced and unfair reporting of the first minister's visit (which I stand by, and indeed the *Banner* deserves credit for printing).

Because we in the SNP have the courage to make a stand against what we perceive to be an injustice and unfairness, we are accused of trying to abolish freedom of the press.

What utter nonsense! These guys screamed that the *Banner* has a right to speak its mind and then criticised myself and my colleagues for speaking ours.

What hypocrisy.  
As our MSP Kenneth Gibson has so excellently demonstrated, we fight your corner in the SNP. He has been the most effective elected member this island has had. We do not accept the status quo nor pass the buck and blame someone else.

By making these types of attacks on us because we stand our ground, it illustrates perfectly why a vote for these guys is a total waste of time.

Yours,  
**Billy McLaren**  
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## Youth centre opens

The Arran Youth Foundations Youth Centre in Brodick will open tonight (Friday).

The centre will open for the first night of business between 7pm and 9pm and members of the Youth Foundations group are promising an enjoyable event with music and a BBQ (weather permitting). The centre will be manned by dedicated volunteers from the community.

Scott McMurray from Arran Youth Foundations said: 'This new team of volunteers will work together to allow the youth centre to open at least one night a week to begin with but with the view to hiring a trained youth worker in the near future, we are hoping that the centre will soon be open most days of the week.'

'Currently the centre is open to all young people of high school age to come in and out as they please. Whether they are coming in just to buy a packet of sweets from the tuck shop, coming to watch television or just meet friends in a warm, dry space, everyone is welcome to stay for as long as they like. In the near future we hope to be able to offer different clubs as well as a drop-in centre.'

'One such club is a tennis club and we are also looking for other ideas of clubs that you might want to organise from the centre. Of course none of this would have been possible without the hard work and generosity of so many members of the community and North Ayrshire Council.'

'So thanks go to all the individuals and businesses that have helped make this centre a reality. This project is also based upon the youth centres of the Colleen McAllister Foundations in Canada and we expect a visit from Colleen herself in the next couple of months.'

# Fourth Kilmory art show success

The fourth Spring Exhibition of Arran Visual Arts in Kilmory Hall was once again a success.

Visitor numbers were slightly down, partly because the weather was too nice to be inside, but the number and standard of exhibits was higher than ever.

AVA president Viv Parks said after the event: 'We had 475 people through the door compared with 508 last year - it was just too sunny outside. The sales of exhibits, mainly paintings, amounted to £1,856.'

'It is nice if people want to

buy the pieces but that is not the real reason for the show. You can get a lot of inspiration from seeing other folk's works of art.'

'Sarah Hay raised more than £1,000 from her raffle for Art in Mind. It is a great cause for people who are socially excluded and have mental problems.'

### Tombola

Sarah had a very special tombola machine, hand made by her from recycled materials. Sarah said on the opening night: 'The base is an old office chair fastened to a television

table; there are two ends of loo seats and the drum is a Castrol oil canister picked up off the beach. If any groups want to borrow it for use at their tombola they can call me on 850208.'

The exhibition was opened by Felicity Walker who lives in Loans, Ayrshire and has been coming to Arran for five years to give visual art workshops in the Ranger Centre at Brodick Castle.

She told the assembled company at the opening: 'The

variety on display is amazing. I have watched the standard get better and better over the years.'

'The framing of pictures is really important and is so much better. You must all have been going to Ronnie (McNeice, picture framer from Blackwaterfoot)!

'The Arran Visual Arts group is lucky to have such a creative core. AVA is very good at chivvying on its members.'

Viv Parks said: 'I think you will all agree there are wonder-

ful works here which speaks volumes for Felicity's tutoring.'

During the six days of the exhibition 23 items were sold from the 198 on display by 63 exhibitors.

The next AVA workshop is drawing and painting for beginners by Kitty Jones in Kilmory Hall on May 16 and 17.

The summer exhibition at Lochranza Hall will run from July 31 to August 6 and further information is available from Alison Armstrong on 600724.



An 1840 American slaver clipper built by Howard Walker and on sale for £180. b17ava01



A good crowd of art lovers at the AVA opening. b17ava02

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# Arran Story Festival ceilidh

One of the highlights of the recent Arran Story Festival at the Ormidale was an adults-only song and story ceilidh.

Alasdair Hall of Whiting Bay was one of the participants on Wednesday April 8 and thoroughly enjoyed himself.

He said: 'What a lively mix of talent and what a splendid venue.'

'Several singing contributors, an unaccompanied trio of sweet voices, shanties with the audience joining in the chorus and folksy playing of a 12-string guitar.'

'There was storytelling, some in the Doric, and poetry; unusual for an author to project his own work so well. Thanks to Moreen McCormack for organising the event and to the Ormidale for providing such a great 'stage' with adjacent bar.'

'I shall certainly be on the lookout for more such convivial evenings and might even take the open invitation to contribute.'

# Folk Festival resurrected

The once famous Arran Folk Festival is being resurrected this year.

The first Arran Festival of Folk was held in April 1989 in a variety of locations ranging from Corrie Hall to Nags

Bistro, the Ormidale and the Drift Inn.

Original movers and shakers were Dave McKay, Donal Boyle, Jim Kirkland, Iain and Maggie Frame, George McGovern, John McLean,

Stef Holmer, Ailsa McNicol and Ile Ash.

Some of those good folk are still around today and Donal Boyle is a leading light in the new festival which kicks off on Sunday June 7 and runs for a week.

He is joined on the organising committee by Bob Hastings, Stuart Farrar and Jon Hollingworth.

A scatter of the folk festival musicians went on board the Arran ferry MV Caledonian Isles last week to herald the launch of the new VisitArran tourist magazine.

They serenaded the passengers and were a welcome attraction for the 55 minute crossing from Ardrossan.

Among the performers were Sue Archer, Amanda Hunter, Heather McLeod, Nicola Swinton-Boyle, John McLean, Donal Boyle, Mike Bailey and Bob Hastings.

The 2009 Arran Folk Festival will run from Sunday June 7 to Sunday June 14.



The organising committee of the resurrected Arran Folk Festival; Bob Hastings, Jon Hollingworth, Stuart Farrar and Donal Boyle. b17sin02



Alan Thompson with Sue and Julian Davidson and the model trains. b17tra01

# Gardens and trains enjoyed by many

Alan and Ruth Thompson once again opened their gardens to the public in aid of charity last weekend.

The special attractions as usual were the trains running in the front garden at 47 Murray Crescent. Alan and Ruth moved to the island in 1993 and the following year he began to lay out model railway tracks in his front garden.

In 1998 the model train layout was one of the attractions at Lamlash Gala Week.

Since then, he and Ruth have had regular open days, mostly in aid of the Al Shurooq School for visually-handicapped chil-

dren at Beit Jala near Bethlehem.

More recently, they have also raised money for the appeal to help Sue and Julian Davidson of Whiting Bay bring young Valdete Gjonpalaj from Albania to Scotland for a life changing operation.

The many generous visitors to the 'open gardens and trains' event gave donations amounting to £540 for these two charities.

Ruth said: 'In sunshine and in rain the gardens were enjoyed by many, red squirrels were watched and the trains ran.'

'The Al Shurooq School is about to move into new premises and our donation will pay for a new food processor for the kitchen where meals are made for the 30 or more children who board at the school.'

'Young Valdete is at present on Arran and has had her first plaster cast fitted. It is a lengthy process, to enable her to walk after being disabled by polio when she was three years old. We must thank the many people who came and enjoyed our gardens and were so generous.'



Folk festival veteran Donal Boyle and friends entertained ferry passengers last week. b17sin01no

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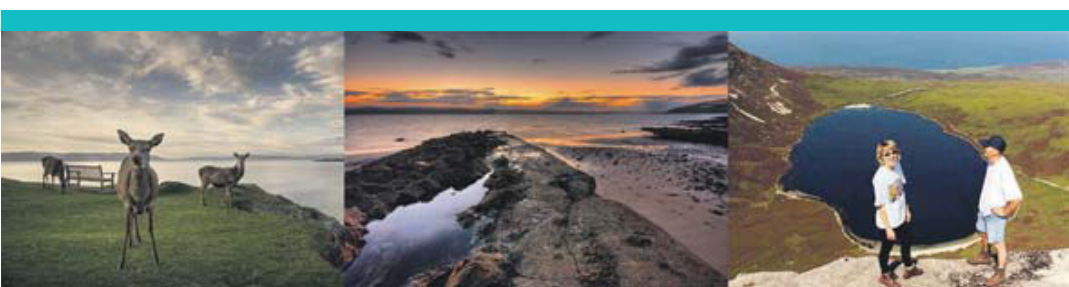


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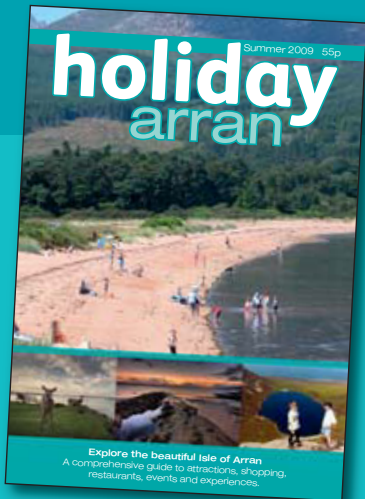


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# The Arran Banner on holiday

Avid readers of *The Arran Banner* are making sure that they pack their copy of the island's weekly newspaper to keep up with local issues when they go on holiday.

This week we have two photos sent in by readers showing them

studying their local Arran paper in Australia and Gambia.

Don't forget to pack your copy of the Banner if you are going on holiday.

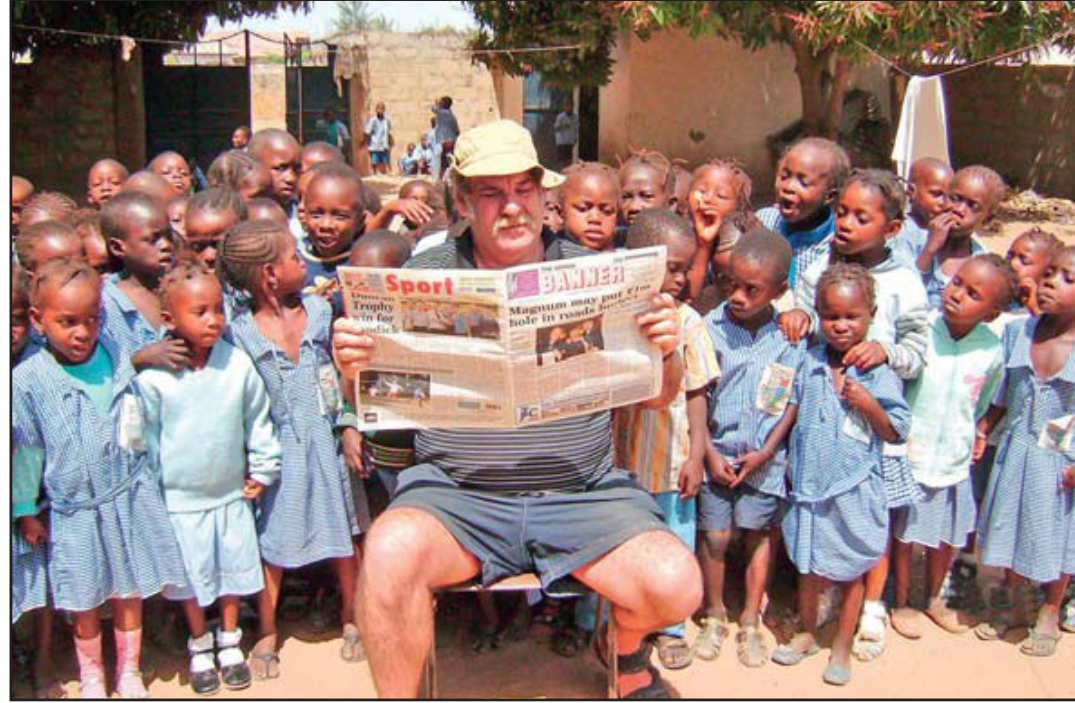
It could be from Ipswich or Ibiza, it really doesn't matter; we

would love to see your photographs.

Please send them to us either by email to editor@arranbanner.co.uk or to The Arran banner, Douglas Centre, Brodick KA27 8AJ.



In this picture Andy and Kay Lane formerly of Lamlash, now Bellshill, enjoy a quiet read of the Arran Banner on Sydney harbour with friend Vicky McDowall from Lamlash. b17ban01



Some inquisitive Gambian schoolchildren try to read The Banner over the shoulder of Maurice Deighton from Kildonan at a school in Natta. b17ban02

## Bird Notes - the wheateater - by Jim Cassels

The wheatear is one of our earliest summer visitors.

This year the first one was reported on Arran on March 17 at Claulchlands.

The wheatear is a bit bigger than a robin, has an upright stance and in flight shows a

conspicuous white rump and tail markings.

The males are striking with a black mask, black wings, grey back and pale underparts. Females are not so bright and lack the black mask.

It is the prominent white rump

that gives the bird its name. The name has nothing to do with 'wheat' or 'ear' but is bowdlerised from 'white' and 'arse'.

Over thousands of years its breeding range has expanded, and today two separate races visit the UK, each with its own migration route.

This has been confirmed by birds that have been caught and ringed, including birds on Arran.

One race of wheatear stays in the north and west of the UK, including Arran, to breed. The other race just passes through during an amazing transatlantic migration.

All wheatears spend the winter in tropical Africa, then head north in spring. Our race arrives in the UK during March. Males are first to arrive. Look out for them around the coast at this time. On Arran some move inland while others breed on the coast.

By late April, the female has usually laid four to seven

eggs in a rough nest, often in a hole in a stone wall or rock crevice.

The young are independent after about 30 days. Some parents then raise a second brood.

The other race, known as the Greenland wheatear, arrives in late April.

It is in a hurry to reach its breeding sites on the other side of the Atlantic, so doesn't stay for long. It heads northwest across the sea, via Iceland, until it reaches the Arctic tundra of Greenland and northern Canada. By June, it has started to breed there.

By August, most of our breeding wheatears are heading back south. But Greenland wheatears only leave their breeding grounds in August, so reach us in September - and sometimes even in October. Some bypass the UK entirely.

They use strong winds to make a 30-hour, non-stop flight of 2,400 km (1,500 miles),

directly from Greenland to southern Europe.

Many make a refueling stopover in North Africa. Greenland wheatears, which fly furthest, put on more fat before leaving and spend longer at stopovers.

Wheatears spend winter in a broad belt across central Africa from Senegal to Kenya.

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 visit this website www.arranbirding.co.uk



The wheatear is one of our earliest summer visitors.

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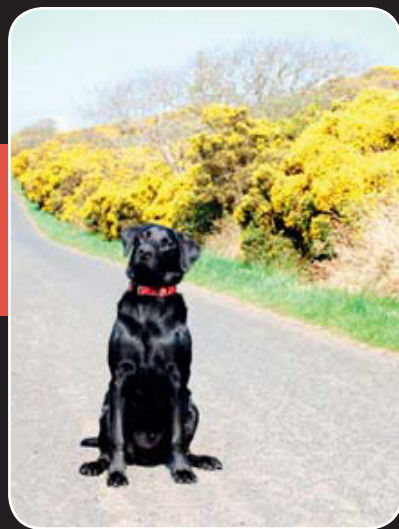
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Last week Archie was sitting in the sun in the grounds of Whiting Bay Church of Scotland. Seven-year-old Hamish Strachan was first up on email. He said: 'I know that Archie is at the front door of Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church. I also had my picture taken after I came back from the early morning sunrise service at Kings Cross on Easter Sunday.' This week he is sitting in the middle of the road. Do you know where those colourful gorse bushes are? b17arc01



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# Arran's Social Scene

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Mark Wetton and Ben Tattersfield reunited after 14 weeks apart. b17soc01



Craig Black and Paul Schearer. b17soc04



Ally Judge and Alan McGrath. b17soc02



Ewan Stewart, Arran's most of improved player of the season, with young player of the year, Kal Masia. b17soc05



Hazel Ramage, Kirsty McBain and Jenna Wood. b17soc03



Representatives from the rugby club's sponsors on the night were The Arran Banner's Jenny Lyon and Maureen McDonald. b17soc06

## Rugby club dinner

Rugby players, past and present, gathered in the Kildonan Hotel on Saturday night for the Isle of Arran Rugby Club's annual dinner.

The senior team welcomed the president of the Scottish Rugby Union, James Stevenson, to the dinner as well as seasoned after dinner speaker Robbie Glen.

Mr Stevenson spoke of his commitment to grassroots rugby and the impact this has on the national team.

He said that it warmed his heart to look out at the enthusiastic players here on Arran and that he was honoured to have been asked to the dinner.

Bill McLaughlin, the honorary chairman of the club spoke of his pride at being involved with the team and praised the committee for their efforts over the past two years.

After a particularly humorous speech by Mr Robbie Glen, coach Bert Ramage announced the season's trophy winners.

Donald Murchie was named player of the season; Kal Masia was young player of the year; Ewan Stewart most improved player of the year; Craig Black was named a\*\*e of the year and Murray Picken received a special trophy for everything he has done for the team this season.



Team captain Murray Picken with secretary Anne Tattersfield. b17soc07



Jennifer Emsley and Lindsay Patrick. b17soc08



Arran Rugby Club president Murray Boal with after dinner speaker Robbie Glen. b17soc09



Coach Bert Ramage with Glenn Stewart. b17soc10

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# The Arran Banner 20 years ago

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### Edwina for Arran

Edwina Currie, one of Britain's most outspoken political personalities, may be on her way to Arran.

Out of the limelight for just a couple of months, the infamous ex junior health minister – feared by egg producers and respected by those who believe the truth must come first – could be relaunching her public career on Arran this May.

Details have yet to be finalised but it is likely Mrs Currie will spend some time in the west of Scotland helping push the final weeks of the campaign for European candidate Stephen Robin.

It is expected that she will only spend one day on Arran and the suggestion is that she may open a new food factory while on the island.

Mrs Currie shot to fame due to her outspokenness as junior health minister but was forced to resign after the row she precipitated over salmonella in egg production last autumn.

### £2 a gallon

While motorists on the mainland complain about the price of petrol creeping closer to the dreaded £2 mark, Arran's drivers have been paying £2.06 a gallon since last Monday.

Bay Garage owner John Halstead said: 'Yes it has gone up, and will be going up even

further soon.' Since last week's rise of six pence, Shell has announced an additional rise between six and eight pence to take effect from the middle of next week.

When asked if he thought these rises had come too close together, John said the issue was extremely complex, pump petrol being only a small proportion of the oil companies output.

### DJ Jackie moving up

Ebullient DJ Jackie Brambles whose home base is at Shiskine where her parents run the Greannan Hotel is moving onwards and upwards.

In a meteoric rise within the last 18 months Jackie has moved from presenting requests at Westsound to London's Capital Radio and now onto the pinnacle of the pop world, BBC Radio One.

When she takes up her post in a couple of months time we understand she will also be presenting Top of the Pops and is on line for a front cover picture on the Radio Times.

### Belated teaching appointments

Mrs Maureen Farquharson of Brodick has been promoted to principal teacher of art at Arran High School.

Mrs Ann Brice of Corrie has also been appointed as principal teacher of English.

Mrs Farquharson has been at the school for several years and Mrs Bruce in a temporary capacity since last August.

There has been a set back in the PE department however, as all the candidates on the shortlist were men.

A female teacher previously took Strathclyde Education Department to task because the list included no women so the appointment has been put back until a woman teacher can be included.

David Oakes, headmaster, said: 'The appointment is in the pipeline.'

### House fire

An electric toaster was thought to be the cause of a house fire that almost gutted the kitchen of a modern house last Saturday morning.

The fire brigade was called to the home of Ronnie and Karen Haggerty in Shiskine on and with the help of neighbours; the fire was extinguished before any more damage was done.

Nobody was hurt.

### Price rise

From next week The Banner will cost 25 pence.

It is with much regret that we have made this price increase but we have held off as long as we possibly can in the face of continually rising costs.

This will be the first price increase for two years.



Teams from Shiskine, Lamlash, Brodick, Kilmory and Whiting Bay took part in the Senior Games Day held in Lamlash Community Centre last Saturday. In the picture are the Kilmory Youth Club in high spirits after winning three of the four competitions. b17twe01



Winners of a free holiday on Arran last weekend were Irene and Dick Neilson who won the prize when they bought a draw ticket for Cancer Relief when here on holiday last summer. They are pictured at the Glenclay Farm Guest House in Brodick with owners Marc and Vicky Padfield. b17twe02



The start of a new sailing season was heralded by yacht club members cleaning up their frontage at Lamlash last weekend to make it pleasant to work in and welcoming to visiting yachtsmen. b17twe04



Arran's football teams should not be without referees this season for last Sunday some seven hopefuls began tuition under SFA instructors on a course at Brodick School to gain official referee status. b17twe03

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Lamlash  
Auchrannie Spa & Gym  
10.30am - 4.30pm

**SATURDAY 25th APRIL**

Blackwaterfoot Junior Football  
Arran Dancers, Ballet & Jazz, 3 - 18years  
Karate  
Learn to Salsa  
Family Games Kids & Adults  
Fun in the Spa Pool  
Over 21s Disco  
Youth Cafe  
Quiz  
Farmers Market  
Over 21's Disco  
Live Music "Naked Sunday"  
Whiting Bay Bowling Club

Coaching, 10.30am - noon  
Arran High School 10am - 4pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am - 12.30pm  
KA Campus, 9.30am - 10.30am  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm  
Auchrannie Pool, 4pm - 5pm  
The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
Brodick Church Hall, 7pm  
Catacol Bay Hotel, 8.30pm  
Kilmory Hall, 11.30am - 3.30pm  
The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
Bar Eden, 10pm  
Opening Day, 2.30pm

**SUNDAY 26th APRIL**

Alcoholics Anonymous  
Family Games Kids & Adults  
Fun in the Spa Pool  
Arran Fiddle Club- Childrens Classes  
Arran War Games  
Cricket Match Arran v Mid Argyll, Friendly  
Joanie Keen Concert

St Margarets Church, Whiting Bay, 4.30pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm  
Auchrannie Pool, 4pm - 5pm  
Library Annexe, 1.45pm  
Arran High School 1 - 4pm  
Sannox Oval, 11.30am - Weather Permitting  
Arran High School Theatre, 7.30pm

**MONDAY 27th APRIL**

Senior Fitness  
Over 50's Badminton  
Badminton  
Cardiac Rehab  
Circuit Training  
Citizens Advice  
AB Attack  
Aerobics Class  
Weight Wise  
Netball  
Summer Bridge

Auchrannie 10am & 11am (Gym)  
Lochranza Village Hall 2pm - 4pm  
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm  
Auchrannie Gym 12.30pm - 2pm  
Auchrannie Spa, 6pm - 7.15pm (Gym)  
Open 10am - 2pm  
KA Leisure, fitness suite 6.30pm - 6.50pm  
KA Leisure, dance studio, 6pm - 7pm  
Hospital Bungalow, 5pm - 5.30pm  
High School Sports Hall, 8pm  
High School, 6.45pm

**TUESDAY 28th APRIL**

Lochranza Swimming Club  
Pop Quiz  
Arran Civic Trust  
Legs Bums & Tums  
Army Cadets  
Pop Quiz  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
Rotary Club  
Citizens Advice  
Pulmonary Rehab  
Open Music Session  
Indoor Bowling  
Brodick Toddler Group  
Body Conditioning Class  
Country Dancing  
Youth Club  
Senior Fitness  
Business Gateway

Kinloch 11am - 12pm  
The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
Ormidale Pavillion 7.30pm  
Auchrannie Spa 6pm - 7pm (Studio)  
Auchrannie Road, 7.30pm - 9.30pm  
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
Brodick Church Hall - 2pm  
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie 7.15pm  
Open 10am - 2pm 4 - 6pm (Appointment Only)  
Auchrannie Gym 12pm - 1pm (Gym)  
Catacol Bay Hotel, 8.30pm  
Auchrannie Hall, 7pm  
Church Hall, 10am - 12pm  
KA Leisure, dance studio 6pm - 7pm  
Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm  
Kildonan Hall - 6pm  
Auchrannie, 10am - 11am  
Brambles, 12pm - 2.30pm

**WEDNESDAY 29th APRIL**

Hockey  
Core Strength  
Jnr Rugby Training  
Shiskine Beavers  
Aquafizz  
Circuit Training  
Yogalates  
Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy  
Kickboxing  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
Arran Rugby Club Seniors Training  
Arran Brass Rehearsal  
Whiting Bay Toddler Group  
Lamlash Beaver Scouts  
Felt Making Class

Auchrannie Hall, 7pm - 8pm (Games Hall)  
Auchrannie 5.30 - 6pm  
P4 - S4 Ormidale Park, 6pm - 7.15pm  
Shiskine Hall, 6pm - 7.15pm  
Auchrannie Hotel, 9.45am - 10.30am (Hotel Pool)  
Auchrannie, 6pm - 7.15pm (Gym)  
Auchrannie Studio, 10am - 11am (Studio)  
10.30 - 12.30pm & 1.30 - 3.30pm  
KA Leisure, dance studio, 6pm - 7pm  
Lamlash Church Hall - 7.30pm - 9pm  
Ormidale Park, 7.30pm  
Whiting Bay Hall 7.15pm  
Village Hall 10am - 12pm  
High School, 6.15pm - 7.15pm  
Shipfield, Lamlash, 10am - 4pm

**THURSDAY 30th APRIL**

Senior Fitness  
General Knowledge Quiz  
Garden Club "Gardening In Japanese Style"  
Citizens Advice  
Lochranza Craft Club  
Pilates  
Coffee Morning  
Arran Music & Drama Club Rehearsal  
Cardiac Rehab  
Table Tennis  
KA Jog  
Legs, Bums & Tums Class  
Arran Junior Singers Practise  
Shiskine Cubs  
Scouts  
Lamlash Cubs  
Brodick Toddler Group  
Indoor Bowling  
Junior Tennis  
Cricket Practice

Auchrannie 10am - 11am  
The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
Ranger Centre  
Open 10am - 2pm  
Hall, 2pm  
Auchrannie Studio, 6pm - 7pm  
St Molios Church 10.30am - 12pm  
Brodick Hall, 7.30pm  
Auchrannie Gym 2pm - 3pm  
Kildonan Hall, 3pm - 5pm  
KA Leisure, front reception 5.30pm  
KA Leisure, gameshall, 6.30pm - 7.15pm  
Whiting Bay School 6.45pm  
Shiskine Hall, 6.30pm - 8pm  
Shiskine Hall 8pm - 9.30pm  
Arran High School, 6.15pm - 8pm  
Church Hall, 10am - 12pm  
Auchrannie Hall 7pm  
Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club, 5pm - 7pm  
Sannox Oval, 6pm

**FRIDAY 1st MAY**

Arran Pipe Band Practice  
Lochranza & Catacol Coffee Morning  
Aquafizz  
Citizens Advice  
Quiz  
Adult Tennis  
Yogalates  
Over 21's Disco  
"One of our Ain"  
Poker Night

Brodick Hall, 7.30pm  
10am - 12pm  
Auchrannie Pool, 9.45am - 10.30am  
Open 10am - 2pm  
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 9pm  
Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club, 4.00pm - 6.30pm  
Auchrannie 10am - 11am  
The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
Brodick Hall, 7.30pm  
Drift Inn, 8pm

**SATURDAY 2nd MAY**

Lamlash Bowling Club Opening Day  
Ayrshire Fiddle Orchestra, Fiddlers' Fling  
Newsband

2pm  
Whiting Bay Hall, 7.30pm  
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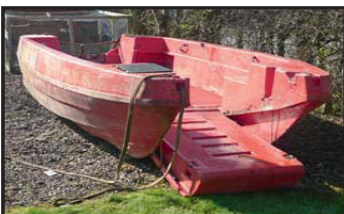
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 Application No: 09/00206/PP Address: Site To South Of The Lochs, Whiting Bay, Brodick, Isle Of Arran Proposed Development: Renewal of unexpired planning consent ref no N/04/00058/PP for erection of wastewater treatment works including fencing and landscaping

Ian Snodgrass  
 Chief Executive  
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**DAVID HENDERSON**  
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Funeral on Monday 27 April 2009, 11.30am at Lamlash Church and thereafter to Lamlash Cemetery.

## CHURCH NOTICES

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## Minister

Rev Angus Adamson.

## Parish Asst

Mrs Jean Hunter.

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## Sunday 26 April

Brodick Church 10.30am & 7pm

Service of Health & Healing

Corrie Church 12pm.

Lochranza 9.30am

Pirmill 10.45am

Shiskine Church 12pm

A service of Worship will also be held in Montrose House at 1.30pm.

**ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**  
Sunday 26 April

(Church is on the road between Machrie & Blackwaterfoot)

Shiskine 11am

Sunday School meets in the Church Hall

Brodick 7pm (Church is behind Post Office)

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All welcome

**HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
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**WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH**  
Sunday 26 April 2009

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Prayer Meeting

Wednesday 29th, 7pm

Rev. D. Macleod

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# Awesome Arran blow away Braidholm



Quick wide-open play for Arran gave captain Murray Picken a chance to tear down the wing. b17rug02

## Stunning opening 20 minutes seals game and impresses island coach

### Arran 48 Braidholm 8

Arran's rugby coach Bert Ramage said he was 'blown away' by his team's performance on Saturday afternoon when they ran out clear winners against Braidholm.

'I was absolutely blown away by the first 20 minutes of play,' said Bert. 'The boys played really well for the whole game but those early phases were awesome. The forwards and backs gelled so well and it was a great game to watch.'

The team from Glasgow barely touched the ball in the first 20 minutes of the game at the Ormidale Park as Arran ran in four successive tries.

Donald Murchie earned Arran's first points of the day when he crossed the line before the 10 minute mark after increased pressure on the try line.

A successful conversion from

Frazer Barr gave the home side a seven-point lead.

Minutes later Braidholm slotted through a penalty to get three points.

Arran increased the pressure though and retaliated with a Frazer Barr try minutes later that he then converted. 14-3

Quick wide-open play for Arran gave Murray Picken a chance to tear down the wing. He passed quickly to Ben Tattersfield who carried onto the line taking Arran to 19 points to three.

Frazer Barr made up for missing the conversion by crossing the try line for the second time and converting his own try. 26-3.

Team captain Murray Picken finished off the first half in style with a prancing run down field. Braidholm had the numbers but none were able to stop the Picken leaving the score 33-3

at half time.

A rejuvenated Braidholm came onto the field in the second half and crossed the try line within minutes.

An Arran penalty gave the home side three more points minutes later to give them a comfortable 36-8 lead.

Play was slow for the rest of the half as neither side seemed to gain any ground.

Eventually Mark Wetton broke free of the Braidholm defence and scored a try that was converted by Frazer's trusty boot.

Literally minutes from the final whistle Sam Wheeler made a dash for the line from the half way mark and crossed the line leaving Arran with a 40-point lead.

The Arran Banner's man of the match for Saturday's game was Frazer Barr who yet again had another superb game as stand off.



### Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday April 16, Summer Cup, 26 played. Excellent weather conditions with the course in good nick reflected in the scoring.

Scratch D MacFarlane with a 64, 1 Jim Stewart 72-13=59, 2 Lee Girbow 66-6=60, 3 Iain Murchie 67-4=63 BIH.

There were five magic twos from D MacFarlane, B Hastings and J Thomson at the 13<sup>th</sup>,

I Bremner at the 14<sup>th</sup> and S Newall at the 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Fixtures:** Every Thursday, Summer Cup, arrange times with starter. Saturday April 25, final of Kiscadale from 1pm. Sunday April 26, Drift Inn Quaich (Stableford).

Friday May 1, first round of the AGA. Seniors Bowl from 5pm, Corrie v Whiting Bay,

Shiskine v Machrie Bay and Brodick v Lochranza Castle.

Sunday April 19, Hugh Hutchison Greensome. In spite of excellent weather only 11 played, one was drawn to play twice and won two prizes.

1 Allan Winship and Todd Jameson 75-15.4=59.6, 2 Allan Smith and Todd Jameson 75-13.6=61.4. There were magic twos from A Smith and T Jameson at the 13<sup>th</sup>.

### Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday April 15, Summer Trophy, 31 played, CSS 63.

1 Malcolm Pennycott (1)59, 2 Wolfi Kroner (15)60, 3 John Simmons (18)62, 4 David Morrison (6)63.

Malcolm won scratch with an excellent 60 and there were four magic twos - one by Gordon Provan at the 17<sup>th</sup> and three from Malcolm at the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> holes. Sunday April 19, 22 played in the Clarke Trophy, a Stableford competition with several players taking full advantage of the excellent conditions.

The winner (again!) was Dave Hackett with 43 points, second John Simmons with 42 points, third Jamie McKechnie with 41 points and fourth John Pennycott with 39 points. Malcolm Pennycott won scratch with 63. On Saturday April 18, Margaret Stewart and John Pennycott won the Mixed Fours Poole Trophy, with Margaret Auld and John Simmons coming in second. **Fixtures:** Sunday April 26, Wolfi Kroner Stableford.

Draws at 9.30am and 11am, to get a full clubhouse for the presentation of Wolfi's magnificent prizes (his words!).

Wednesday April 29, Richard Parfitt Stableford. Sunday May 3, Tor Alvey Trophy, Greensome.

### Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday April 15, Summer Cup, 48 played, CSS 64. 1 M Small (18)61, 2 G Hendry (9)62, 3 R Waine (14)63, scratch J Armit 70.

There were seven twos, Alastair Hume got two, Derek Roxburgh, Murray Small, Iain Sillars, Brian Robertson and Kenny McMillan got the others.

Sunday April 19, Marchioness of Graham Trophy (Bogey Competition), 28 played, CSS 63. 1 R Duncan (10)+3, 2 C McFadzean (6)+2, 3 B Jenkins (9)+2. There were nine twos, nobody got more than one.

Saturday April 18, Open Mixed Spring Texas Scramble. Despite coinciding with other island competitions, a super turnout of 44 players within 11 teams took part on a wonderfully sunny spring day.

The Scramble was followed by a credit crunch-priced two course meal and a quiz, when non-players and guests joined for the social event.

The prize winners of the golf were: Mystery Prize D Rudge, J McBride, C and S O'Neill, 1 L Hartley, N Hume, A Latona and D Robertson, 2 I and I MacDonald, G Hendry and B Smith, 3 T and H Raeside and A and A Hart, quiz winners were J and K Nichols and A and L McCrindle who enjoyed a free round of drinks from the bar.

It was great to see such a fun group of members using the club facilities - look out

for more events being held this year!

**Fixtures:** Sunday April 26, Club Trophy, tee-off times from 8.30am and 1pm, draw will be made at 12pm on Saturday April 25.

### Corrie Golf Club

Saturday April 18, Eddie Rankin, Corrie v Machrie.

1 E McKinnon 39 points (best last 6), 2 S Beardsley 39 points BIH, 3 H Bannatyne 39 points.

Overall winners were Machrie with 335 points to Corrie's 334.

**Fixtures:** Saturday April 25, Grouse Qualifier, choose own partner. Draw 1pm.

Wednesday April 29, start of Wednesday Medal, tee-off from 5pm.

### Arran Golfers Association

Up and Coming Events.

Seniors Bowl 2009 at Lamlash Golf Club. First round to be played on Friday May 1 from 5pm. Semi finals on Friday May 8 from 5pm and final on Friday May 15 at 5pm.

The draw is as follows: Corrie v Whiting Bay winners play Lamlash. Shiskine v Machrie and Brodick v Lochranza, winners play each other.

Junior Handicap 2009 at Corrie Golf Club on Monday May 4 at 4.30pm.

This year's junior competition will take place at Corrie Golf Club and is open to all juniors with an official handicap; there is a trophy

for the winner, which must be returned after a year. Juniors without a handicap can still play but are not eligible for the competition. No entry fee. The best eight scores qualify for the match play competition which will also be held over Corrie, first round ties by Sunday May 10, semi finals will be on Monday the May 11 and the final the following Monday May 18. The semi and final must be played at Corrie; first round ties may be played at another course.

Arran Golfers Association AGM will be held in Lamlash Golf Club on Wednesday May 6 at 8.30pm.

The Guy Spiers Trophy, Spring Handicap, will be held at Corrie Golf Club on Sunday May 10, draw will take place at the AGM, sheets on notice boards.

### Machrie Bay Golf course

Tuesday April 14, Hall of Fame Championship in Aid of Cancer Research UK.

1 Brian Sherwood 60, 2 Marc Blair 65 BIH, 3 Drew Crawford 65. Scratch Brian Sherwood 70. Magic twos Donald Campbell. Brian will represent Machrie at Paisley Golf Club at the Regional Final in August.

Saturday April 18, Eddie Rankin at Corrie. Machrie retained the cup by one point. Thanks to Corrie tearoom for the soup and sandwiches and to Pablo for the condition of the course.



Whiting Bay Golf Club trophy winner Dave Hackett with the Roy Ure Tankard and the Clarke Trophy.

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## Donald is rugby player of the year

Donald Murchie from Shiskine was named Arran Rugby Club's player of the year on Saturday night at a special dinner in Kildonan Hotel.

The club celebrated another successful season that saw the team moving up to the second division.

### Speaker

The president of the Scottish Rugby union, Mr James Stevenson, joined players past and present for the evening as well as seasoned after dinner speaker Robbie Glen and sponsors Maureen

McDonald and Jenny Lyon from *The Arran Banner*.

Donald Murchie was named player of the year because of his outstanding skill that has helped Arran to a number of great victories this season.

### Asset

Despite being unfit to play for the early part of the season, the 20 year old has been a great asset to the team this season.

Young player of the year was awarded to Kal Masia for the second year running

and Murray Picken, the team captain, was once again given a special award for his contribution to the club's success.

Ewan Stewart of Blackwaterfoot was named most improved player of the year.

Craig Black was given a special carved toilet seat for his amateur dramatics 'worthy of an Oscar' on the pitch.

Arran rugby club's honorary chairman, Bill McLaughlin praised the club committee for their tireless efforts throughout the year.



Arran Rugby Club's end of season trophy winners with president Murray Boal, coach Bert Ramage and SRU president James Stevenson. b17rug03

## Emsley shines as top runners are attracted to Ormidale 10k

# Race is a runaway success



Forty-nine runners took part in the Ormidale 10k. b17orm04

Runners from as far away as Aberdeen came to compete in Arran's Ormidale 10 kilometre race on Sunday.

Superb sunny weather meant that 49 runners turned out for the race including a number of talented athletes.

Eighteen-year-old Arran runner Nicky Emsley was the first local home in this year's Ormidale 10k, finishing in 36.13.

Nicky is a member of the successful Arran Runners team.

### Led

The teenager finished sixth overall, five minutes behind Carnegie's David Simpson who led from the start.

Second and third respectively were Irvine's Jamie Findlay and Kerry Wilson of Cambuslang.

One of Arran's youngest runners, Cameron Paul came in 11th in 38.24.

Winner of the ladies race, and 12th overall, was Garscube Harrier Alison Winship in a time of 39.12.

Ten locals took part in the race and finishing further down



David Simpson from Carnegie Running Club winning the Ormidale 10k race on Sunday. b17orm02

the field but still with a smile on his face was Derek Shand.

'It was very encouraging to see such a great turnout,' said Derek who has been competing in the race for a number

of years. 'Runners came from as far away as Edinburgh and Aberdeen but it was great to see so many locals taking part. It would be good to see more of them turning out next year.'



Winner of the ladies race was Alison Winship of Garscube Harriers. b17orm01



Nicky Emsley from Whiting Bay en route to being the first local runner. b17orm03

### Opening day for bowling club

Whiting Bay Bowling Club hold their opening day rink game today (Saturday) at 2.30pm. New members and first-timers are welcome.

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