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# First Minister urged to act on mobile phone coverage

## Arran identified as number one priority for improvement

A new bid has been made to improve mobile phone coverage on Arran to assist with medical emergencies.

Disappointed with a lack of response from the Government, Arran's MSP Kenneth Gibson has taken the matter up with First Minister Alex Salmond.

The Emergency Medial Retrieval Service (EMRS), which transfers critically ill patients from remote and rural areas, relies on mobile phones to operate.

Arran has already been identified as the number one priority for improvement given the concern at the lack of mobile coverage on the island, and particularly in Lamlash, where the island hospital is located.

However, despite first raising the matter with the government 15 months ago Mr Gibson is still waiting for any action.

Mr Gibson has been fighting for improved mobile phone coverage on the island for years.

In June last year he was contacted by Glasgow based Dr Andrew Inglis a consultant to EMRS who told him that following a survey they had concluded that there is no area of Lamlash deemed to have 'good' mobile phone network coverage. For this

**REPORT**  
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reason, he said the village would be their 'top priority' for improving coverage in the whole of Scotland.

Now the MSP has raised the issue at First Minister's Questions and he has written again to culture minister Ed Vaizey who has failed to reply in more than two months.

Mr Gibson said: 'Mobile phone coverage is an important issue for my Arran constituents. The First Minister will know that, for years, United Kingdom ministers have failed to remedy the situation.'

'Although Mr Vaizey has said that coverage would be rolled out by 2015, there is no indication when it will happen in the lead-up to that date, despite the fact that the EMRS has said that mobile phone coverage for Arran is the number one priority for Scotland.'

'Does the First Minister agree that the UK government should redouble its efforts to deliver mobile coverage and will he press it to do so?'

First Minister Alex Salmond replied: 'We have been working with the Department for Culture, Media and Sport to ensure that the mobile in-

frastructure project has maximum impact.

'The deputy first minister will seek clarification from the department on the member's behalf about the expected impact of the initiative on Arran because, as he rightly says, there are particular issues that give the matter even more importance than it has in the many other rural areas of Scotland.'

Last July Mr Gibson received a response from Mr Vaizey in which he said: 'The government is working with mobile network operators and suppliers to design a network of infrastructure. This process will determine where new infrastructure is expected to be positioned, subject to planning and an affordability test. With regards to a timetable, we are undertaking a public procurement to appoint a suitable supplier, or suppliers, during 2012, and are aiming to begin the first delivery phase in early 2013 and to complete the project by 2015.'

He wrote to him again in July and again last month but has yet to receive a reply.

EMRS is designed to provide patients in the west of Scotland with rapid access to the skills of a consultant in emergency or intensive care medicine.



Iain Frame with Sgiobair who features in Dogs of the Dale with Trevor Helliwell of The Ormidale, holding the calendar, and Sheila Gilmore of The Arran Trust.  
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## Dogs of the Dale celebrated in charity calendar

A charity calendar has been produced to celebrate Arran's love of dogs.

Dogs of the Dale has 12 pictures of dogs who frequent The Ormidale Hotel in Brodick with their owners.

And it is selling like hotcakes with the first batch of 50 already snapped up and a second print run already ordered.

The calendar is the brainchild of Iain Frame with all proceeds going to The Arran Trust.

The pictures are of dogs, some local and

some regular visitors who frequent the hotel which is one of the most dog friendly on the island.

They include Iain's own bearded collie Sgiobair, West Highland terrier Hamish, German wire haired pointer Hector and bearded Jimbo to name but a few.

The calendar, which costs £7, is available from The Ormidale Hotel, the Book and Card Centre or can be ordered by e-mail from The Arran Trust at info@arrantrust.org who can post them out.

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### Drink driver banned

A female drink-driver from Whiting Bay has been banned from the road after getting behind the wheel while more than double the limit.

Katrina Bonar, aged 22, of Silver Hill Chalets, Whiting Bay, appeared in Kilmarnock Sheriff Court and pled guilty to the charge.

On March 11 she was stopped by police at Glen Place, Brodick and was found to have consumed so much alcohol that the proportion of it in her blood was 163mg of alcohol in 100ml of blood, double the prescribed limit.

Miss Bonar was fined £400, reduced from a possible £600 due to her guilty plea.

Sheriff Brian Murphy also disqualified her from holding or obtaining a licence for two years.

### Hotel rammy

A visitor to Arran has been admonished at court after he breached the peace at a hotel on the island.

Mohammad Rujub appeared in Kilmarnock Sheriff Court last Thursday to plead guilty to the charge.

The accused admitted that on June 8 at the Kinloch Hotel, Blackwaterfoot, he behaved in a threatening or abusive manner which was likely to cause a person to suffer fear and alarm in that he shouted and swore.

The court admonished and dismissed Rujub on the charge.

# Islanders brew up for Macmillan



Cakes were eaten, hot drinks were sipped and money was raised when the World's Biggest Coffee Morning took Arran by storm last week.

The annual campaign in aid of the charity Macmillan Cancer Support was held on Friday, with many people signing up to serve treats and offer refreshing brews across the island.

One of the most popular on the day was held at the Wineport in Brodick and organised by the Douglas family.

Jim and Merle Douglas and their daughter Laura had prepared an amazing array of homebaked cakes, and received many wonderful items from other people, to serve on the day.

The coffee morning was organised as part of ongoing fundraising in memory of their son Colin who tragically died earlier this year from leukaemia.

They raised £171.77 for Macmillan Cancer Support and would like to thank everyone who came along and all those who donated cakes.

Other coffee mornings were held at Glen Place in Brodick, Corrie Village Hall and at Shiskine Primary School.

**Jim and Merle Douglas held the coffee morning as part of ongoing fundraising in memory of their son.** 20\_b40mcm01

### Community council to hold AGM

The next Isle of Arran Community Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 8 October in the Ormidale Pavilion starting at 7.30pm.

This meeting will include the council's AGM which covers a summary of their activities over the last 12 months and the election of officers for the next period.

The normal business meeting will follow and updates will be provided on the ongoing projects.

Full details can be found at [www.arrancommunitycouncil.org.uk](http://www.arrancommunitycouncil.org.uk)

### Busy season for RNLI

The sunny summer season has led to the lifeboat charity RNLI recording one of their busiest seasons ever with more than 4,300 rescue launches.

The Arran lifeboat station, based in Lamlash, launched 10 rescue boats this summer, up from eight last year.

Arran RNLI's volunteer crew tackled a range of emergency situations, including helping swimmers who got themselves in trouble in the water and rescuing a family whose inflatable dinghy blew off shore.

Andy Clift, Scotland's regional operations manager, said: 'We can not fault the professionalism and commitment of our volunteer crews who turn out at a moment's notice 24/7 to help other people in distress.'

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# Row as ramps are built to allow beach access

Two new ramps have been erected to improve access to Brodick Beach.

Claims that it is because the controversial geotextile sandbags are now dangerous have been refuted by North Ayrshire Council.

But there is criticism that despite being approved in June the ramps are only now being built with the summer season already over.

Russell Duncan, who has been fighting for Brodick Beach for more than 30 years, said: 'It is really sad to see that the beach has deteriorated so much that these ramps are necessary to give people access to the beach.'

Three years ago Mr Duncan warned that using sand from the beach to fill the controversial geotextile bags would harm the sea defences.

### Washed away

'Since the work was done in 2010 there has been no major on shore storm combined with a high tide, but it will happen sooner or later and when it does the little remaining sand will all be washed away,' he said.

As reported by The Banner in July the beach was branded a disgrace by holidaymakers and there were demands for urgent action.

Council bosses elected to try to solve the problem using the geotextile bags to form an interlocking barrier to contain former landfill material. But while the bags, which were supposed to have a 50-year lifespan, have done their job just two years later a number of them lie burst and exposed.



Russell Duncan says it is 'sad' that the new ramps are needed. 20\_b40sand01

Now the council has confirmed it has hired a second firm of consultants, the worldwide AECOM group, to carry out an engineering study into repair work at the beach and to investigate various long-term options.

That report is expected to go before councillors by the end of the year.

A spokesman for North Ayr-

shire Council said: 'We have taken a proactive approach to improving access to the lower parts of Brodick beach - particularly for younger children and older people - who may find crossing the geotextile bags difficult. There is absolutely no suggestion that the bags are a risk.'

'We have commissioned engineering consultants to carry

out a study of the beach at Brodick and investigate various long-term options. Initial work will involve a review of previous reports and studies and the introduction of geotextile bags to gain a broader view of the situation.'

'It is important to emphasise that these are not pontoons and should not be used as such.'

## Vote to help team funds

The Arran Mountain Rescue Team has been selected to receive a financial award from the Bank of Scotland community fund.

The bank helps communities in villages, towns and cities across Scotland by providing a financial award of either £3000 or £300 to help good causes in the community that matter most to them.

To vote for the team go to the website: [communityfund.bankofscotland.co.uk](http://communityfund.bankofscotland.co.uk) and follow the links, or pop into your local branch where you can also vote there.

Closing date for voting is 1 November.

## Sick days cost council £6m

The number of days North Ayrshire Council staff called in sick has increased for the second year running - costing the council nearly £6m a year.

The average days absent per full time employee in 2012/2013 was 9.4, up from 8.8 in 2011/2012 and 7.4 in 2010/2011.

The most common reasons were psychological, musculo-skeletal and surgical procedures.

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Sally Brookes with some of her paintings for sale. 20\_b40fete04



A contestant tries to guess the weight of the giant Arran cheese. 20\_b40fete06



Youngsters running their backing and bric and brac stall. 20\_b40fete07



The Onesie Girls perform their dance routine on stage. 20\_b40fete11

# The Onesie the crowds

The sun shone for the annual Kilmory Fete on Saturday bringing the crowds flocking to the public hall.

And the event raised a tremendous £950 for hall funds.

With the car park full drivers were parked along the narrow roads of the southend all the way to Torrylinn.

Visitors made full use of the lawn for tea, coffee and drinks

and the burger stall did a roaring trade as Arran bathed in unexpected weekend sunshine.

Inside there was a tabletop sale with everything from jewellery, old fashioned sweets, paintings and cheese.

The bric a brac stalls had plenty of eager bargain hunters and there were a number of prize contests including guess the weight of the cheese, win



Arran Pipe Band entertain the crowds. 20\_b40fete14

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The audience watch the girls perform on stage. 20\_b40fete18



Above: The Onesie Girls going through their moves. 20\_b40fete16



Left: One lucky contestant won this giant teddy bear for £1. 20\_b40fete13

# Girls wow at Kilmory

a hamper and football sweepstakes a tombola along with a busy tearoom and bar.

### Entertain

The Isle of Arran Pipe Band and Arran Brass Band were there to entertain the crowds and the HM Coastguard were there with a display of their lifesaving equipment and to give out safety advice.

The highlight of the afternoon was a performance by The Onesie Girls - Erin and Abbie Mulholland, Elaine Davage, Stella

Riddle and Daisy Amsing - who are all members of the Kilmory Kidz Club.

They performed a dance to the Katrina and the Waves song 'Walking on Sunshine' which enticed a big crowd to leave the sunshine to enjoy the show.

Hall manager Jean Clark said: 'I would like to thank all the helpers, entertainers, everyone who donated raffle and tombola prizes and home baking. Special thanks to everyone who came along and supported us.'



Say cheese. Young Kellen Craig from Corrie with the giant cheese. 20\_b40fete10

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## Heritage Museum to remember 1914

As 2014 and the centenary of the start of the First World War approaches, Arran is preparing to commemorate the 'war to end all wars'.

Along with museums across Scotland, the Arran Heritage Museum is planning a number of special displays for the summer season remembering as many aspects of the island's involvement in the war as possible.

The museum are appealing to Banner readers for their help.

If you have any memorabilia - photographs, letters, souvenirs, stories or artefacts - anything which would help to add interest to the displays, you are invited to either donate or loan such items (or have them copied by the museum).

The museum closes for this season on Sunday 27 October, and the committee hope to immediately make a start on setting up these displays.

Therefore if you could let the museum have your contributions as soon as possible (by handing them in to the museum reception) that would be appreciated.

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# Fall in population explored

The results of the 2011 census have shown that Arran's population has fallen considerably in the past 10 years.

The number of people living here - including those resident on Holy Isle - has fallen from 5,058 to 4,660 in the decade since the last census.

This is the first time in 30 years that Arran's population has fallen which was especially surprising given that the Scottish population had reached its highest level ever and some other inhabited islands have shown increases.

Professor Bob Osborne from Belfast, who holidays on the island, has been investigating these dramatic changes in the island's population levels.

He said: 'Whether a population grows or falls depends on three factors: the number of births and deaths and whether the numbers of people entering a location to live is exceeded by those who leave or vice versa - known as the net migration rate.'

'For the first time it is possible to examine the situation of births and deaths for those normally resident on Arran. As Arran has no separate administrative status for these statistics a special request to National Records Scotland was made.'

What the figures revealed is that for every year from 2001 up to and including last year the numbers of deaths exceeded the numbers of births by 418 on Arran.

The largest difference was

## Deaths exceeded births by 418

in 2004 when deaths exceeded births by 54.

The second largest difference, however, was last year when there 67 deaths but only 18 births.

Bob added; 'What these figures mean is that the population of Arran was bound to fall in the last decade unless the number of new migrants not only was greater than those who left the island but was able to make up the 418 drop in numbers because deaths were greater than births.'

The next results of the census will tell us more about migration but not, unfortunately, the whole picture.

However, if births continue to be outstripped by deaths, as has occurred over the last decade, it is possible that without substantial net in-migration then Arran's population will continue to fall.

	Births	Deaths	Excess deaths over births
2001	36	54	18
2002	31	72	41
2003	35	49	14
2004	32	86	54
2005	37	63	26
2006	23	69	46
2007	23	68	45
2008	32	64	32
2009	28	63	35
2010	26	71	45
2011	38	51	13
2012	18	67	49
<b>Total</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>777</b>	<b>418</b>



Cicely Gill reading a poem at one of the Whiting Bay bus stops.

## Illuminating poems on lamp-posts

Island poets celebrated National Poetry Day yesterday (Thursday) and to preface the reading at the Brodick Bar, the organisers put poems on lamp-posts and bus stops around the villages of Lamlash, Brodick, Corrie and Whiting Bay.

They were placed 'to remind people that poetry is not something only for school or universities but is something that can be read and digested in transit in any ordinary



Chris Conroy, Julia Sutherland, Philip Differ and Gary Little in Whiting Bay before the show. 20\_b40com01

## Phil joins Arran newcomers to serve up a comedy feast

Top Scots comedian Philip Differ was back on Arran at the weekend for a night of fun.

And he was joined by three

up and coming jokers none of whom had ever been to the island.

They played to a packed crowd at Whiting Bay Hall and had the audience rolling in their seats

It was the third Arran Comedy Fest! organised by Arran events.

Along with Philip the comedians who performed during the entertaining night were Chris Conway from Glasgow, Julia Sutherland, who has swapped broadcasting for comedy and Gary Little who has performed on TV and at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

### Regular visitor

While the others have never been on Arran, Philip is a regular visitor. Indeed, he joked, 'I have been here so often recently, people will think I live on the island!'

It was his third appearance of the year, his first at the festival event in April which took place in the week following the snow and power disruption.

And he was back for a performance with Fred MacAuley at the Douglas Hotel in Brodick in July.

But all those who saw him on Saturday night I'm sure will agree, he is welcome back anytime.

place, according to local poet Tim Pomeroy.

He said: 'This initiative is partly inspired by 'Poems on the Underground' where poems are placed in 3,000 advertising spaces on London Underground trains.'

A new website www.arran-poetry.co.uk has also been launched this week, thanks to Arran Theatre and Arts Trust.

Any poet who would like representation on it should contact Tim on 600287.

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# Fresh new look for Arran hospital thanks to patient donations

## Hospital Supporters League donated nearly £12,000

Patients and staff at Arran War Memorial Hospital will benefit from a range of equipment which has been purchased by hospital supporters.

The hospital will have a new fresh and airy look thanks to the new pale green and blue privacy curtains and white roller blinds throughout the hospital, chosen by the nursing staff.

The Isle of Arran Hospital Supporters League donated nearly £12,000 with the new

curtains and blinds alone costing £4,500.

While more than £7,000 was spent on the other equipment from the hospital 'wish list' which includes two recliner chairs for the new side rooms, four sensor mats, two sensor cushions and a treatment chair for day case wound dressings.

The hospital now also has a radiography X-ray slider, two mobile pulse oximeters, a Parkhouse Richmond Ul-



Patients Ron Prest, Jim Bone and Ken Riley try out some of the new equipment as members of the Hospital Supporters League and staff look on. The new curtains and blinds can be seen in the background. 20\_b40hosp01

tra low hospital bed, a baby changing unit and fall safe mats.

### Fund raising

The money was raised over the last three years through donations and fund raising by the league including their annual Christmas Fayre, plant sale and other events.

Treasurer Jim Arnold said: 'In the last two years we have had a lot of donations from people who are very appreciative of the care and attention they received from the nurses and doctors while in hospital.'

Senior charge nurse Ailsa Weir said the generosity of the

Supporters League allowed them to purchase equipment above that of clinical need provided by the health board.

She said: 'We are very fortunate to have a community that raises money to allow us to purchase equipment to enhance the care of patients and give staff additional aids.'

## Golf tourism swings into action

The Ayrshire and Arran golf tourism industry has taken a step forward in establishing a Regional Golf Partnership which will encompass the island's seven courses.

Over 40 representatives of the industry attended a workshop at The Marine Hotel, Troon to explore the opportunities and ambitions for golf tourism in Ayrshire.

They agreed to prepare a business plan for the partnership and a golf marketing plan for the Ayrshire and Arran golf destination.

A number of golf and tourism business leaders have volunteered to steer the next phase of work and the set-up and launch of the partnership, over the next few months.

Guy Redford, director of golf at Dundonald Links said: 'The Women's Open at Turnberry in 2015 and The Open returning to Royal Troon in 2016 provide catalysts for golf businesses in Ayrshire and Arran.'

'We need to consider how we take advantage of these opportunities and develop the area in the long term as an even more attractive destination for visitor golf.'



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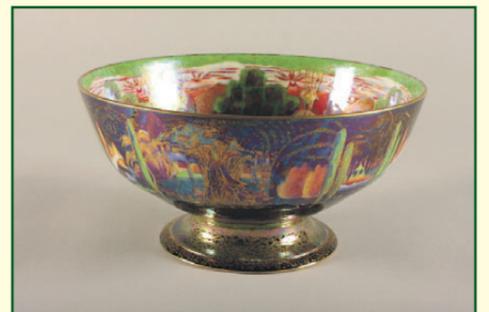
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## Blighting Arran's landscape

It's a problem that gets on lots of people's nerves - the scourge of dog owners who don't clear up after their pets.

While dog sitting these past two weeks for my parents I've enjoyed strolling along some of Arran's most picturesque paths and tracks.

But the one thing that has continually spoilt the experience is the incredible amount of dog mess left lying by inconsiderate owners.

All along the Dun Fion path there was so much muck right in the middle of the forest track that it has put me off going back.

And while walking through the forests above the castle I was utterly dumbstruck to spot three bags of dog mess left at the side of the path on different days.

Now call me crazy but surely if you are going to go to all that trouble - scooping it up into a little black bag - then you may as well take it to a bin.

By putting it in a doggy bag and then leaving it by the path not only will it take years to disintegrate, it is really rather vile to look at.

In some ways you'd be better not picking it up at all as at least that way it could decompose naturally.

So, what can be done to rid Arran's paths of this blight?

The signs are easy to spot - the flattened deposit bearing the imprint of a shoe, the anxious parent quickly steering their offspring to one side, the man repeatedly wiping his foot on the verge as if kick-starting a decrepit motorbike.

Few things irritate people quite so much as the abandoned deposits produced by the UK's eight million dogs.

It is often suggested that between them they produce 1,000 tonnes of the stuff each day.

Dog mess is one of the most common causes of complaints to local councils and four out of 10 people consider it a problem in their local area, says the campaign group Keep Britain Tidy.

But given the decades' old nature of the problem, what are the radical solutions that could be tried?

West Dunbartonshire Council spray it bright pink; Brodick Improvements once tried putting little flags on the piles but sometimes the offended party feels the need to go further.

In West Yorkshire, British Waterways decorated a tree with dozens of bags of poo-filled plastic bags, to highlight the problem of owners picking the waste up, only to fling it into the foliage.

I think we may be on to something here!

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.' (Ephesians 4:32)

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## Letters to the Editor



### Bicentenary success

Sir,  
May I take this opportunity, through your letters page to thank all those involved in the recent Daniel Macmillan bicentenary commemoration.

Although the weather started off dry and sunny providing us all with pleasant walking conditions, fabulous views and optimal photographic conditions the final day turned wild and windy with torrential rain.

This resulted in a slight change of plans that saw us taking in a bit of local and Macmillan family history at the old church in Sannox, with the present restoration project and forthcoming exciting new developments in the pipeline.

The dinner and ceilidh on the Saturday evening in Lochranza Village Hall, which was colourfully decorated with fairy lights and Chinese lanterns, was excellent and a thoroughly enjoyable social event.

I would especially like to thank David Potts for his enthusiasm in putting together and commitment to the Daniel Macmillan bicentenary commemoration; also to Pam and to George and Fiona Hazel for their time and hospitality.

Yours,  
**Marion McMillan  
Knightwood  
Glasgow**

### Devolved Arran

Sir,  
I was surprised to see a suggestion in last week's editorial that Arran would be better off as part of Argyll and Bute or 'as a separate entity entirely.'

At this time of austerity, no political party currently seeks to redraw local authority boundaries, an expensive and disruptive process. However if it did, would Arran really be better off leaving North Ayrshire?

Arran comprises around 48 per cent of North Ayrshire's landmass with 3.3 per cent of the population.

In Argyll and Bute Arran

would comprise six per cent of the area and just under five per cent of the population.

However, Arran would be just one of many islands and therefore highly unlikely to receive 2.5 times the per capita average expenditure per pupil it currently enjoys with North Ayrshire or a quarter of the local authority's road budget.

Lochgilthead, Argyll's administrative centre is further away than Irvine, with a less frequent ferry service from Lochranza to Claonaig than Brodick to Ardrossan, making it difficult for the island based councillor to effectively represent the island.

In addition, Arran would have to be merged with Bute - with which there is no ferry connection - or Kintyre to form a council ward.

Argyll has 36 councillors to North Ayrshire's 30, so Arran's influence would diminish.

Incidentally, the suggestion of a constituency representing the southern Inner Hebrides and Clyde islands would be a logistical nightmare to represent, the MSP in question spending more time 'on the hoof' than on any given island!

I was intrigued by the reference to the powers of the Aland Parliament, an island grouping with a population of 29,000.

Like the Isle of Man, Guernsey and Jersey, all of which are smaller than Arran, Aland has control over the 'postal service, radio and TV.' Of course, the Scottish parliament representing 5.3 million people has control over none of these things.

So it is difficult to devolve powers Scotland does not have.

Our established island authorities want more autonomy and the SNP is responding to that.

If Arran and its people want more control over island life we will certainly look at it positively. We just need to know that they really do.

Yours,  
**Kenneth Gibson MSP  
Kilbirnie**

### Ferry upset

Sir,  
I have complained in the strongest terms to CalMac about the changes made to the Ardrossan-Brodick service on Saturday 21 September.

We left Brodick on the 8.20 boat on that day, planning to spend the day in Edinburgh, along with the rest of a busload from Arran.

The plan was that the bus would leave Edinburgh again at 7pm, in plenty of time to catch the 10pm boat from Ardrossan back to Brodick.

As is often the case at such events, myself and my husband quickly found ourselves separated from the rest of the Arran contingent.

However, as we had taken note of the bus details and where and when to go for the return journey, we did not feel we had much reason to worry.

In addition, as the weather was particularly fine, with a calm, fine forecast for the Firth of Clyde, we did not think we had to ring up to check the CalMac service status.

We therefore turned up at the correct pick-up point for the bus, in plenty of time. When it didn't turn up, we started to worry.

At 7.15pm, we assumed that for some reason we had missed the bus. Fortunately we were able to borrow a car from a relative, and we drove to Ardrossan, reaching there at 9pm.

Plenty of time, so we thought, for the 10pm sailing. We were therefore shocked to be told that the sailing had been cancelled, having been replaced by an unscheduled 8pm sailing which of course had long gone by then.

I should add that the others on the Arran bus from Edinburgh did manage to reach Ardrossan in time for the unscheduled 8pm sailing, as of course the bus driver would have been contacted.

As we had been separated from the others, and as foot passengers were not individually booked on the ferry, we did not of course get any messages.

When we asked one of the only two members of staff to be found why the 10pm had been cancelled, he replied - incredulously - that it was due to 'weather'.

This was utter nonsense. The weather had been fine all day, the sea was flat calm, the forecast had been fine all day, with no indication of any adverse conditions pending.

We found this entire episode extremely stressful and upsetting. CalMac cannot be allowed to mess people around like this.

Again I emphasise that if there had been any indication whatsoever that the weather would be unreliable, then we would have no cause to complain.

However, the weather was never a worry on Saturday 21 September - and the Met Office would surely concur with this.

Yours,  
**Anne Roberts  
Alma Terrace  
Brodick**

### Accident thanks

Sir,  
I fell in love with Arran on my first visit and have returned once or twice a year for a holiday since then.

My latest visit showed me again what a special place this is, when I received fantastic care following an accident.

I would like to thank all the people who came to my aid when I fell and broke my ankle near Corriegills on September 17.

Ross, who stays near where I fell, and was so helpful and calm; the ambulance paramedic, Helen, and driver, Phil; the police; the coastguards and the mountain rescue team who managed, with their wonderful vehicle, to get me over very rough terrain to reach the ambulance; Dr Colin and nurse Kay, who patched me up and nurse Marguerette, who came with me on the ferry and to Crosshouse Hospital.

Following surgery I am now home and looking forward to returning to Arran next year.

Yours,  
**Helen Black  
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# Beekeepers on the rise

The Arran Beekeepers Group has seen membership rise in recent months thanks to generous support from the Arran Trust.

Eleven new hives have been introduced, and coupled with existing hives, the number of hives on the island has grown to 25.

## First time

Seven members are now keeping bees for the first time and all report that they are very much enjoying the experience.

Despite the late spring, the weather has been very kind to the bees and all colonies have established well are in

good health as the island approaches winter.

Robert Cumming of Lochranza, a member of the group, said: 'Although some honey has been produced, there is not a great deal as new hives need to establish in their first year and there is rarely a surplus.'

'With a good spring and summer next year however we would hope to add another dimension to the taste of Arran!'

All members are now busy getting their bees ready for winter with extra feeding and measures to deal with the varroa pest.

The varroa mite is the scourge of beekeepers worldwide and has resulted in the death of most if not all of the wild colonies in Arran.

Robert said: 'With a local group, we have been able to coordinate an island wide treatment which we hope will be effective in securing the future survival of the native black bee most suited to our conditions.'

The group next meet at the Brodick Castle Ranger Centre at 7pm on Thursday 24 October.

Contact Robert 830302 or Margo 302393 for further details.



Pupils at Shiskine Primary School wear their pyjamas to raise funds.

## Shiskine Primary School bake sale raises over £500

A bake sale at Shiskine Primary School on Friday 27 September raised a total of £515.60.

As well as baking there was merchandise for sale in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Pupils and staff also made a donation to wear pyjamas and onesies for the afternoon. The event was organised by the school fun-

draising committee - Eilidh Hamill, Leah Brown, Euan Kinniburgh, Morgan Bell, Laila Webster, Andrew Currie, Lily Currie and Olivia McNeice.

Thank you to the fundraising committee for organising the event, to all parents, pupils and friends for donations of baking and to everyone who supported it.

## Creelers serve up aid for Syrian children

Creelers restaurant is opening its doors for a one-off charity event to help the children suffering in Syria.

Owners Tim and Fran James are to hold the special event on Saturday 2 November.

Customers will be asked to pay £25 a head for a three course lunch or dinner which will offer the same menu at the two sittings.

## Donating

Tim, who is opening the restaurant for a week longer

to accommodate the event, will be donating shellfish and Kintyre venison from Skipness.

Creelers other local suppliers will also be providing products for the menu.

Top island chef Robin Gray will be coming up with up with some 'quirky deserts' as well as vegetarian options from his garden.

Tim said: 'Creelers has had a fairly good season and I think it is important to think

of people who are not having a good time. Our suppliers also agreed it was a good cause.

## Horrendous

'A third of Syria's population are stuck in refugee camps in Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan and Iraq borders and the situation for the children in horrendous.'

Bookings are being taken by the restaurant and the menu and further details will be published nearer the time.

## Get involved in drama on Arran

It's that time of year again - dust off the costumes, look out the scripts and start rehearsing.

The Isle of Arran One Act Drama Festival will take place at the community theatre in Lamblash in mid February.

And organisers are hoping to welcome new groups to the festival next year.

Anyone can form a drama group and enter the festival as just two people can perform a one act play.

If you are interested and would like to learn more take a look at the website [www.ioada.org](http://www.ioada.org)

If you would just like to join one of the existing groups, then send an email - you will find the links on the website.

If you can act, make costumes, prompt or build sets you will find it a very rewarding experience and have a lot of fun in the process. You will be made very welcome.

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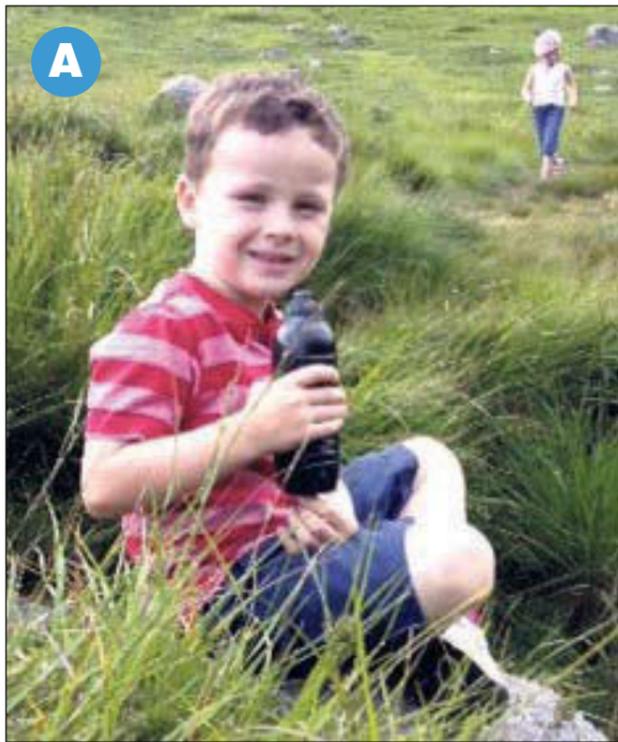
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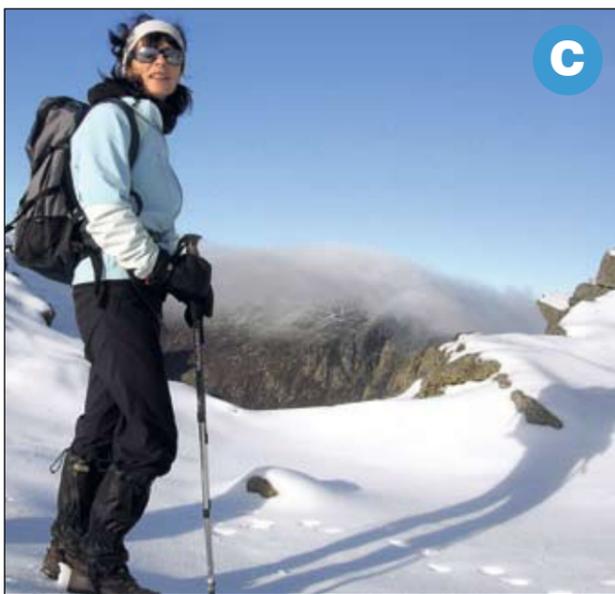
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# The Arran photo com

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The Arran Banner has received an incredible number of entries for the 2013 photographic competition. Nearly 400 photographs have been submitted this year ranging from the much-loved Arran views, the slightly quirky scenes spotted by people while out and about, to the more artistic landscapes that capture the real beauty of Arran.

And it has been extremely difficult to narrow them down to the top four. The two winners in each of the categories - people/animals and views/places - will receive a hamper of delicious goodies from the Isle of Arran Cheese

**A - 'Time for some juice in Glen Rosa,'**  
Gill Gregory, Whiting Bay.

**B - 'Beautiful blossoms,'**  
Allan Colquhoun.

**C - 'Arran Alps,'**  
Fiona Carswell.

**D - 'Baby Ruby with Auntie Masi in early-spring sunlight,'**  
David Kelso, Sannox.

**E - 'Boat on Loch Garbad,'**  
Ken Stein, Giffnock.

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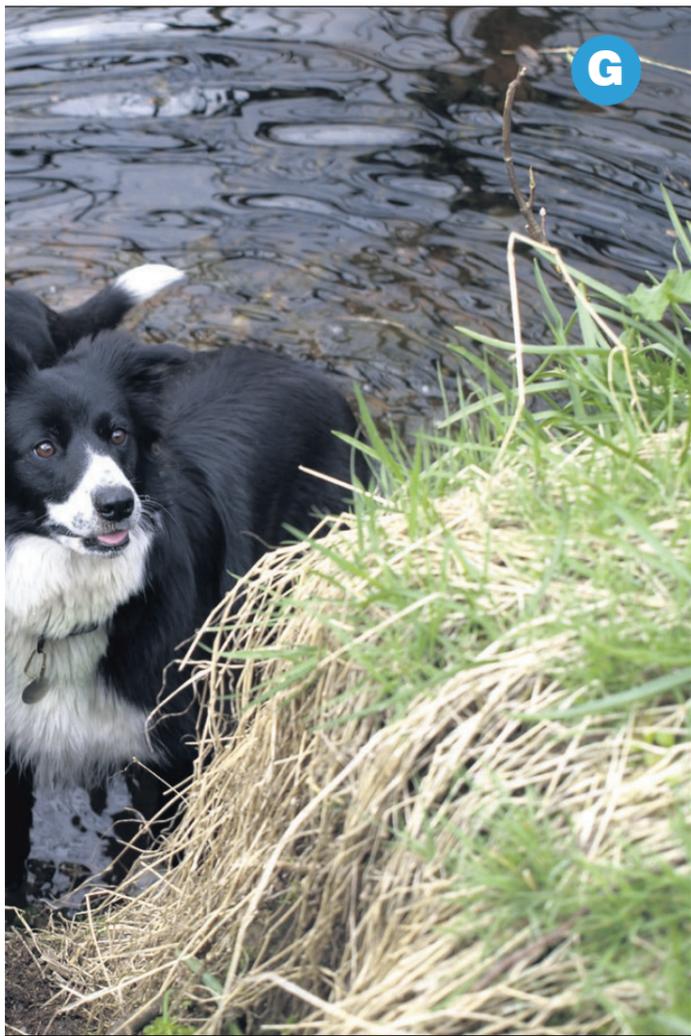
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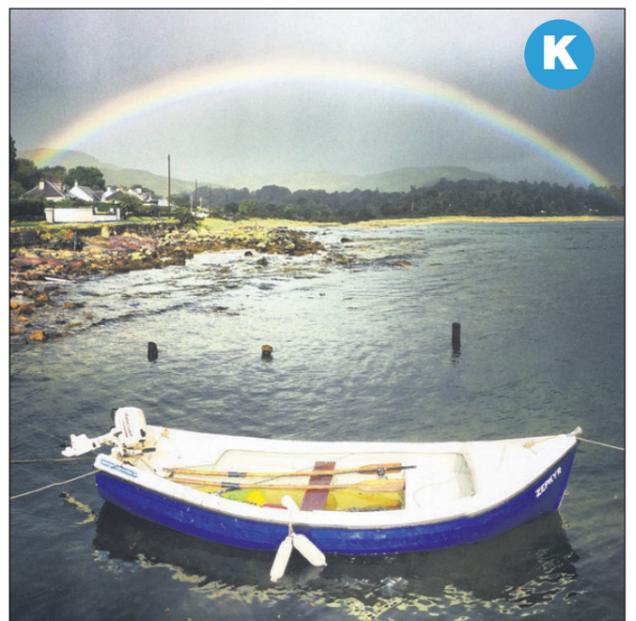
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Look out for next week's Banner when we will be announcing the four winners.

**F - 'Blackwaterfoot wild flower bed,'**  
Lorna Buchanan, Sannox.

**G - 'Twa dug,'**  
Tony Curtis, Whiting Bay.

**H - 'Summer fun,'**  
Elizabeth Ross, Glenloig.

**I - 'Reflections,'**  
Jane Nichol, Lochranza.

**J - 'Auchengallon,'** Avril McDonald, Troon.

**K - Sannox rainbow,'**  
Alex Ulivi, Brodick.



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A pair of red throated divers photographed by Bob Garrett.

# Red throated diver

The red-throated diver is the smallest of the UK's divers. Its grey-brown plumage and up-tilted bill readily distinguish it from the other species. In summer it has a distinctive red throat. Like other divers, it has been known to stay underwater for up to a minute and a half.

With webbed feet and powerful legs, it is a skilled un-

## Bird notes

by Jim Cassels

OCTOBER

derwater hunter, but with legs set well back on its body, it is very ungainly on land, only coming ashore to breed.

A circumpolar breeder from the high Arctic south to the northern temperate zone, Scotland is at the extreme southern edge of its breeding range.

Shetland is the Scottish stronghold with almost half the Scottish breeding population there.

Here on Arran, red-throated divers breed on remote moorland lochans, often inadvertently disturbed by walkers.

If you do come across a pair on a lochan please give them a wide berth because even a short time off the nest means the eggs are vulnerable to crows and gulls.

Their best breeding season in recent years was 2012 when the miserable wet summer reduced the number of walkers round these lochans.

Although red-throated divers breed on the hill lochans, they feed on the sea and in winter are almost completely maritime.

Round the coast of Arran they have been recorded in every month of the year.

Back in their breeding areas by late March, clutches of al-

most invariably two eggs are laid from early May through to June, with birds fledging in early August.

Adults attend to youngsters for some time after fledging and the late summer and autumn are good times to look out for family groups in our sheltered bays.

Finally, an old name for this bird is the rain goose.

### Weather indicators

For example, in Shetland this bird is considered one of the best weather indicators, short cries or flying inland indicated fine weather, long, plaintive ones or flying out to sea wet weather.

Whether there is any truth in this or not, listen for their distinctive plaintive call as they fly to their feeding grounds in the sea.

Enjoy your birding.

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## Corrie and Sannox SWRI

The first meeting of the new session of Corrie and Sannox SWRI was opened by the president, Elma Stevenson.

She welcomed old and new members, and congratulated everyone on the success the institute had had at the show in August.

The Corrie and Sannox institute gained nine trophies, with five alone being awarded to Elma Stevenson.

Elma then went on to reflect on the passing of two members who had died since the last meeting; Eleanor Bulger and Jennie Martin, both active and supportive members while able.

Sadly Jennie had been forced to leave the island for health reasons but she had been a member as a girl and then in later life, and Eleanor had served on the committee and had been president.

The guest demonstrator for the afternoon was introduced by Elma, though indeed she needed no introduction as it was a friend from Shiskine WRI Eunice Williamson.

Eunice had been before to show the ladies how to make flowers from some wire and old tights so this time they were able to increase their skills and some beautiful flowers were made in some startling colours.

Rita Salmon gave the vote of thanks while tea provided by the committee was served. The competition for a favourite necklace was won by Rita Salmon, with Elma Stevenson in second place.

The next meeting will be in Corrie and Sannox Village Hall on Thursday 10 October at 2pm when Vicki Milne will be demonstrating with flowers.

The competition will be a small vase.



Louise Haggarty (centre) is presented with the charity hamper by Lucinda Beardsley and manager Marilyn Kelly. 20\_b40hamper01

# Louise wins Co-op hamper

A Brodick woman has won a charity hamper in a contest run by the Co-Operative store at Invercloy.

Louise Haggarty was the lucky winner who correctly guessed the bunny's birthday was 13 May.

The contest was run by the Co-Op as part of their money raising efforts for their 2013 charity of the year, the Carers Trust.

The Co-Op partnership with the Trust will help support young adult carers, between the ages of 14 and 25, throughout the UK.

In another funding raising effort in August members of staff Debra Kelly, Lucinda Beardsley and Daniel Jack, along with friends Joanne Kelly and Ella Maun, climbed Goatfell and raised £160.

While in-store an ongoing second hand booksale is also raising money for the Carers Trust.



Co-op staff and friends at the top of Goatfell.

## Brodick Castle friends enjoy trip

Thirty-two Arran folk have just returned from a trip to County Durham organised by The Friends of Brodick Castle.

The main reason for the trip was to visit the living museum of Beamish but on the way down they stopped at Acorn Bank, a National Trust property.

Here they enjoyed a lovely lunch was followed by visiting the herb garden with 300 different varieties of herbs, a wander through the orchard, and a walk through the wood to the watermill.

After their first night at the comfortable Blackwell Grange Hotel they spent the whole day at Beamish, an area which has been re-created to depict the history of the North East with the staff dressed in period clothes and working in the different areas.

Ann Whattam said: 'We enjoyed getting on and off the trams to visit The Home Farm, Pit Village, The Town and Pockerley Old Hall.

'The next morning we travelled to Barnard Castle to visit Bowes Museum, this is a huge mansion built in French Chateau style - a striking piece of architecture in the stunning countryside of County Durham.'

This museum houses paintings, ceramics and textiles as well as the famous silver swan musical automaton.

In the afternoon they travelled on to Durham and visited the cathedral before walking through the city.

Thanks must go to Ann Hollingsworth, chairman of Friends of Brodick Castle, for a well organised and interesting trip.

The Friends monthly meetings have commenced for the coming year and a day trip usually takes place in May with another three day trip in September.

If you are interested in joining please contact Marilyn Woods on 860487 or marilyn.woods@sky.com, you would be made most welcome.

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## Arran Medical Group news

# Accessing emergency care on the island

The Arran Medical Group is going to provide a regular column for The Banner in a bid to bring its patients news and updates about accessing services on Arran.

This week we take a look at access to emergency care on the island and how to get help quickly.

The 999 ambulance system has improved considerably over the last 10 years, and now offers the quickest and most effective means of summoning emergency medical assistance.

The Arran Medical Group (AMG) has worked to ensure that the Scottish Ambulance Service can request an emergency GP response if local crews require additional input, or if there is concern about a delay in their own response.

They can also dispatch an air ambulance, alert the hospital or activate the local First Responder groups.

This all happens very soon after a 999 call is answered by the ambulance centre in Cardonald, Glasgow.

If a 999 call is deemed to be life threatening, a separate ambulance dispatcher in Glasgow will normally contact the ambulance crew within seconds - whilst the call handler is still getting information from the caller.

If the local ambulance is not available, the additional resources mentioned above can be contacted within a similar time period.

This means that often, by the time the caller has finished their 999 call, an ambulance, BASICS doctor or first responder team is already on their way.

Dr David Hogg said: 'As rural GPs, we have skills and equipment that wouldn't normally be carried by doctors working in more populated areas.'

'Much of this is provided by a charity called the Sandpiper Trust, and allows each GP to deliver life-saving treatment to support our ambulance colleagues.'

In addition, the ambulance call-handler can advise about



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the nearest location of equipment such as defibrillators, and they are specially trained to give effective life-saving advice over the phone whilst awaiting professional help.

Their call system can automatically detect the location of the caller, which saves vital time in sending out a response.

A number of the island's GPs are 'tracked' too, so the ambulance service can quickly detect the position of a doctor in relation to an incident, and tell you how long it will be until help will arrive.

The sophistication involved in providing the above emergency response is far greater than can be provided within the AMG phone system.

Dr Greg Hamill explains: 'We recognise that some patients may still prefer to call the surgery number, and we have developed procedures to ensure that we handle these emergency calls appropriately.'

'However, in an emergency situation, phoning 999 is the best way to ensure rapid attention, and as GPs we are part of that system too.'

Another component of urgent care is the NHS24 service.

Now rolled out across the majority of Scotland, it is for people who become unwell when their GP surgery is closed, and are too ill to wait until it re-opens.

When the GP surgery is closed (6pm-8am and at weekends), NHS24 can be contacted on 08454 24 24 24.

On contacting this number, callers are offered advice, a phonecall from the on-call Arran GP, or advised to attend the hospital depending on the nature of the problem. Home visits are arranged where necessary.

Patients can still attend A&E at Arran War Memorial Hospital, although it is advisable to phone NHS24 first as they will make the hospital aware that you are arriving.

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**Sand for Wales**

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Bound for a water production plant near Cardiff, the sand from Ivy Cottage north of Brodick had been put into one tonne bags and had been stored at the Filtration Supplies and Services (formerly Scotsand) yard in Market Road.

Unfortunately a significant amount had been lost to vandalism, scores of bags having been slit by a knife.

The sand was transported to Wales on the ship 'Alice' with a crew of five on charter to Bob Haddow.

Arran sand is deemed particularly suitable for water filtration because it is so coarse grained.

**Castle lit up**

The floodlighting at Brodick Castle has been officially switched on.

It has already been lit up for almost two months and has been much admired.

The official switch-on was performed by Moira Small, wife of electrical contractor Ian Small, who not only suggested the floodlights but who did all the work.

To give the event a link to the past Ian inserted the switch into an old onyx ink well which had been given to the Dutchess in 1921 when electric lighting was first installed in the castle by Ian's grandfather.

**Store closes**

Greatorex's Store in Whiting Bay closed its doors on Saturday.

Mrs Irene Greatorex has decided to retire and the shop, which seemed to be almost caught in a time warp has ceased trading.



**Workers load Arran sand on to ship 'Alice' bound for Wales. b40twe01**



**Guests at the switch on of the Brodick Castle floodlights. b40twe02**

It was in 1967 that she and husband Bill came to Arran from Blackburn and, as the years passed, became much loved characters in the village.

Bill died two years ago and, as more and more rules and regulations were made about food shops, Irene was finding it increasingly difficult to keep up.

**Homes for sale**

Arran Estate Agents has five houses for sale this week ranging from £44,000 to £95,000.

The cheapest is The Cottage in Glen Rosa, Brodick, a two bedroom cottage on sale at offers over £44,000.

The three bedroom Brookside in Knowe Road, Brodick is on sale at a fixed price of £56,000.

Pegasus House in Sliderry, which also has three bedrooms is being sold at offers over £66,000.

Brae Un Dune in Golf Course Road, with three bedrooms and an elevated location, is £75,000, while the most expensive house is Alyth in Shiskine, a five bedroomed modern detached villa on sale at offers over £95,000.

**Surgery funding**

In the long running search for a new surgery site for Dr Malcolm Kerr, doubts about the certainty of health board funding were a constant stumbling block.

Funding was agreed up to a date in 1994 but beyond that it could not be counted on and this was one reason for the reluctance to change to a new site from the original proposal at Brodick bowling green.

These doubts no longer seem to exist for at the last meeting of North Ayrshire and Arran NHS Trust it was noted that 'the Trust would be responsible for providing finance for this project' and will meet the costs by a service agreement.



**Moira Small (left) switches on the castle floodlights with husband Ian and castle administrator Olive Raymond. b40twe03**



**Mrs Irene Greatorex outside the Whiting Bay store which has closed. b40twe04**

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## Everyday

Trout Fly Fishing  
Brodick Castle, Garden Open  
Arran Heritage Museum  
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Loch Garbad, Boat and Bank fishing  
Daily 9am-Dusk  
10.30am - 4.30pm  
Open Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 12.30pm-4.30pm  
2pm

Junior Hockey Club  
Healthy Outdoors  
Lawn Bowls  
Quiz  
Food and craft market  
Metafit  
Scottish Country Dancing  
Arran Community Council AGM

Auchrannie Sports Hall, 6-7pm  
10am-1pm NTS Ranger Centre  
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 1.45pm  
The Drift Inn, Lamlash, 9pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, 11am - 4pm  
6pm - 6.30pm & 6.30pm - 7pm  
Brodick Church Hall, 7.30-9.30pm  
Ormidale Pavilion 7.30pm

## Saturday 5th October

Army Cadets  
Over 21s Disco  
Karate  
Family Games  
Arran Dancers (4yrs & up)  
Brodick Bowling Club Rink Game  
Whiting Bay Rink Games  
Lawn Bowls  
Soup & Sandwiches for Kamlimpong  
Arran vs Strathclyde Police

Auchrannie Road 11am - 1pm.  
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am-12.30pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm  
Arran High School, 10am  
Brodick, 2pm  
Whiting Bay Bowling Club 7pm  
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 1.45pm  
Brodick Church Hall, 12noon-2pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, 2pm

## Wednesday 9th October

Hockey  
Tae Kwondo  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
Arran Brass Rehearsal  
Senior Badminton  
Yogalates  
Aquafizz  
Music Mayhem Class Parents & Little Ones  
Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy service  
Shiskine Tennis Club  
Whiting Bay Bowling Rink Games  
JogScotland beginners group  
Mixed ability running group  
Yoga-Arran

Auchrannie Games Hall, 6.30-7.30pm  
Arran high School Kids-6.30-7.30pm Adults-7.30-8.30pm  
Lamlash Church Hall, 8pm  
Brodick Church Hall, 7-9pm  
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  
Juniors 4.30-5.15 P1-P3, 5.15-6 P4-P7  
Whiting Bay Bowling Club 7pm  
Auchrannie Spa car park, 5.15pm  
Auchrannie Spa car park, 6pm  
Kinneil, Lamlash, 7-8.30pm

## Sunday 6th October

Family Games  
Fun in the pool  
Cocaine Anonymous (& all other drugs)  
AA Meeting  
Corrie Open  
RNLI Shop  
Arran Pool League AGM  
Jazz Cafe

Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm  
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm  
Ormidale sports pavilion, 2pm - 3.30pm  
Brodick Church Hall, 4pm - 6pm  
Corrie Golf Club  
Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm  
Drift Inn, Lamlash, 2pm  
Douglas Hotel, 2pm - 5pm

## Thursday 10th October

Senior Fitness  
General Knowledge Quiz  
Lochranza Craft Club  
Live music  
Weight Watchers  
Lawn Bowls  
Shiskine Tennis Club  
Yoga  
Shirley & Sarah fitness class  
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Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am  
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
Lochranza Hall, 2pm  
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay 8.30-11.00pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, 5.30pm  
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 6.45pm  
Adults 6pm onwards  
Corrie Village Hall, 6pm - 7pm  
Lamlash High School, 6.30-7.30pm  
Brodick Library, 7.30pm  
Lamlash Fire Station, 2-4.30pm

## Monday 7th October

Quiz  
Over 50s Badminton  
Badminton  
Citizens Advice  
Senior Fitness  
Table Tennis  
Badminton  
Arran Junior Football Club  
Whiting Bay Bowling Rink Games  
Yoga  
Lunch club  
Yoga - Arran  
Shirley & Sarah fitness class  
Wee Blether cafe  
Scottish Country Dancing

Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 8.30pm  
Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm  
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30-1.30pm  
Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am  
Corrie Hall, 6.30pm  
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm  
Ormidale Park, 6-7.30pm  
Whiting Bay Bowling Club 7pm  
Corrie Village Hall, 11am - 12noon  
Lamlash Sheltered Housing, 12noon  
Kinneil, Lamlash, 3-4.30pm  
Lamlash High School, 6.30-7.30pm  
Whiting Bay Hall, 11.30-1.30pm  
Beginners & improvers corrie Hall, 2-4pm

## Friday 11th October

Aqua Fizz  
Yogalates  
Arran Youth Foundations  
Lochranza Kids Badminton  
Lochranza Adults Badminton  
Disco  
Brodick Farmers Market  
Active Buggies

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  
Auchrannie Road, 8am - 6pm  
Ormidale Park, 10am

## Tuesday 8th October

Pop Quiz  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
Youth Club  
Rotary club  
Streetly Dance pre school  
Streetly Dancing minis P1-3  
Streetly Dancing Juniors P4-7  
Streetly Dancing Seniors  
Youth Club  
Weight Watchers

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
Brodick Church Hall, 2pm  
Kildonan Hall, 7pm  
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 7.15pm  
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 1.45-2.30pm  
Auchrannie Gym Hall, 4-4.45pm  
Auchrannie Gym Hall, 4.45-5.30pm  
Auchrannie Gym Hall, 5.30-6.15pm  
Brodick Hall, 6.30 - 8pm  
St Molios Church Hall, 7pm

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Education and Skills have consulted parents, carers and other interested parties on the proposal to close Auchenharvie Academy, Ardrossan Academy, Haysholm School and James McFarlane School and create a new school campus. A report on the consultation will be available from 30 September 2013. The report can be viewed in the four schools involved, their associated primary schools, all public libraries in North Ayrshire and on the North Ayrshire Council website, www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk. Copies are also available from Education and Skills, 4th Floor, Cunninghame House, Irvine KA12 8EE. All interested parties are invited to make written submissions on the report to the Corporate Director (Education and Skills), Cunninghame House, Irvine KA12 8EE or by e-mail to campus21@north-ayrshire.gov.uk no later than Monday 21 October 2013.

CAROL KIRK  
Corporate Director  
(Education and Skills)

## AUDITED ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2013

Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with Section 6(2) of the Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 1985, copies of the Annual Accounts of the Council for the year ended 31 March 2013, duly made up, balanced and certified by Auditors are available for public inspection at the office of the Corporate Director (Finance and Corporate Support) in Cunninghame House, Irvine, between 9am and 4.30pm on any weekday. Copies of the Audited Accounts are also available on the Council's website or on application to the undersigned.

LAURA FRIEL  
Corporate Director (Finance and Corporate Support)  
Cunninghame House, Irvine KA12 8EE

## TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS)(SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

Applications listed below together with the plans and other documents may be examined at Development Planning Services, Cunninghame House, Irvine\*, between 9am-4.45pm weekdays (4.30pm Fridays) or at www.eplanning.north-ayrshire.gov.uk \*and at The Council Offices, Lamplash. Written representations may be made to the Corporate Director (Development & Environment) at the above address or emailed to eplanning@north-ayrshire.gov.uk by 25.10.13. Any representations received will be open to public view.

## TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1)

Format: Application No; Address; Proposed Development  
13/00558/PP; Site To West Of, 35 Margnaeghish Road, Lamplash, Brodick; Erection of detached dwelling house.

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**Machrie Bay Golf Club**  
 Tuesday 24 September, the results of the Tuesday medal produced an exciting finish. There were three people tied on 37 Stableford points. Well done to all three for good scores. 1 Elizabeth Ross 37pts BIH, 2 Fiona Scott 37pts BL3, 3 John Pennycott 37. Scratch John Pennycott 76.



**The Captain's Day competitors at Lochranza Golf Course.**

Lamlash and five Whiting Bay ladies turned up in fabulous weather to play 15 holes with three clubs and a putter. All went very well and after a few false starts we had a Lamlash lady in every team. Gege's incapacity to work out how to do this doesn't matter, she can cook! 1 Gege Kroner, 2 Jean Davidson, 3 Lesley Wood.

Gents: A small field of 10 played in the Wednesday Sweep from the Yellow Tees. 1 Pete Smith (16) 60, 2 Jamie Ainsworth (21) 61, 3 Sandy Kerr (22) 62. There were magic twos from Bob Hastings and Peter Smith and John Pennycott won scratch with 74.

Sunday 29 September, 14 played in the Gents Sunday sweep from the Yellow tees. 1 Keith Kelsall (22) 60, 2 Bob Hastings (16) 61, 3 Dave Hackett (13) 64 acb. Therewere Magic 2s from Dave Hackett, David Brookens and Keith Kelsall, and scratch was won by Bob Hastings with 77 acb.

Fixtures: Saturday 5 October, mixed fours Salver at 11am. Sunday 6 October, Winter Cup round 1 from White Tees, draws at 9am and 10.30am.

**Lamlash Golf Club**  
 Ladies: Seven played in the medal competition on Wednesday 25 September. It was, in fact, Medal 1 as it had been postponed from April, one of the very few games to be postponed this season. It was lovely to welcome Rachel Wren back from her long holiday in Florida and to see that she is back to her winning ways with a 66. There were no twos. Those of us who played in the Shiskine Pink Day thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. We were made to

feel most welcome, liked the format of the competition and the condition of the course was fantastic. Many thanks.

Medal 1, CSS 64. 1 Rachel Wren 89-23=66, 2 Morag Gardner 84-17=67, 3 Liz Sinclair 85-16=69. Scratch Sheena Murchie 83.

Gents: Thursday 26 September, Summer Cup: white tees. Scratch D MacFarlane 63

1 D MacFarlane 63-0=63, 2 Iain Murchie 69-5=64 BIH, 3 Ian Bremner 70-6=64,

4 Neil Young 71-5=66 BIH. Magic twos from A Burke, I Bremner, N McIntyre, P Jameson, D MacFarlane x2. Seniors from yellow tees: 1 A Chalmers 74-18=56, 2 Ian Heron 77-16=61. Magic twos I Heron and R Garret.

Friday 27 September, Seniors Open from yellow tees, stableford, 27 competed. Scratch Iain Murchie 32 points. 1 W O'Connor 38 points, 2 A Smith 37 points, 3 D Brookens 36 points. Magic twos from M Wren, C Richardson, A Winship, D Squirrel, I Murchie, J Adams and B Rooney.

Saturday 28 September, Ken Western Mixed fours with minimum of one lady or junior, six teams of four competed. Scratch the Robertson team who went out in 29 and returned in 25 which equals 54.

1 Ian and Morag Gillan with Shona and Frazer Nicol 56-8=48, 2 Mark Wren, Rachel Wren, Trish Martin and Ian Bremner 57-8.4=48.6, 3 Derek Robertson, Alistair Robertson, Alistair Crawford and Valerie Crawford 54-4.1=49.9.

Sunday 29 September, Ecclectic final. Winner of the summer eclectic Ian Bremner with 48 BIH. Runner-up Norrie McIntyre also with 48.

Summer stableford, final day, 15 played. 1 Ian Bremner with 37 points BIH, 2 G Tinto with 37 points, 3 R Burke with 34 points. Winner of summer stableford I Bremner 35+37=72 points. Runner-up Alan Smith and Graham Andrew on 69 points.

Fixtures: Sunday 6 October, Glenburn cup, 9.30am and 12.30pm ballots. Thursday 10 October, back nine cross country.

**Lochranza Golf Course**  
 Captain's prize day, 18 competitors took part in Lochranza Castle Golf Course Captain's prize hosted by Archie Cumming. Played in summer like weather over a Lochranza golf course which was in the best condition that anyone can remember.

Well done to Nigel and Cathy for looking after us so well and many thanks to Archie for hosting the event. 1 D K Henderson, 2 W Kelso, 3 R Traill. Magic twos from R Jeffrey and J McGovern. Nearest the hole at the 4th J McGovern.

**Corrie Golf Club**  
 Saturday 28 October, Captain's Prize, three played in the stableford. 1 Ewan McKinnon 38pts BIH, 2 Graham Cavier 38pts, 3 John Milesi 37pts. Best scratch Ewan McKinnon 59. Magic twos from Ewan McKinnon, Marvin Elliot, Jim McConachie. Well done to Ewan on winning the Captain's Prize.

Fixtures: Saturday 5 October, sweep at 8.30am and 12.30pm. Please not the change to the Monday Cup. Starting on Monday 7 October for this month only the starting time will be 12.30pm.



**Joe Faulkner won Shiskine Golf Club's Kinloch Cup for 2013.**

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
 (in full communion with the Church of England)  
 St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.  
**Sunday, 6th October**  
 Holy Communion, 11.00 am.  
 Mr John Roberts.  
 Coffee after service.  
**Wednesday 9th October**  
 Holy Communion, 12.15 pm.  
 ALL WELCOME

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**  
 Parishes of North Arran:  
 Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirmill and Shiskine  
 Independent but working together  
 Minister: 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 6th October**  
 Brodick Church, 10.30am, Morning Worship  
 Corrie Church, 12noon, Morning Worship.

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

Lochranza and Pirmill Churches, 9.30am,  
 Morning Worship at Lochranza. Shiskine Church, 12noon, Morning Worship.

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**  
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**Sunday 6th October**  
 Kilmory 10am  
 Lamlash 11.30 am  
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**WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**  
 (Charity Number: SC014005)  
**Sunday 6th October**  
 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.

There will be a service in Cooriedoon at 2.30pm to which all friends will be most welcome

**HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
 Vigil Mass Saturdays 7.30pm  
 Sunday morning mass 11am

**BANNER ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
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**ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Minister: Rev Vince Jennings  
**Sunday 6th October**  
 11 a.m. Morning Worship in The Ormidale Sports Pavilion, Brodick  
 Tea & coffee after the service.  
 Wednesday at 7.30 p.m.  
 Home Fellowship Group for Bible Study and Prayer.  
 Contact phone no. 600222.  
 Everyone warmly invited.

**ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**  
 Services as follows  
**Sunday 6th October**  
 Shiskine 11.00am (Church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)  
 Brodick 7pm (Church behind post office)  
 Mr Sean Ankers

**ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**  
 (continuing)  
**Sunday 6th October**  
 Morning Service 11am  
 Trust Housing Lounge  
 Glen Estate, Brodick  
 Evening Service 6-30 pm  
 Glen Road, Brodick  
 Prayer Meeting  
**Wednesday 9th October**  
 5 Glen Road at 7pm  
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**SALVATION ARMY**  
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 Mondays 2.30pm.  
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**Shiskine Golf Club**  
 Joe Faulkner, won the Kinloch Cup for 2013. He beat Jimmy Morrison at the second extra hole and was never ahead until that point. Well done Joe and hard lines Jimmy.

**Brodick Golf Club**  
 The Winter Cup was played on Wednesday 25 September and there was a good turnout for the first game. 1 C O'Neill 78-18=60, 2 D Roxburgh 67-6=61, 3 B Walker 80-18=62. There were three two's W Kroner 2 and D Roxburgh 1.

Sunday 29 September, Winter Cup 20 played CSS 65 (36pts). 1 B Smith (12)39pts, 2 L Hartley (16)36 pts acb, 3 J Beattie (21)36pts acb. There was only two by Joe Rae who scooped the pool.

Fixtures: Sunday 6 October, Brandon Class draws at 8.30am and 12.30pm. Sunday 13 October, Winter Cup, open draws 8.30am and 12.30pm.

**Whiting Bay Golf Club**  
 Sunday 29 September, three

**GRADUATION**



**Rhiannon Stewart graduated with a first class B.A (Hons) degree in Interior Design from Glasgow Caledonian University. Well done Rhiannon we are really proud of you. Love Mum and Joseph**

**THANK YOU**

**EILEEN MILLS**  
 Colin and family wish to thank their kind neighbours and friends on Arran for the many cards and letters of condolence and sympathy received; also for all those who attended the Celebration of and Thanksgiving Service for Eileen's life and who made it such a joyfull occasion.

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# Cumnock's disjointed performance fails to save Arran

## Bonus point for the visitors

**Cumnock 30 Arran 15**  
Five-try Cumnock managed to claim a bonus point against Arran RFC on Saturday with a 30-15 defeat on the mainland.

The island's team actually started the match well despite Cumnock setting up camp deep in Arran territory. The defence held firm for a lengthy spell despite Cumnock's pressure but eventually the home team's captain was able to power from a close range scrum to score the opening points.

At this point Cumnock took the pressure off and allowed Arran to enjoy the majority of the ball. Arran's front row was generally solid with captain Niall McMaster leading by example from the second row, while scrum half Iain Keen also put in some hits well above his weight.

Arran finally managed to open their account with a penalty from Ben Tattersfield after sustained possession deep in Cumnock territory.

The home team looked to have won the ball back off an Arran line-out just before half-time but they failed to secure the ball properly and Arran quickly moved the ball wide. They waltzed through some weak Cumnock tackling to

score in the corner, giving them the lead into the break.

As the second half began Cumnock took more control of the game pinning the visitors deep in their own territory.

The islanders response was to try and run from deep with their speedy wingers but this yielded a third try for Cumnock when a loose pass was gathered by them before shrugging off a tackle to run in the score.

Cumnock looked set for their bonus point try when they latched onto a break down the wing.

### Counter attack

However, the final pass went astray and Arran showed their threat on the counter attack and they scored after two phases, albeit aided again by some tame Cumnock tackling.

This was to prove a temporary set-back and Cumnock were soon on the score sheet again.

Yet another defeat for Arran has left them second from the bottom of the league table as they prepare for a cup game this weekend against Strathclyde Police.

The game at the Ormidale Park in Brodick kicks-off at 2pm, come along and support the team.



## Double up for Bill on golfing trip to Arran

It will be a long time before Bill Brannigan forgets his trip to Shiskine Golf Club.

Incredibly, he scored two holes in one on successive days.

Bill was on the annual trip by Dunaverty Golf Club's Heidbangers group to the 12-hole course and his first hole in one was achieved on the Sunday morning when he used a five iron into the wind at the 150 yard, par three, 10th hole, aptly named Paradise.

The following morning an eight iron at the 122 yard, par three went the same way.

He initially thought the ball was lost, but after a five-minute search he looked in the hole and was delighted to find it in the cup.

In honour of his achievement, Shiskine Golf Club presented Bill with an engraved glass.

**Bill Brannigan celebrates after his first of two holes in one at Shiskine Golf Club.**

## Bridge results

The results of the charity summer bridge tournament on Monday 30 September were as follows: N/S 1 Tricia Martin and David Campbell, 2 John Baraclough and Janette McBride, 3 Linda Trickett and Jennifer Wales.

E/W 1 Dougie and Margaret Bruce, 2 Brenda Livingstone and Morag Gardner, 3 Jean Murchie and Helen Boyd.

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