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# EU boundary change for Arran is 'simply nuts'

## Politicians hit out at plan to move island from Highlands to South West Scotland

A planned change to European Union (EU) boundaries that could see Arran lumped in with South West Scotland has been described as 'simply nuts' by local politicians.

Both Arran and the Cumbrae islands are in North Ayrshire but they form part of the Highlands and Islands EU administrative area as they share many similar issues.

Proposals to change EU boundaries would see Arran move from the Highlands and Islands to South West Scotland.

Arran's councillor, John Bruce, said: 'We get more flexibility within the Highlands and Islands in terms of EU Structural Funds – for example grant support for work on Arran roads.'

'We would not qualify for this on the mainland. Should the Scottish government plan to align boundaries to current Local Authority boundaries for administrative convenience in making statistics gathering easier, Arran could be excluded from the Highlands and islands.'

**REPORT**  
by JENNIFER LYON  
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'This is simply nuts!' Arran's MSP, Kenneth Gibson, has vowed to fight the proposed change.

He told The Banner: 'It might make sense to the bureaucratic mind to neatly follow Local Authority boundaries for EU areas. However it makes no sense to remove Arran and the Cumbraes from the Highlands and Islands area thereby leaving them the only Scottish islands not included.'

The Scottish government has asked North Ayrshire Council for its view on the matter.

As part of this consultation, the council is seeking the views of local people, businesses and community organisations before it makes its response. The deadline for feedback to the council is December 14.

Email Linda Aird at lindaaird@north-ayrshire.gov.uk or write to Economic Development Services, North Ayrshire Council, Perceton House, Irvine KA11 2DE.



**Arran's  
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A very lucky brother and sister won the chance to switch on Brodick's Christmas lights on Sunday afternoon. Charlie Aitken, aged 8, and his big sister 10-year-old Elyse won the biggest raffle prize of the year and at 4.30pm they pushed the switch that lit up Brodick. 01\_b49lit01

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## Coastguard launch cliff rescue - for a sheep



Arran's Coastguard team had a rather unusual call-out on Saturday morning.

One of John Craig's sheep had become stuck on the cliffs at Whitefarland and the Coastguard was called to the rescue.

Team leader Bill Currie said: 'The sheep had become stuck halfway down the cliff so we had to abseil down and help it to safety.'

'It was a slightly unusual callout but it's all good practice for when more serious things happen.'

# Island's water of life strikes U.S. gold

## Award marks 'fitting end' to successful year

Isle of Arran Distillery is celebrating after its 14-year-old malt was awarded a Double Gold medal by US-based food and drink website TheFiftyBest.com.

Now a multi-award winning whisky, Arran's oldest spirit released in 2010, picked up the award in the Single Malt Scotch aged 10-15 years category.

Euan Mitchell, managing director of Isle of Arran Distillers, said: 'This is a fitting end to what has been a fantastic year for the distillery.'

'These awards are highly regarded in the industry so we're delighted that our oldest malt has again been rec-

ognised for its quality and character. Next year we're planning to release our first 16 year-old malt, which I hope will be equally well received.'

The 14-year-old Arran Malt was one of just a handful to be awarded the prestigious Double Gold Award by FiftyBest.com.

James MacTaggart, master distiller at the Lochranza based distillery, said: 'Our whiskies are now celebrated all over the world, but we're not going to rest on our laurels and will continue to produce innovative and high quality malt whiskies for many years to come.'

## Altachorvie to close its doors

The HF Holiday base at Altachorvie in Lamlash is to close, it has been announced this week.

Altachorvie has been one of the holiday operator's properties since 1925 and since then many guests have enjoyed the hospitality at this house and the fine walking that Arran offers.

A spokesman for HF Holidays said: 'Sadly its popularity with guests has declined in recent years and this, combined with the considerable investment required to bring the accommodation up to the quality that guests expect today, has prompted the decision of the Board to sell the house.'

'The sale will release funds which can be put towards the purchase of some of the new properties we have leased over the past year.'

'Guests who have booked 2013 holidays on the Isle of Arran are being contacted to arrange suitable alternatives.'

### Correction

In last week's Banner Chris Marriott of MBS Building and Timber Supplies in Whiting Bay was incorrectly quoted.

His petrol supply does not come from Gleaner Fuels it is delivered by Scottish Fuels.

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Some of the Primary youngsters enjoying dancing The Flying Scotsman in Whiting Bay Hall. 02\_b49dan01

## Pupils have a spring in their step at the Scottish dance festival

The 14<sup>th</sup> annual Arran Primary Schools 'Dance Scottish Festival' was held in Whiting Bay Hall last Wednesday.

One hundred and fifty children of all ages and from all the schools enjoyed an afternoon of Scottish dancing to accordionist Ian Muir and under the direction of Liz Kennedy, Susan Kelly and an army of teachers and helpers.

### Parade

The event began with a Standard Bearer's Parade, led by piper Oisean Gold.

Then after a Grand Parade of all dancers, they progressed into a dance programme, starting with the Gay Gordons.

This was followed by a St Bernard Waltz, The Merry Reapers, Kilbride Barn Dance, Canadian Barn Dance, Dashing White Sergeant, Reel for Jeannie, Virginian Reel and finishing with an energetic Flying Scotsman.

All those taking part would like to say a big thank you to Fer Murchie for organising such a super day of dancing.

## Arran SNP branch marks St. Andrew's Day in style

Arran's SNP members celebrated St Andrew's day with a dinner at The Douglas Hotel last Friday night.

In proposing the toast to Scotland's national saint, the island's first elected SNP councillor, John Bruce, remarked that it had been another exceptionally successful and busy year for the party.

Councillor Bruce said: 'At the local level North Ayrshire Council is now run by an SNP minority administration of twelve councillors.

The party increased its vote in May gaining four seats.

'In a very real sense, my life changed. I have never been busier.

'But as always, there is more to do. Arran members are now very much involved in the YES Scotland campaign, and we will all be seeking to secure independence for our nation with a YES vote in 2014.'

He added: 'However, tonight is a time for reflection and celebration with members and friends.

'It provides an opportunity to give my personal thanks to them for their sustained ef-

fort in a tough campaigning period.

'We also pause to remember those long-standing Arran

SNP members, Rudi Wolter and Jean Sutherland, who sadly passed on during the last year.'



Arran's SNP members celebrated St Andrew's day with a special dinner.

### Council praised for performing well

Over two-thirds of North Ayrshire Council's services performed better than the Scottish local authority average last year, according to a report released this week.

A report to the cabinet highlighted the ongoing success of its housing service, planning department and business support team.

The report does highlight a smaller number of areas that require improvements. This includes absence rates and the proportion of tenants maintaining their tenancy for at least 12 months.

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The pupils joined parents and former pupils to celebrate the school's centenary.

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# Centenary ceilidh at Pirnmill school

The pupils and staff of Pirnmill Primary School hosted a very special ceilidh on Friday

night to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the school. The Centenary Ceilidh took

place in Lochranza Hall and it was a lovely evening of traditional Scottish dancing with the Arranach Ceilidh Band.

There were also wonderful performances by the school children that were without a doubt the highlight of the night.

Parents of the children as well as former pupils and friends of the school gathered for the evening of dancing and had a chance to take part in the fabulous raffle, tuck into homemade nibbles and buy centenary lollipops, Pirnmill tartan and much more!

Thank you to everyone who made the evening such a great success.

Left: Oisean Gold from Corrie piped in the Pirnmill pupils as they began their centenary ceilidh. 01\_b49pir01



# Hotels to check in for awards

Hotels and guesthouses on Arran are being invited to check in for the industry's top awards.

Next year's Scottish Hotel Awards will be judged on a regional as well as national basis, the organisers announced.

Arran is included in the region which encompasses all of Scotland's islands.

Winners chosen in nine regions will go through to the national finals which will cul-

minate in a gala dinner and presentation ceremony at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Glasgow on Sunday 28 April.

### Comprehensive

The 2013 event will mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Scottish Hotel of the Year Awards, by far the most comprehensive of their kind in Scotland.

'Each part of Scotland has an important role to play in the hospitality industry which underpins so much of tour-

ism, one of the key sectors of the Scottish economy,' said Gary McLean, chairman of judges.

'We shall be recognising and rewarding the best hotels, guest houses, bed and breakfast establishments, serviced apartments and exclusive use venues throughout the country, highlighting each region's distinctive contribution.'

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# Whiting Bay's own Father Christmas



A Whiting Bay man has once again covered his home with hundreds of Christmas lights to raise money for charity. Bernie Jackson lights up his home every year at Christmas time to raise money for a local charity of his choice. This year's contributions will all go to the Whiting Bay children's Christmas party. 01\_b49ber01

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## Provost launches civic pride awards

Provost Joan Sturgeon is encouraging Arran's residents to recognise those who make a real difference to the community by nominating them for a prestigious Civic Pride Award.

The Provost's Civic Pride Awards is entering its third year and aims to build on the success of last year's event – which recognised North Ayrshire's outstanding talent, community spirit and generosity.

This is the first time Provost Sturgeon has hosted the event and she is encouraging local people to nominate their community champions – the unsung individuals and groups who enrich the lives of others.

The finalists will attend the Civic Pride Awards and Charity Dinner at the Seamill Hydro on Friday 15 March.

Provost Sturgeon said: 'Those who are nominated very rarely seek out publicity despite the good work they do. Their main goal is to improve their communities and help others rather than seek plaudits. I believe this com-



Provost Joan Sturgeon.

mitment and humility is all the more reason for recognition.'

Last year, businesses helped to raise over £20,000 by donating prizes, buying tables and sponsoring awards.

Members of the public will soon be given the chance to nominate their local heroes, active community groups, young citizens, sportsmen and women, artists and inspirational volunteers.

Nomination forms will appear in next week's Banner.

## Brodick Bridge Club

The results for Thursday 29 November were as follows: N/S 1 Tricia Martin and Douglas Hamilton 63.39%, 2 John and Mary Dick 61.01%, 3 Janette McBride and Eendy McNiven 49.40%. E/W 1 Douglas and Margaret Bruce 65.18%, 2 Jennifer Wales and John Barraclough 52.68%, 3 Jean Barclay and Morag Gardener 52.38%.

## Lamlash Bridge Club

The results of the tournament on Monday 3 December were as follows: N/S 1 T Martin and A Bilsland +4070, 2 L Trickett and J Wales +3070, 3 J and M Dick +2620.

E/W 1 J McArthur and J Barclay +360, 2 D and M Bruce -1860, 3 J McBride and E McNiven -2500.

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# Deck the halls for castle's Victorian Christmas

The festive season has arrived and for one day only Brodick Castle comes to life and can be seen as it might have been at Christmas more than a century ago.

On Sunday 9 December from 12pm until 4pm friends gather to celebrate.

The halls are decked with greenery, the trees trimmed, and the scene is set for the annual Victorian Christmas.

In the front hall the Duke and Duchess wait to greet visitors whilst music re-sounds throughout the house with carol singing and Arran

Brass and a very special visit from the village school children.

Below stairs, in the Victorian kitchen, Cook encourages young visitors to stir up the pudding and make their very own Kristingle while local crafts people have set up their stalls.

Last year one of the house-guests came upon a family sitting in the dining room, entranced by its transformation into a veritable winter wonderland.

They had come across on the ferry by chance with no idea the castle would be open, far less that Christmas would be in full swing.

They had enjoyed mince pies and mulled wine in the tearoom, made decorations with the rangers, spoken with the Duchess then visited with Santa Claus and were just on their way downstairs to see cook in the kitchen.

In the tenth year of opening the castle for this special day, there really is something for everyone.



## Christmas market lights up Whiting Bay

**Coral Smith and Isabelle Doig are pictured helping to get their customers into the festive spirit on Saturday at the Whiting Bay Christmas Market.**

**Organised by the hall committee, the market featured stalls from some of Arran's well-known boutiques as well as smaller local hand made produce.**

**Well attended by the public, many saw it as the perfect addition to the ShopArran weekend. 01\_b49whi01**

## December movie night for Corrie Film Club

Corrie Film Club is presenting a double bill for Christmas this Sunday.

They will begin at 6.30pm with the famous film sketch Dinner for One.

A very old woman wants to have dinner with her friends but as they are all dead, the butler has to play the role of every guest.

He does a very good job, but wine can get you easily drunk, when you're drinking it for six people!

This delightful short will be followed by Christmas supper and then a showing of the classic western, One Eyed Jacks with Marlon Brando as

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Dad is now a respectable sheriff in California, and has

been living in fear of Rio's return. All the thrills and spills of a western are richly fulfilled in this film as well as a romantic ending.

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## Shop locally and save Arran's economy

Wow! What an amazing success the ShopArran event was last weekend.

I visited most of the shops taking part in the Christmas shopping discount event and in some places I couldn't actually get inside it was so busy.

Talking to visitors who had come to the island for the event, I was extremely proud of our little island.

The unanimous view of the tourists was that not only did the ShopArran event offer them excellent bargains on their Christmas shopping but that Arran's shop owners were a delight to deal with.

One woman from Glasgow said she couldn't remember the last time she had been treated so politely in a store.

A regular summer visitor to the island, this lady doesn't normally visit in the winter but she and her daughter decided to come over for the event.

Not only did she manage to get many beautiful gifts she couldn't have found in the larger Glasgow shops or online but she said for the first time in a while she actually had fun shopping.

In every store she was offered free mulled wine or champagne and even when rushed of their feet she said the staff were still happy to stop and help her with whatever she needed.

These shop owners and their staff really are a credit to the island.

The island is in a difficult economic situation at the moment and retailers are struggling to stay in business so the onus is on all of us to buy our Christmas gifts and festive foods from our local shops and traders.

The ShopArran event was a fantastic idea but the long term result of it should be that it persuades more of us to buy here in the run up to Christmas.

By encouraging people to shop locally, we are putting money back into the Arran economy that, in turn, will benefit all of us in terms of sustaining local business, services and jobs. Our retailers offer the highest quality and good value produce, making it easy for us to sell Arran to visitors - so why do more locals not also see it as a good place to shop this Christmas.

Christmas is an important season for lots of Arran retailers - they need a good trade now to see them through the rest of the winter.

So in the coming days as you walk by the island's shops why not take five minutes to pop inside.

You may just find that they have everything you need to make your Christmas wishes come true.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'The LORD is good to those whose hope is in Him, to the one who seeks Him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.' (Lamentations 3:25-26)

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# Letters to the Editor



## Dirty buses

Sir,  
I was recently on a bus from Brodick to Whiting Bay.

There were a number of tourists on the bus, coming off the ferry hoping to do an around the island tour, but the windows were caked in gritting salts and the low winter sun turned the glass into opaque white sheets.

As tourism is a great source of income on the island, even in winter, could the buses be kept clean, so that visitors to the island can appreciate Arran's unique beauty to the full?

Yours,  
Tony van Breugel  
Braehed Cottage  
Whiting Bay

## Mystery solved

Sir,  
We left Arran in 2006, having lived at Bell View in Slidery for 14 years.

I was interested to read about the painting taken to the ArCaS shop as I believe it could have been painted by a gentleman who lived at Linden Lea in Slidery.

We knew him as Don Knowles but I remember his wife telling me Don was not his name. I am sure I remember Alice telling me his name was Thomas.

Sadly both Don and his wife Alice died last year but among Don's many interests was painting - the whole house was decorated with his paintings.

They were a delightful couple, both well into their 80s and celebrated 60 years of marriage.

Their son Donald is buried in Lamlash cemetery. I have just spoken to ArCaS and they were very pleased with my information.

Yours,  
Gill Edmonds  
Formerly Bell View  
Slidery

## Party pooper

Sir,  
Whilst I applaud the fundraising efforts of the Brodick children, I am finding it difficult to understand why the whole of Arran is paying for their village Christmas party?

In the Co-op on Saturday I was asked to donate towards a bag pack that will supplement the money raised at Sunday night's lights switch on.

This money I was told would be used to pay for the children's party and presents.

With money from both the light switch on and the bag pack as well a rumoured grant application they will now have more than £1,000 to spend on this year's party.

It sounds as though this year's party will be far from the damp squib that Claire Gilmore predicted.

Each year Arran's other communities pay for the children's parties themselves.

They are organised by the local SWRI groups and either a small gift is purchased by the Rural ladies or parents themselves bring a gift for their own children.

Surely in these difficult economic times this is a much more sensible way of organising a party rather than giving children expensive gifts and a fancy party that by January they will have forgotten?

Yours,  
Name and address supplied

## Ongoing success

Sir,  
Shiskine Hall Committee would like to thank the community for their ongoing support to the Hall and the continued success of our fundraising 50/50 Club.

We now have 113 members with the winner of the monthly draw presently receiving £56.50.

Membership is only £12 a

year to enter each monthly Christmas gift whilst supporting the Hall.

For further details contact our 50/50 Club Organiser Fer Murchie on 860 432.

Yours,  
Diana Turbett  
Secretary

## Community council defence

Sir,  
We note the reference to the Community Council in your editorial of December 1 and would suggest your criticism may be a little misplaced.

Despite the perceived low attendance actually 66 per cent of members who give their time on a voluntary basis attended the meeting and some important points were covered which are also reflected by the articles and letters in your same edition.

Major discussion covered the response received from the Arran Ferry Committee to concerns detailed at our October meeting indicating that many points were outwith the remit of the Ferry Committee. We have now established our own sub group to formally take these items forward.

As with other aspects of the Community Council work we welcome contributions from residents who feel they can help to ensure a balanced approach is maintained on all topics. We currently have three vacancies.

One further concern discussed was NAC's decision to organise a 'Straight Talking' forum at a time and location that precluded Arran's views being recorded.

We await a response from the Chief Executive to our message asking how this was allowed to happen and what she can propose to correct this oversight. We do agree that for the islands 'views to be well represented and all viewpoints expressed' that it is important that the statutory processes are supported and we welcome all contributions either as a member or in voicing specific views to our meetings.

It is a little unjust to criticise

those volunteers who continue to give of their time to attend. We encourage anyone who has a contribution to use the 'contact us' feature on our website <http://www.arran-communitycouncil.org.uk/> or call 07826578774 and we will be in touch.

Yours,  
Bill Calderwood  
Secretary  
Arran Community Council

## Christmas market cheer

Sir,  
I would like to congratulate Sandy McGovern and her team on the production of an excellent Christmas Market at Whiting Bay Hall on Saturday 1 December.

The decorations, layout of the stalls and the refreshment areas were superb; added to this the thoughtful use of lighting and the Christmas music from Arran Brass all combined to produce a lovely Christmas atmosphere, appreciated by both stall holders and customers.

Thank you all for making it such an enjoyable event.

Yours,  
Roslyn Gibson  
Gleside  
Kilmory

## Carol Concert success

The Island Carol Concert, traditionally held on the first Monday of December in Lamlash Church, brings together people from all over the island and proved to be a very enjoyable event once again this year.

Thanks to all those present the collection raised the magnificent sum of £448 for the CLIC Cancer Fund.

The Arran High School Choir, Vivace, The Lochranza Choir, the Rowan Singers and Arran Brass all provided musical items.

And there were well-known Bible readings as well about the nativity as well as plenty of opportunity for audience participation in the hearty singing of carols.

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# From Arran to India – the trip of a lifetime

David Underdown of Corrie recently returned to India with John Webster's 'Three Ks' tour to visit Dr Graham's Homes. Here he sends us a report of the trip.

November, and time once again for the Reverend John Webster to lead another group, from Arran and beyond, on his celebrated 'Three Ks' tour to Kolkata, Kathmandu and Kalimpong.

## Deprived children

This was the 12th successive year of a trip designed both as a taste of the wonders of Bengal and Nepal and a way of supporting Doctor Graham's Homes, the school where John Webster used to work as farm manager and school chaplain.

This time there were seventeen of us, including six from Arran and several others who are frequent visitors to the island.

John always starts the trip in Kolkata, the seething city that, as Calcutta, was once the capital of British India.

It is a reminder not just of how uniquely different India



John Webster, back left, and David Underdown, back right, with the other Arran contingent in Kalimpong.

is from the life we have become used to in the West, but also how there is still a need for the work carried out by Dr Graham's Homes to give deprived children a fairer start in life.

For some the swanky surrounds of the Kenilworth Hotel was an uncomfortably stark contrast to the life on the streets outside, for others it was just somewhere to be grateful for.

In Kathmandu the party split. Nine intrepid trekkers headed for Pokhara and a camping trip under the shadow of the Annapurna range.

The remaining softies opted for the gentler scenery of Chitwan National Park with its endangered one horned rhinos, relaxing canoe trips and birdlife that Jim Cassels would give his right arm for.

As so often happens, life is unpredictable.

The trekkers returned with stories of morning tea in their tents, hot showers and (an uncorroborated rumour) hotties at bedtime, while the Chitwan contingent told of their encounter with a far from friendly bull elephant that sent the group's jeep into high speed reverse.

Re-united, the party flew to the Nepalese border and travelled past colourful tea plantations to Kalimpong, for many the highlight and real purpose of the trip.

For some there were emotional moments. One of our group was visiting India for the first time to search for information about her mother.

In the school archives she found the record of her life there as a Dr Graham's girl

in the 1940s before leaving at the age of 14 to train as a nurse in Britain.

Even those of us without personal connections could not fail to be moved by the feel of the place, still recovering from the damage from last autumn's earthquake.

The memory of the kindergarten's stirring rendition of Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho (with actions) will linger for a long time.

Back down on the plains for the night sleeper to Kolkata the frenetic charms of India re-asserted themselves.

Quite a few of us I suspect will be back. John Webster is already working on the 2013 tour (to make it a baker's dozen).

Anyone interested should contact him at Planetree, Kings Cross 700747.



Rev John Webster used to work as farm manager and school chaplain at Dr Graham's Homes.

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# ShopArran's weekend a big success

## Arran residents flock into local shops to snap up festive bargains

Temperatures are dropping, the woolly scarves are coming out and mince pies are lining the supermarket shelves: Christmas is just around the corner.

So in a bid to try and encourage more Arran people to buy their Christmas gifts from the island this year a unique shopping event took place last weekend.

From 9am last Friday until closing on Sunday, a cooperative of island shops took part in the ShopArran event that saw them offering massive savings and special offers to encourage people to buy locally this Christmas.

It has often been said that Arran's residents often overlook the fabulous selection of shops we have on our doorstep so the event was also a reminder of what can be bought here.

The 16 ShopArran members ranged from Brodick's Arran Aromatics, Buntys and Red Door to The Curtain House in Lamlash and Harbour Shop and Old Byre Showroom on the west of the island.

All offered fantastic reductions on their stock and there were mince pies, winter Phnms, champagne and tablet for shoppers to nibble as they browsed.

As The Banner made its way around the various shops taking part the verdict from both shop owners as well as locals and tourists was that this was a great event.

One group of women from Glasgow had come to the island for the weekend chiefly for the ShopArran event.

They told us that they had been overwhelmed not only by the friendliness of the shop owners but also at the huge array of wonderful items for sale.

'I'm pretty sure I'm going to be able to get all of my Christmas shopping on Arran,' said Sheila Walker from Hyndland in Glasgow. 'I came to Arran expecting this event to be good but I really had no idea there would be so much to buy.'

'I'm very impressed and will definitely be recommending another Arran shopping trip to my friends.'

Another woman from Ayr said she had only found out about the event once they arrived but she was very impressed and had taken full advantage of the discounts.

Speaking to the shop owners themselves, they too agreed that this had been an extremely beneficial scheme that has helped them considerably given the current economic climate.

It is now hoped that more Arran people will take advantage of the island's shops both in the run up to Christmas and after.



Locals enjoying some retail therapy in The Curtain House, Lamlash. 01\_15-09-12



Karen Leese and Margaret Green were busy all weekend at The Byre in Brodick. 01\_15-09-12



Stacey Smith owner of Red Boor in Brodick with her niece Elaine Parker who was lending a hand over the weekend. 01\_15-09-12

Right: Janelle Paton, owner of The Curtain House, left, was thrilled with the result of the ShopArran weekend. 01\_15-09-12



Tourists enjoying a free glass of bubbly in Lynn Raeburn's lovely Buntys store. 01\_15-09-12



These ladies said they were overwhelmed by the beautiful goods on offer at Jolly Molly in Brodick. 01\_15-09-12

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# Garden notes

- by Bob McCaw



How to spot Ash die-back fungal disease. b48ash01NO

## Jobs for the autumn and pests to look out for

If you are going to make new vegetable beds, flower beds or if the ground that you normally grow in has been harvested, now is a good time to start digging it over.

You can incorporate leaf mould and manure, but remember that if you are doing strenuous work like digging with.

Don't try to complete it in one go; you do not want a sore back and pulled muscles, so pace yourself.

Leave the surface of the diggings rough to allow the frost to break down the sods; this also exposes pests to the frost and elements such as slugs' eggs, and lets the Blackbirds and Robins have a free meal.

Thanks to the weather this year it has been perfect for slugs - the garden slug lays around 80 eggs in the autumn. Adult slugs can bury themselves deeper in the soil in cold weather. But anything

that helps to reduce the slug numbers is more than welcome.

Ash die back fungal disease was discovered in the Renfrewshire area, and it does look like we will be losing this tree from the countryside in a similar experience to the Danes who have lost 90per-cent of their Ash trees.

Since 2000 several new tree diseases have descended upon us; in this period alone more than the previous 40 years.

And with more and more imported trees coming into the country to meet the demand and climate change there is possibly more to follow.

There are up to 500 strains of Phytophthora fungal disease, possibly the best known strain is Phytophthora Infestans, which was responsible for the Irish potato famine of the 1840s.

Other strains that can be found in Britain are Phytophthora austrocedrae that kills Junipers and Phytophthora lateralis that kills the roots of Cypress trees of which leylandii is a species.

Phytophthora ramorum has been found in numerous European countries and a few years ago there was an outbreak on Arran, killing shrubs such as Rhododendrons, Viburnum and Camellias. In 2009 it was found to be killing large numbers of Larch trees.

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# Arran Rotary Club members celebrate St Andrews Night

## Special day marked in style



Francis Corbett piped in the Rotary Club members.

Arran Rotary Club celebrated Scotland's national saint's day by meeting at Coast restaurant Whiting Bay for a gathering to mark this special Scottish day last Thursday.

Francis Corbett, wife of club secretary John, piped all 26 members and guests into the restaurant.

All had been asked to wear something tartan, and they arrived in kilts, sashes, ties and even hair bows!

### Delicious

The really delicious Scottish food that was served was enjoyed by everyone and a musical accompaniment on clarsach was played beauti-

fully in the background by Mandy Simsek.

Rotarian George McCormick then gave a splendid rousing speech in praise of all Scots inventions that greatly benefit the world today and a well researched story of our patron Saint Andrew and how he came to hold that grand title of the beautiful University town.

A lovely thriving town which proudly shows to its visitors its ancient Cathedral, Historic Castle and University buildings that visitors can visit and displays parts of Scotland's history alongside one of the world's best known links golf

courses that continue to attract people every year and host major Competitions.

### Thanking

Rotary president David Gray finished the evening by thanking George for his passionate talk and praised his excellent research into St Andrew's life and travel so long ago.

Francis and Mandy continued to enhance a great evening of fun and fellowship with their rendering of Scottish music so that all in all this was a happy meeting of friends which I'm sure will become a regular feature of Rotary events.



The music of Mandy Simsek was a beautiful accompaniment to the St Andrew's celebration.

## Diabetes awareness campaign launched

Could your child have Type 1 diabetes?

NHS Ayrshire and Arran is getting behind Diabetes UK's campaign to raise awareness of the symptoms of Type 1 diabetes.

Dr Scott Williamson, consultant paediatrician for Arran's NHS explains: 'We are encouraging parents and carers to look out for the '4 Ts' of Type 1 diabetes: toilet thirsty, tired and thinner.

### Quick diagnosis

'If you have noticed any of these symptoms in your child, speak to your GP. By making sure children and young people get a quick diagnosis and early treatment, we can avoid them becoming seriously ill.'

On average, 25 children are diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes in Ayrshire and Arran each year.

However for 2012, more than 40 children have already been diagnosed.

Of those, as many as one in four children and young people are diagnosed with the condition when they are in diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA) – a life-threatening condition that requires urgent medical attention. For children under five years old, it's as many as one in three.

Dr Williamson added: 'DKA can be fatal. But by identifying Type 1 diabetes quickly, we can provide immediate treatment to bring the condi-

tion under control.

So, be aware of the 4 Ts of Type 1 diabetes, remember them and know what to do if you spot them.

### Common

The most common symptoms of Type 1 diabetes are:

Toilet - Going to the toilet a lot, bed wetting by a previously dry child or heavier nappies in babies

Thirsty - Being really thirsty and not being able to quench the thirst

Tired - Feeling more tired than usual

Thinner - Losing weight or looking thinner than usual

If you have noticed any of these symptoms in your child, speak to your GP.

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## SHEEP - EID

Harry Alcorn from TGM Software will be in the Kinloch Hotel on the 12th December 2012 from 7pm to discuss sheep electronic identification and record keeping.

All interested are invited to come along.



## A Victorian Christmas at Brodick Castle

Sun 9 Dec, 12-4pm

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## Celebrating the 'Hassle of Christmas'

A group of actors and musicians from *New Scottish Arts* are presenting 'The Hassle of Christmas' in Brodick Village Hall on Sunday 16 December. A celebration of Christmas, the programme will include a selection of traditional and contemporary Christmas music, singing - with all-time favourite carols.

The programme will commence at half past two, and tea and mince pies will be served at the end.

Tickets cost £5 and are available from The Book and Card Centre, Brodick, and Bay News in Whiting Bay.

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# The Arran Banner 20 years ago



Ann Wallace of Rosaburn shows off some of the toys made by the Machine Knitting Club, which have been on display at the library over the last 10 days. b49twe03



Thursday's Christmas stock sale was well supported by Arran's farmers. b49twe01

## Saturday 12 December, 1992

### No sale for champ

In a shocking departure from tradition at Thursday's Christmas Show and Prime Stock Sale, the champion did not sell.

A Limousin cross Angus heifer from South Feorline, it was Colin Soutter's third champion in a row.

The reserve champion, a Charolais cross steer exhibited by Neil Henderson of Kilpatrick sold for £750.

### High tides forecast

Tidetable for 1993 have been published and they warn of a group of very high tides in the second week of January.

Peaking at a high tide of 3.8 metres on January 12, there is concern that we could see a repeat of the floods two years ago.

### Good food recognised

Creelers Seafood Restaurant at Home Farm has gained an entry in the Which Good Food Guide.

This is a considerable compliment since this is a guide that inspects you incognito and is totally unconnected with being a member or being invited to join.

### Late mail

Mail deliveries changed gear on Thursday to become a day late.



Knave, Queen and King of Hearts Andy Perrie, Yvonne Brothers and Betty McArthur in the Christmas pantomime Puss in Boots. b49twe04

In practice for some years now in the run up to Christmas, mail has been delivered one day later so that deliveries can commence early in the morning.

It also allows postmen to finish their rounds in reasonable time.

### Award winning castle

The new visitor centre at Brodick Castle has been awarded a Civic Trust Award for its simple and elegant design and clever setting.

Although the judges felt the style and materials used particularly appropriate to the setting, many people felt it out of place when it opened last year.

### Arran buses for Bute

It was formally announced this week that Arran Transport

has beaten Western Scottish to the bus tender on Bute.

The tender that is worth £94,500 lasts only until July 25 and represents a subsidy of £1.73 per mile.



Champion heifer 'On the Up' in the ring with Colin Soutter as seen from the rafters of Brodick Market. b49twe02

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**The Hassle of Christmas**

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## Celebrate Christmas in song and story

Two very different singing groups 'Ain't Misbehavin' and 'Vivace', both of which originate in Whiting Bay, will be performing on Friday, December 14 in Whiting Bay Hall.

They will be joined by local author and poet Alison Prince, James Burge with songs and guitar and Pat Eyres singing with a children's group, to give a Christmas concert.

Organisers said: 'We are delighted to have retired prison governor, Robbie Glen as our compère.

'As many Arran folk know, Robbie is a very amusing raconteur who has travelled internationally, speaking at dinners and Burns Suppers.

'He alone is worth coming to hear and the rest of us are pretty good too!'

The audience will also be given a chance to exercise their vocal cords. There's nothing like singing some festive songs to get you in the Christmas mood.

Entrance is £5 for adults at the door.

The seating will be café style and you may bring an alcoholic drink to enjoy.

Tea, coffee and mince pies will be served and there will



## Movember thank you from Barry

Barry Miggin aka Whiting Bay's 'Pancho Villa' or 'El Migginos' would like to send his warmest thanks to customers, staff, family and friends for their sponsorship of his 'Movember' campaign.

During November each year, Movember is responsible for the sprouting of moustaches on thousands of men's faces in the UK and around the world.

The aim of which is to raise vital funds and awareness for men's health, specifically prostate cancer and testicular cancer.

Barry's proud growing of his splendid 'tache' in a bid to change the face of men's health raised over £200 for a great cause, and caused much amusement along the way. Thanks to Trixie for the loan of Rascal for this photo!

be a raffle and proceeds will go to Yorkhill Children's Hospital.



Robbie Glen will be the compère for the event in Whiting Bay Hall.

# Council prepared as winter arrives

'Residents can start to do their bit now by asking themselves if they are prepared for winter'

As the first winter weather hits Arran, council roads staff are putting their seasonal preparations into action.

The team is on round-the-clock standby to deal with dropping temperatures and winter weather and have already been making sure the network is as safe as possible for drivers and the general public.

North Ayrshire has around 340-miles of roads – such as main routes, bus routes and others identified as having the greatest importance – which are given priority when snow or ice is forecast.

### Priorities

Gritting is carried out on a priority basis, allowing for resources and higher priority routes being cleared, ensuring enough salt remains in place throughout the winter.

· Priority 1 – All main distributor routes, bus routes and specific secondary routes

· Priority 2 – Remaining secondary routes, local access roads and residential

areas

· Priority 3 – Remaining road network and residential areas

Roads which require immediate emergency treatment are made a highest priority.

Around 1,000 tonnes of grit is stockpiled at the council's Market Road depot in Brodick.

### 24-hour stand-by

The gritting vehicles are on 24-hour stand-by through until April 2013 and there are grit bins in place across the, with more available if required.

The Council's roads team uses advanced technology to make sure it has all the information needed to keep North Ayrshire's roads safe.

This includes detailed weather forecasting software and vehicle trackers which allow staff to know how many roads have been treated and how much grit has been used.

North Ayrshire Council's cabinet member for envi-

ronment and infrastructure, Councillor John Ferguson, said: 'The recent low temperatures and snowfall show exactly why we have made preparations for winter a main priority.'

'While there is always a chance of disruption in the winter, our roads staff are well prepared to ensure the roads are as safe as possible over winter.'

Councillor Ferguson said that Arran's residents can also play a part in making sure that they stay safe during winter.

He said: 'Residents can start to do their bit now by asking themselves if they are prepared for winter on the roads, at home and in their communities.'

Vital information relating to road closures, severe weather and the status of council offices and schools will once again be available on the Council website, twitter and on special Council helplines.

## Annual Review



NHS Ayrshire & Arran's Annual Review by the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing, Alex Neil MSP, is being held on Monday 17 December 2012 at 1.45pm in the Park Hotel, Kilmarnock.

Members of the public are welcome to come along to observe, listen to the meeting and ask questions at the end.

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### Saturday 8th December

Army Cadets,  
Over 21s Disco  
Karate  
Family Games  
Arran Dancers (4yrs & up)  
Fun in the pool  
Junior Badminton Club  
RNLI Shop  
Christmas Concert  
Knitwear Sale  
Corrie & Sannox Christmas Fayre  
Corrie Christmas Tree Lighting  
St Brides Christmas Fayre  
Tapas & Jazz Café Night

Auchrannie Road 11am – 1 pm.  
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am-12.30pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm  
Arran High School, 10am  
Auchrannie Pool 4-5pm  
Auchrannie Sports Hall 1-3pm Ages 5-16  
Lamlash Pier, 10.30am – 12.30pm  
Corrie Parish Church, 7.30pm  
Brodict Hall  
Village hall, 1-4pm  
Corrie & Sannox Hall, 4pm  
Brodict Church Hall, 2pm  
Kinloch, 7pm

### Sunday 9th December

Alcoholics Anonymous  
New Al-Anon Meeting  
Family Games  
Fun in the pool  
Open Mic Session  
Shop Arran  
Folk night  
Lochranza Choir Concert  
Christmas Fayre  
Victorian Christmas

Church Hall, Brodict, 4.30pm  
Brodict Church Hall, 4.30 – 6 pm.  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm  
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm  
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 2pm-5pm  
All Day  
Ormidale Hotel, 8.30pm  
Village hall, 2.30pm  
Whiting Bay Hall, 2pm  
Brodict Castle, 12-4pm

### Monday 10th December

Over 50s Badminton  
Badminton  
Citizens Advice  
Morning Fitness  
Breathe Walk class  
Table Tennis  
Quiz  
Badminton  
Lamlash Bridge Club  
Outside Boot Camp  
Boot Camp  
Volleyball Club  
Arran junior football Club  
Lunch club  
Circuit

Lochranza Village Hall, 2pm-4pm  
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30-1.30pm  
Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am  
Kinneil, Lamlash, 5.15pm  
Corrie Hall, 6.30pm  
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 8.30pm  
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm  
Lamlash Golf Club, 7pm for 7.15pm  
Whiting Bay Park 6am  
Outside Kinloch Hotel, 6.30pm – 7.30pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 7-8pm  
Ormidale Park, 6pm –7.30pm  
Mckelvie Road, Lamlash, 12.30pm  
Auchrannie Gym, 6-7pm

### Tuesday 11th December

Pop Quiz  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
Youth Club  
Rotary Club

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
Brodict Church Hall, 2pm  
Kildonan Hall, 7pm  
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 7.15pm

Melody Movement, Ballet Class 2 ½ yrs up  
Dudes & Divas Funky Dance Class 2 ½ yrs up  
Youth Club  
Zumba Fitness Class  
Weight Watchers  
Rink Games  
Junior Hockey Club 8yrs up  
Country Dancing  
Rowan Singers Rehearsals  
Auchrannie Winter Bowls  
Healthy Outdoors: Conservation, exercise, well being  
Cricket Practice

Auchrannie Dance Studio, 2pm  
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 2pm  
Brodict Hall, 6.30pm-8pm  
Arran High School, 6.30-7.30pm  
St Molios, Church Hall, 7pm  
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm  
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 6-7pm  
Brodict Church Hall 7.30pm  
Lamlash Church 7.30pm  
Auchrannie, 7pm-9pm  
10am-1pm NTS ranger centre  
Auchrannie Sports Hall 7 pm – 9 pm

### Wednesday 12th December

Hockey  
Tae Kwon Do  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
Arran Brass Rehearsal  
Senior Badminton  
Yogalates  
Aquafizz  
Music Mayhem Class Parents & little ones  
AYF Film Making Club  
Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy Services  
Arran Absolute Beginners Runners  
Northend Football Training  
Outside Boot Camp  
Boot Camp  
Dog Agility Class  
Arran Access Trust AGM

Auchrannie Games Hall, 6.30-7.30pm  
Arran high School – kids, 6.30-7.30pm, Adults, 7.30-8.30pm  
Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30-9.30pm  
Whiting Bay Hall, 7.15pm  
Arran High School, 8-9pm  
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am  
Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am  
Auchrannie Dance Studio 10.45am  
Brodict Church Hall, 4.30-6.30pm  
10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30  
5.30pm, Auchrannie Spa Car Park.  
Lochranza, 7pm  
Whiting Bay Park 6am  
Outside Kinloch Hotel, 6.30pm – 7.30pm  
W/Bay Hall, Beginners/Kids 1-2pm. Been before 2.30-3.30pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, 7.30pm

### Thursday 13th December

Morning Fitness  
General Knowledge Quiz  
Lochranza Craft Club  
Youth Club  
Zumba Fitness Club  
Live Country/Folk music  
Brodict Embroidery Group  
Brodict Bridge Club  
Auchrannie Winter Bowls  
Ladies Netball Club  
Lunchbox  
Ladies Netball  
Arran Angling Association AGM  
Lamlash Panto  
Coffee Morning

Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am  
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
Hall, 2pm  
Youth Cabin, Lamlash, 7-9pm  
Arran high School, 6.30-7.30pm  
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay 8.30-10.30pm  
Brodict Library 7.30 p.m. – 9.30 pm  
Brodict Golf Club, 7 pm for 7.15 pm  
Auchrannie, 7pm-9pm  
Lamlash sports hall, 7.30-8.30pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, 12.30-2.30pm  
High School sports hall – seniors, 7.30-9pm  
Forestry Office, Brodict, 7.30pm  
Lamlash Community Theatre, 7.30pm  
Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15-12noon

### Friday 14th December

Aqua Fizz  
Yogalates  
Arran Youth Foundations  
Weight Watchers  
Lochranza Kids Badminton  
Lochranza Adults Badminton  
Disco  
Outside Boot Camp  
Quiz  
Coffee morning  
Lamlash Panto  
Arran Ceilidh Dance Group  
Aint misbehaving

Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am  
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am  
Church Hall, Brodict 7pm-9pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, 5.30pm  
Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm  
Lochranza Hall, 8pm  
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
Whiting Bay Park 6am  
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 8pm  
Corrie/Sannox Village Hall 10.15am All welcome  
Lamlash Community Theatre, 7.30pm  
Lamlash church hall 8-10pm  
Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm

### Saturday 15th December

Army Cadets,  
Over 21s Disco  
Karate  
Family Games  
Arran Dancers (4yrs & up)  
Junior Badminton Club  
RNLI Shop  
Lamlash Panto  
Kilmory Market

Auchrannie Road 11am – 1 pm.  
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am-12.30pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm  
Arran High School, 10am  
Auchrannie Sports Hall 1-3pm Ages 5-16  
Lamlash Pier, 10.30am-12.30pm  
Lamlash Community Theatre, 2pm & 7.30pm  
Kilmory Hall, 10.30-2pm



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### TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008 REGULATION 20(1)

Format: Application No; Address; Proposed Development  
12/00651/PP; Arran War Memorial Hospital, Hospital Road, Lamlash, Brodick;  
Erection of biomass boiler unit with associated works.

Elma Murray  
Chief Executive  
Cunninghame House  
IRVINE KA12 8EE



## Arran Access Trust AGM

Wed 12th Dec

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Sheila Carswell took this lovely view of Lamlash Bay. But if the weather forecast is correct it looks like the Urie hills could have a sprinkling of snow on them by the time The Banner hits the shelves!



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**SUNDAY**, 9th December: Holy Communion, 11.15 am. Revd Dr Hector Soga, Dollar. Visit of Mrs Elaine Garman. Sandwich lunch and Compass course after service. PLEASE NOTE SLIGHTLY LATER TIME.

**WEDNESDAY**, 12th December: Holy Communion, 12.15 pm. ALL WELCOME

### ARRAN CHURCHES TOGETHER

There will be Carol Singing outside Brodick Co-op from 11.00 am - 12.00 noon on Saturday, 15th December. COME AND JOIN IN - 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 9th December:**  
Second Sunday in Advent  
Brodick Church, 10.30am.  
Corrie Church, 12noon.  
Lochranza and Pirmill Churches,  
Service at Pirmill Church at 10.15am.

Shiskine Church, 12noon.  
A Service of Worship will also be held in Montrose House at 1.30pm.

### CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Kilmory linked with Lamlash "A faith to proclaim ~ a fellowship to share"

**Sunday 9th December**  
Rev. Gillean Maclean  
Kilmory 10am  
Lamlash 11.30am

In both churches:

All welcome, including families; children's area  
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### HOLY CROSS

#### CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Sunday Morning Mass 11 am**  
Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church of Scotland (Charity Number: SC014005) **Sunday 9th December 2012** Worship for Advent 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.

### WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(Charity Number: SC014005)

**Sunday 9th December 2012**  
Worship for Advent 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.

### ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

**Sunday 9th December**

Ormidale Sports Pavilion, Brodick  
11am Morning worship  
Tea/Coffee after the service  
Home Fellowship Group meets on Wednesday  
At 7.30pm, for details telephone 860 232  
Everyone very welcome.

### ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Services as follows  
Shiskine 11.00am (Church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)  
Brodick 7pm (Church behind post office)  
Service will be taken by Rev David Parker  
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### ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND (continuing)

**ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND (continuing)**  
**Sunday 9th December**  
Morning Service 11am  
Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick  
Evening Service 6.30pm  
5 Glen Road, Brodick  
**Wednesday 12th December**  
Prayer Meeting 7pm  
5 Glen Road  
All welcome

### RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS, QUAKERS

9th December in Brodick Library at 11am Enquiries to Jeny 302779. All very welcome

## DEATHS

**MARGARET DAVIDSON** - Dies very peacefully at home in Glen Rosa on Sunday 2nd December 2012.

**NIXON** - Kellyann died 25th November 2012. Sadly missed by everyone. Cremation on Friday 7th December at Greenock Crematorium. Coach provide from Ardrossan Terminal at 9.15am returning to the 3.15 ferry. Service and tribute to Kellyann in the McLaren Hotel from 5.30pm on Friday 7th December.



## Shiskine Golf Club

**Saturday 1 December**, Gents 12 Hole Medal & Winter Cup, 14 played. First Class: 1 & Scratch W Kelso 47-4=43, 2 D K Henderson 49-4=45, 3 B Sherwood 52-6=46. Second Class: 1 M Hesp 56-11=45, 2 A Bannatyne 60-13=47, 3 C Rutterford 59-10=49. Only magic two and scooping the cash was John Culpan at the 7th.

Congratulations Willie on winning the medal!

**Fixtures:** Ladies 12 Hole Medal, Thursday 13 December, 11am tee off. Gents 18 Hole Medal, Saturday 8 December, 12noon tee off. Ryder Cup, Sunday 9 December, 1pm shotgun start.

## Brodick Golf Club

**Wednesday 14 November**, 10 played on a damp course. 1 D Roxborough 66-4=62, 2 Len Hartley 80-17=63. There were seven twos, Wolfi, Douglas, Gordon, Jim, John and Derek, well done to all!

**Wednesday 21 November**, 13 played and the sun was shining on all the shiny heads!

1 Bryce (Captain) Walker 72-15=57, 2 Charlie (I never win anything) O'Neil 76-18=58, 3 back from a long absence, Eric Thompson 79-18=62. There were four twos, Len, John, Don, and Derek. Nice to see Don's investment paying off at last!

**Wednesday 28 November**, 13 played in lovely Autumn weather. Winner of the Walter Bainbridge Trophy Len Hartley 77-17=60, 2 John W/B Dick 75-13=62, 3 Wolfi MacKroner 78-14=64. There were two twos, John and Wolfi.

**Ladies: Tuesday 27 November**, 12-hole TRI-AM. 1 Jennifer McArthur, Heather Raeside, Pat McDonald, Lesley Murray 37, 2 Tricia Martin, Gege Kroner, Pam Holmes, Margaret 38 BIH.

**Saturday 1 December**, Bogey Competition. 1 Tricia Martin +4, 2= Susan Butchard 0 and Isobel MacDonald 0.

**Fixtures:** The next 12-hole Bogey Competition will be on Saturday 12 January. Don't forget the competitions on January 2 and The Games Day (including Golf) on January 8.

## GOLDEN WEDDING



**GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY** - At Burnside Church, Glasgow on 10th December 1962, David Russell Dobson to Sheila Catherine Todd. Love and congratulations from all the family

## Whiting Bay Golf Club

**Sunday 2 December**. In the second of this year's AGA Winter League matches Whiting Bay defeated Lamlash at Machrie by 3 matches to 1.

**Fixtures:** Sunday 9 December, Winter Cup Round 3. Draws at 9am and 10.30am.

## Arran Golfers Association

Winter League/Duncan Trophy 2012/2013. The second round of this year's competition took place at Machrie on Sunday 2 December. The course was frozen over for the start of the morning matches but it was decided play should go ahead.

Thanks to Machrie for getting the games played and to Brian and staff in the canteen for the soup and sandwiches. The course thawed out as the day progressed and the frost didn't hamper play too much.

First match saw Corrie provide a big shock against the home team Machrie and took the match by 3 games to 1 to head straight to the top of the table.

Next was Lamlash against Whiting Bay, despite taking the first game Lamlash lost the other 3 for Whiting Bay to take a deserved victory by 3 games to 1.

Finally Shiskine took on Brodick, same thing happened in this match as Shiskine took the first game but lost the next 3 for Brodick to take the tie by 3 games to 1.

It's now all to play for in January when the third round matches will be played at Whiting Bay on January 13. Draw as follows: Whiting Bay v Shiskine at 10am, Corrie v Lamlash at 10.50am and Machrie v Brodick at 11.40am.

Everyone at the Association would like to wish all members a very happy Christmas and prosperous new year.

## Lamlash Golf Club

**Thursday 30 November**, Yellow Medal (back nine only). 1 Stuart Cree 19pts, 2 Alan Smith 12pts, 3 Jim Young 11pts.

**Fixtures:** Sunday 9 December, Winter Cup 9.30am and 12noon starts. Thursday 13 December, Yellow Medal, 11am draw.

## Corrie Golf Club

**Saturday 1 December**, Winter Cup, 14 played, CSS 64. 1 E McKinnon 62+1=63, 2 J Adams 72-7=65 BIH, 3 D Logan 73-8=65.

Best scratch E McKinnon 63. Twos from A Smith and H McKinnon. **Monday 3 December**, Monday Cup, 8 played nine holes only. 1 S Wood 41-7.5=33.5, 2 D Price 39-3.5=35.5.

Congratulations to Corrie on beating Machrie at Machrie Bay to fo to the top of the Arran Golfers Association Winter League. **Fixtures:** Saturday 10 December, Winter Cup at 8.30am and 12noon. Monday 12 December, Monday Cup at 11.50am for 12noon.

## BIRTHDAY



Look Arran friends who is turning 40 next week on 12.12.12.

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# Magnificent Arran beat Millbrae



Millbrae win their own lineout during the match against Arran but it was one of the few times the visitors got the better of the islanders.

## West Division Three Arran 24 Millbrae 7

A majestic defeat of Millbrae RFC on Saturday has given Arran's rugby team a much-needed boost.

The island's team are now sitting second in division three of the west league with 27 points – just three points less than league leaders Loch Lomond.

The game started well for Arran when a superb pass from Lachlan Jones to Robbie Bayne led to an epic run down field by winger Elliot Smith but he just failed to reach the line in time.

The attack continued however when Gregor Adamson made considerable ground in his now classic unstoppable style but a penalty to Millbrae

increased the pressure but led to no try for either side.

A fantastic Arran scrum led to quick ball that was used well by Scott Currie but a high tackle by Millbrae stopped the momentum.

This gave Lachie the opportunity to kick to touch and an Arran lineout on the five yard line gave Scott Currie the perfect chance to score Arran's first try of the game. An early interception at the restart from Lachie took Arran right back down the field and Stewart McMaster was able to power across the line to score.

Converted by Lachie who had set-up the try, Arran now led 12-0. What followed can only be described as a game of attrition on Arran's line as

the visitors tried desperately to score.

But the island team's defence was too strong and despite two penalty kicks Millbrae were unable to score but a great push forward by Danny Head ended up giving Arran their third try.

Millbrae scored just before the break to leave the half time score 19-7.

The pace of the second half was much slower than the first.

Millbrae almost snatched a second try early on but an offside player scuppered their efforts.

However, as the game neared its end Arran's Jamie Picken crossed the line between nose bleeds to leave the final score 24-7.

## Successful bowls season

After a successful season - despite the weather - Brodick Bowling Club held their annual dinner and presentation of prizes at Brodick Golf Clubhouse on Wednesday 28 November.

On a bitterly cold evening the warmth of the open fire, and the room already decorated for Christmas, created a very welcoming atmosphere and a splendid meal was enjoyed by a good turnout of members and friends.

Competition prizes on the evening were presented by Ian Leader, a very helpful friend of the bowling green, and the recipients were:

Ladies Singles, winner: Ann Hollingworth, runner-up Ann Whattam. Gents Singles, winner: Charlie Weir, runner-up Colin Haggerty. Pairs, winners: John Lauder and Tony Wooden, runners up Charlie Weir and Lavinia Hendry. Triples, winners: Colin Haggerty, Steph Hill and Lavinia Hendry, runners-up: Charlie Weir, Roger Peacock, and Tony Wooden. President's Cup, winner: Tony

Wooden. Stewart Cup for 10 Highest Scores for the Season: Robert Crawford. Arran

Bowling Federation Gents Singles, winner: John McConnachie.



Some of the prizewinners with their trophies at Brodick Bowling Club's annual dinner at Brodick golf clubhouse.

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## Tight at the top in pool league

Two teams are now neck and neck at the top of the Arran Pool League.

PT1934 and Whiting Bay Golf Club both have eight points this week and the same number of for and against points.

It's only PT1934's extra two gallons of beer that place them in first position.

The results from last Thursday night were: Catacol 4 PHT 6 (G), PT1934 5 (G) Drift Inn 5 and Whiting Bay Golf Club 7 (G) Kildonan 3.

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