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## Arran wind farm open days

Two public consultation days have been arranged by a new company called Arran Wind Power Ltd.

It will be an opportunity for local people to find out more about the latest plans for a small wind farm on the Island.

Lamlash farmer Kenny Bone of Glenkiln has spent almost eight

years pursuing this renewable energy project on Arran.

It now looks as if Mr Bone will be rewarded for his perseverance. In December 2003 he said: 'I'm frustrated, but I've spent too much time and effort that I'm determined to keep going.'

Now Arran Wind Power Ltd has been set up by Mr Bone and the

renewable energy company GreenPower.

Kenny Bone said: 'I am confident that we will achieve our aim of Arran having a wind project for our whole Island community to benefit from.'

'The project would sit well with the perception of Arran as a healthy and clean environment

and the positive green branding of other produce associated with the Island.'

He pointed out that he and Rob Forrest of GreenPower had frequently updated the Arran Community Council on their plans.

Campbell Laing, chairman of the community council said: 'We

recognise the need for other sources of energy and in principle endorse the scheme proposed by Kenny Bone and Arran Wind Power. The company and Kenny have communicated with the community council on a regular basis and kept us well-informed of developments.'

Local people are being offered

the opportunity to register an interest in community ownership of the new project through the GreenFutures initiative.

The consultation days are on Friday 27 January in Lamlash Community Centre and on Saturday 28 January in Whiting Bay Hall, both from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

## 'Devastated'

The closure of The Pantry Restaurant in Whiting Bay on January 8 has 'devastated' the people who lost their jobs.

The Pantry was due to re-open as the Golden Dragon Chinese restaurant this Thursday 12 January. Meanwhile, the Taj Mahal Indian restaurant will open in February at the Cameronia where the Golden Dragon used to be.

On Monday Lorna Greig of Lamlash contacted *The Banner* to point out that due to these changes some people would be losing their jobs.

Lorna said: 'While it's great to see a Chinese and Indian restaurant on Arran there are locals now without a job. I'm upset, angry and vexed.'

She added that seven people, from full-time all the way down to a dishwasher and including her daughter Lesley, had lost jobs.

Lorna continued: 'Seven people and their families have been left absolutely devastated with this news, which was broken to one member of staff the day after Boxing Day. They are out of work having been promised a bright

future and one has lost the use of the attached flat.'

*The Banner* put these points to Ross MacKay who is the owner of both The Cameronia and the former Pantry.

He said two full-time and two part-time jobs have been lost. On the question of promising people 'a bright future,' he said: 'Yes, if it was successful, but it wasn't. It's market forces; I had to change something.'

He added: 'I gave them two weeks' notice although they had nothing in a contract.'

Ross said the chef concerned, who was living in the attached flat, was given the option of accommodation.

'I offered him a room in the hotel or a caravan for as long as he wanted but he turned it down,' Ross said.

He added that he was disappointed that a few people were upset but everything had been done above board.

He said: 'A lot of folk are looking forward to having both the Golden Dragon and the Taj Mahal to choose from in Whiting Bay.'



## Pirnmill ladies proudly pick up prose prize

Pirnmill WRI ladies, Wilma Morton, Elspeth Macdonald and Elizabeth Dale. Absent is Hilary McMaster. b02pir1

The plucky ladies of Pirnmill WRI have returned as proud winners from a national-level competition held in Dumfries.

They were chosen from Arran's eight rural groups to represent the Island at the competition entitled, 'Variations on a theme' and were delighted to scoop the coveted Lochalsh Trophy and be crowned champions of south-west Scotland.

What makes this even more impressive is the fact that Pirnmill WRI is one of the smallest groups on the Island.

The competition involved members Wilma Morton, Elizabeth Dale, Elspeth Macdonald and

Hilary McMaster selecting apt pieces of prose, poetry and original work to achieve and perform a balanced presentation based on a theme they were supplied with last year titled 'Relationships'.

### Celebrations

On Monday night ladies from across Arran's rural communities joined in the celebrations at a special event hosted by the Pirnmill team in their own village hall.

In spite of atrocious weather many ventured out to show their delight at the ladies achievements.

In previous years the ladies have managed second and third places but this year they took the gold.

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**We also wish Jon and Zoe every possible success for the future.**

## Calling the local council

Ann Laing of Pirmill has been getting some strange telephone calls recently.

Nothing sinister, just requests for domestic rubbish uplift or social care services that really are nothing to do with her. This situation seems to come about because of a potentially misleading listing in the Arran Index telephone book.

Under the heading for Local Government the first two numbers are for Arran Community Council and are 850216 and 700559.

These are the home numbers for Campbell Laing and Howard Driver, respectively chairman and vice chairman of the community council which is a voluntary body that has no connection with council services.

The telephone number for all enquiries for North Ayrshire Council local office in Lamlash is 600338.

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# Old soldier seeking Dunkirk comrades

A Second World War veteran is asking for your assistance in helping him to find fellow soldiers he fought with on the beaches at Dunkirk in 1940.

Ninety-year-old Harry Smith of Lamlash dearly hopes to be able to contact anyone who was there, that he can talk with and share memories. He said: 'If there is even only another one out there I'd really like to meet with them.'

Born in Warrington, Cheshire Harry retired to Arran in 1969 and has enjoyed life on the island ever since.

### Service corps

He served with the Royal Army Service Corps for six years working in supply for rearguard groups such as the Blackwatch, Welsh Guards and Yeomanry. Harry drove a supply truck providing ammunition, food, diesel and other lifeline supplies.

Prior to signing up for the war Harry had been working as a landscape gardener.

'I was following in my father's footsteps,' said Harry, 'he used to tend recreation grounds.'

'One day I noticed that all the young men were disappearing off to war so I thought, I'm off too.'

And at that Harry signed up for

what turned out to be a long six year battle with the enemy forces.

He arrived on the beaches at Dunkirk toward the end of the fighting. Harry recalled: 'By this stage it was everyman for himself and the lads in our unit went to the beaches landing at La Panne.'

### PS Waverley

'By and large the conflicts were over and on the last day we left the shores and boarded the PS Waverley.'

Because he served on the beaches between the last three days in May and the first three in June, Harry received a special commemorative medal from the Mayor of Dunkirk as way of a thank you - something which he greatly treasures.

The English Channel was a very dangerous place and while aboard the PS Waverley in the Straits of Dover they were bombed by Stukka enemy aircraft. As the vessel sank they clung to overturned lifeboats for dear life until being rescued by a fishing trawler.

This took them back to British soil where they landed at Ramsgate.

Harry said: 'After leaving Ramsgate I ended up in Scotland

and worked as a training officer where I received two stripes as a small arms instructor.'

Again foreign fields called and Harry made his way to west Africa where he served with the Royal West African Frontier Force, RWAFF. He was involved in training soldiers who were going to fight in Burmah.

Harry eventually returned to Britain and after leaving the army returned to his home town of Warrington.

However, as with many soldiers who had just come from conflict he found it difficult to settle as he explained: 'I drifted from one job to another, working as a bus driver and then back to gardening until eventually I took a job with the Polycell company.'

'I became supervisor of the kiln on the department responsible for producing stick-on tiles.'

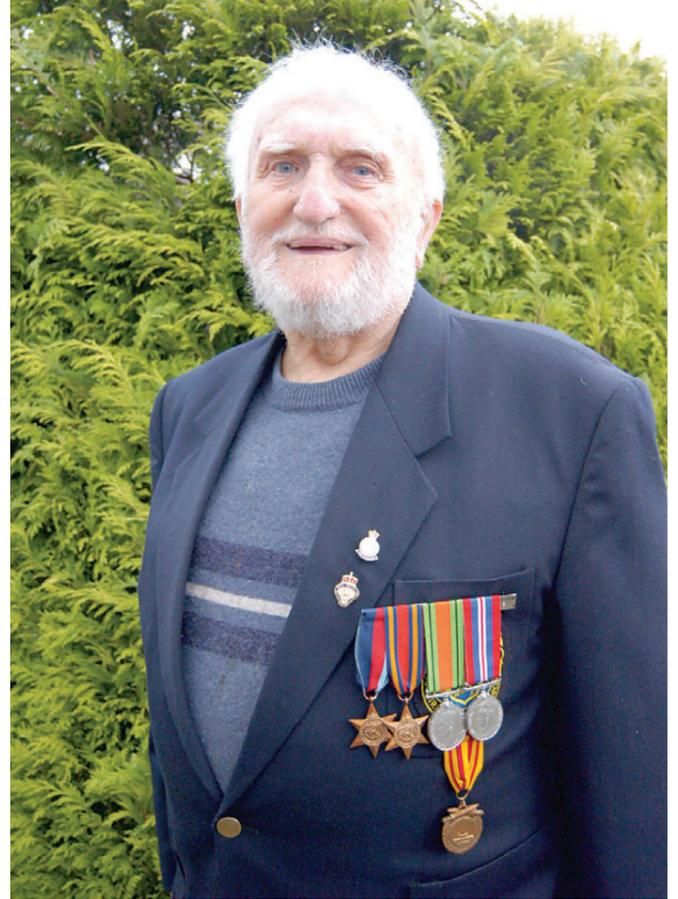
### Arran

Harry recounted to *The Banner* his first experiences of coming to Arran in the 1950's: 'Myself and my wife were in our car travelling up north when we noticed a road sign displaying information for the Arran ferry.'

'My wife's cousin, Susan Gibson of Lagg stayed on the Island and we decided that we may as well pay her a visit.'

'I can remember queuing up for the ferry for the first time, driving onto the turntable and then boarding the ferry.'

And so began Harry and his wife's love affair with Arran and indeed the feeling was reciprocated: 'Susan wouldn't think about us not coming back again and from that moment on we became regular visitors to Arran, coming twice a year.'



Harry Smith proudly displays his medals. The lowest hanging medal is the one he received for being on the beaches at Dunkirk. b02vet1

In 1969 he took a well-deserved early retirement and settled on the Island. After Harry's first wife passed away he eventually remarried Helen Miller and has lived happily in Lamlash.

If anyone reading this article would like to get in touch with Harry Smith then they can contact *The Arran Banner* and all correspondence will be forwarded to help this old soldier make contact with former comrades.

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# Shiskine pilot saves Sandra's holiday



Pilot Graham Martlew of Arran Heli-tours with Sandra Ross and her partner Neil Angus. Neil holds the battery that caused problems with Citylink coaches. b02bat1

A helicopter from Shiskine has flown in to save an Oban woman's holiday to France after Citylink refused to carry her mobile scooter battery on their buses.

Neil Currie's Arran Heli-tours of Shiskine came to the rescue of Sandra Ross, who suffers from osteo arthritis of the spine. Retired nurse Sandra needs the battery-powered scooter as she cannot walk long distances.

Sandra and her partner Neil Angus had planned to book on the Oban to Glasgow bus to Buchanan Street bus station then a connecting bus direct to Glasgow Airport where they would then take a flight to Nice for a holiday.

Last week *The Oban Times* reported Sandra's holiday plans had been dealt a blow when Citylink refused to carry her scooter battery as they said there was a risk of battery acid spilling.

But after seeing the story, Arran Heli-tours contacted Sandra to offer their services.

On Saturday pilot Graham Martlew flew her and Neil Angus from Oban Airport to Glasgow in 35 minutes where she joined her flight to France.

Arran Heli-tours managing director Neil Currie said: 'We were distressed to hear of Ms Ross' plight and are only too pleased to assist in this special case.'

'When we saw the headline in *The Oban Times* 'Sandra can fly around the world, but can't take the bus to Glasgow' it seemed obvious to us that the answer was to fly from Oban direct to Glasgow Airport.

'Whilst we believe that the coach company felt the apparatus posed a risk, we took minor precautions to isolate the battery to ensure safety is maintained.'

Sandra said: 'I am absolutely delighted. Arran Heli-tours has

been tremendously kind to us.' Sandra added: 'My battery has no acid; it has gel and is non-spillable.'

'We have been around the world with the scooter and there has never been a problem with the battery; airline carriers and other bus services have been more than accommodating.'

Aquasoothe, the makers of the scooter Sandra uses said the battery in the scooter is classed as non-dangerous for transport.

## Co-op customers confused by 'pricing discrepancies'

Concerned shoppers around Arran are being increasingly frustrated with what they describe as 'pricing discrepancies' in the Brodick Co-op.

David Squirell of Lamlash said: 'All too often I've had to complain to the manager about being charged a different price at the checkouts than that advertised on the shelves beside the items.'

'Whilst the management is always apologetic the fact still remains that these pricing discrepancies occur.'

'I'd like to point out the necessity to carefully scrutinise that the scanned cost of items is the same as the price on the shelves.'

*The Banner* contacted the Co-op for a response to these issues.

A spokeswoman for the company issued this statement:

'As far as we are aware this was an isolated incident and has occurred when we have changed from one promotional offers period to another.'

'This was an error for which we apologise. However, we can assure customers that we do have checking procedures in place and these will be reinforced to staff.'

David's wife said: 'Pricing discrepancies have happened to us on numerous occasions but we have always been able to get our money back easily.'

'I feel for the people who do a large shopping as they probably don't even notice when they have been over charged.'

'We have friends who live

round the other side of the Island in Sliderry and when they arrived home they realised a cooked chicken they had bought with 50 per cent off had ended up going through the check-out at full price. It was too far for them to even contemplate travelling back.'

'We never leave the store now without checking our receipt and would urge all shoppers to do the same.'

## New faces take over at Bilslands

Bilslands of Brodick changed hands this week.

Zoe and Jon Hill have taken over the business from Alastair and Alison Bilsland who ran the popular gift and clothes shop for 35 years.

Jon and Zoe have been in the hotel industry for many years and both formerly worked at Auchrannie Spa Resort where he was general manager and she was accounts manager.

Jon told *The Banner*: 'We are definitely a 50-50 partnership. Zoe and I will be running the shop and restaurant together.'

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Each ferry has her own characteristics and when our own goes off for re-fit and we get the *Clansman*, which we know but not too well, we must readjust.

On the *Isle of Arran* I liked the small downstairs lounge on the port side. Just at the top of the stairs from the car deck one could quickly nip in there, ensconce oneself round the corner from the door, open up the newspaper, and nobody would ever know you were there. The *Caledonian Isles* forces one to be a little more outgoing by taking everyone up to the main foyer. It is peopled by those of a different persuasion, those who like to swan around as passengers emerge from the car deck and step on board from the gangway. Their pleasure is to see and be seen. The *Clansman* comes as a surprise and you just don't know where you will bump into somebody, or to whom.

Following my wife, who has little thought for my absurd preference for anonymity, onto the 8.20am on Monday, we seemed to encounter almost everybody. Sitting to write letters we found ourselves next to a retired minister and exchanged pleasantries. Then we all marvelled at, and shared, the magnificent sunrise when a young lady came up and greeted us all. I knew her but could not recall her name so, as we settled down, I whispered 'who was that' to my wife. 'Exactly what I say to my wife', enjoined the minister, re-starting the conversation. Then a fairly senior Calmac official passed, and stopped. Books and letters were on the table but courtesy first. Soon we were comparing notes about the awfulness of grandchildren when their parents are present but how they can be quite nice when left alone with you. With Christmas and New Year just over this was fresh in his mind. Then, having heard the dreadful weather forecast for the following day we asked him if the 6 o'clock would sail. 'I am promising nothing,' he said gloomily.

We were just about at Ardrossan, but still two further encounters, in the loo and awaiting gangway, all pleasant of course. How were we enjoying our 'freedom' from *The Banner*, the usual sort of thing. And so to the train where we met a party bound for Cuba. Goodness me. Was it a political trip or to chase the sun? Both, it turned out and we fell to discussing how Hugo Chavez of Venezuela appears eager to pick up the anti-American mantle of Fidel Castro. Then, on the train, I opened my book and read a bit. And we talked about the conversations we had and I had admitted that it was not nearly as daunting as I always fear. Really quite pleasant in fact.

Next day the wind was howling but the ferry was waiting in Ardrossan. Accompanied by a dog we were forced to sit in the foyer area, just like all those people I accused above of swanning round. We met many people. Among them the fairly senior CalMac official approaches. 'I came on this ferry,' he said, 'just to make sure it was going to sail for you!' And I asked myself if the ship designers ever think about how their plans influence social interaction between passengers; something which makes living on Arran unique.

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Those who live on the level of the Spirit have the spiritual outlook, and that is life and peace. *Romans 8:6*

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# Letters to the Editor

## With thanks

Sir,  
Barbara and Graham Tinto would like to thank all the carers and community nurses who helped look after Barbara's mother, Mrs Isabella Sheridan, throughout the last three years, when she lived with us and particularly for the care and attention she received during the last few months allowing her to remain comfortably at home till she died on 17 December 2005.

Yours,  
**B Tinto**  
**Oakbank**  
**Lamlash**

## Arran Parent Support Group Christmas Outing

Sir,  
We went on our Christmas outing on Saturday 3 December to the Royal Concert Hall Glasgow to see the Children's Christmas concert *Christmas Magic*.

Caledonian MacBrayne were great giving us free tickets for all the children, group rate for the adults and reserved seats. On the return trip they gave us juice and chips for the children and coffee and muffins for the adults.

Santa 'landed' on board and gave gifts to the children in our group. All had an exhausting but fabulous day.

We also had a Christmas Crafts day on the 27 November for the children in our group. Making Christmas cards, decorations and painting mugs.

Yours,  
**Beth Mowatt, Kildonan**

## Ferry matters

Sir,  
*The Banner* of 31 December certainly threw down the gauntlet to those opposed to the reduction of all human life to market forces.

Would-be shipping magnate Russ McLean was entirely predictable in his attack on RMT union member Brian Reynolds, and we will see in due course whether his prediction of lower fares and more ferries turns out to be true. We doubt it.

Then there's Council Leader, David O'Neill, who rubs in his achievement over the new Private Public Partnership funded school against those who 'orchestrated' the campaign against it. Prag-

matism over the need to enter the PPP game to fund new buildings is one thing, but his apparent cockiness over the whole affair suggests an enthusiasm not quite in keeping with what were once his party's traditions.

Then finally there was the editorial, again on the issue of the ferry tender process. The author contends that foreign workers are better when they smile more than the home-grown variety, whatever they get paid.

He misses the real point. Tame, vulnerable workers from poor countries may do any job for any amount of money but only for a while. Sooner or later they too get organised, unionised and confident enough to defend their terms and conditions.

It was a largely Asian group of workers which recently closed down British Airways when they decided at Heathrow Airport that they were not going to accept five minutes notice of closure and lay off because the goods they produced could be sourced elsewhere at lower cost.

The RMT is a progressive and strong union precisely because it organises low-paid workers across all ethnic and racial boundaries - a long time feature of the transport industry.

As an open and publically owned company, Caledonian MacBrayne, whilst by no means perfect, has an open recruitment policy and will employ the best staff for our service whatever their origins, and the RMT will no doubt defend such practices.

The fight to maintain public ownership, control and dignity in our vital services continues.

Yours,  
**Colin Turbett**  
**Isle of Arran Scottish Socialist Party, Shiskine**  
**Alpha Course**

Sir,  
I can hear that sigh of relief. The turkey eaten, presents opened, relatives gone, Christmas over.

Carols have been sung, church service has been endured, Baby Jesus put away for another year. 'Peace on earth, goodwill to all men'? I don't think so; it doesn't look as if that has been achieved. Think of all the wars in the world, the violence, man's inhumanity to man. Surely Jesus has failed to

bring peace to earth.

What relevance does this Baby have for the 21st century, 2000 years after he died?

Why does anyone bother about Him? Yet we seem to allow him into our lives occasionally - Christmas, funerals, weddings.

Some people can't be doing with any of it and are not prepared to give Jesus the time of day, some are confused about what it is all about, others are happy to let him have a little, perhaps on a Sunday.

But there are those who believe that Jesus has changed their lives and believe there is more to life than what we see about us. Perhaps you always had questions you wanted to ask - where is God, what is he doing with the world, what is the meaning of it all?

Soon there will be a chance to ask these questions and explore the Christian faith through an Alpha course. Check Alpha out at [www.istheremoretolifethanthis.com](http://www.istheremoretolifethanthis.com). It will be held at the McLaren Hotel, Brodick starting in the middle of January. Look out for the posters and adverts early in the New Year.

There will be a meeting held in the McLaren Hotel, on Wednesday 18 January at 7.30pm which will be accompanied by a meal.

Yours,  
**Andrew Walker, Arran Baptist Church**

## Ghana adventure

Sir,  
Through the *Banner* I would like to thank all those who have not just donated money, whether it be by buying quizzes or sponsoring my walk but who have given their time and effort to ensure that I reached my £2,555 target.

I would specifically like to mention the following: Natalie Innes who not only gave up the morning of Christmas Eve to help with the bag-packing but also kept me company on a large part of my sponsored walk; my brothers James and Robert, my sister Kate and her friend Hattie Arthur for their bag-packing skills; the following who helped with the jumble sale - Ben and Kirsty Innes, Irmgard Church, Gemma Blythe, Sonia Fox, Barbara Langley and last but not least Jackie Glew.

Finally without my mum and dad the quiz or the jumble sale would never have really happened. They are the people who organised me and who gave up their spare time, energy and even some of their money. I love you both and will miss you loads - thank you!

Also Catacol Bay Hotel for giving me a job and much more besides!

Yours,  
**Lucy Primrose, Lochranza**

## Festival of Christmas - 2005

Sir,  
I am delighted to be able to report that that the third Christmas Festival by Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church Players raised the wonderful sum of £1,131.55p for the Church Special Project Fund.

This has exceeded the amount raised in previous years and the drama group has now raised approximately £3,000 pounds towards this cause which will benefit the whole community.

My main reason for writing, though, is to give a very big thank you to all those involved in this tremendous effort.

Everything was done by the group so costs were kept to an absolute minimum; set design and building, including the stage, costumes, posters, tickets, publicity, programmes, photographs, keyboard, drumming, dancers, back stage team, lighting with a special thank you to Lamplighters for loan of the equipment, sound, catering, continuity, curtain making.

Thank you to other groups who lent items, to *The Banner* for publicity, advertisers in the programme, shops that sold tickets, and of course to our cast, more actors than ever before including a great team of children.

Most of all I should like to thank the audiences who braved atrocious weather and many choices to be with us. Without you, one opportunity to return the true spirit of Christmas to the centre of all the festivities would have been lost.

Thank you to you all.

Yours,  
**Mairi S Christie, Lamlash**

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# Changeover time for Arran ferries

The Arran ferry *MV Caledonian Isles* left on Saturday for her annual overhaul.

She sailed down the Clyde and round the southend of the Island before heading out to the open seas in the hands of skipper John Martin.

The ship and crew faced a 36-hour sail up through the Minches and the Pentland Firth then back down to a shipyard in Aberdeen.

Meanwhile the Island is once again being served by *MV Clansman* which has undertaken this relief duty for the past eight years

since she joined the Caledonian MacBrayne fleet from her Devon shipyard.

With a service speed of 16.5 knots against the *Caledonian Isles* 15 knots she once again appears to be making the crossing from Ardrossan in a slick time.

The *Clansman* is also felt to be more comfortable for passengers as she is fitted out for longer journeys. Her normal run is from Oban to Barra and South Uist. The regular Arran ferry is expected back on station in two weeks.



Relief vessel *MV Clansman* arrives at Brodick pier on Sunday. b02cla1



Former Arran ferry *MV Isle of Arran*, now the stand-by ferry, sails past Pladda last Saturday afternoon. Bound for Oban, she relieved the much larger *Clansman*, allowing her to take over the Brodick -Ardrossan route, and showing also the knock-on effect of taking one vessel out of service. b02ca11

## Corrie Film Club screen *Memento*

Corrie Film Club's January offering is a fascinating, original and challenging thriller made in 2000 by American director, Christopher Nolan, in which the central character, expensively suited and driving a chic sports car, yet living precariously in seedy motels, seems to be on a desperate quest to find his wife's killer and avenge her death.

*Memento* is a rare achievement in modern film-making in managing to be fresh and exciting without tiring the audience. It is open-minded and creative and fascinating. On the surface it is an old fashioned film noir mystery thriller with an intriguing, ingenious twist, which you'll have to see if you want to know more! It will keep you guessing.

It's the story of Leonard Shelby, played by Australian actor Guy Pearce whose short term memory is destroyed when his wife is killed. After the tragedy he compensates by taking Polaroids, making notes to himself and tattooing reminders on his body - anything to reorganize his shattered life and avenge his wife's death.

*Memento* is one of the most interesting films around and has become an instant classic due to its groundbreaking narrative style and impressive dramatic undertones. Showing on Sunday 16 January, 8pm in Corrie Hall, come along and bring a bottle to share if you wish.

## Lucy Primrose reports from Ghana

Lucy Primrose of Lochranza has achieved her ambition of travelling to Ghana.

As reported in *The Banner* last October Lucy planned to go to the west African republic to join a Madventurer community project which is designed to give western youngsters an opportunity to help in essential community schemes in developing countries. Lucy has now prepared the following report.

'As you read this article I shall be in Ghana having reached my target including travel and equipment.'

Lucy had to raise £2,555 in order that she could take part in this project.

'The last two fundraising efforts were a bag pack at the Co-op which raised £275 and my walk from Blackwaterfoot to Lochranza on a very wet and windy day - thanks for the bacon sandwich, Willie - which raised £1,000.

'The building project I will be working on involves the completion of the construction of a primary school, which was started a few years ago but building had to be stopped due to a lack of funding.

'The current school consists of a basic structure with no walls and a corrugated iron roof so lessons have to be cancelled if there is heavy rain. The primary school is in a village at the bottom of some mountains in the midst of the Volta forest and is called Tsrukpe Tota.

'It is also found halfway between the two major towns of the Volta region called, believe it or not, Ho and Ho Hoe.

'My group consists of 13 peo-

ple including me. After a period of five weeks some new people will arrive and others will leave. From this original group of 13 only myself and another girl will remain for the next eight weeks.

'Not everyone in the group will be involved in the building project but will instead be on a teaching project. The last part of my trip is a three week adventure to Timbuktu.

'We will journey through Burkina Faso and Mali and it will take us up to the edge of the Sahara desert where we will have a go at camel riding.

'See you all on Arran in April!'

## Friends of Brodick Castle

The next meeting of the Friends of Brodick Castle takes place on Wednesday 18 January at 2.30pm in the castle tearoom.

John Webster is the speaker and his subject is 'Dr Graham's Homes.'

## Arran Antiquarians

The annual general meeting of Arran Antiquarians will be held at 2pm on Monday 16 January in Brodick Hall.

We hope all members can attend and enjoy a glass of wine and slides of last year's field trips and visit to Kitchside.

## Winning draws

Pirnmill Slip Way draw, won by Mr.D. Munro No.29

Arran Salmon Fisheries Board draw, won by J. Tinsley No.29

## Lochranza Guild

The speaker at the next Lochranza Guild meeting in the village hall on Monday 16 January is Alastair Hume of Arran Mountain Rescue Team all most welcome.

## Conservative and Unionist AGM

The AGM of Arran Conservative and Unionist Association will be held Monday 23 January in the Cruise Bar Auchranne 7pm.

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## False alarm

Brodick fire brigade had an unwelcome callout at 5am last Sunday. They went to the Kinloch Hotel at Blackwaterfoot only to find that rugby revellers had set off an alarm by trying to remove the glass from the box. It was recorded as a malicious false alarm.

## New electricity

New man in charge of electricity on Arran is Mr Colin Lawson from Dundee. He will replace Len Smith when he retires from the Hydro Board in March after 14 years as manager.

## Steamers Club

Mr Berni Mitchell-Luker of Lam-lash played host to 50 members of the Clyde River Steamers Club on a day visit to the Island last week. He showed them round his memorabilia after they had lunched at the Aldersyde Hotel.

## Wooleys dinner

Staff and friends wish to thank Mr and Mrs Collins and Mr and Mrs Keir of Wooleys of Brodick for the staff dinner at the Greannan Hotel.

## Burns Club

Lamlash Burns Club annual supper will be held at The Moorings, Lamlash on Friday 24 January. Tickets are available from committee members or Blenheim Lounge Bar.



Charles Milne of Corrie and friend Carol Primrose with a four metre-long skeleton of a killer whale found at the mouth of the North Sannox Burn. b02twe1

## Craft vacancy

The Arran Craft Centre had a vacancy for a capable mature woman, preferably a car driver, to operate in several shops.

## Shapers class

Shapers Club aerobics and exercise class started in Whiting Bay Hall on 8 January and The Moorings, Lamlash on 9 January.

## Kames Antiques

Kames Antiques offered to buy gold and silver jewellery, costume jewellery and small silver items.

# Annual report from Brodick Country Park Rangers

LAST year was another eventful year for the The National Trust for Scotland ranger team at Brodick Castle and Country Park.

The following report by ranger Stephen Mason gives some brief details on various projects that have been worked on over the past two months by the entire team.

### Upland Footpath Team

After 25 years of upland footpath work on the Goatfell hills the rangers established their own team drawing on locally trained workers from their training team. There are 8km of mountain footpaths to maintain

### Workshops

Fifteen workshops were offered throughout the year which covered all aspects of the natural environment and countryside related crafts.

The barn-building workshop sold out in two days.

### Enhancement of trails network

Over 1km of new trails were constructed in Merkland providing new opportunities to explore this woodland. 'Aggregates Levy' funding was secured for a connecting bridge, new waymarkers, map and innovative interpretation. Two bridges were replaced on existing trails and Wilma's walk upgraded to allow wheeled users.

### Using our natural reserves

Trees from Brodick estate have been used to construct two barns, waymarkers and the pergolas in the walled garden. Rhododendrons have been made into charcoal.

### Biological Monitoring

A great deal of biological monitoring was carried out across the

year:

- Butterfly survey (weekly April – October)
- Rothamstead moth survey (daily moth counts)
- Wetland bird survey in Brodick Bay (monthly)
- Eider count (yearly)
- Beached bird survey (yearly)
- Casual sightings (4,000 records entered into computer).

### Rhododendron control project

Twenty five acres of rhododendron were cleared and treated by the seasonal ranger workforce including the application of current best practice and communicating our experience to a wide audience.

The team continue to work on many projects and information on this can be obtained from the rangers centre at Brodick Castle.

# Carrickmacross Needlelace workshop

Never afraid to arrange demonstrations and workshops in techniques new to them, Arran Visual Arts, AVA, is proposing to hold a workshop in carrickmacross needlelace in August of this year.

Ken MacGregor, chairman for AVA said: 'Since this is a little known but very interesting skill it will be necessary to know very soon whether sufficient AVA members would wish to attend a two-day course.'

Chairman Ken describes Carrickmacross Lace as a delicate and enchanting Irish craft dating back to 1820.

The distinctive lace is expertly hand stitched with designs to please both the eyes and the senses.

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For more information AVA workshop co-ordinator Marjorie McDougall can be contacted on 600211 and it is hoped by the group that those wishing to attend will express interest by the end of January.

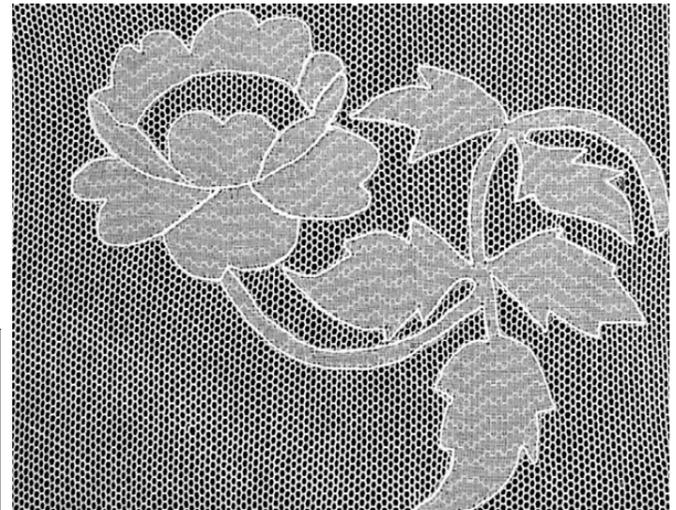
### AVA AGM report

Thirty-five members of Arran Visual Arts, AVA, attended their AGM held in the Ormidale Pavilion representing over 36per cent of the group's total membership. A committee of twelve was elected with Ken MacGregor as its Chairman.

Retiring chairwoman Alison Bell made mention of the year's successes in a wide range of workshops, a new life group, and the growth and development of the Art in Mind group.

Two exhibitions are planned for 2006 in Kilmory Hall in April and Lochranza in the summer.

The partnership with the National Trust in the use of the Ranger Centre was also appreciated. A lively discussion of the arts on Arran was enjoyed over wine and mince pies and 2006 promises to be very creative.



An example piece of Carrickmacross Lace work. b02lac1

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## Ecoute to play for music society

The trio Ecoute will be appearing in Brodick Hall on Saturday, 14 January, at 8pm, with a programme full of delicious things. The title of the group Ecoute means 'listen' and indeed they are well worth listening to.

Anyone who remembers a music Society concert a couple of years ago, when a young Scottish soprano and her beautiful Malaysian accompanist stepped in at short notice to entertain, will have fond memories of Shuna Sendall and Wai Sum Chong.

Shuna, as well as giving the benefit of her glorious voice, added a certain frisson to the evening by perching herself on the knee of a blushing gentleman in the front row, but more impor-

tantly, the whole audience warmed to her talent and professionalism.

These two brilliant musicians have now teamed up with a flautist, Emma Wilkins, who like the others studied at the RSAMD.

Emma won the John McGregor Flute prize, and regularly performs with the Royal Scottish National Orchestra and other leading orchestras.

They offer *Une Flute Invisible*, by Saint Saens, and another version of the same intriguing title by Caplet, then switch styles completely to Handel and Bach.

From Irish folk songs they dive into a *Carmen* medley, then give an airing to a newer composer, Matthew Brown, with his piece

called *The Elements*.

*Skating, Smiling*, by Koechlin, is suitably seasonable, and so are Martin's *Three Chants de Noel*. The trio wind up with their own arrangement of the *Barcarolle* from Offenbach's *Tales of Hoffman*.

It's a lively programme and the unusual combination of voice, flute and piano promises an evening full of contrast and enjoyment.

The society can't promise that Shuna will sit on anyone's knee, but you never know!

Young people are particularly welcome, and, as with all music society concerts, all those of school age have the right and privilege of free entry.

## Lamlash playgroup fundraiser



Lamlash playgroup recently held a fund-raising quiz night in the Aldersyde Hotel with a theme of schooldays. Some of the mums and friends joined in the spirit by dressing up in pigtails and gymslips. b02quz2



Chief Petty Officer Andy Scott pictured in Vladivostok harbour whilst serving on board *HMS Exeter* on a joint defence and diplomacy mission in the South China Sea. b02and1

## Naval engagement on Ayrshire hilltop

Andy Scott proposed to his girlfriend Vicky James on a hilltop between Sorn and Muirkirk last weekend.

Andy is the son of Bill and Gail Scott of Lochranza and Vicky comes from Bedworth in Warwickshire.

Both are serving in the Royal Navy and met five years ago on an Oxford University training ship.

Vicky was a student and Andy a petty officer at the time. Now Vicky is a Royal Navy sub lieutenant nursing sister in a Portsmouth hospital.

Chief petty officer electrical engineer Andy Scott has served on the type 42 destroyer *HMS Exeter* for several years and has just returned from escort duties in the Mediterranean to Her Majesty The Queen at the Common-

wealth Conference in Malta.

*The Banner* carried a photograph of Andy on board *HMS Exeter* in the South China Sea with Officer Cadet Ian Stubbs, grandson of Derek and the late Marjorie Stubbs of Kings Cross, in July 2004. In March he is heading for Gibraltar on board the Royal Fleet Auxiliary ship *Argus*.

Andy and Vicky plan to marry at Easter 2007.

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The third and final look back at events on Arran throughout the last year as they were covered in *The Arran Banner*



Whiting Bay playgroup mums dressed up as St Trinian's girls for a charity hockey match in June.



Boys and girls of Brodick Primary School dressed in yesteryear clothes to mark the school's 150th anniversary. It was announced that 3.5 kilometres of Arran roads would be re-surfaced in summer. - the String Road, Blackwaterfoot village, Pirrmill, Catacol and Lochranza.

A planning application to build six houses opposite Kilmory Stores and Lagg Hotel met with local opposition. A meeting of concerned villagers heard that it would be called Chestnut Grove.

Northend Thistle football team found a new home at Hay's Field in front of Millhill. Their first proper pitch, it is named after the late Bill Hay.



Cara Dickson and Corrie McGloin of Corrie Primary School won a North Ayrshire poster competition as part of national Food Safety Week.



John Picken of Lenamhor and son Murray with Lama Yeshe Losal Rinpoche and young monk Lamzang at the open day at the new Buddhist retreat of Samye Dechen Shing, formerly known as Glenscorrodale, on the Ross Road.



Allan Nicol played the part of Jesus in *The Life of Christ* which was a major four-hour production enacted in the grounds of Brodick Castle over three days in July.

A new path was opened between Lamlash and Brodick as a joint operation between Lamlash Improvements, Arran Access Trust, Arran Bike Club and the Forestry Commission.

Bruce Jenkins opened a new dentist surgery at Glenard, Brodick.



Seventeen-times Lamlash Golf Club champion Dougie Macfarlane hit his sixth hole-in-one at the 12th Lighthouse hole.

Flash floods after sustained overnight rain on Sunday 19 June caused damage to houses in Glencloy and Corriecravie and to Shiskine graveyard.

Below: Whiting Bay Golf Club won the Hope Cup for only the third time in 65 years.



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Rev John Webster of Kings Cross led an Arran contingent of demonstrators at Make Poverty History march in Edinburgh.



Brodick golfer Willie Innes hit his 18th hole-in-one.



Jim Gourlay took part in a beat-the-bat game at Shiskine Valley Sports.



Alan Little did a passable impression of Roy 'Chubby' Brown at Lamlash gala week.

Pupils of Brodick Primary School celebrated 150 years of teaching in the school buildings with a day of song, playlets, readings and demonstrations from yesteryear.

Arran's temporary second ferry, *MV Saturn*, came into service for seven weeks from early July. It did three return crossings a day and took mainly commercial traffic thus freeing up more space on the main ferry for cars.

Arran Art Gallery opened in Whiting Bay in the premises formerly occupied by Inside 'n Out hardware business.

Petrol broke £1 a litre barrier for the first time on Arran in July.

Staff at the Kinloch Hotel sprang a surprise party for Robbie Crawford to celebrate his 40th birthday and that the hotel has been in the Crawford family for over 50 years.

Proper taxis with appropriate signs appeared on the Island for the first time, and a new taxi rank proposed for Brodick pier.

Five new teachers joined the staff at Arran High School.

The Troon to Belfast ferry P&O *Express* took part in a fruitless search for a missing yacht off Whiting Bay in September.

Councillor Margie Currie said: 'I can categorically assure residents that a new hospital is now on the cards.'

The Arran lifeboat *The Boys Brigade* was damaged in a rescue off Dippin Head.

Andy Perrie of Lamlash was named Special Constable of the Year in Ayrshire and Arran.



Steve Kelly officiated as sisters Ann and Katie McKelvie battered each other in the Kildonan mini-sports day pillow fight.



A new group, the Arran Cheerleaders, were popular sights at many Island events.



Bay Queen Fiona McLeod and handmaids Emily Hodgkinson and Ella Kerr were on duty at Whiting Bay fun day.

Jim and Shauna Lees closed the doors of Corrie Craft and Antiques after 30 years in business.

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Left: The Red Devils parachute team dropped into the Brodick Highland Games and some of them were plucky enough to have a go at tossing the caber.

Below: Farmer James Brown of Corriecravie House was presented with a picture of his homestead by First Minister Jack McConnell at the Arran Show to mark his continuous 60 years showing beasts.



Above: Corrie and Sannox residents celebrated 25 years of Corrie Capers with the traditional Up Hellya and burning of a Viking longship.



Evidence of a 4,000-year-old Arran civilisation was found when Bronze Age tombs were discovered in the centre of Lamash. Cremated remains and food vessels were salvaged by an archaeological team before building work for the new high school begins on the site.



A pack of Dove Valley mink hounds met at Strabane and had three days hunting on the Island.



The Lochranza ferry MV Loch Tarbert came to the rescue of three floating portable toilets after high winds blew them off the castle spit and into the sea.



Local girls Lynn Boal, Janice Miller, VickyMcAllister and Kirstie Barton ran in the New York Marathon and raised £4,000 for charity.

*That concludes our look back over life on Arran in 2005. We shall continue to bring readers all the pictures and news of what is happening on the Island throughout 2006.*

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Gymnastics, Auchrannie Games Hall 5yrs plus, 10am  
Blackwaterfoot Junior Football coaching, 10.30am- noon  
Football coaching, Ormidale park, boys & girls 5-15, 10-11.30am  
Arran Dancers Brodick Primary School 11am - 4.15pm.  
Machrie Table Tennis & Games Club, Machrie Hall, 7.30-9pm  
Karate Club Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am  
Indoor bowls. Auchrannie Hall 2-4pm  
Ormidale Hotel Brodick over 21's Disco 10pm  
Arran Art Gallery Whiting Bay 11am-6pm

## SUNDAY 15th January

Family Games Session, Auchrannie, 2-3pm  
Alcoholics Anonymous, St Margarets Church, Whiting Bay, 4.30pm  
Mixed Hockey, Ormidale Pavilion 12.30pm  
Childrens Art Class, Burnside Gallery, 10.30am-1pm  
Arran Art Gallery Whiting Bay 11am-6pm

## MONDAY 16th January

Shiskine Playgroup, Shiskine Hall, 9.25am to 12.05pm  
Senior Fitness, Auchrannie, 9.30-10.30am  
Citizens Advice Office, Park Terrace, Lamlash 10am-2pm  
Over 50s Badminton, Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm  
Football coaching, Ormidale Park, 6-7.30pm (8-15yrs)  
Lamlash Tennis Club, Lamlash Pavilion, 6pm  
Circuit Training, Auchrannie Spa, Brodick, 6-7.15pm  
Badminton, Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm  
Dancercise, Auchrannie, 6.30-7.30pm  
Scottish Country Dancing, W. Bay School, 7.30pm  
Pilates, Auchrannie 7.30 - 8.15pm  
Adult Art Classes, Burnside Gallery, 10.30-12.30 and 1.30-3.30pm  
Childrens Art Class, Burnside Gallery 4.00-5.30pm

Scottish Country Dance class. Corrie Hall, 2pm  
Citizens Advice open 10am-2pm  
Arran Art Gallery Whiting Bay 11am-6pm  
Quiz, Cameronia 9.30pm  
Weightwise, Hospital bungalow 6.30pm-7pm  
Arran Antiquarians AGM 2pm Brodick Hall  
Arran Justice and Peace Group meeting, Ormidale Hotel 7.30pm

## TUESDAY 17th January

Shiskine Brownies, shiskine primary 6.45-8.15pm  
Shiskine Playgroup, Shiskine Hall, 9.25am-12.05pm  
Senior Fitness, Auchrannie Spa, 9.30-10.30am & 10.45-11.45am  
Citizens Advice Bureau, Park Ter, Lamlash 10am-2pm & 4-6pm  
Brodick Toddler Group, Church Hall, 10.30am-noon  
Lochranza Swimming Club, Kinloch, 11am-noon  
Alcoholics Anonymous, Brodick Church Hall, 2pm  
Legs, Bums & Tums, Auchrannie Spa, 6-6.45pm  
Jnr Rugby Training, S1-U18s, Ormidale Park, 7pm  
Indoor bowls, Auchrannie, 7-9pm  
Arran Rotary Club, Auchrannie Spa Resort, 7.15 for 7.30pm  
Army Cadets, Auchrannie Road, 7.30-9.30pm  
Open Darts night, Kinloch Hotel, Blackwaterfoot, 8pm  
Scottish Country Dancing, Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm  
Bowling Corrie & Sannox Hall, 2pm  
Citizens Advice open 10am -2pm  
Indoor bowls. Auchrannie Hall 7-9pm  
Carpet Bowls, Kilmory Hall 2.30pm and 7pm  
Art Group, Kilmory Hall 2pm-4pm  
Pop quiz, Ormidale Hotel 10pm  
Indoor bowling Corrie & Sannox Hall 2pm

## WEDNESDAY 18th January

Advocacy service, drop in session, ACVS office, Lamlash 11am-1pm  
Shiskine Playgroup, Shiskine Hall, 9.25am-12.05pm  
W Bay Parents & Toddlers Grp, Church Hall, 10.30am-noon  
Friends of Brodick Castle talk 'Dr Graham's Homes' 2.30pm castle tearoom  
Circuit Training, Auchrannie Spa, Brodick, 6-7.15pm  
Mini rugby training, Ormidale Pk, 6-7pm  
Mixed Indoor Hockey, Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-8pm  
Arran Runners, meet NTS Castle Car Park, 7.15pm  
Life drawing workshop, Ranger Centre, Brodick Castle, 7-9pm

NAL Gymnastics Coaching High school gym 10am-noon  
NAL Hockey Coaching Ormidale Park 1pm-3pm  
Gymnastics Auchrannie 6pm and 7.30pm 5yrs plus  
Youth Club, youth centre Lamlash 7-9pm  
Heritage Museum, Archives & Geneology, 10.30 - 12.30pm, 1.30pm -4.30pm  
Aerobics class, Brodick Hall 8pm - 9pm  
Arran Art Gallery Whiting Bay 11am-6pm

## THURSDAY 19th January

Shiskine Playgroup, Shiskine Hall, 9.25am-12.05pm  
Senior Fitness, Auchrannie Spa, 9.30-10.30am & 10.45-11.45am  
Citizen's Advice Office, Park Ter, Lamlash 10am-2pm  
Brodick Toddler Group, Church Hall, 10.30am  
Pilates, Auchrannie, 5.45pm & 6.30pm 6.45-7.30pm  
General Knowledge Quiz, Ormidale, Brodick, 10pm  
Pub Quiz, Kinloch Hotel, Blackwaterfoot, 9pm  
Power Boat Tarbet and return  
Spinning Demonstration Whiting Bay Hall 11am-2pm  
Gymnastics Auchrannie 1pm pre-school  
Rock School ,youth centre Lamlash 7-9pm  
Brodick Embroidery Group. Brodick library, 7.30-9.30pm  
Lamlash Beavers 6-7pm Cubs 6.15 -8pm, Scouts 7.30-9pm  
Brodick Bridge Club, McLaren Hotel 7.15pm  
Coffee Morning St Molios church, Shiskine 10.30 - noon  
Citizens Advice open 10am -2pm  
Indoor bowls, Auchrannie Hall 7-9pm  
Badminton, Kilmory Hall, Juniors 6.30-7.30pm Adults 7.30-9pm  
Arran Junior Singers choir practice, W/Bay school 6.45pm  
Arran Music & Drama, Brodick hall 7.30pm

## FRIDAY 20th January

Citizens Advice Bureau, Park Ter, Lamlash, 10am-2pm  
Shiskine Toddlers, Shiskine Hall, 10am-noon  
Arran Pipe Band practice, Brodick Hall, 7.30pm  
Quiz night, Whiting Bay Golf Club, 9.30pm  
Citizens Advice open 10am - 2pm  
Seniors Badminton Club, Auchrannie 2-4pm  
Ormidale Hotel Disco 10pm  
Mothers & Toddlers, Kilmory Hall 10.30 - 12pm  
Ceilidh Dance Group Corrie Hall 8pm - 10pm  
Arran Art Gallery Whiting Bay 11am-6pm

## Whiting Bay Thursday Club

Twenty-five members were able to attend for what proved to be friendly company, a varied choice of menu and good food at the Thursday Club's New Year lunch at the Breadalbane Hotel in Kildonan.

Club secretary Jim Arnold said: 'It may have been an overcast day with a cutting onshore wind but our year has got off to great start with what proved to be an excellent meal.'

The club appreciates the efforts made by the staff at Breadalbane. A special thanks also goes to Jean Johnson the treasurer who has managed to hold the fort in the absence of the rest of the committee.

Club secretary Jim Arnold commented: 'It is pleasing that three members have agreed to be co-opted to the committee until the end of the session.'

The next meeting is in Whiting Bay village hall at 2pm on January 19 and will be a musical afternoon with Isobel and Hugh Thomson.

# First two nursery sheepdog trials

The first two nursery sheepdog trials of this winter's trials have now been run.

The first was at Brandon by kind permission of Charles Fforde, the judge was Iain McConnell of Fort William and *One Man and His Dog* television fame.

Between the nursery section and older dogs twelve handlers and their dogs ran for overall sweepstake.

### Nursery class

1 Wullie Stevenson, Shepherd's Cottage, Glenree, with Arran Mist 51 points (outby work); 2 Jack Murchie, Bailemargaidh, with Rob; 3 Liz Robertson, Cosyden, with Joe.

The sweepstake was won by Tony Brookes, Levencorrach with Jill 81points; 2 Wullie Stevenson with Zac, 80; 3 John Craig Imacher with Midge.

The committee wish to thank Charles Fforde for use of field and sheep and all who assisted to-

wards the running of the trial including the judge.

### Second trial

The second trial was held at Southbank Farm and this time the judge was Alex Miller of Kildonan.

The nursery class winner was Jack Murchie with Rob on 36 points; 2 Wullie Stevenson with Arran Mist; 3 Liz Robertson with Joe 35 points.

The sweepstake was won by Jack Murchie with Rob; 2 and 3 Wullie Stevenson with Nell and Zac.

Once again the committee wish to thank the Brookes family for their kind hospitality and assistance with the field and other essentials. Also a thank-you to the judge and his clerk Ann Uttley.

### Champion

Wullie Stevenson who was last year's winner of the local nursery trials went on to be champion in the national inter-district sheepdog trials at Glenluce.



Willie McConnell pens his sheep at the Southbank nursery trial. b02dog1

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### Argyll District Salmon Fishery Board Meeting of Qualified Proprietors

In accordance with Schedule 2 of the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries (Consolidation)(Scotland) Act 2003 and The Argyll District Salmon Fishery District Designation Order 2005, we hereby call a meeting of all proprietors of salmon fisheries or their mandatories, in the Awe, Creran, Loch Fyne, Ruel, and Arran Salmon Fishery Districts and within the Drummachloy (Bute), Ormsary and Carradale (Kintyre), Add and Feochan Euchar and Nell districts, and the area between Strone Point (North end of the Holy Loch) and the old pier at Arrochar, to be held at the

**Argyll Hotel, Inveraray, Argyll, on 17th February at 2 p.m.**

The meeting is called to elect the committee and chairman for the Argyll District Salmon Fishery Board that will supersede the whole of the districts described above. The co-option of representatives of salmon anglers, tenant netmen and others, and the appointment of clerks and bailiffs, together with any other business will follow these elections.

Mandatories must provide written authorisation from the qualified proprietor they represent.

By order of:

Jane Wright – Clerk to the Awe and Loch Fyne District Salmon Fishery Boards

Patrick Bowlby – Clerk to the Ruel District Salmon Fishery Board

Please advise attendance to Mrs Jane Wright at Cherry Park, Inveraray, Argyll, PA32 8XE.

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### Part Time Catering Assistant\*

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### Part Time Cleaner\*

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16 hours per week

Lamlash Primary School

You will provide a quality cleaning service and must be enthusiastic and well motivated with the ability to take and follow instructions and work as part of a team. Good numeracy and literacy skills and a willingness to undertake training are essential. Similar experience, training to BICS standard, knowledge of Health and Safety, COSHH Regulations and the availability to work additional hours are desirable. Ref 45/1211/AB

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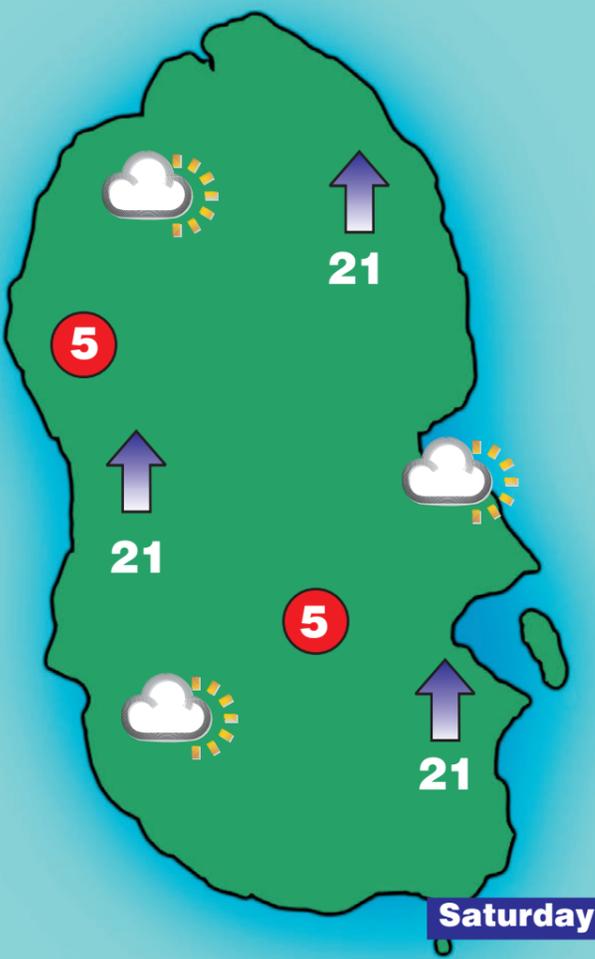
# Tides

Tide tables for Lamlash during the week from **Saturday, January 14 2006** are listed below with differences for major ports listed beneath. All times are GMT (add one hour BST)

Date	am				pm			
Sat	00.16	2.8	05.43	0.7	12.12	3.2	18.04	0.5
Sun	00.57	2.8	06.22	0.7	12.48	3.2	18.37	0.5
Mon	01.32	2.8	06.57	0.7	13.22	3.3	19.09	0.5
Tues	02.05	2.8	07.28	0.7	13.54	3.3	19.40	0.5
Wed	02.36	2.7	08.01	0.7	14.25	3.2	20.13	0.5
Thur	03.07	2.7	08.36	0.7	14.58	3.2	20.47	0.5
Fri	03.39	2.7	09.11	0.7	15.32	3.1	21.23	0.5

Tidal Constants: (Add or deduct from High Water at Lamlash)

Blackwaterfoot	<b>+0.25</b>	Machrie	<b>+0.25</b>
Corrie	<b>+0.20</b>	Lochranza	<b>+0.15</b>
Whiting Bay	<b>-0.02</b>	Brodick Bay	<b>+0.25</b>
Kildonan	<b>-0.05</b>		



# the weather

## Saturday, January 14

The day will be mainly cloudy with sunny intervals. Light southerly winds. Temperatures around 4°C or 5°C.

## Sunday, January 15

Sunday should be slightly milder with heavy rain for most of the day. Moderate southerly winds. Temperatures between 4°C and 8°C.

## Monday and Tuesday

Will bring heavy rain, lightening by Tuesday. Temperatures between 5°C and 8°C. Moderate southerly winds.

## Ferry Crossings/Sea States

Ardrassan/ Brodick - Moderate  
Claonaig/Lochranza - Moderate

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CHURCH NEWS

### Arran Free Church of Scotland

Sunday 15 January  
Shiskine 11am.  
Brodick 7pm.  
Reverend David Karoon.  
All welcome

### Lamlash, Shiskine, Lochranza and Pirnmill

Lamlash Church 11.45am, St Molio's, Shiskine  
10.00am Both services by Mrs Jean Hunter.  
St Bride's, Lochranza  
10.30am, Pirnmill Church  
12 noon. Both services by Rev Kenneth Fisher.  
All welcome.

### Brodick and Corrie Churches

A joint service for the congregations of Brodick and Corrie will be held in Brodick Church on Sunday 15 January at 10.45am when the elders will conduct a service, which will

### Service for Christian Unity

Once again this year, Arran Churches Together are holding a service to mark the officially designated Week of Christian Unity.

It is to take place on Thursday, 26 January 2006 at 7.00 pm in Shiskine Church. The service will be followed by fellowship over a cup of tea or coffee.

This is a splendid opportunity for members of Arran's various churches to join together in worship and to raise money for good causes. Arran Churches Together has made real progress over the last few years in furthering that love and harmony that are so central to our faith, and the island's Christians can be proud of this.

The service on the 20th is a great opportunity to celebrate and give thanks, and to continue our progress together, so please try to be there!

largely be a service of praise. The items to be sung, the prayers and readings are all items which are special to the minister. All welcome. Coffee is available in the hall at Brodick after the service.

### Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church

Sunday 15 January 2006  
Worship will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson, at 10.30am. Tea and Coffee will be served in the Hall after the service and there will be a sale of Traidcraft goods and cards. All welcome.

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### Holy Cross Catholic Church

Sunday Morning Mass 11am

### Scottish Episcopal Church (in full communion with the Church of England)

Sunday 15 January: 11.00 am, Holy Communion. Mr John Roberts.  
Coffee after service.

Wednesday, 18 January. noon.  
Holy Communion.  
All Welcome.

### Arran Baptist Church

Sunday 15 January at 11 a.m. in the Free Church building, Brodick (Beside the Post Office) Tom Hutchison 'Making Jesus Known' Visitors welcome

### Arran Free Church of Scotland (continuing)

Sunday 15 January Trust housing lounge, Brodick, 11am. Evening service, 5 Glen Wednesday 18 December, 7pm, prayer meeting Road 7pm. Rev D Macleod. All welcome.

### Corrie and Sannox Wednesday Club

The Wednesday Club feels very fortunate to have had such excellent speakers this winter: Grace Small and Jean Glen in September; Alastair Aitkenhead and Stevie in October and Duncan Cameron in November. The club would like to say a special thanks again to all of them.

At the club's December meeting, Joe Perkins gave an insight into 'Life aboard *The Mary*' where he had served as a young man (and a good-looking one at that). He took those present aboard this luxury liner and with slides and other memorabilia demonstrated the grandeur of pre-war cruising.

The club wish him and Doreen well on their planned cruise on the new vessel and have requested a return trip from him to tell them all about it from the passengers angle.

The club's annual Christmas lunch was held on Friday 23 December at Corrie Golf Club where thanks to Alastair Henderson assisted by Carol they were served an excellent festive meal which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.



Hugh Stewart and Jackie Glew, both of Drumaghinier, Blackwaterfoot, were married by registrar Linda Murchie at the Kinloch Hotel on Wednesday 28 December. b02wed1

# PERSONALS

## ENGAGEMENT

The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Bill and Gail Scott, Lochranza, Isle of Arran, and Victoria, daughter of Jim and Win James, Bedworth, Warwickshire.

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## BIRTH

**FLETT** - Dougie and Diane (née Monteith) are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their son Lachlan at The Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh on January 5, 2006. A grandson for Iain Sandra Monteith, Whiting Bay and Ina Flett, Stornoway.

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## BIRTHDAY

**HAPPY 30th BIRTHDAY, BIG BROTHER on January 4**



Have a good one!  
All the best - C X

## BIRTHDAY



Happy Birthday  
**BIG 3-0**  
on January 4  
All our love - M and D  
xx

# Arran Gun Club New Year shoot



Some members of Arran Gun Club standing on Balnacoole after their first shoot of the New Year. b02gun1

Ten shooters from Arran Gun Club plus guests turned out for the club's first shooting competition of the year on their ground at Balnacoole, Shiskine.

The event started with a 25 target down-the-line competition, which was won by Allan Hollick with 25/74 with Henry Tait a close second with 24/71.

This was followed by a tricky 20 target sporting competition, which was hotly contested with four shooters tying on 13 ex 20.

The shoot-off for first place was between Henry Tait, Martin Ross, Jill Hollick and Alan Hollick.

Henry prevailed in the six target shoot-off by a single clay over

the other three, who all tied in second place.

There were prizes for high gun in both competitions and various seasonal prizes for the raffle. The club wish to thank Judy Draycott for the bacon rolls and hot drinks, which were most welcome in the chilly conditions.

After the competitions, any

guests who wanted to try clay shooting were carefully supervised as they had a go.

Anyone who wishes to try clay pigeon shooting is always welcome at Arran Gun Club's monthly shoots, which are usually held on the first Sunday of the month at Balnacoole shooting ground.

## Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf

### Machrie Bay Golf Club

**Gents:** Tuesday 27 December, 2 club, nine hole. 1 D Jeffrey (30.5), 2 H Bannatyne (34.5), 3 D Bell (35 best scratch)

Saturday 7 January, Lochranza Hotel Cup, 18 played

1 Mark Sherwood, 41 points, 2 Alasdair Black, 40 points, 3 David Jeffrey, 37 points

There were 2 magic two's - Alan Jeffrey and Hamish Bannatyne. Well played young Mark!

Brian Sherwood won the 2005 Magic '2's competition, Drew Crawford and Graham Williams were second and third respectively

**Ladies:** 1 D Sherwood (37.5), 2 E Ross (38.3)

**Juniors:** M Sherwood (38.5)

Winter cup Tuesday 3 January, 14 played: 1 H Bannatyne (63), 2 M Sherwood (65), 3 A Napier (67) Best scratch and 1 magic 2 from Hamish Bannatyne,

#### Fixtures

Winter cups continue on Tuesdays at noon.

### Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday Golf, Brodick 4 January, The Douglas Graham Salver

was won by H. McArthur and C.O'Neil with a combined score of 127. Wednesday Sweep, 1.F.MacVicar 82-23=59 Joint 2.B.Walker 76-15=61, and S.Hannah 85-24=61

Winter cup, Stableford Saturday 7 January, 7 played

1 Bryce Walker (16) 37 points, 2 Lindsay Keir (9) 35 points, 3 Andrew McCrindle (20) 34 points. There were 3 magic two's

Winter cup, Sunday 8 January, 13 played

1 Chris Pattenden (12) 41 points, 2 Bert McGunnigle (9) 40 points, 3 Donald McKinnie (13) 40 points. There were 3 magic two's

#### Fixtures

Sunday 15 January Brandon

**Ladies:** The annual dinner and prizegiving will be held in Brodick Bar on Friday 3 February, 7pm for 7.30pm.

Will members wishing to attend, see list in ladies locker room or telephone Elma Bayne, ladies captain on 302958.

### Arran Golfers Association

Winter league 2005/2006, venue Shiskine Golf Club, Sunday 8 January 2006 Machrie Bay hit the winning trail again. The January

fixture was played in super conditions for the time of year even although it was rather chilly. Compliments to the Shiskine hospitality and greenstaff for the condition of the course.

In the first match the host club Shiskine were taken to task by their neighbours Machrie Bay who won all four games.

In the second match Brodick beat Corrie by 2 1/2 games to 1 1/2

In the third match Lamlash and Whiting Bay produced a tie.

#### Fixtures

The next winter league match will be held at Machrie Bay Golf

#### Arran Golfers Association league table to Sunday 8 January

Club	Played	Won	ties	lost	points
Machrie Bay	12	8	0	4	6
Lamlash	12	7	0	5	5
Brodick	12	4	3	5	4
Shiskine	12	5	0	7	4
Corrie	12	5	1	6	3
Whiting Bay	12	4	2	6	3

### Arran Junior Football Club

Monday night football coaching for boys and girls aged 8 to 16 in Brodick starts on 16th January 6.00 - 7.30pm.

Saturday coaching in Brodick for boys and girls aged 5 to 16 will restart on Saturday 4 February.

Saturday coaching has re-started - 10.30am in Blackwaterfoot.

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### Arran pool league fixtures

Doubles to be played on or by Sunday 29 January

Bye v R & G Adams, A Duncan/F Wood v E Ingram/J McPherson (PHT), D Smith/E Picken v P.J./I Parker (Aldersyde) M Wallbank/ D Prescott v Mark/John R (PHT), A & M Picken v J Allan/J Picken (Lagg), C Duncan/L Little v J Smith/A Craig (Cameronia), S Newall/N Gray v J Ferguson/C Galloway (PHT), B Hamilton/P McCabe v T Curtis/partner (Aldersyde)

The Knockout Shield will be on Sunday 22 January at the Aldersyde Lamlash for 1pm. Teams of six, all welcome, the usual rules.

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# Still all to play for after first winter points of 2006

## Winter points results January 2006

Twenty-four riders were tacked up and ready for action at the first Winter Points of 2006 at the Cairnhouse Stables in Shiskine on Sunday 8 January.

The clear conditions were perfect for jumping but a bit chilly for spectators. This resulted in Burt's soup selling out in record time - it went down a treat.

Nineteen riders were forward for the Wobblies and it wasn't long before there was the first double clear round of the New Year.

### Class one

Twelve were clear in class one and 11 went round unscathed in the second round with the following eight recording a double clear for the three points on offer: Megan MacAlister, Shannon MacAlister, Tiffany Munro, Rhiannon Beveridge, Katy Thomson, Amy Downard and Kirsty McQueen.

Hollie Adamson sped round on Merlin to return the fastest double clear in just over 31 seconds to collect the five points awarded.

Seventeen were entered in the

novice and 11 made it round clear and into a jump off against the clock over the shortened course. Rachael Kennedy riding her mum's horse Tinker was drawn first and rode a nice clear in 37.90 seconds. Hollie was in next and rode a fabulous clear, shaving a full nine seconds off Rachael's time to finish on what was to prove to be an unbeatable time of 28 seconds.

### Inside out

Eilidh Kerr turned Stormville inside out and wasn't too far away in 28.07seconds, however she had to settle for the blue ribbon.

Kirsty was also hot on their heels, a very close third place, clear in 28.53 secs. Tiffany, who was riding her own Mollie at only their second Winter Points, gave a very good account of themselves clear in 30.19 seconds for fourth place and three valuable points. Katy Thomson riding Whisper slipped into fifth place in 31.50 seconds and Katrina McDonald picked up a point for sixth place in a time of 35.58 seconds.



First place winner, Eilidh Kerr on Storm, 2nd place Holly Adamson on Merlin, third place Kirsty McQueen on Calvin, fourth place Nicola Currie on Lilly, fifth Megan McAllister on Minstrel and sixth Katy Thomson on Whisper. b02win1

Out of the 15 entered in the Mini Challenge it was brilliant to see all but three sailing over the '100' fence with such confidence.

Kirsty was drawn first to go and started really well. However, after successfully jumping the '100' for the second time she parted company with her horse Calvin in fine style to be awarded her first ever 'Duster Badge' and the only one of the day!

Megan was in next and whizzed round on Minstrel to come home on a good top score of 355.

### Seven fences

Katrina was the first to overtake Megan's score, jumping Storm over seven fences to take the lead on a top score of 370. Three riders later Katy Thomson flew round the course with Whisper attending her first Winter Points to go out in front with a brilliant score of 410. The competition was not over yet with the 'tight turning' Stormville City Arizona and the 'flying machine' Merlin still to follow. Shannon and Nicola Currie were both in

the ribbons scoring 355 and 365 respectfully, but it was the two more experienced combinations of Eilidh and Storm and Hollie and Merlin that won top honours. Both jumping 10 fences to come home on identical scores of 420 for six points a piece.

### Rosette

Five of the 10 starters in the 2feet 6inches clear round earned themselves a rosette and three points. They were: Nicola, Katrina, Kirsty, Hollie and Eilidh. The Cairnhouse Challenge with

the '100' now at 3feet 3inches had eight forward and Eilidh won it outright this time with a top score of 315. Hollie finished on 295 for second position. Picking up the yellow rosette was Kirsty on a top score of 235, while Nicola was fourth on 190. Megan was a close fifth on 185 and Katy T. scored 175 for sixth spot.

The scores are very close this season - ensure you have the next Winter Points date in your diary for Sunday 5 February. Everyone is urged to wrap up warmly.



Shannon MacAlister successfully clearing another jump on Minstrel. b02win2

## Arran riding club host treasure hunt

The riding club will be holding their New Year treasure hunt on Sunday 22 January.

Those wishing to attend are invited to meet in Cladach car park at 11am. The event is weather permitting and those go-

ing should contact Clair on 302233 to leave contact details in the event of a cancellation.

Members should please note that subscriptions are now due and these should be sent to Clair Hendry, Wellingtonia, Brodick.

## Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf

### Lamlash Golf Club

Monday 2 January, course backwards New Year shield, 33 played  
1 Stuart Campbell 71-17=54, 2 Dougie Robertson 83-20=63, 3 Miller Crawford 79-15=64

Best Scratch Dougie MacFarlane 65. Thank you to the ladies for supplying delicious home-made soup and food after the match in the absence of our caterer.

### Fixtures

Sunday 15 Stableford 9.30am and noon.

### Lamlash Golf Club -Ladies section

Tuesday 2 January 2, 12 intrepid ladies played the first 9 backwards, fortified by sherry and Christmas cake.

1. A McVicar, 2. A Young.  
3's: J Pattenden, Kate MacAdam, R. Fulton.

It was a fine day and after the game the ladies provided delicious soup and pies in the club house.

### Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday 8 January - Winter League, Whiting Bay 2 points Lamlash 2 points.

### Fixtures

Sunday 15 January Winter Cup Round 4. Draws at 9.30 and 11.00.

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