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**Arran Index 2013** **OUT NEXT WEEK**  
**Your 2013 Arran Index**

# Training journey begins for Arran's transatlantic rower



## Victorian Christmas enjoyed at Castle

Lucky Chloe Hemming, aged four, from Lamash was over-the-moon to meet Santa Claus at Brodick Castle on Sunday as part of the National Trust property's annual Victorian Christmas event. See page 7 for all the photos. 01\_b50one01

Although crossing the Atlantic will hopefully only take one Arran adventurer 30 days, his journey has already begun.

In January Calum McNicol from Brodick will be attempting to break the World Record for rowing across the North Atlantic Ocean and his intense training sessions have begun in earnest.

On Tuesday morning The Banner caught up with Calum in Brodick Bay to see him at work.

Each day he has to complete two hours of training either on the rowing machine at the gym, in his rowing boat or running.

'As long as I complete at least two hours of training a day I'm on target,' Calum said.

'The rowing part isn't as important as you might think. It's more about improving my general fitness in preparation for the row.'

The trip after Christmas will see him set off from Puerto Mogan on Gran Canaria and arrive in Port St Charles on Barbados, covering 3,000 miles of open ocean during the mission.

Calum said: 'This route takes us towards the equator and at around 20 North we should

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pick up the Trade Winds as they blow in a Westerly direction.

'Unlike modern sailing boats we are unable to dodge adverse weather patterns but we do have leading weather routers based in the UK and we will be regularly updated with information about how best we can utilize the weather systems we encounter.'

The skipper of the boat is arguably the most successful ocean rowing skipper to date, Leven Brown.

He along with seven others will be keeping the boat moving 24 hours a day.

The crew will be divided into two watches with each spending two hours on the oars followed by two hours for rest, eating and recovery.

Calum added: 'This two hours on/two hours off shift pattern will start the moment we leave Puerto Mogan on Gran Canaria and continues until we (hopefully), reach Port St Charles on Barbados. Meaning we don't get more than 1 hour 45 minutes sleep at any one time.'

So far he has raised £3,500



Calum McNicol training in Brodick Bay on Tuesday. 01\_b50row02

for the Ayrshire Hospice but he is aiming to make £15,000 in total for the charity so please keep giving. You can follow Calum's progress, leave messages of support and donate to his chosen charity through the website [www.calummcnicolatlanticrow.com](http://www.calummcnicolatlanticrow.com).

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Thereafter it will be on sale from island newsagents.

## New police sergeant for island

Arran has a new police sergeant.

Sergeant Allen Dodds took up his post in Lamlash on Tuesday this week.

A Strathclyde Police spokesperson said: 'Sergeant Dodds has over 15 years service with Strathclyde Police and he is looking forward to becoming part of the Arran community.'

# Double award success for Auchrannie Resort

## 'Being a family business means we have a real passion for what we do'

Auchrannie Resort has picked up another two awards this week to end what has been a hugely successful award winning year for them.

Last Tuesday at the 'Herald Family Business Awards', Auchrannie celebrated a double success, picking up the top honours in both the 'Customer Service Excellence' and 'Rural Family Business' categories, staving off competition from businesses the length and breadth of Scotland and from many different industries.

The judges were particularly

impressed at how Auchrannie retains a large workforce all year round in order to provide the best experience for guests to the hotels, self-catering lodges, restaurants, leisure facilities and spa.

### Black-tie event

News of these most recent awards was announced at a black-tie event that took place in the splendour of Glasgow's Grand Central ballroom.

There to collect the award was co-founder, owner and group director of Auchrannie Resort, Linda Johnston.

Linda, who was delighted to have won the two awards, said: 'Being a family run business means we have real passion for what we do.'

### Deliver

'Only by having such passion can our team deliver such high levels of customer service to each and every one of our guests.'

Auchrannie have experienced an award winning year in 2012 unlike any other in their 25 year history having won over a dozen major accolades in the last 12 months.



Jillian Plenderleith, recreations manager, and group director Linda Johnston with the two new awards.

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## Pier plans go online

For those who missed the public meeting to discuss the Brodick pier redevelopment last Monday night, the plans can now be viewed online.

The presentation that Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd (CMAL) presented last week can be accessed at <http://www.cmassets.co.uk/en/news.html>

If plans get the go ahead the new pier should be completed in December 2015.

## Lucky Alison is Friday's Child voucher winner

Alison McNicol of Brodick received an early Christmas present during the ShopArran weekend!

She was the lucky winner of £200 worth of vouchers from Friday's Child at Home Farm.

Duncan Russell, Sheila Barr and Anne Tattersfield from Friday's Child all said: 'Thanks to all our customers for supporting the ShopArran weekend and big congratulations to Alison McNicol of Brodick winner of the £200 worth of vouchers.'



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## Arran featured again Down Under

Three weeks ago we featured an article on the attractions of Arran published in a New Zealand magazine.

Now Margo St Ives of Whiting Bay has given us a cutting from The West Australian newspaper.

In the travel section for November, the paper features a visit to Arran by journalist Andrew Baillie.

He waxes lyrical on the quirky nature of Shiskine golf course, the history of Brodick Castle, the novelty of the paddle steamer Waverley and the goodies on sale at the Island Cheese Shop and Arran Aromatics.

For a small island we certainly get our fair share of worldwide publicity.

## Smokey-grey coloured cat found in Whiting Bay

A cat described as 'friendly and smokey-grey in colour' has been found by a Whiting Bay resident.

The lady said that she had made the cat comfortable in her shed with warm blankets and food.

If you think that it is your cat, please phone 700264.

# Camping pods and biomass boiler applications approved

Camping pods are coming to Brodick Castle and a biomass boiler to the hospital in Lamlash.

A planning application has been lodged with North Ayrshire Council planning department by the National Trust for Scotland for two family and one standard camping pods adjacent to Shore Lodge, Brodick.

These fixed camping shelters are similar in appearance to the top part of a Romany caravan and have a sleeping area with French windows leading to a covered porch at the front.

The pods, manufactured by Newfoundland Leisure Lodges Ltd., are

constructed of weatherboard walls with sheep's wool insulation.

As previously reported in the Banner, an application has been lodged by NHS Ayrshire and Arran for a biomass boiler unit at Arran War Memorial Hospital in Lamlash.

The woodchip-fuelled low temperature hot water boiler with a rated output of 300kW is to be installed in an existing cold store garage building behind the dental surgery bungalow.

A new pipework system will take the water output to the boilerhouse at the rear of the hospital building.

A supporting planning statement

says that 'the proposal is seeking to reduce the hospital's use of non-renewable energy sources and provide Arran War Memorial Hospital with a more cost-effective and environmentally-friendly and sustainable heat supply'.

The unit will be similar to a system recently installed at Auchrannie Resort.

Another current planning application is for a one-and-a-half storey house in the triangular field between Mentone and Braehead House, on the C147 at the southern end of Whiting Bay.

These applications are all rated as pending consideration.

### Former care home to be changed back to a house

The change of use of Craigielea Care Home in Whiting Bay to a dwelling-house with private garden has been approved subject to conditions.

Also approved is the demolition of an existing cottage and erection of new house at Glenisle in Lamlash.

But an application for a 15kW wind turbine at Craighdu Farm has been refused although Arran Community Council submitted a response of no objection.



Members of the Arran Mountain Rescue Team practising stretcher winching with the crew of HMS Gannet at the beginning of the month.

## Walker breaks her ankle on Goatfell

A walker was rescued from Goatfell on Monday afternoon after injuring herself in a slip on Arran's highest peak.

The 55-year-old fell on ice near to top of the mountain and fractured her ankle. A spokesman for Arran Mountain Rescue Team (AMRT) said: 'On Monday afternoon

the AMRT were called to help move an injured walker from Goatfell. Ten members of the team responded to the call and were ready to assist but the Royal Navy search and rescue helicopter team were deployed and the injured woman was flown directly off the hill to Crosshouse Hospital in Kilmarnock.'

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Dawn Ulivi is fantastic as Frogmella. 01\_b50pan03

# Goldilocks and the Three Bears

## Lamlash panto - A treat for all the family

There's a treat in store for Arran's children and those young at heart tonight and tomorrow because the annual Lamlash Pantomime is taking place.

This year's offering is Goldilocks and the Three Bears with Nicola-Jane Swinton taking on the lead role.

Stalwart producer Maureen Smith said: 'Due to unavoidable circumstances, we have two or three of the usual suspects missing from the cast this year.'

'But we have recruited some new faces to make sure Arran doesn't miss out on the annual panto fun.'

### Woods

'A walk in the woods will never be the same again after you see this lot, and we have a cow too!'

'Tickets are still on sale for tonight's performance and Saturday so get in early to avoid disappointment - you

know you want to ....Oh yes, you do!'

And this panto is nothing like the tale of Goldilocks that we all know so well.

The Royal Family of Bear-gonia have been turned into bears by an evil witch called Frogmella (Dawn Ulivi) and are condemned to spend their lives, foraging for food in the woods.

### Magic cooking

But Fairy Good (Jill McKillop) comes to their aid and gives them a magic cooking pot that will provide them with whatever food they wish for. Although all they ever seem to wish for is porridge.

Frogmella is determined to get her hands on the magic pot in order to cook up even more powerful spells and enlists the help of ex-Stagecoach drivers turn villains Linda Davidson and Holly Beedie.

Hot on the trail of the missing royal family is a dogged

local constable, who gets drawn into wonderful comedy scenes with Dame Dolly Dumpling (Linda Davidson) and the crazy Professor Stein (Alan Nicol) and his assistant Igor (Robert Ingham) who are searching for the 'Talking Bears'.

The story also includes

Frankenstein's Monster (well, it is panto after all).

This is a traditional panto that includes a slapstick scene and a very funny laboratory scene.

Not forgetting Buttercup, a truly loveable pantomime cow who appears in various guises.



The Royal Family of Beargonia have been turned into bears by an evil witch. 01\_b50pan07

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Robert Ingham as the handsome hero, Igor. 01\_b50pan04



Goldilocks played by Nicola-Jane Swinton with Buttercup the loveable pantomime cow and Ryan Wilson, a village boy. 01\_b50pan01



This is Goldilocks and the Three Bears as you have never seen them before. 01\_b50pan06



Fairy Good played by Jill McKillop. 01\_b50pan02



Alan Nicol is wonderful as the loopy Professor Stein. 01\_b50pan05

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# Brodick Primary School awards night

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, it is that time of year again for the most star-studded musical event of the year - the Brodick Primary Christmas Awards Ceremony 2012.

In true Hollywood style the awards ceremony will this year be presented by the pupils of the school from their new and exciting choice of venue, Brodick Hall.

The big question on everyone's lips this year is who should win the award for Outstanding Contribution to Christmas? Will it be Santa? Christmas cards? Christmas trees? The turkey dinner? Or what about snow?

Find out the answer and be reminded what it means to be a true Christmas star by coming along to this year's Brodick Primary Christmas Musical, 'The Stars Come out for Christmas'.

## Welcome

All are welcome on Monday 17 December at Brodick Hall.

Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start. Entry to the show is free however any donations to the school funds will be gratefully received.

There will be tea and coffee served as well as a raffle and lucky programme draw with the star prize kindly donated by the Arran Cheese Shop.



The children of Whiting Bay Nursery who are delivering Christmas cards in the village. b50whb01

## Nursery Christmas card delivery service

The children of Whiting Bay Nursery group are once again running a Christmas card delivery service.

### Post boxes

Post boxes have been placed in Bay Stores, Bay News and The Village Shop.

Cards for addresses in Kings Cross, Whiting Bay and Kildonan can be posted in these boxes and, for a small donation, the children and their parents will deliver them in time for Christmas.

The last posting date is next Wednesday 19 December.

## ROUND THE RURALS

### Lamlash WRI

The ladies of Lamlash WRI are holding the annual children's Christmas party on Saturday 22 December at the High School from 2.30pm until 4.30pm.

All children living in Lamlash village are welcome from birth up to and including Primary Five.

Santa will be arriving at 4pm.

### Shiskine WRI

On Wednesday 5 December the President Mrs Jenny Harper gave the ladies of

Shiskine WRI a very warm welcome as well as those from the Kilmory Institute who joined them for the Scottish Evening.

It was a super (barraiche) evening, which included Iain Clark piping various tunes on his bagpipes, a Scottish Table Quiz, Stand Up Bingo, and a few games of beetle.

Afterwards a special supper was served which included various cake stands with lots of delicious cakes, a mixture of sandwiches, tablet and various soft cheese cheeses

with outcakes.

The competition for best-wrapped parcel was won by Eunice Williamson, second was Yvonne Randell and the exhibition of a Christmas tree ornament was won by Susie Thompson and second was Kate Macintosh.

There were several raffle prizes and the winners were as follows: Judith Porter, Joan Lewis, Maggie Summerfield, Lynne Macdonald, Carole Stewart and Sarah Pearse. The evening finished with the best-wrapped parcels competition being sold

for £3 each and the money collected was being donated to CHAS.

Kilmory Institute thanked the Shiskine ladies for a lovely evening.

The children's Christmas party is on the Monday 24 December at Shiskine Hall from 3pm to 5pm.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 9 January when guest speaker Passla Gautier will talk about her life in Tibet.

The competition is home made tablet and the exhibition is a tartan memento.

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# Victorian Christmas celebrated at the castle

‘Our Victorian Christmas is always a very popular event with entertainment for all ages’

The Victorian Christmas at Brodick Castle is always one of the National Trust building’s most popular events. And this year was no different as locals and visitors flocked to the ancient building on Sunday to be transported back in time.

People were welcomed in the entrance by Arran Brass playing a selection of wonderful Christmas carols and as they made their way through the house, staff were there to

greet them in Victorian costumes.

Property manager Ken Thorburn said: ‘Our Victorian Christmas is always a very popular event with entertainment for all ages.’

**History**

‘Young visitors can learn about the castle’s history while trying out seasonal crafts and visiting a very special man in the drawing room.’

Inside the castle staff were

dressed as their Victorian counterparts for the day and could be seen in various rooms throughout the property enjoying the festive cheer.

As always the Duchess could be found in her bed suffering from a winter cold but her trusty butler was never far from her side.

And of course it wouldn’t be a proper Victorian Christmas without St Nicholas who was waiting to greet children in the library.



Staff and friends of the castle dress in traditional Victorian clothing for the popular event. 01\_b50cas03



Youngsters from Brodick and Corrie Schools sang traditional Christmas carols in the tearoom throughout the afternoon. 01\_b50cas04



Arran Brass entertained castle visitors in the grand hallway. 01\_b50cas01



Diana McMurray spent the day in bed as a Duchess for the day. 01\_b50cas02

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The bereavement room is a quiet, peaceful place for families to have time to be with their baby and receive the support of the midwives during such a sad time in their lives.

The SANDS group is run by local people who have been through a similar experience and are on hand to offer parents help and support through a very difficult time.

Mandy Yule, director for Integrated Care and Partner Services, said: ‘We would like to thank SANDS for refurbishing our bereavement room. Their work is a vital part of the service we provide.’

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## The spirit of Christmas is alive and well on Arran

While anxious shoppers flock to the country's High Street retail outlets, there is something of a relaxed mood in evidence in the island's own shops.

In last week's editorial column, we applauded the success of the inaugural ShopArran event held throughout the island.

It proved that it is still possible to do virtually all your seasonal shopping right here on Arran without having to brave the elements and the vagaries of CalMac and ScotRail.

And at the same time, you will be contributing valuable revenue to the island's economy in these straitened times.

In Whiting Bay, Bernie Jackson has once again (for the 15th year) adorned his house with Christmas lights, but it is not just to entertain local children. He always has a collection box at the gate for donations to the Whiting Bay children's Christmas party.

We have had the festive Victorian Day at Brodick Castle and the annual Carol Concert in Lamlash Church, not to mention the spectacular Santa's Sparkle event in Lamlash.

And you don't have to trek to Germany for a Christmas market; there was one in Whiting Bay Hall last Saturday and you can visit one in Kilmory Hall this Saturday.

It is also heart-warming to see that this sense of seasonal community spirit is exemplified by Arran's schoolchildren.

Youngsters from the Arran Youth Foundation have been busy hand-delivering local Christmas cards around Brodick for a considerably cheaper price than the Royal Mail. Once again, the children of Whiting Bay Nursery group are doing the same thing in their village and just asking for a small donation to their funds.

In Kilmory, the primary schoolchildren decided to help the older residents of the village at Christmas time.

They collected donations of food and provisions, wrapped up parcels, and helped teachers to deliver them to the local senior citizens.

This was gratefully received and not just an act of charity; it was an example of young people caring to consider those folk who are on their own or not so mobile.

And if all this does not put you in the mood for Christmas, it's not too late to head along to the Community Theatre for the hilarious production of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. Let us hope that this community spirit continues into 2013.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end.' (Isaiah 9: 6-7)

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## Letters to the Editor



### Second homes defended

Sir,  
Like Clive Mark, I also have been coming to Arran since the 1940s (as a baby) and have also been a second homeowner for many years.

These owners also contribute greatly to the island economy by employing local tradesmen to repair or upgrade their properties.

Perhaps those who have been vociferous on the radio and in *The Banner* against these owners should focus their attention on NAC affordable housing policy by asking:

What proportion of families living in the Corrie houses are from Arran and what proportion of the new houses to be built in Lamlash will be allocated to local families?

I hope the NAC response (if any) will be published in *The Banner*.

Yours,  
**Robin Gardner**  
By email

### Fisherman's friend

Sir,  
I am wondering if you can help me?

I am a fisherman from Carradale and I had a number of prawn creels shot along the shore at the power station between Pirnmill and Machrie.

During the recent stormy weather they were washed in to the shallow water and someone has pulled the ropes into a pile on the shore and cut the creels off.

I have just bought these creels and have now lost £3,000 worth, so I am looking for any information about them to see if anyone managed to salvage them.

Any help at all would be really appreciated.

Yours,  
**Andrew Charlwood**  
Carradale

### Gritted roads make dirty buses

Sir,  
With reference to Tony van Breugel's letter in last week's *Banner*, I actually know the person who cleans the buses.

I asked him to respond, but

he declined, saying that there would be far too many expletives and the letter would not get printed.

So therefore I am responding on his behalf.

The buses are cleaned every morning. You could come down to witness this should you feel the need, but you have got to be early.

How does 4am grab you? The buses are cleaned inside and out, and I might add, the first three buses to leave are out all day.

As you might have gathered, due to the weather conditions salt has been put down on the roads, which sticks to the bus. Some buses that are returned to the yard will get another external clean.

If the buses are dirty, there are days when they will be due to the washer freezing. We can only apologise.

Due to safety, roads have to be gritted or there would be no buses running.

Everyone involved in the bus company takes pride in their jobs and carry out their duties with professionalism.

Yours,  
**Name and address supplied.**

### Party thanks

Sir,  
May I take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all the kind and generous people of Arran who kindly donated and supported our bag-pack in aid of Brodick Children's Christmas Party at the Co-op last week, and also for the fantastic turn out at Brodick lights switch on.

We had a brilliant afternoon and thanks to the generosity of many of local businesses lots of people went away with some amazing raffle prizes.

It was a great success, raising enough funds for the Christmas party and some money towards next year's too. The village Christmas parties are a part of our island's culture, although sadly Brodick doesn't have a WRI to host the party anymore.

A bunch of hardworking mums and dads do the best we can on behalf of all the children of Brodick and we welcome anyone to come on-

board and appreciate any other ideas anyone else might have - anonymous or otherwise! Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Yours,  
**Clare Gilmore**  
Brodick

### Supporting Brodick mums

Sir,  
I am writing to offer my support to my friend Clare Gilmore. It is ludicrous to think that just because the hard working mums in Brodick organised a bag pack at the Co-op to add to the other fundraising for the children's party, that this year the children will be given expensive lavish gifts!

The children get a small gift of around £4 in value and are served sandwiches and cakes made by local mums.

All spare money is kept in the bank and ensures the future of the party for local children for years to come. As a frequent user of the Brodick Co-op I would never be narrow minded enough to only give if the cause being collected for was specific to Brodick!

I gladly support the Kilmory Community bus fund, but have never used it!

I happily buy cakes tea and jam from Rural ladies at the Farmers show regardless of which village they represent. I am happy to support as many island communities as I can, thankfully, so were 99 per cent of all the islanders and visitors who donated to the Brodick Children's Party bag pack.

Yours,  
**Gwen McNicol**  
2 Manse Crescent  
Brodick

### Glen Rosa oak needs treatment

Sir,  
A few weeks ago, I walked past one of the few remaining oak trees in the fenced off area in the gully that runs up from the Glen Rosa burn.

I was last there about 10 years ago and noted that the health of the oak seems to have worsened. I believe that it would benefit from having

some of its rotten branches pruned and the wound treated.

I hope that someone can have a look to see that it is feasible.

The location is about 500 metres up Garbh Allt.

Map reference approximately 980385.

Yours,  
**Robert Thomson**  
6 Derby Street  
Nelson  
Lancs

### Open ears in Argyll

Sir,  
I would like to respond to your article in last week's *Banner* about the EU Boundary change for Arran. In my opinion this makes more than just sense, but only if the whole of the Isle of Arran Territory is joining Argyll and Bute.

I think we have only one thing in common with North Ayrshire: that is the Ferry port in Ardrossan.

In North Ayrshire, I can see nothing but non-understanding, a complete lack of interest for any of the needs of Arran people and businesses, a complete negation of our values, sabotage through planning to grant permissions for new businesses, etc. We need good roads, a good and frequent public transport service to attract the tourists who are left with enough money to spend on holidays (thank you Mr Cameron and Mr Osborne for the austerity).

So Arran will find much more open ears in Argyll and Bute, as they suffer the same problems.

I am absolutely sure the Scottish Executive would be even more prepared to listen to the special needs of communities who are dependent solely on seasonal possibilities of income once Argyll is substantially strengthened by Arran.

I am convinced the Isle of Arran, once part of Argyll and Bute, will prosper far better than with North Ayrshire.

Yours,  
**Bruno Baumgärtner**  
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## Riding for the Disabled prize draw

The winners of the Riding for the Disabled Prize draw were picked out on Saturday 8 December by Gerry Hird.

Winners were: 1 Audrey Roach (Bridge of Weir) – 2 nights dinner bed and breakfast in New Lanark Mill Hotel, 2 Chris Hogge (Brodict) – 2 nights bed and breakfast in the Douglas Hotel, Brodict, 3 Isobel McClure (Lamlash) - £100 voucher for Thomas Taylor Bowls, 4 Steven Heaney (Lamlash) – Tour around Glasgow in a Ferrari from Arran Graphics, 5 and 6 – lucky lady Linda Clark (Lamlash) who won a years supply of Wooleys Oatcakes AND a selection of chocolates from James of Arran.

The sum of £670 was raised.

Thanks to everyone who sold tickets and all the businesses who donated prizes.

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# Livestock sales

## Cattle prices hold as sheep sales suffer

Messrs Craig Wilson Ltd sold 226 cattle and 2,353 sheep consigned from the island to their recently concluded Autumn Sales in Ayr Auction Mart.

Cattle prices were generally similar to last year but the sheep trade, with the exception of the early draws, proved to be more and more difficult to sell as each sale came along due to the vast shortage of keep throughout most areas normally capable of wintering the smaller lambs in particular.

As a result the sheep auctioneer had latterly great difficulty finding buyers willing to accommodate the stock, no matter how cheap they appeared to be.

### Main prices cattle:

Aberdeen Angus: £1,265 and £950 Cairnhouse, £965 and £890 Bellview. Hereford bullocks: £1,236 Clachaig, £880 Altgolath, £875 Cairnhouse. Luig bullocks: £1,070 Altgolath. Limousin bullocks: £1,040, £995, £900, £880 Bellview, £800 Cairnhouse. Charolais bullocks: £1,250 Drumaghinier, £950 Creagraineach.

Simmental bullocks: £980, £960, £915 Bellview. Black and White bullocks: £1,100, £1,060, £1,040, £990, £940 Bellview. Hereford heifers: £1,010, £1,003 Clachaig. Aberdeen Angus heifers: £897, £840 Bellview, £865 Cairnhouse, £805 Tigheanfraoch. Charolais heifers: £800 Cairnhouse. Simmental heifers: £755, £675 Bridge.

### Suckled calves:

Charolais bullocks: £825, £630 Creagraineach, £640 Ceither Gaoithe, £610 Glenree £500, Auchenhew. Charolais bulls: £640, £535 Torrylinn. Simmental bullocks: £650, £550 Bellview (D & A Currie), £605 Springfield, £505 Lenamhor. Limousin bullocks: £635, £570, £555 Springfield, £630, £610, £605 Heathcote, £550, £540 Glenree.

### Heifer calves:

Charolais: £790, £700, £630, £620 Creagraineach, £510 Torrylinn, £500 Ceither Gaoithe. Limousin: £565 Creagraineach, £515 Glenree, £510 Springfield, £480, £475 Heathcote.

### Top prices calves (per kilo)

Bullocks: 245.2p Ceither Gaoithe. Heifers: 200.8p Ceither Gaoithe. Breeding Stock: Saler cow and calf: £1,320 Braehead, £1,250 Ceither Gaoithe. Saler bulling heifers: £920 Ceither Gaoithe. Cast cows: £990, £730, £710 Auchenhew, £860, £820 Craigview, £860 Braehead, £800 Clachaig, £790, £770, £760 Ceither Gaoithe. Cast bulls: Luig: £1,500 Altgolath.

Charolais: £1,480 Auchenhew.

### Sheep store lambs:

Texel: £74, £63.20 Springfield, £73, £62.20, £62, £57.20 Auchenhew, £70, £61.50, Kilpatrick, £68, £63.20, £61.20 Bridge, £67 Arran Estate, £64, £60 Glenree, £60 Torbeg, £62 Bellview. Beltex: £77.50, £62 Seaview. Suffolk: £71, £64.50, £62.50 Auchenhew, £64.50, Altgolath, £63 Swallowbrae. Cross lambs: £64, £54 Brandon, £55 Glenree. Blackface wedder: £44, £39 Altgolath, £43, £40 Glenree. Texel hogs: £60 Hillhead. Blackface hogs: £45 Hillhead.

### Cast ewes:

Texel: £71.50 Bridge. Cross: £71.50 Hillhead, £60 Glenree, £80 Hillhead. Blackface: £55 Brandon, £48.50 Bridge, £45.50 Glenree, £40.50 Springfield. Cheviot: £65, £63.50, £60.50 Hillhead, £54 Arran Estate. Goats: £66 Bridge.

### Breeding sheep:

Mule gimmers: £115 Arran Dairies, £113, £101 Creagraineach, £100 Arran Estate and Bailemargaidh. Texel gimmers: £108 (x2), Bailemargaidh, £100 Hillhead, £95, £93, £91 Arran Dairies. Cheviot gimmers: £95, £90, £86, £85 Seaview, £95 East Mayish. Blackface ewes: £64, £51 (x2), £49 Lavencorach, £57, £56, £53, £48 Glenree. Texel shearling rams: £400 (x2), £300 Springfield. Suffolk shearling rams: £320 (x2), £300, Creagraineach. Blue Leicester shearling rams: £280, £260 Creagraineach.

# Season's Greetings

*Merry Christmas*  
Pat and David of Lamlash wish seasons greetings to their friends everywhere

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**Agnes Boa**  
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**SEASON'S GREETINGS**

Netta McDonald would like to wish friends and family a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

*Drew Crawford*

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**SEASON'S GREETINGS**

Alice Lennox would like to wish all friends and relatives a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year as she is just back from Aus.

*Merry Christmas*

And Happy New Year to all our friends from Andrew and Diane Perrie

# MSP supports charity's call to give dogs a 'paw-fect' Christmas

Most of us are familiar with the slogan 'A dog is for life, not just for Christmas' and last week Arran's MSP was urging people not to forget it this year.

Last Wednesday, Kenneth Gibson MSP joined other members of the Scottish Parliament at an event in Holyrood organised by Dogs Trust, the UK's largest dog welfare charity, to raise awareness of its annual Christmas campaign.

The event aimed to highlight the famous Dogs Trust slogan in a bid to combat the problem of dogs being given as gifts at Christmas only to be later abandoned in January.

The event gave attendees the opportunity to open a window on the charity's '12 Strays of Christmas' advent calendar and learn more about its campaign to encourage people to think carefully before taking on a dog, especially during

the festive season.

Mr Gibson said: 'I am delighted to support the Dogs Trust in their campaign to remind people that a dog really is for life and not just for Christmas.'

'It is vital that dog ownership is seen as a long-term commitment and not just an impulse buy, especially at Christmas time.'

'I would urge anyone thinking of buying a dog or puppy as a Christmas present to think twice before doing so.'

Laura Vallance, public affairs manager at Dogs Trust said: 'We are really pleased Mr Gibson is helping to raise

awareness about this important issue.

'We see an influx of dogs being handed in to our rehoming centres during December and January and aim to curb this problem by educating people about responsible dog ownership and the potential risks of buying pets online as an impulse purchase.'

'Many unscrupulous breeders take advantage of the Christmas season to make money and what you see on a website is not always what you get, with many of these puppies being sold underage, sick and not properly socialised.'



Arran's MSP Kenneth Gibson urges islanders to remember that a dog is not just for Christmas.

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## Community groups attend Straight Talking event

Representatives from Arran were told that the council can help them develop their skills and expertise during a special event in Ardrossan last week.

Representatives of community, voluntary and third sector groups attended the council's 'Straight Talking About... Sharing the Load' session last Thursday.

Council leader, Councillor Willie Gibson, said: 'It was really encouraging to see the enthusiasm and commitment shown by local groups.'

'The hall was packed and was buzzing with lots of valuable discussion about the future, and making the most of resources.'

'By 'sharing the load' we mean focusing on talking to groups about how the Council

can help them to strengthen their skills and expertise.

'It's about listening to community, voluntary and third sector groups to see how we can work best together.'

The event involved workshops covering subjects including external funding, volunteering and support from the council.

Councillor Gibson and Chief Executive Elma Murray also gave participants an overview of the challenges facing the council.

Ms Murray said: 'The event was an opportunity for local groups to talk to the Council about our long-term financial situation and the issues that matter to them.'

'The overall feedback from the groups and their repre-

sentatives was very positive and encouraging for the future.'

'Like every other local authority in Scotland and the rest of the public sector, we face some extremely tough financial challenges which will impact on the delivery of services.'

## New champion for young people

Young people across North Ayrshire have been given a greater say in the way the Council operates with the appointment of a new Youth Champion.

Councillor Ruth Maguire was appointed North Ayrshire Council's Youth Champion at a special meeting with young members of North Ayrshire Youth Council last Tuesday.

The Council regularly meets with the Youth Council to discuss issues which affect them, including Council Leader Willie Gibson making a presentation on next year's budget.

The appointment of Councillor Maguire now gives thousands of young people from across North Ayrshire an even bigger say in the services provided for them and their peers.

Secondary school pupils interested should enquire about joining the Youth Council through their school.

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### December

- Saturday 15th** - Christmas Party Night - Dinner & Disco £25pp
- Saturday 22nd** - Golf Club Christmas Dance - 9pm
- Monday 24th** - A Cosy Christmas Eve - Music, Mulled Wine & Mince Pies - 5pm
- Christmas Day** - Bar open from 3pm
- Wednesday 26th** - "Boxing Day Bottle" Competition  
Bar open from 11am
- Monday 31st** - Bar open from 3pm
- Wednesday 2nd Jan** - "Course Backwards" - Bar open 10am  
Golf Club Annual Dance

### Shop Open Christmas sale

Saturday 15th and 22nd December 10am - 1pm  
Sunday 16th and 23rd 12pm-2pm





Waxwings were certainly here in abundance with many records throughout the month, mainly from the east of the island. Picture by Malcolm Whitmore.

# Weather may have influenced arrival of winter visitors

by Jim Cassels

November was about three degrees colder and 40 per cent drier than November 2011.

This colder weather, not only here but on the continent, may have had an influence on the arrival of our winter visitors.

Waxwings were certainly here in abundance with many records throughout the month, mainly from the east of the

island. The largest group recorded was 530 at Cnoc na Dail on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Other large flocks of foraging birds included: 400 Woodpigeon in Brodick Country Park on the 4<sup>th</sup>, over 1,000 Fieldfare and Redwing at Gortonallister on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 200 Star-

ling in Kilpatrick on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Other records of wintering birds included: four Whooper Swan at Sliderry on the 4<sup>th</sup>, a Yellowhammer at Torbeg on the 6<sup>th</sup>, three Brambling at Gortonallister on the 9<sup>th</sup>, 22 Wigeon off Cosyden on the 17<sup>th</sup>, 34 Rook in Sliderry on the 18<sup>th</sup>, 100 Greylag Geese in Shiskine on the 26<sup>th</sup> and seven Purple Sandpiper at Kildonan on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

## Safe refuges

Gardens are safe refuges during the winter months and these are some of the November reports from gardens round the island: 27 Collared Dove in Whiting Bay on the 20<sup>th</sup>, seven Blue Tit in Brodick on the 25<sup>th</sup>, 20 Coal Tit and 12 Long-tailed Tit in Lamdash also on the 25<sup>th</sup>, 13 Blackbird in Kilpatrick on the 28<sup>th</sup> and widespread reports of Great Spotted Woodpecker including in a garden in Glenloig on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

A Slavonian Grebe in Whiting Bay on the 5<sup>th</sup> was only the second record this year. The first was in January. Also in Whiting Bay were nine

Common Scoter on the 6<sup>th</sup>. This is the largest group this year.

In addition other highlights included: three Dipper at the mouth of the Rosa Burn on the 12<sup>th</sup>, a male Tufted Duck at Strabane gravel pit also on the 12<sup>th</sup>, three Goosander off Catacol on the 14<sup>th</sup> and two Little Grebe in Lamdash Bay also on the 14<sup>th</sup>. All three divers were reported round the coast. These included: six Great Northern Diver off Blackwaterfoot on the 5<sup>th</sup>, ten Black-throated Diver off Cosyden on the 17<sup>th</sup> and three Red-throated Diver in Machrie Bay on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Finally as winter approached, two Swallow were reported in Whiting Bay on the 1<sup>st</sup> surely the last record of the year!

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 2011' and visit this website www.arranbirding.co.uk

## Sponsors eager to sign up for Civic Pride Awards

Nominations are now being sought for the coming year's Provost's Civic Pride Awards. Last year, 133 local heroes, active community groups, young citizens, aspir-

ing sportsmen and women, talented local artists and inspirational volunteers were

nominated across five award categories.

With nominations for the 2013 awards now open, Provost Joan Sturgeon is encouraging local people to let the world know about those who make a real difference in their communities.

Provost Sturgeon said: 'We certainly do not struggle to find worthy candidates in North Ayrshire.

'Last year's Civic Pride Awards highlighted the wealth of talent and commitment we have here in North Ayrshire as well as the huge number of individuals and groups who work tirelessly to improve their local communities.

## Real difference

'I believe there are even more who deserve to be nominated and would encourage local people to make sure that those who make a real difference in their communities are given the credit they deserve.'

Nominations can be made by filling out the nomination form on this page and returning it to Communications Team, Chief Executive's Service, North Ayrshire Council, Cunninghame House, Irvine KA12 8EE

Nomination forms are also available online, at your local school and from a variety of North Ayrshire Council offices including libraries, community centres and local area offices.

### Provost's Civic Pride Awards 2013 Nomination Form

#### Who are you nominating?

Name of Individual or Group: \_\_\_\_\_

If a group please give a contact name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick which category your nomination applies to:

North Ayrshire Community Group Award

North Ayrshire Citizen of the Year Award

North Ayrshire Young Citizen of the Year (Under 25 years)

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North Ayrshire Arts & Culture Award

North Ayrshire Sports Award

The nominee has agreed to this submission and to any publicity arising from the nomination  
I agree to my name being used in any publicity material arising from this submission

#### Your details:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a separate sheet of paper and tell us in 500 words or less why you feel this individual/group should receive an award and return with this nomination form by 12 noon on Thursday 24 January, 2013 to:

**Communications Team, Chief Executive's Service  
North Ayrshire Council, Cunninghame House, Irvine KA12 8EE**

Under the Data Protection Act 1998 we must inform you of the following:

The information you provide to North Ayrshire Council will be used solely for the purpose of administering and promoting the Provost's Civic Pride Awards.

### SASHA VOLPOV

Guest principal cello at BBC Scottish, Scottish Opera, Opera North, Northern Sinfonia and the London Concert Orchestra.

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# The Arran Banner 20 years ago

## Saturday 19 December, 1992

### Pier parking problems

Fears have been raised this week about parking at Brodick Pier when the new ferry comes into service.

CalMac's plans to cope with this do not meet with everyone's approval as some fear the end result will be worse than if nothing was done.

Demolishing the present ticket office will leave room for a marshalling area for 120 cars.

Plans have already been lodged and work will begin next year.

### Distillery hiccup

The proposed Lochranza Distillery is not cut and dried after all.

Scottish Natural Heritage has lodged objections to the building so the decision now lies with the Secretary of State.

Councillor Tom Knox said the Secretary of State will probably deem it to be a local matter and put it back to the planning committee.

### Break-in arrests

Local police have arrested a Whiting Bay youth in connection with a series of break-ins to cars in recent weeks.

Car windows have been broken and radios stolen but following a tip-off from a member of the public, police went to the youth's house and found some of the stolen items.



Fiona Simpson of Lamlash has become a minor celebrity after she and a woman from Dundee were featured in national newspapers and magazines for writing to prisoners on death row. b50twe03

### Council tax bands

The Register of Council Tax Banding is now available at Lamlash Council Office and householders can call in and find out which band their house falls into.

The bands from A to H are based on the valuation of each house, and what each of us will pay when the Council Tax begins next year depends on the charge Strathclyde and Cunningham decide to make for each band.

### Mobile shop open

A new mobile shop will begin its rounds this week to serve the southend.

It is being operated by Thomas and Joanna Liddy who were married last September.

Both spent part of their childhood on Arran but Thomas has spent the last few years working for Arran Deliveries on the mainland.

With two of the three southend shops on the market, they saw the mobile shop as a perfect solution.

### New owner for hotel

The Island Hotel, something of an eyesore on the Brodick seafront, has a closing date on its sale and has almost certainly found a new owner.

Bill Currie formerly of Lamlash Garage and Steamers is the successful buyer although the sale is not yet finalised.

If all goes to plan Mr Currie plans to run it as a hotel.



Brodick Brownies were out in force last Saturday raising funds with their annual line of pennies. b50twe02



Scott Campbell of Shiskine got to sit on Santa's knee at Duchess Court last Saturday. He is pictured with Katherine, Laura and John McAllister of Corrie. b50twe04



This tiny Finch in his cage was the overhead champion at this year's Chookie Show. The Australian Long Tailed Grass Finch is owned by Anne McLean of Kilmory. b50twe01

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Last week Archie was sitting by the gate at the beginning of the track to Machrie Moor Standing Stones and Moss Farm. The first correct answer came from Diane Stanley. This week he is off on another favourite walk, but where will it take him?  
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If you think you know then post your answer on the website **www.arranbanner.co.uk**  
 Or email us at: **editor@arranbanner.co.uk**

# Whats on

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## Everyday

Arran Brewery Open Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sunday 12.30pm-4.30pm  
Arran Brewery Tour 2pm  
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Brodict Castle, Garden Open Daily 9am-Dusk

## Saturday 15th December

Army Cadets Auchrannie Road 11am – 1 pm.  
Over 21s Disco Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
Karate Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am-12.30pm  
Family Games Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm  
Arran Dancers (4yrs & up) Arran High School, 10am  
Fun in the pool Auchrannie Pool 4-5pm  
Junior Badminton Club Auchrannie Sports Hall 1-3pm Ages 5-16  
RNLI Shop Lamlash Pier, 10.30am – 12.30pm  
Kilmory Market Kilmory Hall, 10.30-2pm  
Lamlash Panto Lamlash Community Theatre, 2pm & 7.30pm  
Sasha Volpov Brodict Hall, 1.30pm

## Sunday 16th December

Alcoholics Anonymous Church Hall, Brodict, 4.30pm  
New Al-Anon Meeting Brodict Church Hall, 4.30 – 6 pm.  
Family Games Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm  
Fun in the pool Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm  
Open Mic Session Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 2pm-5pm  
Folk night Ormidale Hotel, 8.30pm  
The Hassle of Christmas Brodict Hall, 2.30pm  
Mulled Wine Event Taste of Arran Shop, 2pm-5pm

## Monday 17th December

Over 50s Badminton Lochranza Village Hall, 2pm-4pm  
Badminton Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm  
Citizens Advice Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30-1.30pm  
Morning Fitness Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am  
Breathe Walk class Kinneil, Lamlash, 5.15pm  
Table Tennis Corrie Hall, 6.30pm  
Quiz Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 8.30pm  
Badminton Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm  
Lamlash Bridge Club, Lamlash Golf Club, 7pm for 7.15pm  
Outside Boot Camp Whiting Bay Park 6am  
Boot Camp Outside Kinloch Hotel, 6.30pm – 7.30pm  
Volleyball Club Auchrannie Games Hall, 7-8pm  
Arran junior football Club Ormidale Park, 6pm –7.30pm  
Lunch club Mckelvie Road, Lamlash, 12.30pm  
Circuit Auchrannie Gym, 6-7pm

## Tuesday 18th December

Pop Quiz Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
Alcoholics Anonymous Brodict Church Hall, 2pm  
Youth Club Kildonan Hall, 7pm  
Rotary Club Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 7.15pm  
Streetly Dancing pre school Auchrannie Dance Studio, 1.45 – 2.30pm

Streetly Dancing Classes P1-S7

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 10am-1pm NTS ranger centre  
Cricket Practice Auchrannie Sports Hall 7 pm – 9 pm

## Wednesday 19th December

Hockey Auchrannie Games Hall, 6.30-7.30pm  
Tae Kwondo Arran high School – kids, 6.30-7.30pm, Adults, 7.30-8.30pm  
Alcoholics Anonymous Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30-9.30pm  
Arran Brass Rehearsal Whiting Bay Hall, 7.15pm  
Senior Badminton Arran High School, 8-9pm  
Yogalates Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am  
Aquafizz Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am  
Music Mayhem Class Parents & little ones Auchrannie Dance Studio 10.45am  
AYF Film Making Club Brodict Church Hall, 4.30-6.30pm  
Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy Services 10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30  
Arran Absolute Beginners Runners 5.30pm, Auchrannie Spa Car Park.  
Northend Football Training Lochranza, 7pm  
Outside Boot Camp Whiting Bay Park 6am  
Boot Camp Outside Kinloch Hotel, 6.30pm – 7.30pm  
Dog Agility Class W/Bay Hall, Beginners/Kids 1-2pm. Been before 2.30-3.30pm

## Thursday 20th December

Morning Fitness Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am  
General Knowledge Quiz Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
Lochranza Craft Club Hall, 2pm  
Youth Club Youth Cabin, Lamlash, 7-9pm  
Zumba Fitness Club Arran high School, 6.30-7.30pm  
Live Country/Folk music Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay 8.30-10.30pm  
Brodict Embroidery Group Brodict Library 7.30 p.m. – 9.30 pm  
Brodict Bridge Club Brodict Golf Club, 7 pm for 7.15 pm  
Auchrannie Winter Bowls Auchrannie, 7pm-9pm  
Ladies Netball Club Lamlash sports hall, 7.30-8.30pm  
Lunchbox Ormidale Pavilion, 12.30-2.30pm  
Ladies Netball High School sports hall – seniors, 7.30-9pm

## Friday 21st December

Aqua Fizz Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am  
Yogalates Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am  
Arran Youth Foundations Church Hall, Brodict 7pm-9pm  
Weight Watchers Ormidale Pavilion, 5.30pm  
Lochranza Kids Badminton Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm  
Lochranza Adults Badminton Lochranza Hall, 8pm  
Disco Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
Outside Boot Camp Whiting Bay Park 6am  
Quiz Whiting Bay Golf Club, 8pm

## Saturday 22nd December

Army Cadets, Auchrannie Road 11am – 1 pm.  
Over 21s Disco Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
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To appear in What's On telephone the Arran Banner 01770 302142

# Public Notices

Arran Medical Group

## FESTIVE SEASON HOURS

The island surgeries will be closed on  
**Tues 25th & Wed 26th December**  
**Tues 1st and Wed 2nd January 2013**

*The surgeries will close at 5pm  
 on Fri 21<sup>st</sup>, Mon 24<sup>th</sup> & Mon 31<sup>st</sup> December.*

If you require a doctor urgently over this period you  
 should contact  
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**In an emergency phone 999**

*Child Health Clinics will be held  
 on the following dates:*

<b>Shiskine Surgery:</b>	<b>Thurs 3rd January</b>
<b>Brodick Health Centre:</b>	<b>Tue 8th January</b>
<b>Whiting Bay Surgery:</b>	<b>Thurs 10th January</b>
<b>Lamlash Medical Centre:</b>	<b>Tue 15th January</b>

**Please ensure that you have enough supplies of  
 medication for this period**



**Isle of Arran Homes  
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## AGM

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# Recruitment

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**Closing date: 28 December 2012.**

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Order effective from 21 December 2012 for eighteen months

**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 Corporate Services, Cunninghame House, Irvine, between 9am - 4.45pm weekdays (4.30pm Fridays) or at [www.eplanning.north-ayrshire.gov.uk](http://www.eplanning.north-ayrshire.gov.uk)

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Written representations may be made to the Solicitor to the Council (Corporate Services) at the above address or emailed to [eplanning@north-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:eplanning@north-ayrshire.gov.uk) by 04.01.13. Any representations received will be open to public view.

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 (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997**

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Format: Application No; Address; Proposed Development

12/00687/PP; Shore Lodge Brodick Country Park, Brodick, Isle Of Arran, KA27 8HY; Siting of 3 camping pods and 2 additional parking spaces.

Elma Murray  
 Chief Executive  
 Cunninghame House  
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This striking picture of Brodick Bay was taken by our reporter Jenny Lyon on Tuesday morning. She said: 'It was so cold on the land that there was steam coming from the sea. It was a beautiful winter's morning.' 01\_b50bay01

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## CHURCH NOTICES

### SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(in full communion with the Church of England)  
St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.  
**Sunday 16th December**  
Holy Communion, 11.00 am.  
Mr John Roberts. Coffee after service. 3.00 pm: Annual Carol Service.  
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 16th December**  
Third Sunday in Advent  
Brodick Church, 10.30am.  
Corrie Church, 12noon.  
Lochranza and Pirmill Churches,  
Service at Lochranza 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 16th December**  
Rev. Gillean Maclean  
Kilmory 10am  
Lamlash 11.30am  
In both churches:  
Family Nativity service  
All welcome, including families; children's area  
Scottish Charity SC015072

HOLY CROSS  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
Sunday Morning Mass 11 am

### WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(Charity Number: SC014005)  
**Sunday 16th December**  
Worship for Advent will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson, at 10.30am. During the service, there will be the very special celebration of the marriage of

Anne Purcell and Don Rudge. Tea and coffee will be served in the Transept immediately after the service.

All most welcome.  
There will be no informal evening service of praise and discussion at 7pm in the Church Transept.

### ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

**Sunday 16th 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)  
All welcome

### ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)  
**Sunday 16th December**  
Morning Service 11am  
Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick  
Evening Service 6.30pm  
5 Glen Road, Brodick  
**Wednesday 19th December**  
Prayer Meeting 7pm  
5 Glen Road  
All welcome

### RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS, QUAKERS

**Sunday 16th December**  
in 11 Glen Estate, Brodick at 11am.  
Enquiries to Jeny 302779.

### IN MEMORY

**COOPER - NANCY**  
Died December 17, 2007  
Miss you Mum  
With love from Isla, Lorna, Willie, Andy and all the family

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

**NAN LOWE** - The family would like to thank everyone for cards, visits and the amazing love and support shown to Nan, in so many ways, during her last months and to the family since her passing. She was indeed very lucky to be part of such a caring community and she would want to join us in wishing everyone a very joyous Christmas.



### Whiting Bay Golf Club

Results: Sunday 9 December, 19 played in the third round of the Winter Cup. Despite the conditions being wet underfoot and 8 no-returns the CSS stayed at 63. Jamie Ainsworth followed up his good first round score with a second 57, (and an appropriate cut in his handicap.) 1st Jamie Ainsworth (26)57, 2nd Gus MacLeod (10)62 BIH, 3rd Jamie MacPherson (6) 62.

Nicol Auld won scratch with 65 and there were Magic 2s by Tom Paterson and Jamie MacPherson.

Fixtures: Sunday 16th, Friendly with Lamlash at Whiting Bay. Tee offs between 10.30am and 11am. Open to all male members - just turn up to be paired up. After a heavy 5-1 defeat last month a good turnout much needed!

### Shiskine Golf Club

Results: Thursday 6 December, Ladies 18 Hole Medal. 1 V Parks 90-8=72, 2 R Culpin 92-7=75 BIH. Best scratch V Parks 90. Saturday 8 December, 18 Hole Medal. 1 B Sherwood 79-9=70, 2 Q Oliver 94-

18=76 BIH, 3 W Kelso 84-8=76. Best scratch: B Sherwood 79. Sunday 9 December, first match of the Ryder Cup. Table: 1 Kilpatrick 3 1/2, 2 Torbeg 2 1/2, 3 Shiskine 1 1/2, 4 Blackwaterfoot 1 1/2. Last year's champions go straight to the top of the table after the first match!

Fixtures: Sunday 16 December, Ryder Cup, Shotgun start at 12.30pm.

### Brodick Golf Club

Men's Results: Sunday 25 November Winter Cup, 13 played. Non-counter for handicap. 1 B Walker (19) 40 pts, 2 D Robertson (13) 39 pts, 3 B Smith (12) 38 pts  
There were 2 twos.

Sunday 2 December Sweep, eight played. Non-counter for handicap. 1 L Keir (12) 61, 2 T Raeside (8) 66. There were 2 twos.

Sunday 9 December Brandon & Winter Cup, 16 played. Non-counter for handicap. 1 I McDermid (13) 64 (acb), 2 D Robertson (13) 64, 3 J McKean (10) 68. There were three twos; Terry Raeside got two. 1st Class Brandon J McKean 2nd Class Brandon I McDermid.

Fixtures: Sunday 16 December Clochdichter, Sunday 23 December Winter Cup, open draws at 9am and 12noon.

### Ladies Whitlam Final

Tension in the locker room was running high between the ladies of Whiting Bay and Lamlash as the final of the Whitlam was about to tee off.

With a lot of bad behaviour, giggling and general festive jollities there was a little 'team swapping' with some ladies defecting to play for the opposition. (The less said about that the better).

This closely fought contest had all to play for with only 0.6 difference between the two teams. Played over 12 holes, it was clear to see that having to play the 1st hole twice would have an impact.

With the top three winners all scoring 23 the final outcome was, 3rd Rachel Wren, 2nd Jenny Pat-



The ladies of Whiting Bay and Lamlash competing in the Whitlam Final. b50golf01

tenden, and 1st Sheena Murchie. With prizes of chocolates and a brand new 'mug trophy' in contest it was only a matter of time before we really saw everyone's true colours.

But what a tremendous day we had - Lamlash just taking the prize with 85.8 against Whiting Bay's 84.1.

We had such fun, we are going to do it all over again in 2013. Many thanks to Holly and Stuart for the scones and tea and even bigger thanks to all who come along to play in this new and terribly exciting golf challenge.

### Corrie Golf Club

Results: Saturday 8 December Winter Cup, 11 played. Sweep 1 J McGovern 70-9=61 (bih), 2 A McDonald 71-10=61, 3 J Adams 69-7=62. Best scratch J Adams 69. Magic twos J McGovern and A Smith.

Monday 10 December, Monday Cup, yellow tees, 11.50am for 12noon start, 21 played. Sweep 1 H McArthur 73-14=59 (bih), 2 S Woods 74-15=59 (bih), 3 T Kerr 79-20=59. Best scratch S Beardsley 66. Magic twos L Hartley, H McArthur, S Beardsley 2.

Fixtures: Saturday 15 December

Stableford competition 8.30am and 12noon (11.50am for 12).

### Machrie Bay Golf Club

Results: Saturday 1 December Lochranza Hotel Cup and Freebie Final. 1 Alastair MacDonald 34pts (bih), 2 David Price 34pts, 3 Elizabeth Kelso 31pts. Scratch and winner of the Freebie Final Alastair MacDonald 78.

Tuesday 4 December Winter Cup. 1 Brian Sherwood 65, 2 Mark MacDonald 69, 3 Alastair MacDonald 70. Scratch Brian Sherwood 74.

Fixtures: Tuesday 18 December Lochranza Hotel Cup, tee off 12noon.

### Lamlash Golf Club

Results: Sunday 9 December, Glenburn Cup (non qualifying) SS 63. 1 Alan Smith 72-8=64, 2 Raymond Burke 78-12=66. Best Scratch Alan Smith 72.

Fixtures: Sunday 16 December, Winter Friendly v Whiting Bay at W/Bay, 10.30am for 11am start.

A good turnout for this match would be appreciated. Thursday 20 December, Yellow Medal, 11am draw.

## PERSONAL NOTICE

Malcolm Sloss would like to thank his friends and customers on Arran for the cards, flowers and support he has received from them at this sad time.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

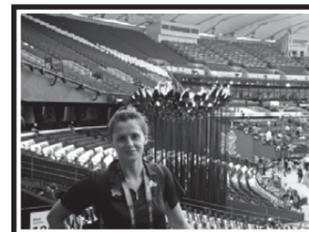
James McKenna - Margaret and Maureen just wouldn't know where to start to thank everyone for all the care in looking after James and tremendous support for us both - To all our friends, to all the staff at the AWMH, to Dr Campbell, Hoelzl and Thompson, to the community nursing team, to the home care team - our heartfelt gratitude to you all. Thanks also to Clair and David Hendry and to Co-operative Funeralcare and to The Glenisle Hotel. A donation of £300.00 was raised for AWMH.

## THANKS

## Thank You

The Hospital Supporters League would like to thank everyone who helped to make last Sunday's Christmas Fayre such a success. The total of £652 was raised. Thanks go to all who donated baking and raffle prizes and everyone who came to support us.

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## THANKS

## Thank You,

Billy, Janie, the staff at the McLaren Hotel & Ruairidh, thank everyone who came to pay their respects to Kelly Ann on Friday evening, thanks to Rev Adamson and Father Noel. A special thanks to the Lamlash hospital and the Police for taking care of Kelly Ann. Thanks also to the Auchrannie staff for their kind gestures. We also appreciate the many sympathy cards.

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# Preparing for 'Island Derby'



Arran's senior rugby team are preparing for the 'Island Derby' this weekend as they take on the Isle of Mull at home. Last week's away match against Clydesdale was called off at the last minute when the pitch was deemed unplayable. But despite the cancellation Arran are still second in the west division three league, seven points behind leaders Loch Lomond. Captain Niall McMaster and his team will be hoping for a positive result on Saturday, as this is the last game before the Christmas break.

**Incredible**

To finish so close to the top of the league after the first half of the season is an incredible achievement for the side.

The game against Mull RFC will kick-off at 2pm at the Ormidale Park in Brodick on Saturday. Please come along and support the team.

Arran's captain Niall McMaster, right, and his younger brother Stuart. The team are on track to finish second after the first half of the season. 01\_b50rug01

## Kilmory pool boys edge ahead of Golf Club

At the halfway stage of the Arran Pool League season, PT1934 have taken a two-point lead.

PT1934 edged ahead of early pool league leaders Whiting Bay Golf Club with a 6-4 away win last week in a table-top clash.

The Kildonan Hotel team are still without a win after six matches.

fixtures of the Knockout Shield first round.

League results: Drift Inn 8 Kildonan 2, Whiting Bay Golf Club 4 PT1934 6, Mac's Bar v PHT postponed.

**Knockout Shield**

Next week sees the return

They also lead in the gallon

**Edged**

The Kilmory team of

	P	W	D	L	Pts
PT1934	6	4	2	0	10
W/B GC	6	3	2	1	8
PHT	4	2	2	0	6
Mac's	5	3	0	2	6
Drift	5	1	2	2	4
Catacol	6	1	1	4	3
Kildonan	6	0	1	5	1

### Lamlash Bridge Club

Results for Lamlash Bridge Club on Monday 10 December:  
N/S 1 D and M Bruce +450, 2 L Trickett and J Wales -110,  
3 J and J Beattie -190.

E/W 1 E McNiven and J McBride +1740, 2 H Boyd and J Murchie +1400, 3 B Livingstone and M Gardner +1080.

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