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# Island is prepared for winter, says council

New equipment will help keep Arran on the move this winter

**REPORT**  
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Council bosses have vowed they are ready for anything the winter throws at them.

New equipment has been brought in and the winter watch team are now on call to act if conditions deteriorate.

More than 800 tonnes of rock salt will be delivered to the island early next week to be followed by 1,000 tonnes more.

All three vehicles on Arran have been replaced this winter and include a new multi-purpose vehicle with various fittings so it can operate as a snowplough, a gritter and a delivery lorry and it will be available round-the-clock to keep the other clearing equipment on the road.

There are six full time driv-

ers and four back-up drivers plus a squad of workers who can be called in at a moments notice to help.

Arran councillor John Bruce said: 'I believe Arran is as well prepared as it can be given the unpredictability of the weather ahead of us.'

'We have a new multi-purpose vehicle which was really needed and a great bunch of guys on call.'

The careful preparation follows the worse snowstorms in living memory which left the north and west of the island cut off for days and 18,000 homes without their electricity supplies in March.

This week a dry run of the equipment was held by North Ayrshire Council to check the snowplough, gritters and the roads squad were ready for the possibility of the kind of severe weather which brought



The council workers with the equipment which will keep Arran moving this winter. 20\_b43winter03

the island to a standstill earlier this year.

Then rescue services and energy suppliers worked day and night with the council to keep islanders warm, safe and supplied with essentials and team effort among the agencies and community spirit among the people combined to overcome the fearsome conditions.

Along with the weather-

watch team, which will be on call from now until 10 April next year, more than 20 grit bins have been distributed across the island for personal use on roads, driveways or footpaths and residents can apply for more grit bins.

Weather forecasts are relayed three times a day - literally morning, noon and night - to the roads team who use the information to determine

whether or not a snow and ice alert is issued.

Councillor John Bruce, who is the cabinet member for environment and infrastructure, said: 'I am confident that North Ayrshire Council has the right resources and the necessary experience to tackle the worst of the weather.'

'I would urge motorists and householders to take heed of the very sound advice issued

by the both the council and the Scottish government.

'These precautions will prepare us for the very worst of conditions but I am, of course, hoping that we avoid much of the misery of past winters and that the weather remains mild this time round,' he added.

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## Bad weather blamed for CalMac losses

The owners of CalMac ferries have blamed last year's bad weather on a drop in profits, revenue and passenger numbers in the financial year 2012 to 2013.

The David MacBrayne Group's annual report published last Monday announced a reduction in profits of 42 per cent from £201 million to £157 million, while passenger numbers also dropped slightly from 5.2 million to 4.8 million.

Combined with the group's failure to win the re-tender of the Northlink Ferry contract for the Orkney and Shetland routes last year, the group's poor performance also resulted in the loss of nearly 300 jobs.

David McGibbon, chairman of the David MacBrayne Group of which CalMac is a wholly owned subsidiary was upbeat about the situation.

He said: 'This has been yet another successful year for the company that has seen us pick up several industry awards for customer excellence. Our core business of providing ferry services in the Clyde and on the west coast remains profitable and reliability, punctuality and customer satisfaction on all our routes remain high.'

'Work is progressing to improve our customers' experience of our services including the revamp of our ticketing and online booking system and introduction of WiFi across the fleet.'

# MSP's sister plans Arran retirement

The twin sister of the island's MSP Kenneth Gibson is planning to retire to Arran from her home in Canada.

After finally succumbing to years of nagging from her brother to visit Arran, Janis McKechnie and her husband Doug have just spent two weeks at Monaidh in Blackwaterfoot.

Janis said: 'My brother has been on at me for years to visit Arran, saying how beautiful it is and how friendly the people are. He was right.'

'I have lived in Stayner, Ontario for over 20 years with my Canadian husband Doug.'

'Prior to that I am embarrassed to say I never once visited Arran, despite living most of my life in Glasgow. I want to rectify that big time and come over here in a couple of years when Doug retires.'

She added: 'We both fell in love with Arran and visited every corner, climbing Goatfell and visiting Holy Island. Lamlash is where my paternal grandparents met in the 1920s and so we have begun looking at houses there.'

Her husband Doug McKechnie is a pilot with Air Canada. He said: 'I was astonished to see a 'Duncan McKechnie' on the Ross Road war memorial and so wonder if I have Arran ancestry. It is something I'm going to look into.'

'As a pilot I have travelled

'My brother has been on at me for years to visit Arran, saying how beautiful it is and how friendly the people are. He was right.'



Kenneth Gibson MSP and his sister Janis McKechnie on Blackwaterfoot Beach.

the world but always loved Scotland and Arran seems to me the perfect place. I know winters can be a little tough but compared to Ontario that holds no fears.'

Kenneth Gibson told The

Banner that he was a little envious of his sister's holiday on the island.

He said: 'I was a bit jealous of all the places they visited. I tend to rush around the island from surgery to meet-

ing when I'm over and have yet to climb Goatfell myself or see the Kings Cave for example.'

'Maybe with family on the island I'll finally get around to it.'

## Man charged with stalking

A man has been charged with stalking an Arran police officer while she was on trial for hitting a young rugby player when driving a police vehicle.

Stewart Murray, 48, allegedly shouted at PC Jennifer Sneddon before following her, pointing his mobile phone at her and making remarks in Kilmarnock, despite being told to stop.

The incident is said to have happened while Constable Sneddon was on trial for causing an accident in which Daniel Gallagher, 23, lost both his legs.

She was cleared of driving without due care and attention in Brodick in April 2012.

Mr Murray, of Knockandon, East Bannan, is accused of placing the 32-year-old officer in fear and alarm near Kilmarnock Sheriff Court in July.

The case was adjourned without plea at the same court.

## Drugs man jailed

A MAN who turned to the drugs trade to fund his own addiction after being struck down with MS has been jailed for six months.

John MacHale, 29, of Monamore Place, Lamlash, admitted possessing ecstasy, cocaine and cannabis with intent to supply when he appeared at Kilmarnock Sheriff Court. Not guilty pleas were accepted to charges of being concerned in the supply of ecstasy and cocaine and possessing cannabis.

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# Prestigious award for Arran Trust

The environmental efforts of the Arran Trust were recognised at the Ayrshire Business Awards recently when they won the prestigious green award.

Now in their fourth year, the awards provide a great opportunity for local businesses to demonstrate their excellence and gain widespread recognition for their achievements.

The quality of entrants was extremely high and the shortlisted nominees reflect the sheer breadth of business success throughout Ayrshire from small start-ups to long established businesses.

More than 360 guests attended the awards ceremony at the Park Hotel in Kilmarnock on Thursday 10 October, which was hosted by the BBC's Catriona Shearer.

Sheila Gilmore, the trust's development manager, said: 'This is a great accolade for the Arran Trust, and is a testament to the work the voluntary trustees and businesses involved have undertaken.'

## Community Council meeting

At a meeting of the Arran Community Council on Tuesday night (October 29) their will be a presentation from the energy provider E-on.

The meeting begins at 7.30pm at the Ormidale Pavilion and E-on will be first on the agenda.

This is to allow people to leave after the presentation on saving energy and home insulation before the rest of the meeting begins.



Sheila Gilmore, centre, collected the green award on behalf of the Arran Trust. She is pictured with Nestle's Karen Brown, left, who sponsored the award and the BBC's Catriona Shearer.

'We were delighted to win the Green Award against such respected competition.'

'The Arran Trust is a unique visitor gifting scheme in Ayrshire & Arran as a whole.'

'In the last year alone the trust has awarded over £20,000 to community groups towards environmental and conservational projects that help to preserve the island environment that makes Arran what it is.'

The Arran Trust is the island's visitor gifting scheme and funds projects that look after the beautiful landscapes and environment here.

The businesses on Arran engage in different ways - some accommodation providers invite visitors to donate a certain amount per bed per night,

or per stay. Others have collecting cans, or products that will generate proceeds for Arran Trust, such as Taste of Arran's Christmas hampers, or the Ormidale's Dogs of the Dale calendar.

The Isle of Arran Distillery recently announced that they will donate £1 from every

bottle of their Millennium Casks limited edition bottling to the Arran Trust.

Any business or community group with connections to the island who might like to get involved with the Arran Trust, should contact Sheila on 302043 or email info@arrantrust.org

## Crash accused cleared

An Arran teenager who crashed his car into rocks after losing control has been cleared of blame.

Stuart McMaster, 19, careered off Shore Road in Lamlash in an accident that injured a passenger and extensively damaged the vehicle.

### Denied

Mr McMaster of Shannochie had denied driving dangerously and at excessive speed in August 2012.

Kilmarnock Sheriff Court heard the 1.45am crash happened after he swerved to avoid a hare in the road.

Police and ambulance crews attended the scene and Mr McMaster passed a breath test.

Sheriff Seth Ireland, who studied conflicting evidence from prosecutors and an accident investigator acting for Mr McMaster, found the charge not proven.

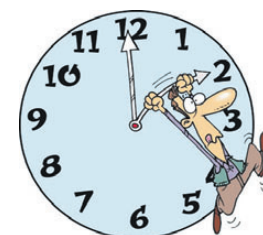
## Arran livestock sales

United Auctions in Stirling had forward 2,116 store cattle, 2,008 suckled calves, 168 cast cows, 10,082 prime and store lambs and 1,768 ewes last week.

Lambs: Moor (Texel cross) £88, Craighdu (Texel cross) £76, Auchenhew (Texel cross) £66, Drumaghiniar (Suffolk cross) £75, Auchenhew (Suffolk cross) £65.50, South Feorline (Suffolk cross) £62.50, Sheddock (Suffolk cross) £58, Sheddock (Mule) £58, Ceither Gaoithe (Mule) £57, Corriegills (Blackface) £46, Ceither Gaoithe (Blackface) £44.

Cast ewes: Kilpatrick (Texel cross) £76.50, Cosyden (Cheviot) £50.50, Drumaghiniar (Mule) £65.50, South Feorline (Mule) £56.50, Ceither Gaoithe (Mule) £54.50, Corriegills (Blackface) £35.50, Ceither Gaoithe (Blackface) £28.50.

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# Kilimanjaro success for Arran woman

A former Brodick woman has completed one of the world's most challenging climbs to the top of Mount Kilimanjaro.

Jacqueline Leitch who grew up on the island but now lives in Glasgow took part in the challenge back in August to raise money for a nationwide charity.

Jacqueline said: 'I would like to thank everyone who donated money to help this very worthwhile cause.'

'I'm happy and proud to say that all 31 climbers made it to the top, some needed a little more help than others but we got to the top as a team with the help of our trek leaders and summit porters.'

Jacqueline and three colleagues scaled the African mountain to raise money for The Transformation Trust, a social mobility charity dedicated to opening the doors of opportunity to young people across the country.

Their target was to raise £24,000.

She added: 'I would definitely do something like that again.'

'It was an amazing experi-



Jacqueline's medal and certificate are now her most prized possessions.

ence to be part of and such a great charity to fundraise for. 'My medal and certificate - that are awarded to

all climbers who made it to Uhhuru Peak (the top) - are now the most precious items I own.'

# Arran Brewery plans new venture in Perthshire

The Isle of Arran Brewery is planning a new mainland venture next year.

The company has announced plans to open a new brewery, hotel and visitor centre at Loch Earn in Perthshire after securing a finance deal with Bank of Scotland.

The deal will see Isle of Arran Brewery rejuvenate the entire site to create a major new visitor destination in the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park.

As well as launching a brewery, which will produce a variety of new Loch Earn specialist ales, the site will include a newly refurbished hotel offering 30 guest rooms, three new restaurants, two bars, a visitor centre and a gift shop.

The brewery's latest plans to develop a new venture in St Fillans which is 12 miles from Crieff on the shores of

Loch Earn. It will allow them to expand their brewing portfolio with a range of new premium ales, as well as attract and cater for visitors to the popular national park.

Brewery bosses say the development will offer an excellent boost to the area by creating at least 20 new jobs and a new high quality attraction that expect to welcome around 30,000 visitors in its first year of trading.

Managing director Gerald Michaluk, said that securing the new premises marked an exciting time for the company and they were eager to get the development underway. He said: 'The St Fillans site offers the brewery the chance to

diversify and expand, producing a range of fresh and exciting brews in a new region of Scotland. The new premises will be situated on a stunning site overlooking Loch Earn and we hope to add to the magic of St Fillans with some island charm.'

Amanda Harold, relationship director at Bank of Scotland, said: 'Our new tourism partnership initiative will help build on the strong support we already provide businesses in the tourism sector, such as Isle of Arran Brewery, by ensuring that we have a clearer understanding of the unique opportunities and challenges facing small tourism providers.'

# Householders urged to be ready for winter

Arran's householders should take some precautionary measures at the start of winter to avoid severe weather problems.

The council want all householders to protect their water pipes with lagging and keep the heating on, even at a low temperature.

You should also know where your stop-tap is located so that they can turn off the water in the event of frozen or burst pipes.

Make a household plan and collect together the items for an emergency kit that will be essential to you and your family.

Be prepared by making your home more energy efficient and staying connected by keeping a battery operated radio and a list of emergency contact numbers to hand.

Keep mobile phones and laptop computers fully charged, so you will have use of battery power for a short time at least if there is a power cut.

### Stay in touch

A non-mains powered land-line telephone will help you stay in touch during any disruptions to your power supply.

Make sure you have access to a shovel and salt or grit, for clearing snow and ice from paths and drives.

It is important to have insurance cover for your home so there is minimum risk of losing out should the worst happen.

North Ayrshire Council now has a one-stop helpline number that tenants can use for information and to report emergencies.

The number is 01294 310000 and it operates day and night every single day of the year.

## Meet the buyer event

hub South West Scotland are delivering the new Montrose House care home on behalf of North Ayrshire Council.

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## Chutney comp spices up a Sunday at the Dale

The first Ormidale chutney contest took place last Sunday - a concept which sprung from a throwaway comment from a few people getting pickled at the bar.

Little did they know that it would be the peach of a success that it turned out to be.

Looking to attract half a dozen entries, the committee were astonished by an entry of 42 jars ranging from the traditional and hot and fiery to a half eaten Polish version and even one reputed to be flavoured with a hint of Red Squirrel and Badger.

The judging was to be done by the world famous chutney taster Eunice McNicol, who was accompanied by her renowned whisky taster husband Henry.

After some spitting and gagging the judge made her final decision: 1 Ann (sister of the owner) Chisholm, 2 Toni (cook to the owner) Goldstein and 3 Doreen (retired cook at the Dale) McNulty.

Special prize for the entry most suited to fill potholes went to Alistair 'Slats' Yates.

Rumour has it that Ian Small has bought the copyright to Slats' recipe and is in negotiations with NAC to secure a contract for next year's jet patching.

The afternoon raised £80ish for the children's Christmas party.

Thanks to the Gilmore family, Eunice McNicol, Woolleys of Arran for the oaties and the entrants for making it a great success.

Word on the street is that the next competition may be a homemade whisky contest, but that might need a whole weekend.

## Car crash info sought

Police are seeking information about a collision between two cars on Alma Road, Brodick on Saturday.

A two-tone Ford Ranger car and a silver private hire taxi collided at around 11.25am outside the Brodick Post Office.

Any one with information about the incident should contact police.



## Arran Banner on Holiday

Sandra Bentley and Anne Purcell-Rudge from Whiting Bay took their Banner with them on a Turkish Gulet as they sailed around the Gulf of Gokova in Turkey with friends from South Africa.

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# Woman wins fight for respite care

A woman has won her fight for the provision of respite care for her husband after a four month fight.

Jean Stone from Shiskine has been trying since June to get her 74-year-old husband Chris relief care.

Cancer sufferer Chris, a former roofer, had to have his leg amputated nine years ago due to diabetes and now needs constant care.

But respite care provision is a real problem on Arran and Jean, 69, has only had two breaks from caring for her husband in two years because of a lack of local beds.

North Ayrshire Council run Montrose House in Brodick previously looked after Chris

until November last year when they stopped admitting respite patients.

Cooriedoon private nursing home in Whiting Bay also stopped respite care earlier this year leaving islanders with no option but to send relatives to the mainland.

However, now she has succeeded in getting Chris into Montrose House for two weeks and is able to visit family and friends in Manchester.

'I am delighted and so is my husband. He is used to the people there and is always very well looked after,' Jean said.

Jean and Chris have lived on Arran for 37 years and Chris

has day care at the Stronach Centre in Montrose House.

He also has twice daily home visits and she says the carers who come are 'absolutely great'.

Jean added: 'They really make out day with their visits and they give Chris a real uplift.'

Arran Councillor John Bruce, cabinet member for environment and infrastructure, said: 'Respite care is a

real issue on the island and I am pleased this situation has been resolved.

'NAC social services hopes to resume planned respite next month and any requests will be considered on an individual basis. Additional staffing requirements for Montrose House are being considered.'

Work on a new £5.7 million for the replacement Montrose House is underway.

## Island trees discussed at Garden Club meeting

Jim Jack of Lochranza, the Arran Garden Club's horticultural expert in residence, kindly gave members an interesting talk on the most suitable trees for planting in the island's gardens.

Jim encouraged those present to think carefully about which trees to choose, considering eventual possible size, blossom, autumn colour and berries.

He brought along a selection of seedlings and berries to demonstrate and the evening was well attended and enjoyed by all.

George Neil is giving a presentation to the Garden Club on growing roses, sweet peas and carnations at Brodick Castle Ranger Centre at 7.30pm on Thursday 31 October. New members and visitors most welcome.

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# Rotary discover cultural differences

David Christison of The Valdete Trust was the guest speaker at a recent meeting of the Isle of Arran Rotary Club.

He is a rotary club member and has spent much of his life working in countries all over Europe and beyond, helping to alleviate the problems that arise from war, disasters and poor government.

More recently he has been working with disabled people in Albania with Sue and Julian Davidson from Whiting Bay who established The Valdete Trust five years ago.

He began by explaining the title for his talk - 'Cold fish and chips' - which were his first surprise when he arrived in Albania.

Apparently they eat their chips first there and the rest of the food to follow.

His first impressions of the country were good but that did not last very long.

Good roads were reserved for visitors to admire but behind the scenes most of the pot-holed roads were worse than Arran's.

Thankfully the mini bus which was paid for with kind

donations from the people of Arran was standing up to these terrible conditions so far.

he said that the vast difference between their culture and ours was very obvious and Sue summed it up nicely when she said: 'All the time we see to be working against the grain, but in fact we are working against their culture.'

The father is the absolute head of the family.

Daughters are an asset as they can be valuable for marriage when they are as young as 12.

If you have a disabled child it is considered a stigma against the whole family.

Valdete, the young Albanian girl who has inspired the whole project, said herself that the difference between her homeland and Britain is sad to see and brings so much unhappiness and suffering.

For Valdete herself life has improved immeasurably as she is now the secretary of the day centre called 'House of Hope' set-up by the trust.

She brings great comfort to those using the service and

acts a translator and councillor.

David spoke very interestingly about his time in Albania and made all listening fully aware of how very lucky we are to live in a country with so many more options available to all - not so in Albania.

President Bill Roberts thanked David on behalf of the rotary members.

At the same meeting the club were pleased to welcome Alick and Margaret Grant from the Rotary Club of Burnt Island and Kinghorn and they exchanged club pennants and good wishes.



Arran Rotary Club president, Bill Robert, left, exchanges pennants with Alick Grant from the Burnt Island and Kinghorn club.

## Police advice over bogus callers

Police are urging residents to be aware of the dangers posed by bogus callers and other scams.

In advising all Arran householders to be alert to this type of crime, Sergeant Allen Dodds said: 'Remember, it's your home. There's no reason why anyone should ever enter your home against your wishes.'

He advises people to check the identity of callers before opening the door.

Ensure that back doors are locked before answering or opening the front door and if unsure about the caller, do not open the door and do not let them enter your home.

'Keep the caller out of your house or ask them to leave and call the police immediately,' said Sgt Dodds.

'You might also want to try to alert a family member or attract a neighbour's attention but

you should always contact the police first by dialling 999. The police would much rather attend a false alarm have someone fall victim to a bogus caller.'

### Keeping an eye

He added: 'In a place like Arran everyone has a part to play, whether it is keeping an eye out for a strange van in your elderly neighbour's driveway or making sure your mum or dad aren't regularly taking large amounts of cash out of the bank.'

'Bogus callers will often target the same victim more than once so the earlier the police are informed the better.'

Remember:

- Not everyone is who they appear to be.
- Keep bogus callers out of your home.
- Always contact the police if you are unsure.

## Cycle route gets funding boost

Work on a proposed Brodick to Corrie cycle route has been given a funding boost.

Funding has been secured from Sustrans Scotland to design phases four and five of the route north of Brodick.

The aim is to provide an off-road section of the 14 and a half miles of the National Cycle Network Route 73 from Brodick to Lochranza.

Phase four is between the Arran Heritage Museum and South Lodge and phase five between Cladach and Merkland Point through Brodick Country Park.

### Identified

Talks have recently taken place with the National Trust for Scotland and two possible routes have been identified through the sprawling grounds.


One hugging the existing road on the coast with the other taking a wider loop through the country park.

The access officer Louise Kirk of North Ayrshire Council said: 'The funding will allow for the design of these sections of the route to a pre tender standard and include the production of detailed drawings and Bills of Quantity to inform the implementation in future years.'

### Consultant's brief

'The alignment of the sections of the route and the content for the consultant's brief is currently being discussed with the landowners. 'Public consultation will be undertaken on the proposed designs in January next year. An update on timescales will be provided when a consultant has been appointed,' she added.

As reported in last week's Banner the NTS has had to fell a number of trees on the shelter belt near the Corrie road which some people thought was to make way for the cycle route, but was part of a two year fight in the country park against the notifiable disease Phytophthora.



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Stephen Docherty, Nicola Jo Cully and Gowan Calder appeared at Corrie Hall in the Arran performance of Thread.

## Friendship explored in award-winning play

Actors from the award-winning Edinburgh theatre company, Nutshell, took to the stage at Corrie and Sannox Village Hall last Saturday to perform their latest show 'Thread'.

Forming part of the McLellan Arts Festival that took place in early September, this short but very powerful play was a sell-out.

Written by acclaimed Scots writer Jules Horne, this is the second play in Nutshell's 'Still points in turning world' trilogy that is touring this October as part of Luminare, Scotland's Creative Ageing Festival.

The darkly funny play explored friendship, the choices we make and who we become when our memories start to fade.

Stephen Docherty, Nicola Jo Cully and Gowan Calder appeared at Corrie Hall in the Arran performance of Thread.

Due to the interactive nature of the play The Banner was prohibited from taking photographs.

The play featured a real-live beetle drive and focuses on the intertwined lives of three characters who have been friends since primary school.

### Suffocating embrace

Living in the somewhat suffocating embrace of a 1950s Scottish seaside community it begs the question 'who becomes the person they want to be'?

The play was a Fringe First winner in Edinburgh last year and garnered such accolades as ...'touching and stylishly made'...'cleverly told'...'effortlessly entertaining'. It was a real treat for theatre of such high quality to come to Arran.

# 'Baton bearer' search begins for Games

The search is on for 100 people in North Ayrshire to play a part in getting the 2014 Commonwealth Games under way.

These will be the community champions who will carry the queen's baton on its way to the sports spectacle in Glasgow next July.

The baton arrives in the region on July 15, just eight days ahead of the opening ceremony, for a tour of North Ayrshire towns and villages.

Each baton bearer will run either 100 yards or 200 yards as part of a short section of a marathon tour which takes in 70 Commonwealth territories.

Carol Harwood from Pirn-mill was chosen to carry the Olympic torch as it passed through the area last summer and it is hoped another Arran person may be chosen

for the queen's baton. North Ayrshire's big day will be a homecoming celebration for the baton itself.

The wooden handle is made of elm wood sourced from the grounds of Garrison House, the restored 19th century mansion in Millport.

### Positive

The Queen's baton relay team are looking for candidates who have made a positive contribution to the lives of others through community sport or who have displayed a level of individual achievement against the odds.

The minimum age to be a baton bearer is 12 and those aged 12 to 15 will require consent from a parent or guardian.

North Ayrshire Provost Joan Sturgeon said: 'I would urge the people of North Ayrshire to nominate worthy candi-

dates who will take the baton from community to community.

'This is a chance for us to celebrate our sporting heroes and encourage them to achieve bigger and better successes in the future.

'The council will approach local groups and organisations in the months ahead about taking part in the celebrations. The hope is that groups will also volunteer their services.'

To nominate someone to be a batonbearer in North Ayrshire log onto the Glasgow 2014 website for details. Or telephone the helpline on 0303 333 2014.

For those with no access to a computer, advice and assistance is available at local libraries.

Closing date for nominations is November 22.

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"We are one of the best performing councils in terms of recycling thanks to the contribution made by residents to separate their waste."

It is important to check the type of material that can be recycled as items which are not recyclable will significantly slow the recycling process. The comprehensive list opposite gives details of what can and cannot be recycled in your blue bin.

The recent improvements made to the blue bin kerbside collection service have allowed residents to recycle even more in one container, including glass, more recyclable plastics, metals, cardboard and paper in the blue bin.

Please keep all the items within your blue bin loose. If your blue bin contains items in black bin bags or bin liners it will not be collected.

Residents who would like further information on recycling should access the Council website at [www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk](http://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk) or by calling 01294 310000.

Please put loose items into your recycling bin, do not use bin bags.

# THE ARRAN BANNER

## Planning for winter

This week planning has begun to make sure the island is ready for anything the winter throws at it in the coming months. New equipment has been brought in by the council and a winter watch team are now on call to act if conditions deteriorate suddenly.

More than 800 tonnes of rock salt will be delivered to the island early next week to be followed by 1,000 tonnes more.

All three vehicles on Arran have been replaced this winter and includes a new multi-purpose vehicle which with various fitments so it can operate as a snowplough, a gritter and a delivery lorry and it will be available round-the-clock to keep the other clearing equipment on the road.

There are six full time drivers and four back-up drivers plus a squad of workers who can be called in at a moments notice to help. A dry run of the equipment was also done to make sure the snowplough, gritters and the roads squad are ready for the possibility of the kind of severe weather which brought the island to a standstill earlier this year.

So hopefully this year we can be prepared for whatever Mother Nature throws at us.

## Technology is an amazing thing

Here at The Banner office we have our e-mail account set to send us alerts when a news article featuring the words Arran, Lamlash, Brodick or Whiting Bay appear.

Nine times out of ten these alerts have absolutely nothing to do with this island but they are often quite interesting.

Take this week for example; the top items are all about the Arran Brewery's attempts to attract visitors to a new site near Loch Earn. Other alerts include Arran Aromatics setting up a new website, Brodick being nominated as one of the 'Top 10 doon the watter destinations', and the distillery's newly released millennium cask whisky.

Clearly all of these stories actually are connected to the island of Arran.

But other alerts featured a paedophile targeting Lamlash Nursery - in Glasgow; a massive drugs bust in the Arran-Elderslie township in Canada; an attempted murder in Lamlash Crescent in Glasgow; and finally the hat-trick hero Arran Fitzsimmons who scored three goals for Royston Town Football Club on Saturday.

Thankfully the only similar story ever likely to feature in the pages of The Banner is the hat-trick hero - and that's usually only when Northend Thistle FC are being beaten!

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Seek the Lord while He may be found, call on Him while He is near.' (Isaiah 55:6)

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# Letters to the Editor

## Waste of public funds

Sir,  
A few weeks ago you highlighted Russell Duncan standing on the latest addition to Arran's most famous beach. As Russell and many others will recall this beach has been the subject of many studies prior to North Ayrshire Council's announcement that they are appointing yet another firm of consultants to look into the matter of the serious erosion which is now taking place.

Unfortunately by the time your readers receive their copy this week I will be on the high seas to an even more contentious beach on the island of St Helena. However on my return I will be able to access Scotsand archives and put together some facts for the benefit of the public and NAC. Clearly the use of polypropylene bags is an arant nonsense and a serious waste of public funds.

Before replying in detail on my return from St Helena could I ask Councillor Bruce to tell us firstly which NAC department created this serious waste of public funds?; was councillor Bruce involved and if not why not? (perhaps it was his predecessor); and thirdly what liaison took place between the NAC department and local people, such as Russell and myself, prior to the appointment of new consultants?

Those of us who were closely involved over the last 40 years are well aware that Geoff Norris, the then leader of the local roads department, was tasked with surveying Brodick beach annually, and were these records accessed and studied thoroughly before the current abortive scheme was initiated?

Paradoxically, the 20 years ago page in the Banner carried the item of Scotsand shipping 1500 tons of sand to Sharpness for the Purdon Waterworks on which the city of Bristol relies for its main water supply. In order to send that 1500 tons, which was processed from the Ivy Cottage quarry, Brodick beach

received 3000 tons of reject fine sand from Scotsand.

Can I also ask whether or not NAC took the trouble to consult with Dr John Riddell, who lives in Fairlie, and who formed an integral part of the study team for Brodick beach?

Can I ask what happened to the copy of my own study sent to NAC and titled 'Brodick Marina - last chance?'

Can I further ask whether NAC took any trouble to contact the Hydraulics Research Establishment at Wallingford, which is the world's most famous and competent authority on coastal erosion? A senior professor at Wallingford has been closely connected with Arran for many years having taken his holidays in Strathwhillan and with whom I met on several occasions.

It is surely the purpose of our local councillor to co-ordinate such an important issue and I will be delighted to co-operate with all concerned especially at this critical time for the beach. There is no doubt now that the beach is in serious trouble and we could eventually see the Cloy burn re-establishing its old line which would undercut the old Invercloy garage site and the public toilets as well as possibly the putting green and Co-op shop.

Yours,  
**Bob Haddow**  
Whiting Bay  
Phone trouble

Sir,  
In light of the recent Banner items about the need for better mobile phone coverage, I'm sure that users in the north and west of Arran will be aware that there has been no service whatsoever from the Claonaig mast since Friday 11 October and only when phones are taken to Brodick are all the out of date messages received.

This appears to be an O2 mast but it serves other networks and it's failure has left a lot of people feeling angry and frustrated.

Indeed there are some who rely entirely on the service.

Even at the best of times the mobile phone signal in



One engineer demonstrates how to get a mobile phone signal at low tide in Lochranza.

Lochranza is very unreliable, depending to some extent on the state of the tide.

Like slow broadband service, users are expected to pay just the same as those who do actually get a reliable service and it's about time pressure was brought to bear, not only to provide a service which is fit for purpose but to scale charges according to the quality of that service.

The attached photo illustrates one enterprising technique to find a signal in Lochranza when the tide is out.

Yours,  
**Wren Gentleman**  
Lochranza

## Beautiful memorial

Sir,  
I was recently visiting my brother Brian Martin in Lamlash and while waiting for the Brodick bus I was absolutely thrilled with the beautiful and very meaningful memorial to the 86 souls who had to migrate to Canada in 1829.

I have never seen any memorial which is more beautifully built, and I just wanted to congratulate whoever conceived and built it.

Thank you for this piece of Arran history.

Yours,  
**Elizabeth Loy**  
Menston  
Ilkley

## Quiet life wanted

Sir,  
I am waiting to hear from the police and the Forestry Commission about the number of irresponsible people who pass my house every day without control of their dogs who wildly kill my chickens and chicks and don't seem to care.

This is my home. The forestry have put up enormous signs attracting walkers without permission at the end of our private road.

There are only seven people that live here and all agree with me.

We need and desire our privacy and I have asked for all of these intrusive notices to be taken down.

I do not wish to be a killjoy and spoil good people's walks but enough is enough.

I am fed up with it. All I want is a quiet life.

Yours,  
**Eric Gregory**  
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The road closed at the north end. 20\_b43road04

# Northend is a no man's land as roads are cut off by days

## Anger over lack of communication over opening times

Islanders in the northend have been hit out at the continued lack of communication over the road closure which is disrupting their lives.

More than three weeks after work started, residents are angry over a number of issues with the road which is due to be closed until December.

Residents say the daily updates promised have never materialised and that the road has been open without anyone being told.

And they are angry at what they see as a lack of progress with the work as only one or two men are presently working on the road which is closed on weekdays from 9am until 3.30pm, but has been open at weekends.

They also believe that since most of the work is presently being carried out on the foreshore the road could have remained open - at least during the October holidays.

When The Banner visited the closed road two men were working on the foreshore

with a digger filling the gabion cages which will be used to reinforce the side of the road.

Locals say the only other work so far undertaken has been to remove some rocks from the landward side of the road, but nothing has been done so far to the road itself.

Hazel Cranstoun who runs the Pirmill Village Store and Post Office said: 'Given the lack of progress in the three weeks since the road was closed, the work could have waited until after the October holidays as we asked.'

'I get calls and people coming in every day asking me if the road is open or closed but I am as much in the dark as anyone.'

'The orders for my shop are all over the place.'

'There has to be more communication. The updates we were promised daily on the council website have never happened. I would be happy to be a point of contact, but someone has to tell me what is going on.'

'I understand the contract can now control the signs but that is not much use to me as I am never going to see them. And why the electronic sign to the south is at Dougarie I have no idea.'

Hazel has been in touch with all the authorities but cannot get the answers she needs to keep abreast of the situation.

Hazel said: 'From 12pm until 4pm I'm dead. Some people do come over when the road opens but I know there are regulars from Lochranza and Catacol who are just not coming over and I have no passing trade.'

At the distillery in Lochranza visitor centre manager Faye Black said she believed the road closure had hit business.

'I think it is fair to say communication has not been very effective. The daily updates are not happening as far as I am aware of and we are only finding the road is open at the last minute, which is a little bit frustrating.'

'We are having to work our rotas to fit in with when the



Workmen filling gabion cages on

road is open and I have to come to work early myself.'

'I think we have lost business as visitors are just not coming to the north of the island.'

'Last week we had five coaches and we had to be really flexible as they had to change their routes and timetables because of the road closure.'

'With the road physically closed with gates it really

'There is a complete lack of information. The road was open last Monday but no one was



Faye Black says visitors numbers at the distillery have been hit. 20\_b43road01



Hazel Cranstoun finds trade 'dead' at Pirmill Village Store. 20\_b43road12

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# Go area as villagers daily road closure



the foreshore. 20\_b43road07

Campbell said: 'No one has ever said that these new buses can't get round this part of the island so what are we going to do, flatten Scotland?'

'There is no doubt that the work is putting people coming up this end of the island and it is frustrating when you drive past it at the lack of progress being made.'

'There is a complete lack of information. The road was open last Monday and Tues-

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lay and Tuesday  
as aware of it'

day but no one was aware of it.'

Cyclists who venture over can, at the moment, make their way through the short stretch of the closed road on their round the island cycles as proved by Michael McLaughlan from Glasgow. But many are put off by the road closure notices and the announcements on the Ardrossan to Brodick ferry.

At the Catacol Bay Hotel owner Dave Ashcroft said the road closure had definitely hit his trade. 'At this time of year I rely on cyclists using

the coastal route but there are very few as they are being put off by the road closure.'

At the start of the roadworks Dave had to demand roads chiefs move a sign in Lochranza which stated 'Road Ahead Closed'.

'What was that going to do to my trade if everyone thought they couldn't get to Lochranza so they moved it to the bridge beyond the village but it sits there all the time whether the road is open or not.'

'The whole situation is just madness. No one seems to know what is going on - even the council's website, which was supposed to be regularly updated, is contradictory with one link saying the road opens at the end of October and the other not until December, but we know which one it is.'

'If this was Brodick or Lamblash all the stops would be pulled out to get the work done and the road reopened but because it is up here no one cares,' Dave said.

'We are having to alter shifts to get round the road closure as my daughter Susan lives in Pirmill and I have another member of staff moving to Dougarie. We also bake rolls but are struggling to get them to Pirmill before the road closes every day,' Dave added.

A spokesman for North Ayr-

shire Council said: 'We appreciate the concerns raised by the local community and have worked with the contractor to minimise the impact of the roadworks when we can, for example the early decision to reduce the hours the road is closed from 24 hours a day to 9am to 3.30pm each day. 'We will continue to look to keep the road open where it is viable - as we did over two recent week-ends. While the decision

to re-open the road can be made at short notice we use a variety of means to get the message out - via our Twitter account, VisitArran and Arran Community Council. 'The road requires to be closed to ensure the safety of both drivers and the workers - even where it may initially appear viable. It should be noted that while it may appear that fewer workers are on-site, others are involved in the transport of materials.'



Campbell Laing spoke of his frustration at the work. 20\_b43road02



Dave Ashcroft has seen trade hit at the Catacol Bay. 20\_b43road11

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# St Molios Park moves a step closer to solving affordable housing shortage

An £8.9 million scheme to boost affordable housing for Isle of Arran residents has taken a step closer to being finished, as the first stage of the development is now complete.

Over the years a lack of affordable homes has made it difficult for some residents and locally employed islanders to acquire housing, but Irvine Housing Association is confident its current project is on the way to rectifying the issue.

The association is currently building 56 new houses in the southern half of the island – the biggest affordable homes scheme on Arran in decades - after being selected by North Ayrshire Council back in January 2012 to be the preferred partner for the development.

The project has received a £2.44 million grant from the Scottish government and almost £800,000 from North Ayrshire Council and is due to be fully completed by summer 2014, but eight homes are already available for rent and a further eight homes are for sale through the first stage.

The 56 homes, comprising of 40 for social rent and 16 for shared equity sale are located some three miles to the south of Brodick and five miles to the north of Whiting Bay. The homes are on the eastern side and sit on a bay facing the Holy Isle and the Firth of Clyde.

With the help of New Supply Shared Equity (NSSE), a scheme from the Scottish Government, it is possible for people on a moderate income to own a home at St Molios Park outright.

Apartments and houses on offer at the development can be purchased by funding just 60 per cent to 80 per cent of the overall price, which can be paid the usual way with a mortgage.

The government will hold the remainder through a shared equity agreement that the purchaser will enter into, and there will be no rent to pay on that share.

Many islanders will be eligible to benefit from this scheme, whether they're currently renting from a social landlord or local authority, or they don't currently own their

own home and can't afford to buy one.

Shares between 60 per cent and 80 per cent are also available based on the buyer's personal circumstances.

Paul Hillard, managing director of Irvine Housing Association, said: 'We wanted to create an affordable development that enabled local people to set up home on the island – and we believe we have achieved this with the first stage of the development. It is great that the first

16 homes are now completed and I am delighted that we are seeing the first tenants of the properties starting to move in to their new homes.

'I am excited for the next summer, when all 56 homes will be completed and the islanders will have some much needed affordable housing.'

For information on buying a home at St Molios Park contact the association's home ownership team on 0845 112 8800 or visit [www.stmoliospark.com](http://www.stmoliospark.com)



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# Arran's dramatic past explored by castle friends

Heather Gough entertained the Friends of Brodick Castle with an intriguing tale of 'dramatic secrets' at Brodick Castle recently.

The retired secondary school teacher from Carlo told a masterful story, unfolding new facts at each turn, about the Marchioness of Graham and her enjoyment of amateur dramatics.

The family and visitors to the castle in the early 1900s were drawn into performing for their own amusement.

In 1917 the Arran Auxiliary Hospital in Lamlash was filled with convalescing soldiers and in order to lift their morale, the spirit of the castle dramatics was reborn.

Plays were 'got up' every year, sometimes twice, the core of the cast being the marchioness and her right hand man, Archie Kerr (AK) Wooley, along with family and castle visitors and sometimes patients.

The first performance had to be repeated twice as the island turned up in force to see it, more than could be accommodated in the hall.

#### Special request

Subsequent plays went on tour by special request to Brodick, Whiting Bay and Kildonan.

The Arran Dramatic Society was born and a little book, written by Lady Graham, was published listing the plays, cast lists and notable incidents.

Heather was able to bring this to life with extracts from this and the Ardrossan and Saltcoats Herald, performed in her own dramatic style, so that the audience sighed when they learned about the cast member who was sent back to the front and killed three months before the end of the war.

But they also laughed at the castle visitor who was asked not to help at the hospital any more after practising a love scene with her partner in the linen cupboard next to Sister's office.

Heather expressed her thanks to Lady Jean Fforde for allowing access to family books and papers.

AK Wooley died in 1923 and the society withered without his strong hand to assist the marchioness but the AK

'The Marchioness of Graham had a great enjoyment of amateur dramatics'

Wooley trophy is still competed for at the Dramatic Festival which started in 1929.

The next meeting of the Friends is on Wednesday 20 November at 2.30pm.

It is the AGM with tea and cakes and entertainment by the singing group Vivace.



The AK Wooley trophy is still competed for at the Arran One Act Drama Festival which started in 1929. 02\_b09cup07

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# A bird's eye view

**Bird notes**  
by Jim Cassels  
OCTOBER

The dictionary definition of a bird's-eye view is 'an elevated view of an object from above, with a perspective as though the observer was a bird'.

But what do birds actually see?

From the importance of colour in birds plumage, birds certainly see colour.

From the large size of eyes relative to brain, vision is an important sense for birds.

What birds see to a large extent is influenced by the position of the eyes.

Typical birds like blackbird and robin have some forward view, excellent lateral view but like us no vision behind.

**Binocular vision**

Interestingly, birds like these cannot see the tip of their bill but obviously have enough binocular vision to be able to feed their young.

Birds like woodcock and ducks with eyes high up on the sides of the head, while they do not have a great forward view, do have an all round view including above and behind.

While this is ideal for detecting potential predators, they are probably seeing two separate images one from each eye.

Finally, there are the birds like raptors with forward facing eyes.

This binocular vision giving slightly different images from the right and left eye, enables the brain to determine the distance to the object and is ideal for hunting.

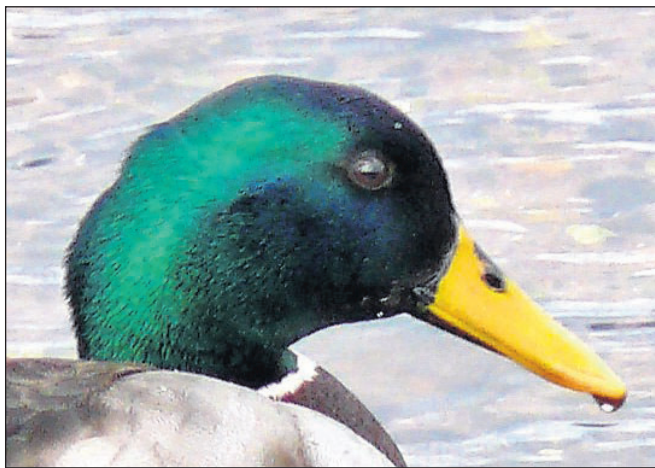
While humans share the raptor's binocular vision, it is estimated that the raptor's visual acuity is more than twice as good as our own.

In our eyes there is an area called the fovea where the light detecting rods and cones are most concentrated and the vision is sharpest.

Raptors have two foveas in



**Predatory birds such as golden eagles have the largest and most elaborate pecten of all the birds.**



**The mallard with eyes towards the top of the head.**

Photo by Dennis Morrison

each eye. In the raptor fovea there are about one million cones per square millimetre compared with 200,000 in humans. Around half of all bird species have two foveas.

Another unique structure in a bird's eye is the pecten. Pecten is a thin, greatly folded tissue in the eye.

Predatory birds such as eagles and hawks have the largest and most elaborate pecten of all the birds.

The pecten supplies nutrients and oxygen throughout the liquid of the eye, thereby reducing the number of blood vessels on the retina at the back of the eye.

With fewer blood vessels to scatter light coming into the eye, raptor vision has evolved to be the sharpest vision known among all organisms.

Finally a word on the 'third eyelid', the nictitating membrane, that transparent inner eyelid found in birds, reptiles, and some mammals.

**Protect and moisten**

Its purpose is to protect and moisten the eye as it is quickly drawn across the eye. Sometimes it can be seen when birds like pigeons peck among vegetation.

The membrane moves across to protect the eye from spiky leaves.

Similarly, just before a plunging gannet hits the water, the membrane moves across. Our nictitating membrane? A remnant...the wee pink blob in the corner of your eye.

Enjoy your birding.

Please send any bird notes with 'what, when, where' to me at Kilpatrick Kennels, Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot, KA27 8EY, or e mail me at james.cassels@virgin.net . I look forward to hearing from you. For more information on birding on Arran purchase the 'Arran Bird Report 2012' and visit this website www.arranbirding.co.uk

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**From the importance of colour in birds plumage, birds certainly see colour.**

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**Ferry to stay**

With the new MV Caledonian Isles in service for less than three months there are reports that it was to leave the Arran run for the Isle of Man to be replaced by two smaller boats, which many people have demanded for a long time.

The move, however, has been firmly denied by Caledonian MacBrayne who confirmed that they had been approached by the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company to run a weekly service from Ardrossan to the Isle of Man next summer but it would be operated using the MV Claymore.

Further evidence that the Caledonian Isles is here to stay is that there are plans to make alterations to Brodick Pier next year to make berthing easier.

**Nuclear bay**

Lamlash Bay is no longer to be used as a Z berth which nuclear ships and submarines are allowed to enter. But few people realised it could be used as such until it was confirmed in the House of Commons that Lamlash - and four other temporary berths - were to be removed from the list.

Brodick Bay will remain a Z berth and warships quite often anchor in the bay, although it is rare for any personnel to come ashore.

The reason for the reduction in Z berths is the ending of the Cold War and the change in the projected size of the nuclear powered submarine fleet.

**Below: Amy Watkins and Leah Turnbull after their enrolment with the rest of the Shiskine guide company on board the Caledonian Isles . b43twe02**

**Ship shape**

It has recently become a custom on Arran for new girl guides to chose an unusual place to enrol.

This week two Shiskine guides, Leah Turnbull and Amy Watkins, were watched by the rest of their company and the officers of the MV Caledonian Isles as leader Mairi Duff performed the short ceremony on the bridge of the ferry.

The second master Andrew Glen then showed the girls the mass of instruments and computer technology which keeps the ferry safe while at sea.

**Jacobite wedding**

Soraya Joury and William McEwan were married in a Jacobean style wedding at Lochranza Castle.

The service was conducted by the Rev Iain McLeod and the guests gathered round the foot of the ruined castle on a cold, but dry, afternoon.

The bride had made all the costumes both for herself and the groom as well as for best man Derek Condon and matron of honour Sandra McMillan.

After the service the wedding guests enjoyed a medieval banquet in the Catacol Bay Hotel.

**Youths reported**

Police enquiries into the recent fire at the St Denys Lodge, formerly the Island Hotel, in Brodick have had some success.

Two youths, both from Brodick, have been reported to the procurator fiscal accused of deliberately starting the fire which took place on the night of Saturday 25 September.



**Soraya Joury and William McEwan are married in a Jacobean style wedding. b43twe03**



**Wedding guests gather for the service in the grounds of the castle. b43twe04**



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**Tim and Fran James of Creelers Seafood Restaurant have just received the Taste of Scotland Prestige Award for 1993, one of only three establishments to gain the award. They are pictured holding the Caithness Glass trophy, valued at £1,000, which will be theirs for a year. b43twe01**



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Metafit  
Art Autumn Art Attack  
Coast @ Marine Scotland MPA  
Shiskine & Machrie senior citizen AGM

Brodick Church Hall, 7.30-9.30pm  
Arran High School, 6-6.30pm & 6.30-7pm  
Brodick Ranger Centre, 2-4pm  
Brodick Hall, 6pm  
Kinloch Hotel, 8pm

Arran Brewery tour

## Saturday 26th October

Army Cadets  
Over 21s Disco  
Karate  
Family Games  
Arran Dancers (4yrs & up)  
Energy Saving Trust Roadshow

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

## Wednesday 30th 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  
Whiting Bay Bowling Rink Games  
JogScotland beginners group  
Mixed ability running group  
Yoga-Arran  
Elderly forum

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  
Whiting Bay Bowling Club 7pm  
Auchrannie Spa car park, 5.15pm  
Auchrannie spa car park, 6pm  
Kinneil, Lamlash, 7-8.30pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, 11am - 1pm

## Sunday 27th October

Family Games  
Fun in the pool  
Cocaine Anonymous (& all other drugs)  
AA Meeting

Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm  
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm  
Ormidale sports pavilion, 2pm - 3.30pm  
Brodick Church Hall, 4pm - 6pm

## Thursday 31st October

Senior Fitness  
General Knowledge Quiz  
Lochranza Craft Club  
Live music  
Weight Watchers  
Yoga  
Shirley & Sarah fitness class  
Brodick Embroidery Group  
Quilt Arran  
Lunchbox  
Winter bowls  
Bronze age roundhouse experience  
Metafit  
The Feast of the dead  
Bridge Club

Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am  
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
Lochranza Hall, 2pm  
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay 8.30-11.00pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, 5.30pm  
Corrie Village Hall, 6pm - 7pm  
Lamlash High School, 6.30-7.30pm  
Brodick Library, 7.30pm  
Lamlash Fire Station, 2pm-4.30pm  
Brodick Pavilion, 12.30pm-2.30pm  
Auchrannie sports hall, 7pm  
Brodick Castle, 2pm-3.30pm  
Auchrannie sports hall, 6-6.30pm  
Brodick Castle, from 6pm  
Brodick Golf Clubhouse, 7pm

## Monday 28th October

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

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  
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  
Lamlash Golf Clubhouse 7pm  
Shiskine Hall, 5.15 - 5.45pm

## Tuesday 29th 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  
Junior Hockey Club  
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Food and craft market  
Winter bowls

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  
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 6-7pm  
10am-1pm NTS Ranger Centre  
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 1.45pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, 11am - 4pm  
Auchrannie sports hall, 7pm

## Friday 1st November

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

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  
Corrie Hall, 8-10pm



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**Planning Scotland's Seas – Consultation 2013**

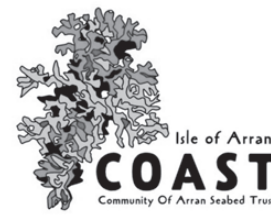
A series of drop-in events are being held across Scotland to give people the opportunity to find out about Marine Scotland's consultation "Planning Scotland's Seas". The consultation will be seeking your views on a National Marine Plan, Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and Offshore Renewables.

This is an opportunity to put your views on local or national issues directly to Marine Scotland staff and help decide how Scotland's seas are managed in the future.

**Arran Drop-in Event:**  
Tuesday 29 October, Brodick Public Hall  
Time: Drop in 1-5pm, Presentations 6-8pm  
For more information please visit:  
www.scotland.gov.uk/marineconsultation

Information on MPAs, including site specific Management Options Papers, is available at:  
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**Arran Marine Protected Area**



COAST will be at the Marine Scotland MPA consultation and presentation at 6.00pm on Tuesday 29th October in Brodick Public Hall.

Please join us to show Marine Scotland your support for the Arran MPA

**LOCHRANZA AND CATACOL VILLAGE HALL**

**AGM**

**7 PM ON TUESDAY 12 NOVEMBER**

**SECRETARY ANITA FORD 830200**

**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, Lamlash

Written representations may be made to the Corporate Director (Development & Environment) at the above address or emailed to eplanning@north-ayrshire.gov.uk by 15.11.13. 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  
13/00595/PP; Arran Plant and Contractors Ltd, Market Road, Brodick, Isle Of Arran; Change of use of former builders yard, offices and storage area to motor repairs and vehicle storage.

Elma Murray  
Chief Executive  
Cunninghame House  
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**Friends of Brodick Castle**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Wednesday 20 November  
at 2.30pm

Brodick Castle tearoom  
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Tea & cakes to follow

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St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.  
**Sunday 27th October**  
Holy Communion, 11.15 am.  
Mr John Roberts.

Visit by Mrs Elaine Garman.  
Light lunch after service, followed by Sharing the Vision discussion.  
Please note slightly later time.  
Wednesday 30th October  
Holy Communion, 12.15 pm.  
ALL WELCOME

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

Parishes of North Arran:  
Broddick, Corrie, Lochranza,  
Pirnmill 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 27th October**

Broddick Church, 10.30am, Harvest Festival Service.  
Corrie Church, 12noon, Harvest Festival Service.  
A Harvest Festival Service will also be held in Montrose House at 1.30pm.

Lochranza and Pirnmill Churches, 9.30am, Harvest Festival Service at Lochranza.

Shiskine Church, 12noon, Harvest Festival Service.

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

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**Sunday 27th October**

Kilmory 10am  
Lamlash 11.30 am  
In both Churches:  
Mr Ian Watt  
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**WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN**

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**  
(Charity Number: SC014005)

**Sunday 27th October**

Worship will be led by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson at 10.30am.

All welcome.

Tea and coffee will be served in the transept after the service.

All most welcome

**HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Vigil Mass Saturdays 7.30pm  
Sunday morning mass 11am

**BANNER ANNOUNCEMENTS****ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH**

Minister: Rev Vince Jennings  
**Sunday 27th October**  
11 a.m. Morning Worship  
in The Ormidale Sports Pavilion, Broddick

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**

**Sunday 27th October**  
Shiskine 11.00am (Church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)

Broddick 7pm (Church behind post office)  
Mr Howel Jones

**ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

(continuing)  
**Sunday 27th October**  
Morning Service 11am  
Trust Housing Lounge  
Glen Estate, Broddick  
Evening Service 6-30pm  
5 Glen Road, Broddick  
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**DEATH****SMITH****Connor James**

Tragically died, aged 19 years, in Cingoli, Italy on 13th October 2013 after a quad bike accident at an international event. Our very special son and brother, very much loved and adored by all who knew him, we will miss him so much. Funeral service in St. Molios Church Shiskine on Saturday 26th October at 12 noon and thereafter to Clachan cemetery to which family and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers and single flowers, colourful ties optional.

**BANNER ANNOUNCEMENTS****Lamlash Golf Club**

Ladies: Wednesday 16 October was Captain's Prize Day for the Lamlash Ladies. A great turnout defied the weather forecast and just made it in before the heavens opened. A major feature of this event has always been the cakes supplied by the Captain and volunteers and this year was no exception with 'goodie boxes' being the order of the day to ensure no cake was wasted!

The golf was also excellent. The competition this year being a Stableford using just three clubs and a putter, over 12 holes. Some good scores came in but a clear winner was Rachel Wren with 27 points and second Jean Barclay with 24 points.

Many thanks to all who took part and to the cake makers. Fixtures: Ladies dinner and prizegiving on Friday 8 November (call Jo Hastings on 302843 please) and the AGM on Wednesday 13 November.

Gents: Sunday 13 October Glenburn Cup SS 64. 1 Mark Wren 70-8=62, 2 Raymond Burke 75-11=64, 3 Stuart Cree 75-11=64. Best Scratch Mark Wren 70. Magic twos Raymond Burke and Stuart Cree at the 16th.

Sunday 20 October, Glenburn Cup SS 64. 1 Alan Smith 76-10=66, 2 Billy O'Connor 89-20=69. No magic twos. Best Scratch Alan Smith 76.

Fixtures: Sunday 27 October, Winter Stableford 9.30am and 12.30pm starts. Thursday 31 October, Yellow Medal 11am ballot. Sunday 3 November, Winter League Team game Lamlash v Broddick at Broddick.

**Shiskine Golf Club**

Ladies: Arran Challenge Monday 30 September to Sunday 20 October, 329

ladies played which was a fabulous turnout. Silver (Scratch 12) 1 Michelle Mollo 24+30=54pts (8) Cathkin Braes, 2 Katrina McKinlay 27+26=53pts (9) Ratho Park, 3 Lynne Wallace 26+25=51pts BIH (9) Kirkhill, 4 Alice Anderson 27+24=51pts BIH (9) Shiskine, 5 Shona Weir 27+24=51pts (8) Thornhill.

Bronze (13-24) 1 Alison Bland 25+28=53pts BIH (17) Hilton Park, 2 Mary Jo Tod 28+25=53pts (18) Shiskine, 3 Anne Jamieson 28+24=52pts (20) Strathaven, 4 Susan Cuthill 23+28=51pts (15) Douglas Park, 5 Lorna Boyd 25+25=50pts (16) East Renfrewshire. Well Done to Michelle Mollo for winning this year and well done to Alice and Mary Jo our local ladies for doing so well.

Gents: Sunday 20 October, 12 Hole Medal 13 played. 1 W Paton 43-4=39 also best scratch, 2 W Robertson 53-12=41, 3 W Kelso 47-5=42. Magic twos J Morrison x 2 and W Robertson.

Fixtures: Friday 18 to Sunday 3 November Gents Arran Challenge. Thursday 31 October, 18 Hole Medal (Ladies) at 11am.

**Broddick Golf Club**

The first trophy of the winter, the D Graham was won by Len Hartley and Wolfi Kroner with a combined score of 124. 1 L Hartley 77-16=61, 2 W Kroner 77-14=63, 3 B Walker 83-16=67.

**Whiting Bay Golf Club**

Sunday 20 October, the Captain's Prize Competition was postponed due to the weather and will be played at a date still to be decided.

Fixtures: Sunday 27 October, Taylor Trophy Green-some. One draw for partners at 10am.

**Corrie Golf Club**

Saturday 19 October, Sweep 'white tees' eight played. 1 Paul Bremner 65-6=59, 2 Alan Smith 70-10=60 BIH, 3 Hugh B McKinnon 70-10=60. Best scratch Paul Bremner



Rachel Wren received the Lamlash Captain's prize from Jo Hastings.

65. magic twos Paul Bremner and Alan Napier.

Monday 21 October, Monday Cup 'yellow tees'. Sweep 1 David Price 68-12=56, 2 Andrew Crawford 73-16=57 BIH, 3 Steven Beardsley 64-7=57. Best scratch Steven Beardsley 64. Magic twos S Beardsley, A Price and A Crawford.

Fixtures: Saturday 26 October, Sweep 'white tees' 8.30am and 1pm. Saturday 3 November, J McKenzie Trophy shotgun start at 12.30pm.

**Machrie Bay Golf Club**

Tuesday 15 October, Lochranza Hotel Cup. 1 David Price 41pts BIH, 2 Elizabeth Ross 41, 3 Alastair MacDonald 35 BIH,

Scratch David Price 73, magic twos Brian Sherwood.

Fixtures: Tuesday 29 October, Winter Cup tee off 12noon. Saturday 2 November, Lochranza Hotel Cup tee off 12noon.

**Arran Golfers Association**

Fixtures: Ken Western Green-some at Broddick Golf Club on Saturday 26 October at 9am and 1pm. Pairs made up of a low handicap and a high handicap.

Winter League/Duncan Trophy 2013/2014. First round. This year's competition gets underway at Broddick on Sunday 3 November. Draw: Broddick v Lamlash at 10am, Corrie v Machrie Bay at 10.50am, Whiting Bay v Shiskine at 11.40am.

**DAIMOND WEDDING**

Congratulations to John and May Corbett of Broddick on their Diamond Wedding anniversary on 26 October.

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**THANK YOU****LONGSTAFF****Carraig Mhor, Lamlash**

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# Arran riders impress in charity event

Riders from across Argyll and Arran descended upon Sandland Motocross Track near Campbeltown as part of Kintyre Motocross Club's Charity Day recently.

Dry, sunny conditions saw more than 30 riders battle it

out for the silverware in all six classes at this unique sand track, with a large number of spectators attending to show their support.

Arran's Lewis Kennedy was on top of his game taking all three moto victories and over-

all MX2 honours, while in the MX1 class, Campbeltown riders Graeme McPhail and Lachie Black battled it out to pick up first and second place respectively.

Also taking part on the day were Arran's Tom Gilmore

and Scott Rankin.

Newly crowned 2013 Scottish 125 Motocross Champion, Alasdair Gorrie from Ardrishaig, was in fine form as usual, taking overall victory in the Rookies, followed by fellow Mid Argyll rider Duncan Clark in second.

It was a fantastic day which also raised £515 for the Mairi Semple Fund.

Kintyre Motocross Club are grateful to event sponsors Andrew Smith and Son, Flying Colours Driving School and Glenbarr Farms.

Arran Motocross Club is fast growing in popularity and there are a number of riders regularly taking part in practice nights at the track near Bannan.

For more information visit their facebook page.



Tom Gilmore.



Lewis Kennedy, number 115, leads the competitors in one of the many races during Kintyre Motocross Club's Charity Day.



Scott Rankin.

## Hardy Blackwaterfoot bowlers to play all year

Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club have held their traditional end of season tournament.

But this year the Thorburn Trophy does not mark the end of the season as the club will be playing throughout the winter, weather permitting.

The Thorburn Trophy competition involves most members of the club and as everyone joins in, the competition is very popular.

John Robinson won the trophy after a keenly fought match. Peter Harper and Margaret Kerr came second and third.

After the match members held their annual party at



Members of Blackwaterfoot Bowling club enjoy their annual party.

Christine and John Robinson's house.

The club is able to play during the winter this year as the new all weather carpet be-

comes very much like a grass rink.

All the hardy lawn bowlers who cannot play on their grass rinks are invited to play

Blackwaterfoot at 1.45pm on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

Contact Dave Brambles on 860491 or Keith Thompson on 860463 for details.

## Arran Bridge Club results

The results of the Arran Bridge Club held on Monday 21 October were: N/S 1 Eнды McNiven and Elizabeth McKellar, 2 Janie Maclure and Anne McKelvie 3 Tricia Martin and Alison Bilsland. E/W 1 Mary Deas and Sheila Logan, 2 Jessmay and Jim Peacock, 3 Helen Boyd and Jean Murchie.

The results from Thursday 17 October were: N/S 1 Tricia Martin and Douglas Hamilton, 2 Jan and John Beattie, 3= John and Mary Dick and John Baraclough and Janette McBride. E/W 1 Janie Maclure and Anne McKelvie, 2 Jean Murchie and Helen Boyd, 3 Morag Gardner and Eнды McNiven.

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