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## Safety signs for Corrie road

New road signs will soon be in place on the Brodick to Lochranza road.

The campaign for these signs follows the second fatal accident on this stretch in five years. The signs carry three red triangles warning motorists of the possible presence of walkers, cyclists or horses. They also have a 30mph advisory speed limit.

Senior NAC roads officers and Access Officer Louise Kirk came to Brodick for a meeting of the local working road safety group who were shown an illustration of the new signs.

It is intended that six signs be placed at either ends of the villages and they should be in place by Easter. These are standard road safety signs that can be erected without any prior notice or consultation. The process may also be adopted at other locations on the island.

At the meeting, chaired by Councillor Margie Currie, was Gerard Tattersfield who is pushing forward the proposal for a multi-user off-road track between Brodick and Corrie. It is now almost ready to go to the planners and to local sergeant Bob MacKay who is supportive of the campaign.

Report by  
HOWARD DRIVER

A multi-lingual leaflet printed by Road Safety Scotland entitled 'Driving in Scotland' is to be distributed during the tourist season on the ferry. The leaflet includes advice on driving on single-track roads and a reminder to drive on the left.

Councillor Currie said: 'Caledonian MacBrayne has kindly agreed to replace the current map in the lobby of *MV Caledonian Isles* ferry with a new road safety map of Arran. It is hoped it will be read equally by local drivers who are in need of the same advice.'

Jack McConnachie, assistant head of roads, informed the group that an exercise by all Scotland's 32 council roads officers is being undertaken to compile an Asset Management survey of all the roads other than trunk roads.

Margie Currie said: 'This will prove the discrepancy between the three per cent funding allowed to councils against 97 per cent for trunk roads when it is compared to the value of roads and the costs of their replacement. A fundamental change is required by government for the upkeep of the country's entire road network.'



Head gardener Colin Totty and his team of gardeners are using a cherry picker to remove heavy ivy from the walls of Brodick Castle. b08ivy01

## Brodick Castle battery unmasked

### Historic stronghold emerges from under the ivy

The full extent of Brodick Castle's stronghold battery has been revealed for the first time in living memory.

A gardening team has carefully removed the covering of heavy ivy from the battery which dates from 1628.

Traditionally known as the Cromwellian Battery, it effectively blocked the original approach to the old castle and its solid thick walls protected it from artillery fire.

Castle administrator Ken Thorburn said: 'The whole battery was covered in thick

ivy for a very long time. This is the first time any of us have been able to see the actual stronghold.'

The team at Brodick Castle cut back the ivy under the watchful eye of specialist surveyor Kinlay Laidlaw to unmask the previously obscured pistol loops.

Information about the rediscovered structure will be added to the results of the Historic Building Survey being completed by archaeologist Tom Addyman.

Tom's survey has identified documents

relating to the construction of the battery at Brodick Castle in 1628 although it also could have been built during major works in the early 1650s.

'Ivy is now going to be removed from other parts of the castle,' said Ken Thorburn. 'Staff will cut it right back and remove the thick roots at the bottom. It will be replaced with younger ivy plants and these will be managed by the gardening team to make sure they don't damage the castle walls.'



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# Political conference to be held in Shiskine

The 2009 Scottish Socialist Party (SSP) conference is coming to Shiskine Public Hall over the weekend of March 28 and 29. This is the first time that a national conference for any political party has been held on Arran.

This will bring about 150 delegates from all over Scotland. The SSP, which celebrates its tenth anniversary as a party this year, has always held its conferences in the major cities and this departure from the norm is said to underline its commitment to doing things differently. Previous venues have been Glasgow, Dundee, Perth and Edinburgh.

Local branch secretary Colin Turbett said: 'The effects of

the credit crunch will be felt more by those on low incomes in rural and remote areas than anywhere else. The SSP's basic socialist idea that a society based on a market economy will always suffer booms and slumps that cause human suffering, has been proved again to be true.'

Why is the conference coming to Arran? Colin said: 'Well all the usual reasons really - it is accessible, has accommodation, and Shiskine Hall, whilst a squeeze, can offer the essentials needed.'

'It is also of course a beautiful place and local members hope that those attending will have a chance to see the island and what it has to offer.'



One of the new speed limit signs at Arran High Schools. b08sig01

## Twenty's plenty

Twenty miles an hour speed limits are now in place outside all Arran schools.

The poles have been up for several months and last week, during the school holidays, the flashing signs were erected.

Local councillor Margie Currie said: 'Arran is the last part of North Ayrshire to have these 20 mph signs.'

### Fast Stretches

The schools here are all within fairly fast stretches of road although they are already in a 30 mph limit.

The stretches are all quite short and I think drivers will

be happy to reduce their speed for a short while.'

From the police station on Tuesday morning sergeant Bob MacKay pointed outside and said: 'Look, the cars are going slower already. We will give people time to get used to the idea and then if there are any problem areas we'll be out with the speed gun.'

A North Ayrshire Council spokesman said: 'The new limit will be in force with flashing lights three times a day; from 8.30am to 9.30am, from 1pm to 2pm and from 3.30pm to 4.30pm.'

## Police files

### Chair theft reported

Two Lamlash youths aged 15 and 16 years old have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal and the Children's Reporter for the theft of chairs from Arran High School on Friday January 2.

The chairs valued at about £1,000 were taken from outside the school and set on fire in the Whitehouse woods. The furniture had been borrowed by the Drift Inn for a function and later returned and left outside the school building.

### Laundry break-in

There was an attempted housebreaking at Chrissy's Laundry in Park Terrace, Lamlash between 8.30pm on Saturday February 7 and 8.15am on Monday February 9.

Police are appealing for witnesses.

### Telephone offence

At 11.30pm last Sunday February 8 there was a report for an offence against the Telecommunications Scotland Act regarding threatening or abusive phone calls after a complaint from a householder in Shiskine.

### Snow barrier

At 8.15pm on February 8 four Lamlash youths and one Sliderry youth were charged with culpable and reckless conduct after erecting a snow barrier on a roadway which police said placed drivers in danger.

### Windscreen smashed

The windscreen of a car was smashed in Montrose Terrace, Whiting Bay between 9.35pm last Thursday and 7.45am on Friday.

### Serious assault

A 23-year-old Irvine man was reported for a serious assault on a 43-year-old Lamlash woman in which she sustained broken bones in the early hours of last Saturday morning.

### Checks on vehicles and documents

A 41-year-old Whiting Bay man was reported for having no insurance or MoT for his vehicle at 9.30am last Friday. He had left the car on a road while under an alleged Statutory Off Road Notice (SORN) agreement.

A number of vehicle stops were carried out by police over the weekend and Vehicle Defect Rectification Forms were issued to some drivers. Police would like to notify vehicle owners to be aware that if they are keeping a vehicle on a road, including access lanes, under the SORN legislation the vehicle must have all its relevant documentation in order.

## Sword of Damocles lifted

'The sword of Damocles has been lifted,' was the message from Kenneth Gibson MSP about the financial difficulties recently faced by Arran Aromatics.

### Monitored

He said: 'Everything has been sorted out with Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) and it looks as if the immediate threat to the company has

passed. HMRC and Strategy Consultants have worked out a plan and the company will be monitored every three months, just like any company that has had problems.

'It's good news for Arran and we can look forward to a brighter and positive future.'

Company secretary Alastair Rennick was unavailable for comment.

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# Pothole campaign goes on

Local pothole campaigner Ian Small is continuing his crusade to improve the safety of Arran roads.

And we know he is not the only one. Several people have contacted the Banner to say that they are phoning in to the council to report serious potholes or road defects.

Some action has been taken by NAC although it is difficult to say whether it was already scheduled or not.

Holes from Kirkend to Fen Place have been filled in, and the one outside the Heritage Museum mentioned in last week's Banner has been re-

paired, although Ian Small said: 'It took them 13 days to find the hole and see to it.'

Last week he made it quite clear that he was not responsible for the rash of graffiti that had sprung up around the island, also highlighting the poor state of the roads.

In the next stage of his campaign, Ian is now logging each road defect with a six digit ordnance survey reference and then reporting this to the council.

### Locate

He said: 'I have sent them a list of 30 potholes, each with a GPS reference number to help

them locate the holes. All they have to do is feed the figures into a satnav system and it will take them straight to the location.'

In another statement about the roads, a Lamlash man has gone to the trouble of making his own tax disc holder with wording round the edge saying: 'Yes I've paid my tax - now go fix some ..... potholes.'

Ian Small has received a letter from NAC head of roads Ronnie Small who in a separate conversation with the Banner insisted that he was no relation.

The letter says: 'I refer to your

recent articles in both the Arran Banner and Daily Record. North Ayrshire Council share your concern for the declining state of the road network in general.

### Appropriate

'I would be grateful if you could advise the location of the potholes shown in the articles so appropriate repairs can be arranged as we have been unable to identify their location.'

The hole shown in the Banner was actually in a private road outside the Banner office but Ian had felt it was not safe to stand near a pothole on the open road.



A tax disc holder with a message to the council.

b07tax01no

# The Wild West comes to Arran



Some of the cowboys and cowgirls in the McLaren Hotel on Saturday night.

b08cow01

The Wild West came to Arran last weekend.

It was the regular spring visit of assorted members of the Glasgow Western Club and a whole wagon train of cowpokes and their cowgirls rolled into town for a couple of days of high jinks and some rootin' tootin' shootin'.

The western enthusiasts were making their seventh annual visit to the island and as ever were full of good humour and laughter. Around 40 of them were staying at their usual haunt of the McLaren Hotel where they were being well looked after by Janie and Billy McLaren.

With the Confederate flag flying proudly over the hotel and lots of Stetson hats on display, the menfolk indulged in some sharp-shooting competitions on Saturday afternoon. A magic black box between the men was able to determine who was quickest on the draw.

On Saturday night the cowboys and their women were all up on the McLaren dance floor in rows doing a spot of line dancing. Music was being provided into the small hours by the duo Willie Mac and Danny going under the name of Ellis County.

## New council job system 'discriminates against poorer people'

A new recruitment system by North Ayrshire Council has caused concerns among some islanders.

Jobs with the council are now advertised via the internet on a National Recruitment Portal. Three islanders have contacted the Banner to express worries that they don't have computers and might miss out on vacancies. One said: 'I can afford to buy a newspaper but not a computer.'

Another telephoned the Banner on Monday and said that there were vacancies on the NAC website that had not been advertised in the local press. He said: 'This is discriminating against poorer people who don't have a computer.'

After we took the matter up with NAC it appears that the jobs are being advertised in this week's Banner but a spokeswoman said it was entirely coincidental.

An NAC spokesman said: 'The benefits of the website are that people can search for jobs anywhere in Scotland and open an online account which will receive email alerts when jobs of interest are advertised. The new recruitment website covers all council vacancies including teachers. PCs are available in all libraries so not having a PC at home should not be a problem.'

One NAC employee implied that the system had been implemented by the Scottish Government. A government spokesman said: 'The portal is a site that is entirely voluntary. It is not being imposed on councils as the only place that they can advertise.'

## Improvements committee 200 Club

The draw for the Brodick Improvements Committee 200 Club produced a winner in Richard Farquhar of Alma Park, Brodick. Very soon the £50 prize will be climbing up the hill to him.

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### Cheese and wine evening

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## Shiskine Card Stars helping street kids in Malawi

Katie Murchie and Cailean Robertson from Shiskine Primary School handed over a cheque for £350 recently to Mr Chirnside of the Tear Fund.

Pupils from P3, 4 and 5 raised the money by doing an enterprise project in which they set up a business called Shiskine Card Stars.

Their first production was a Christmas card made using an image taken by Cailean who is only in P3 in a previous photography project.

All of the children said they really enjoyed the project and thanks to the support of the Shiskine community, the grand sum of £350 was raised.

This money will be sent to children living on the streets in Malawi.



Katie Murchie and Cailean Robertson hand over a cheque to Mr Chirnside of the Tear fund while Mrs Jean Hunter looks on. b08shi01NO

## Rural ladies toast the Bard in Kilmory



Eleven-year-old Struan Robertson addressing the haggis in Kilmory Hall. b08rur01

The ladies of Kilmory WRI hosted a Burns night in the village hall last Monday February 9 with guests from Shiskine, Whiting Bay and Kildonan Rurals.

Thanks go to all the entertainers including young Struan Robertson for ably addressing the haggis, Andrew Earle for his piping, Iain Clarke for his excellent Burns recitation and Jo Earle for accompanying a sing-along of Scottish songs on her accordion.

A raffle was held to raise money for Rural funds.

The business meeting of Kilmory Rural will be held on Monday March 9 when the competitions will be for a knitted baby blanket and a baby photograph.



Iain Clarke reciting 'Tae a Louse' to the Rural ladies. b08rur02

## St Brides ladies taken on wildlife ramble

Last week St Brides Ladies enjoyed a wildlife ramble in the warmth of Brodick Church Hall.

Their guide for the evening was Arran's own bird recorder Jim Cassels. Through a riveting talk a tour was taken through all the different bird habitats on the island.

Accompanied by excellent

photographs, the ladies were told something of the 226 different birds currently found either living on or visiting the island.

Jim's evident enthusiasm for his subject is infectious and his easy style had the audience enthralled, appreciating the different habitats found in shore and mountain, forest and farmland, moorland and garden.

Liz Lawrie proposed the vote of thanks for a most educational and entertaining evening. The group's next meeting is on Monday February 23 when Alison Prince will be the speaker.

## Legion members hear tales of Ailsa Craig

The members and friends who attended the first social meeting of the Royal British Legion Arran branch for 2009 were greatly entertained by David Napier from Shiskine. He presented a wonderful film which depicted the life for families who used to live on Ailsa Craig and the various workers either on the lighthouse or the granite quarries before, during and after the Second World War.

The film showed the tearoom on the rock which welcomed many visitors from Girvan during the summer season. It also explained how the granite was cut and transported ashore to the mainland to become the curling stones of the world.

David's talk was a thoroughly enjoyable and interesting insight into one of our best known sights on the Clyde.

The next meeting of the Arran branch is on Thursday March 5, and subsequent meetings will revert to being held in the McLaren Hotel, Brodick.

Legion members would like to thank the management and staff of the Ormidale Hotel for their hospitality during the branch meetings there.

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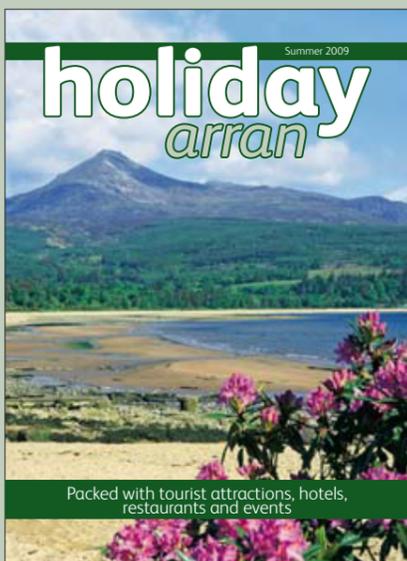
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# SNP/Tory spat on calls for council tax reduction

Philip Lardner, Tory Westminster Candidate for North Ayrshire and Arran is calling for an immediate cut in council tax.

This week Mr Lardner, a primary teacher, said: 'I am delighted that the SNP Government has climbed-down and shelved its plans for an unfair and unworkable Local Income Tax (LIT).



Tory candidate Philip Lardner. b08scen01

'Rather than inventing new and more complex systems to collect local tax, we believe the aim should be to reduce the level of the existing council tax for everyone.'

He added: 'The national figure of £281 million that the SNP Government said it could find to subsidise LIT would be much better used to cut the council tax bills of every household in Scotland.'

'We are pressing the SNP to use the government's efficiency savings to cut the council tax bill of every Arran household by £150.'

'This means that in the North Ayrshire Council area, the average Band D property would see its council tax cut from £1152 to £1002. On top of this, we would ideally like to go even further with bigger cuts for our older pensioners, but the £150 across the board discount should be urgently pushed through to benefit everyone in these difficult economic conditions.'

Kenneth Gibson MSP has responded to Mr Lardner's comments on behalf of the SNP.

He said: 'The Conservative party's enthusiasm for council tax policy is to be commended.'



Kenneth Gibson MSP. b08ken01

Indeed, it has had five policies in the past six years.

'There was the real-terms freeze in 2003. There was a discount of £500 million in the 2005 manifesto. There was cutting half of council tax for pensioners under the manifesto of 2007.'

'Then there was Derek Brownlee MSP's declaration last year that the Tories would cut council tax by 25 per cent. Towards the end of last year, the SNP policy of a freeze

became Tory policy south of the border.

'Times have obviously changed. The Tories put up council tax by over 40 per cent when in office, Labour by over 60 per cent.'

'Mr Lardner now suggests a £150 cut to every household only a fortnight after the Scottish Budget was approved.'

'Clearly, all resources have been allocated, resources which include a continuation of the council tax freeze, agreed last week by NAC.'

'Mr Lardner should know that the money for the council tax freeze and for the £281 million tax cut that would follow from introduction of a local income tax, which was not proposed for 2009/10, come from the same pot and that both cannot happen at the same time.'

'A recession and anticipated cuts from Westminster of £500 million each year make it even more difficult. Mr Lardner could, of course, tell us where he would cut £281 million now.'

'As 66 of the 129 MSPs are implacably opposed to LIT and the Lib Dems want 32 different rates, the Scottish Government and its 47 MSPs will maintain the freeze until 2011 when we will seek a mandate to abolish the council tax Mr Lardner and his colleagues only wish to tinker with, once and for all.'

## Could Britain's next Chancellor live on Arran

A new competition designed to challenge youngsters in Arran to grapple with Britain's economic crisis is being backed by the island's MP.

North Ayrshire and Arran MP Katy Clark is supporting the launch of the 2009 'Chance to be Chancellor' competition and is calling on local schools to take up the challenge of balancing the nation's budget.

The competition is open to all 14 to 19 year olds and challenges the youngsters to grapple with the issues that Alistair Darling faces ahead of his March 2009 budget.

Katy said: 'I would encourage the students of Arran to take

part in this competition as it greatly helps financial learning in schools.'

Chance to be Chancellor represents a great opportunity for youngsters to have their say on what they think the budget should include and their ideas will be particularly interesting this year given the current economic climate.'

The competition closes on February 27 and the top prize is a Nintendo Wii Console Sports pack and a £250 voucher to be given to a charity of the winner's choice.

Katy added: 'I wish all entrants on Arran the best of luck.'

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The mandarin duck visiting Celia Sillars' garden. b08duk01

## Colourful visitor ro Celia's garden

A beautiful mandarin duck was visiting a Brodick garden last week.

Celia Sillars of Rosaburn said: 'It arrived in my garden, along with my own local ducks, on Sunday morning.'

'He has returned at feeding time every day since. According to the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust website, these birds are in decline with only around 80,000 left worldwide and 7,000 of them being feral in Britain.'

'I have no idea whether this is a wild bird or whether it belongs to someone who rears them. We have seen them mentioned in the Banner so thought you might like the picture.'

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## Arran boppers turn out for 40th anniversary Shiski Diski

The 40th anniversary Shiski Diski was opened and closed by The Beatles.

The first number was an early Beatles number *Get Back*, and the final record of the night was the anthem *Let It Be*.

DJ for the night as usual was Charles Currie, formerly a farmer at Drumadon and now back living on the island.

He told the Banner: 'It took me 20 years to realise that I was a DJ who farmed as a hobby!'

Tickets were sold out a week in advance and Arran folk of a certain age were looking forward to a trip down memory lane. Some came dressed in 70s gear and four 'girls' had looked out their original Shiski Diski T shirts.

Fiona Carswell, originally from Lamlash, had come all the way from Dubai for the event and was even wearing her 20th anniversary Shiski Diski T shirt.

It was slow to get started but that is nothing unusual. A lot of people were in the Kinloch having a few cocktails to prepare them for a couple of hours boogying.

Charles said: 'Back in the 70s I used to play to myself for an hour until they all stream in.'

### First record - *Mony Mony*

He started as a disc jockey with the Phoenix Discotheque at the Northcote Club in Glasgow in 1967. He said: 'I used to fill in between the live bands and got £3 a night for it. One time I filled in for Jimmi the Barber when he was playing guitar there with his group The Carnaby Set.'

He began the regular disco in Shiskine Hall in 1968 and the first record ever played was *Mony Mony* by Tommy James and The Shondells.

Charles said: 'At its height I must have had about 2,500 records. They were sent over from a music shop in Saltcoats every week and we used to raffle them off when they were out of the charts.'

We asked him what had been the classics down the years that were guaranteed to get everyone up on their feet. He thought for a moment then said: '*Hi Ho Silver Lining* by Jeff Beck, *Brown Sugar* by The Roll-

ing Stones, *Black Betty* by The Ram Jam Band, *Alright Now* by Free, *The Whole of the Moon* by The Waterboys and *Rocking All Over The World* by Status Quo would all get them jigging.'

At most gigs he was ably assisted by wife Irene who said: 'I'm enjoying tonight. It's the first time that I haven't been on the door. There were no 45s on Saturday, it was all CDs and MP3s but the music sounded as good as ever.'

Charles played three popular smoochy numbers during the night; *Nights in White Satin* by The Moody Blues, *I'm Not In Love* by 10cc, and finished up with The Beatles and *Let It Be*.

As the lights went up he cued up the Mark Knopfler guitar solo theme from *Local Hero* which is exactly how he finished every disco.

Afterwards a tired Charles said: 'Three-and-a-half hours fairly takes it out of you.'

Will he be doing it all again some day? 'Never say never again,' he laughed.



Charles Currie back in action on the mike. b08dis01



Ann Gibson, Irene Currie jnr and Charles' wife Irene. b08dis03



Fiona Carswell and Shirley McConnell. b08dis02



Charles cues up another song. b08dis06



John and Keyd Allan and Louise Brown. b08dis05



Right - A selection of original 45 covers that have proved popular over the years. b08dis04

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The grandchildren of John McKinnon, formerly of Kilmory, at a 100-year family reunion in New Zealand in 1959. b08mck01

## New Zealand reunion for MacKinnons of Arran

Calling all Arran McKinnons!

Descendants of a branch of the McKinnon clan who farmed at Aucheleffan in the south of Arran over 150 years ago are arranging a grand family reunion. The party will be in Whangarei in North Island, New Zealand on Thursday April 9 so they had better make sure their passports are in order.

John McKinnon farmed at Aucheleffan in the hills high above Kilmory. In 1859 John and his family emigrated to New Zealand and founded what has been described as a dynasty. This year will be the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of him landing in North Island.

In the 1850s and 1860s there was an exodus of Scottish Presbyterians from these shores

who were seeking a place to practice their religion in freedom and many of them settled in the fertile farmland around Whangarei.

Anne Murray, nee MacAlister, is one of the descendants and she now lives in Milngavie, Glasgow.

Anne told the Banner: 'I come from an old Arran family and I have been doing my family tree. One line of my family were the McKinnons who farmed at Aucheleffan for many years.

'I knew from my father that one of them, John McKinnon, went to Whangarei in New Zealand.

'The descendants had a family reunion in 1959 which was 100 years after John landed

there. I posted this information on a family history website and three years later a lady from New Zealand answered! It turns out that John had 12 children.

'We have found many more of the descendants and they are arranging a 150 year reunion.'

At the 100 year reunion in 1959 there were 63 grandchildren of John and Jane McKinnon, 71 great-grandchildren and 38 great-great-grandchildren.

Anne Murray's great-aunts were Jenny and Annie McKinnon who never married and ran the Marine Hotel in Lamlash until the early 1960s.

She added: 'The only other part of the family still on Arran are the Stewarts in Kildonan. However, there may be others.'

Any McKinnon descendant wishing to go to the reunion should contact the Banner for further details.



John McKinnon and his wife Jane. b08mck02



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# THE ARRAN BANNER

The Arran One Act Drama Festival kicks off this week.

It is one of the first annual events in the calendar each year and is eagerly anticipated by thespians and audiences alike. It is also one of the oldest events and regularly attracts full houses. For weeks if not months, amateur actors and actresses will have been coming home from their day jobs to ponder over scripts into the wee small hours.

Lines will have been learned, stage sets meticulously built, costumes made, borrowed or hired and lighting arranged. And all for half an hour.

The 10 one-act plays performed over four nights will take on average 30 minutes each. However, nearly all of the drama clubs will take the opportunity to put on another performance of their play at a later date in their own village hall.

Most of the audience will have nothing but admiration for the dedication of these keen thespians, not to mention the hard working backstage crew and lighting and sound people.

In the adult plays, inevitably the same names appear year after year, but the junior section is thriving. This year, four of the 10 plays are by junior drama clubs and the quality of their performances has risen season after season. It also brings new faces to light and is a wonderful life experience for those youngsters brave enough to take to the stage.

We wish the festival continued success in new surroundings of the Arran High School Community Theatre.

The annual general meeting of Arran Farmers Society is on Tuesday - another long established organisation and one that continues to flourish in difficult times.

The Society was formed in 1830 at a meeting in the Brodick Inn (now the Wineport restaurant). It was an attempt to improve the standard of animal husbandry via friendly competition and offer a shop window on the countryside. Many similar agricultural societies were formed around Scotland in the early part of the 19th century as lowland farmers were encouraged north by wealthy landowners aiming to cultivate new ideas and better farming practice.

Like many others, Arran Farmers Society has adapted to meet fresh challenges. The Show left its home of over 50 years in 2005 when the new high school was built on the previously preferred show site. It moved to Brodick's castle drive then, in 2007, to Sandy's Field behind the brewery.

This August, Arran Show will be held at Glenkiln, Lamlash and next year Balmichael, Shiskine and then continue to rotate between Lamlash and Shiskine.

In order to survive, the show needs to attract the general public and cover the considerable costs of such an event. The show is one of the great Arran meeting places of the year and will long continue to be so.

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Faith is the substance of things hoped for, and the evidence of things not seen.

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# Letters to the Editor



## Plan B for timber

Sir,  
I have read in the Banner with great interest of the decision to abandon the route originally planned for the extraction of timber.

If one ignores the perfectly reasonable complaints of Moira Starks, Ian Small and others, just as the council has done, the local roads are adequate for existing traffic. I am well aware that many people have greeted the arrival of everything from the first car in 1896 to the first bus in 1913 with the catchphrase 'It's too big for Arran's roads'. But this plan B for timber extraction smacks of forward planning usually associated with Laurel and Hardy. I have no quarrel with people at the sharp end and nothing but admiration for a local firm that can win the contract for the carriage of such a tonnage.

The Forestry Commission was formed in 1919, the same year that the Rural Transport (Scotland) Report called for a light railway in Arran, partly on the basis that it would assist the development of forestry on the island. The railway was never built and the Forestry Commission did not come to the island until the 1950s.

The Commission has surely had plenty of time to observe that trees grow quite tall. I cannot see that the council can be faulted since it seems that the Commission has taken them by surprise, just as the unforeseen growth of the trees seems to have taken the Commission by surprise.

Why were the problems of the removal of trees not considered before now?

None of my teachers or friends has ever managed to make me any the wiser, but perhaps the Commission can see to it that I am better informed.

Yours,  
**Berni Mitchell-Luker  
Phairstaidge  
McKelvie Road  
Lamlash**

## Timber lunacy

Sir,  
I was amazed and horrified to read that the Forestry Commission intend to use the B880 String Road to transport timber from the Clachan Glen forest

to Brodick. The summit of the String Road is already hazardous to ordinary traffic due to potholes and loose aggregate.

The idea of driving a fully loaded timber lorry weighing 40 tonnes down such a steep slope, with a twisty bridge at the bottom, sounds like lunacy.

Why not transport the logs to Blackwaterfoot harbour, a mere mile or so from Clachan and tow them out to the timber barge. Wood floats!

Due account would have to be taken of tide levels, sandbanks and submerged rocks, for the safety of the laden barge but a couple of commercial divers could obtain a profile of the sea bed.

Think about it!

Yours,  
**Joyce Macfarlane  
9 Bideford Crescent  
Mount Vernon  
Glasgow**

## Support Small campaign

Sir,  
I would like to write to give my support to Ian Small's campaign to raise awareness of the shocking state of Arran roads.

I have phoned into the Council offices on several occasions. I must congratulate them that the potholes from Kirkend to Fen Place have been filled in. Other areas such as Lamlash to the Heights and the corner before Woodside at Dippen are downright dangerous.

My concern is that there will be further fatalities. Cyclists can easily be knocked off their bikes hitting some of these holes and what if that is into the path of a vehicle? The driver may have little chance to avoid injuring them however slow they are traveling.

There is also the impact on tourism. Has anyone else noticed the rapid decline in motorcyclists visiting the island? Who can blame them, potholes and loose chippings are treacherous for them. Please support Ian Small in his campaign by phoning the council. Report road defects and make our roads safer for all to use

Yours,  
**Clare McQuade  
Woodburn,  
Kildonan**

## Islanders mislead

Sir,  
In last week's Banner Tory candidate Philip Lardner accuses me of inaccuracies in relation to my comments on the Scottish Parliament's Budget.

There were no inaccuracies. As a teacher he might more accurately have accused me of an omission, namely that I did not credit the Tories for their solid support of the SNP Budget. Fair enough. However, Mr Lardner then descends into fantasy by claiming the Tories secured £234 million of concessions. This includes resources already dedicated to fulfilling the SNP's own manifesto commitments. Talking of inaccuracies, also in last week's Arran Banner Mr Lardner urges islanders to nominate their village for regeneration grants.

In fact, the criteria for awarding such grants has not yet been agreed by the Scottish Government.

Yours,  
**Kenneth Gibson MSP  
Parliamentary Office  
15 Main Street  
Dalry**

## Graffiti hits Arran

Sir,  
As city folk go about their daily schedules there tends to be a grudging acceptance of their drab surroundings and all things urban.

Not so on Arran; we have Community Councillor Ian Small who has achieved in a week something which is not usually associated with Arran - graffiti. Due to his reckless abandonment of the mechanisms in place to deal with such matters as roads and planning and which the community council are always stating they uphold, the island is now blighted with graffiti. Arran children as young as five now have a new word in their vocabulary which I find abhorrent. This issue has highlighted how out of touch the community council is with ordinary islanders.

The chairman's remarks that the community council does not support Councillor Small's protest was nothing more than political gesturing as he knew by not condoning the actions

in the strongest manner possible and installing a three line whip to bring Mr Small back on side he would send out a message saying 'I can't support it but I do'.

It would be nice to see the same flexibility given to Mr Small extended to people who have breached planning regulations. More a case of do as I say, not as I do.

Yours,  
**James Cummings  
Leighletter Row  
Lamlash**

## VisitArran mission

Sir,  
We would like to thank 'name and address supplied' for the opportunity to very briefly restate the VisitArran mission.

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This we aim to do in the most cost effective manner possible. This can only be achieved by the support and participation of everyone on the island. Individuals, businesses and community groups, whilst also working with the appropriate government agencies. Working together we become a much stronger force!

Last week's letter has arrived at exactly the right time as VisitArran has hosted and is planning to host further local community meetings over the next two weeks in the following venues: Wednesday Feb 18 Whiting Bay Golf Club, Thursday Feb 19 Auchrannie, Monday Feb 23 Auchrannie, Wednesday Feb 25 Kinloch Hotel. Meetings are 4pm to 6pm. Everyone is welcome as this will be an excellent opportunity for a two way conversation between VisitArran and local businesses and communities.

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# Banner readers check up on Arran news while travelling the world



John Roberts on the banks of the Rhine. b08ban01

This week we have three pictures from different parts of the world showing that Banner readers like to keep in touch with island issues even when on holiday.

Our first holidaying Banner reader this week is John Roberts of Brodick.

He is pictured reading his Banner while taking a break on the banks of the River Rhine at Düsseldorf.

#### Weekend

John was in Germany for the weekend to see his son James who is working there. James Roberts took the photo on Sat-



Helen Causon and Dave Hird in Orlando. b08ban02

urday January 24.

Enjoying the Florida sunshine and catching up on Arran news are Helen Causon and her fiancée Dave Hird by the pool in Orlando.

Helen said: 'We would love it if you could print our picture as our grandma who lives in

Lamlash buys the Banner every week.' With pleasure, Helen.

#### Luxurious

On a very different longitude is Maureen McDonald of Brodick. She is reading her Banner in the luxurious oriental surroundings of Raffles Hotel in Singapore.



Maureen McDonald outside Raffles Hotel in Singapore. b08ban03

So far we have published photographs of The Banner being read by holidaymakers in Florida, Peru, Tripoli, Gran Canaria, Germany, Singapore and New York.

If you are planning to take a holiday remember to take your copy of The Banner with you.

It could be from Barcelona or Barrhead, it doesn't really matter, we would love to see your photographs.

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## Three corners evening at Shiskine SWRI

At the meeting of Shiskine WRI on Wednesday February 4 the members were joined by Kilmory and Kildonan rural ladies for a three corners evening.

Kilmory taught Fijian plaiting with silk ribbons which make very attractive bookmarks, napkin rings or table mats.

Kildonan gave some interesting samples from the Bach flower essences which can help remedy many problems; also some members were lucky enough to have a short Indian head massage.

In the Shiskine corner the members watched a pedicure and had a question and answer session on foot health.

Altogether it was an informative and enjoyable evening.

The next rural meeting is on Wednesday March 4 and will be a members night.

Competition winners: homemade sweets, Jenny Harper; Best postcard, 1 Effie Clark, 2 Jenny harper. The raffle was won by Sarah Pierce.

## 'Voice of the Waverley' at Lochranza

Arran's steamer expert Kenny Morrison urges islanders to hear the Voice of the Waverley

Lochranza Distillery will be echoing to the sounds of the propellers and paddle wheels on Tuesday March 3 when Iain Quinn gives his annual talk at the Northend venue.

Iain is widely known as 'The Voice of the Waverley' as he urges people standing on all the various piers on the Clyde to board the last sea-going paddle steamer in the world

for another cruise around the Firth.

His subject this year is 'Lochranza Pier Through the Years' when he will detail the varied life of Arran's northernmost pier from its opening in 1888 to its closure in 1971 and eventual reopening in 2003 – a most unusual occurrence nowadays.

He will bring numerous slides from his vast collection to illustrate the many and varied steamers and ferries that have called at Lochranza and may

also cover other island piers past and present – some of the slides might be of his beloved Waverley alongside.

Iain's enthusiasm for his subject guarantees an interesting and entertaining evening which will not only appeal to the infamous 'steamer dreamers' but anyone with an interest in Arran's history and its maritime links with the mainland.

The talk commences at 8pm and takes place courtesy of the management and staff of Lochranza Distillery and

their shop and bar will be open throughout. The entry fee of £5 also covers tea, coffee and home baking and all gross proceeds will go to help keep Waverley sailing into the future.

A second event for the same cause will be held at the Distillery on April 25 and will take the form of a folk concert featuring The Duncan McCrone (ex Clydesiders) trio and other artistes – two dates for your diary and watch out for more details. KM

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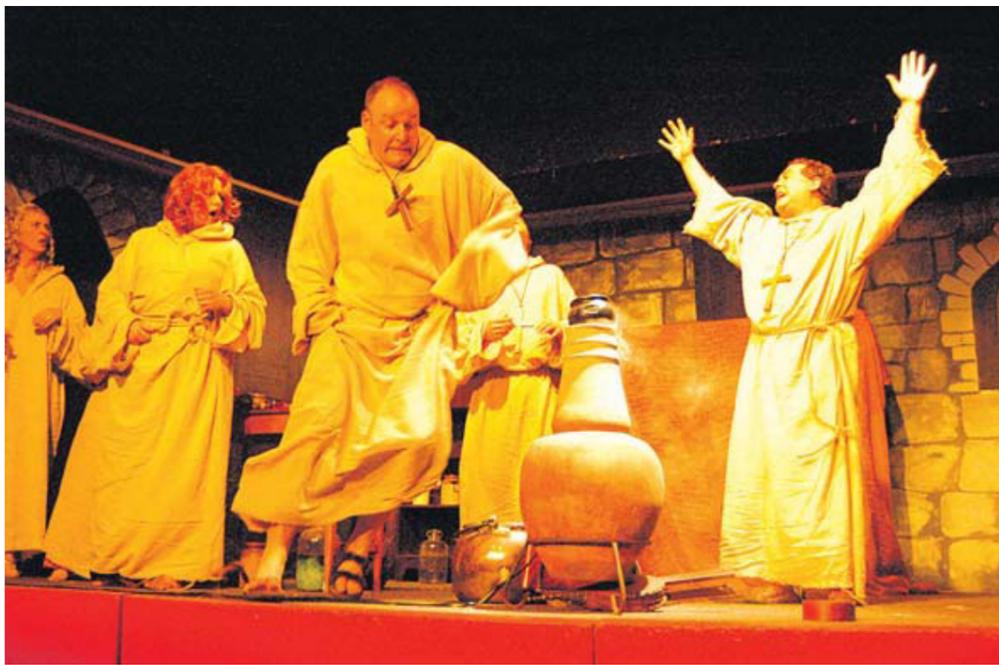
# Isle of Arran Drama Association One Act Drama Festival



Ritual for Dolls, Lamlash Drama Club, 2005 festival. b08dra03



Rise and Shine, winner of the 2008 festival, by Arran Torch Players. b08dra02



Halloween by Clanjamfrie, winners of the 2006 festival. b08dra10



The Empty Chair, Lamlash Junior Drama Club, 2006. b08dra08



## Isle of Arran Drama Association 2009 ONE ACT DRAMA FESTIVAL

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<b>Thursday</b>	Shiskine Junior Drama	The Star Dusters
	Whiting Bay Club of Drama & Music	Four and Twenty Blackbirds
	Shiskine Drama Club	That Old Black Magic
<b>Friday</b>	Lamlash Junior Drama Club	May I Have Your attention Please
	Clanjamfrie	Teamwork
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Watching the Magpies, Pirmill Players, 2008. b08dra09

# Isle of Arran Drama Association One Act Drama Festival

## Ten entries set to take to the stage

The Arran 2009 One Act Drama Festival starts next Wednesday in Arran High School Community Theatre.

This year there are 10 entries in the festival, two on Wednesday, three each on Thursday and Friday and two on Saturday. The adjudicator is Mr Brian Marjoribanks.

It will not be his first time at the festival as he adjudicated in 2001 when Pirmill Players won the Archie Kerr Wooley trophy for best play with *Girl on an Empty Swing*.

Since its inception in 1931, the festival has attracted and encouraged several generations of amateur local thespians. Prominent islanders associated with the early years of the drama association are such as Robert McLellan, Ella Lennox, Douglas Sillars, Hamish Cook, Alasdair Dunn, Ernest Ribbeck and Alexander Strang.

A feature of recent festivals has been the higher quality of performances by young people, much of it due to the dedicated coaching of adult thespians like Sheila Gilmore, Iain Parker and Mary Young.

Four of the 10 plays this year are by junior drama players and they will be as keenly anticipated as the adult plays by a knowledgeable audience.

Two years ago the Isle of Arran Drama Association bade farewell to Lamlash Community Centre after many years of festivals with the closure of the old building.

Last year the association coped admirably with the relocation to the smart modern surroundings of the Community Theatre in the new high school.

With that experience under their belts and a few lessons learned the committee is looking forward to the 2009 festival.

Here are a selection of moments from previous festivals.



Marigold Mews by Shiskine WRI, 2008. b08dra01



Liam Turbett, Calum Johnston and Eilidh Kerr in Albert, 2008. b08dra11



Trophy winners at the 2005 festival with adjudicator Richard Ellis. b08dra07



Adjudicator Jane Nelson Peebles with Allan Little, producer of the winning play, *Don't tell me, I'll tell you*, at the 2007 festival. b08dra06



Under Jekyll's Hyde, Lamlash Junior Drama Club, 2008. b08dra05

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# The Arran Banner 20 years ago

## Saturday, February 18, 1989

### Football chairman won't call meeting

Charles Currie, chairman of the Arran Football Association, told us this week that he has no intention of convening an early meeting to decide the fate of Southend United football team.

Speaking about George Lammie's demand for a meeting, Charles said: 'If he wants an extraordinary general meeting it's up to him to get two thirds of the clubs to call it.'

Then he softened and said: 'I don't want to see Southend United going out of the league. I like them because they show a good spirit. But if they are disheartened they should admit it and give the young boys a chance to play in a team with 11 players in it.'

### Storm force

Gales lashed Arran on Monday in one of the fiercest storms for a long time.



Jack Cooper gets the Banner every week but not as a newspaper, on a tape cassette. b08twe01

While damage does not seem to have been too bad, they passed a final death sentence on Lochranza pier.

Already in a state of disrepair, and with an 'at your own risk' notice at the end, the pier is now nothing but a jumble of broken wood.

At the height of the storm the sea filled Lochranza and flooded the road and castle.

The castle usually sits several feet above sea level on its long spit of land but it was marooned within a cauldron of froth.

When the storm abated, the tarmac on the castle road had been pulled up, bits of the pier were at the other end of the loch and the beach shingle had been deposited into residents front gardens.

In Brodick Bay the ferry recorded gusts of 101 knots as she tried to berth.

The morning sailing went to Gourock and after berthing at around 1.30pm she made no more sailings for the day.

On Monday afternoon, the storm caused electricity cuts, which forced both the High School and Primary School in Lamlash to close on Tuesday.



Celia Sillars records The Banner for Jack Cooper who is blind. b08twe05

Despite a few trees falling at numerous places across the island, the damage has been minimal.

### Arran beaches not listed

Hugh McMahon MEP is angered that the Scottish Office fails to recognise Arran as having any bathing beaches.

Asked to designate beaches for swimming that conforms to the EEC law 23, Arran was not included by the executive.

Mr McMahon said: 'I am delighted to note that the EEC accepts that people go to Arran for a swim. The Scottish Office appears to be unaware of this and indeed have submitted contrary evidence to the European Commission.'

The nearest designated bathing beach to Arran is Saltcoats. Advantages of being designated are clearly that it is an official tourist beach but the Clyde River Purification Board also regularly tests them.

'There are more designated beaches in Luxembourg than in Scotland,' added Mr McMahon, 'and Luxembourg doesn't even have a coastline!'

### Power cuts close school

Arran High School was closed on Tuesday morning following power cuts after Monday's storm.

Lamlash Primary School was closed all day.

Pupils will have another day off on Tuesday following this weekend's half term, when teachers will have an in-service training day.

In one school parents have been informed for the first time about how this day will be used.



Arran's Army Cadet Force held an open day last Saturday as part of a recruiting drive for more cadets and leaders. b08twe03



Morton Muirhead launched his 'Arran Leisure Hire' business this week. It is ideal for those wanting a self catering holiday on wheels. b08twe02

Primary teachers will be taking part in activities in connection with the new art, craft and design guidelines issued by the Ayr division.

### The Banner gets taped

We like to think that most people on the island read The Banner but only this week did we realise that this readership also includes blind people.

Jack Cooper from Brodick gets his Banner every Saturday at about 11am and sits down immediately to read it, even although he is blind.

He occasionally likes to startle people by saying 'I saw in The Banner....' and they ask 'how did you see that?'

Jack's Banner does not come as a newspaper but as a tape cassette thanks to Mrs Celia Sillars of Brodick.

'I was visiting him one day,' said Celia, 'and he was talking about the other tapes he gets (The Readers Digest and Sunday Mail) and he jokingly said



Alistair Dobson of Brodick was unhurt when his car left the Ross Road in icy conditions on Thursday morning. b08twe06

that's something I could do.'

So now every Friday evening at about midnight she sits down to read the Banner into her tape machine for son Craig to run down the road with the next morning.

'It's great,' said Jack. 'And if there's articles in it with my friends in it I dub it.'



Lochranza Pier was left in ruins on Monday after being battered by huge waves and high winds. b08twe04

# Bird Notes for January

## by Jim Cassels

January started with 10 days of cold, dry weather. The month had around half of the rain of January 2008.

Raptors were to the fore this month. Reports included: three golden eagles in the sky over Lochranza on the 13<sup>th</sup>; a peregrine sparring with four ravens near Bennan also on the 13<sup>th</sup>; and a pair of hen harrier on Machrie Moor on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

In addition there were lots of sightings of buzzard, sparrowhawk and kestrel.

At this time of year these species numbers are increased by birds which have migrated from the harsh winters in Scandinavia.

Another bird that is known to migrate from the colder north is the merlin. There were two reports this month of this small raptor, it is about the size of a thrush; a female at the Dyemill on the 9<sup>th</sup> and a male at Drumadon on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Other sightings included: nine black-headed gulls and 10 kittiwake in Whiting Bay on the 1<sup>st</sup>; red grouse on Cnoc Breac on the 7<sup>th</sup>; 77 woodpigeon in Shiskine on the 12<sup>th</sup>; 20 pairs of fulmars on the cliffs at Drumadon on the 13<sup>th</sup>; a solitary waxwing at Balmichael on the 19<sup>th</sup>; two male and one female goosander in Lochranza on the 22<sup>nd</sup>; 18 Dunlin in Whiting Bay on the 23<sup>rd</sup>; and a jack snipe in Clachlands on the 28<sup>th</sup>.



There were two reports of merlin, a small raptor, on Arran in January.

The weekend of Saturday 24 and 25 January was the weekend of the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch and I will say more about that in the next Bird Notes.

Garden bird sightings other than from that weekend included: a redpoll on the 4<sup>th</sup> in Catacol; a great spotted woodpecker on the 5<sup>th</sup> in Pirmill; a siskin on the 17<sup>th</sup> at Dhunan; a blackcap on the 23<sup>rd</sup> in Brodick; and a yellowhammer on the 31<sup>st</sup> in Shiskine.

Our most numerous wintering geese are the greylag. On the 13<sup>th</sup> there were over 400 in Clachaig. The largest groups of those other winter visitors the fieldfares and redwings were at Balmichael on the 19<sup>th</sup>, when there was around 250 fieldfare and 50 redwing.

There were signs of approaching spring with gannets off Kildonan on the 4<sup>th</sup>, in Lamlash Bay on the 18<sup>th</sup> and north of the Fairy Dell on the 31<sup>st</sup>. But the winter is not over yet.

*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 visit this website [www.arranbirding.co.uk](http://www.arranbirding.co.uk)*



Three golden eagles were spotted above Lochranza



Black-headed Gulls spotted in Whiting Bay



Dunlins were in Whiting Bay



A Great Spotted Woodpecker was seen in Pirmill



Peregrine Falcon sparred with four Ravens near Bennan



Greylag Geese in Clachaig

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Trout fishing	Loch Garbad, Bank
Hawk Walks	Lamlash
Fitness Assessments, Gym Induction, Personal Training	Auchrannie Spa & Gym

**SATURDAY 21st FEBRUARY**

Blackwaterfoot Junior Football	Coaching, 10.30am - noon
Arran Dancers, Ballet & Jazz, 3 - 18years	Arran High School 10am - 4pm
Karate	Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am - 12.30pm
Learn to Salsa	KA Campus, 9.30am - 10.30am
Family Games Kids & Adults	Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
Fun in the Spa Pool	Auchrannie Pool, 4pm - 5pm
Highland Dancing Lesson	Brodick Church Hall 11am - 1pm
Over 21s Disco	Ormidale, 10pm
Youth Cafe	Brodick Church Hall, 7pm
Cool Club Coffee Morning	Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15am - 12pm
Bingo Night	Whiting Bay Golf Club, 7pm

**SUNDAY 22nd FEBRUARY**

Alcoholics Anonymous	St Margarets Church, Whiting Bay, 4.30pm
Family Games Kids & Adults	Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
Fun in the Spa Pool	Auchrannie Pool, 4pm - 5pm
Arran Fiddle Club- Childrens Classes	Library Annexe, 1.45pm
Arran War Games	Arran High School 1 - 4pm
Arran Ladies Open Pool	Kildonan Hotel 3pm

**MONDAY 23rd FEBRUARY**

Senior Fitness	Auchrannie 9.30am & 10.45am
Over 50's Badminton	Lochranza Village Hall 2pm - 4pm
Citizens Advice	Open 10am - 2pm
Badminton	Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Cardiac Rehab	Auchrannie Gym 12.30pm - 2pm
Core Strength	Auchrannie Gym 5.30 - 6pm
Circuit Training	Auchrannie Spa, 7.00 - 7.20pm
Citizens Advice	Open 10am - 2pm
Lamlash Bridge Club	Lamlash Golf Club, 7.15pm
AB Attack	KA Leisure, fitness suite 6.30pm - 6.50pm
Aerobics Class	KA Leisure, dance studio, 6pm - 7pm
Indoor Cricket	Auchrannie Gym, 7pm - 9pm
Weight Wise	Hospital Bungalow, 5pm - 5.30pm
St Brides Ladies	Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm

**TUESDAY 24th FEBRUARY**

Senior Fitness	Auchrannie 9.30am & 10.30am
Lochranza Swimming Club	Kinloch 11am - 12pm
Legs Bums & Tums	Auchrannie Spa 6pm - 6.45pm
Army Cadets	Auchrannie Road, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Pop Quiz	Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Alcoholics Anonymous	Brodick Church Hall - 2pm
Rotary Club	Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie 7.15pm
Citizens Advice	Open 10am - 2pm 4 - 6pm (Appointment Only)
Pulmonary Rehab	Auchrannie Gym 12.30pm - 2pm
Open Music Session	Catacol Bay Hotel, 8.30pm
Indoor Bowling	Auchrannie Hall, 7pm
Indoor Bowling	Corrie & Sannox Village Hall, 2pm - 4pm
Brodick Toddler Group	Church Hall, 10am - 12pm
Body Conditioning Class	KA Leisure, dance studio 6pm - 7pm
Country Dancing	Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm
Shapers	Auchrannie Gym 7 - 8pm
Arran Farmers Society AGM	Kinloch Hotel, 8pm
Arran Dancers AGM	Brodick Library, 7pm
Community Council Meeting	Council Offices 7.30pm

**WEDNESDAY 25th FEBRUARY**

Mixed Hockey	Auchrannie Hall, 7pm
Core Strength	Auchrannie 5.30 - 6pm
Jnr Rugby Training	P4 - S4 Ormidale Park, 6pm - 7.15pm
Shiskine Beavers	Shiskine Hall, 6pm - 7.15pm
Aquafizz	Auchrannie Hotel, 9.45am - 10.30am
Circuit Training	Auchrannie, 6pm
Yogalates	Auchrannie Studio, 10am - 11am
Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy	10.30 - 12.30pm & 1.30 - 3.30pm
Kickboxing	KA Leisure, dance studio, 6pm - 7pm
Alcoholics Anonymous	Lamlash Church Hall - 7.30pm - 9pm
Arran Rugby Club Seniors Training	Ormidale Park, 7.30pm
Arran Brass Rehearsal	Whiting Bay Hall 7.15pm
Whiting Bay Toddler Group	Village Hall 10am - 12pm
Lamlash Beaver Scouts	High School, 6.15pm - 7.15pm
Drama Festival	High school Theatre, Curtain Up 7.30pm
Unison AGM	Council Offices, Lamlash, 5pm

**THURSDAY 26th FEBRUARY**

Senior Fitness	Auchrannie 10.45am - 11.45am
Senior Aerobics	Auchrannie 9.30 - 10.30am
Citizens Advice	Open 10am - 2pm
Lochranza Craft Club	Hall, 2pm
Outdoor Run	Auchrannie, 6pm
Pilates	Auchrannie Studio, 6pm
Aerobics	Auchrannie Games Hall, 6pm
Coffee Morning	St Molios Church 10.30am - 12pm
Arran Music & Drama Club Rehearsal	Brodick Hall, 7.30pm
Cardiac Rehab	Auchrannie Gym 12.30pm - 2pm
Table Tennis	Kildonan Hall, 3pm - 5pm
KA Jog	KA Leisure, front reception 5.30pm
Legs, Bums & Tums Class	KA Leisure, gameshall, 6.30pm - 7.15pm
Arran Junior Singers Practise	Whiting Bay School 6.45pm
Shiskine Cubs	Shiskine Hall, 6.30pm - 8pm
Scouts	Shiskine Hall 8pm - 9.30pm
Embroidery Group	Brodick Library, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Lamlash Cubs	Arran High School, 6.15pm - 8pm
Junior Scottish Country Dancing	Lamlash Church Hall, 6pm - 7pm
Brodick Toddler Group	Church Hall, 10am - 12pm
Brodick Bridge Club	Ormidale Sports Pavilion, 7.15pm
Indoor Bowling	Auchrannie Hall 7pm
Outdoor Boot Camp	Ormidale Park 7pm
Drama Festival	High school Theatre, Curtain Up 7.30pm
Garden Club "Moths In The Garden"	Ranger Centre, 7.30pm

**FRIDAY 27th FEBRUARY**

Arran Pipe Band Practice	Brodick Hall, 7.30pm
Lochranza & Catacol Coffee Morning	10am - 12pm
Aquafizz	Auchrannie Pool, 9.45am
Citizens Advice	Open 10am - 2pm
Circuit Training	Auchrannie, 6pm - 7.15pm
Quiz Night	Whiting Bay Golf Club, 9pm
Arran Ceilidh Dancers	Corrie Hall, 8pm
Drama Festival	High school Theatre, Curtain Up 7.30pm

**SATURDAY 28th FEBRUARY**

Drama Festival	High school Theatre, Curtain Up 7.30pm
Quiz	Catacol Bay Hotel, 8.30pm

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## The Scottish Government

### DIRECTORATE FOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC LOCAL INQUIRY THE COMPULSORY PURCHASE BY PUBLIC AUTHORITIES (INQUIRIES PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) RULES 1998 SCOTTISH WATER (WHITING BAY, ARRAN) COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 2006

Scottish Ministers have appointed Mr Robert W Maslin BA DipTP MRTPI to hold a public local inquiry and to report with respect to objections to the above Order.

The inquiry will be held in public and will commence at 10.00am on 17th March 2009 within Brambles Suite, Auchrannie House Hotel, Spa Resort and Country Club, Brodick, Isle of Arran. If necessary the inquiry will continue on successive days until concluded but is expected to last 2 days. You may wish to note that this venue has disabled access. Four weeks prior to the start of the inquiry, copies of the majority of inquiry papers will be available for inspection by interested parties at Whiting Bay Post Office, Shore Road, Whiting Bay, Isle of Arran.

#### DAVID HENDERSON

Directorate for Planning and Environmental Appeals  
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## Arran Dancers AGM

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Normal business will resume 10am Monday 2nd March 2009

## Unison AGM



To be held at Council Offices, Lamlash  
23 February 2009 at 5pm

All members are encouraged to attend.

## CONVEYANCE OF SCHOOL CHILDREN ADDITIONAL SUPPORT NEEDS CONTRACTS FOR SESSIONS 2009/2010, 2010/2011, 2011/2012

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Tenders should be returned in the envelope provided to the Corporate Director (Educational Services), at the above address, no later than 12 noon on Thursday 2 April 2009

Carol Kirk, Corporate Director (Educational Services)

## CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982 TAXI FARE REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that North Ayrshire Council, having consulted with taxi operators licensed by the authority, propose to make no amendments to fares for taxis operating within the jurisdiction of North Ayrshire Council. This proposal will become effective from 1 April 2009.

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the applications listed below together with the plans and other documents submitted with them may be examined at Legal and Protective Services, Cunninghame House, Irvine\* between the hours of 9.00am and 4.45pm on weekdays (4.30pm Fridays) excepting Saturdays and Public Holidays.

Written representations may be made to the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Protective Services) at the address below within the specified time from the date of publication of this notice. Any representations received will be open to public view.

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**MURRAY – MORAG (Maude)**  
Peacefully at Arran War Memorial Hospital on 15th February 2009, Maude, aged 91 years. Beloved wife of the late Alick, loving step-mother of Rosemary and Robert and grandmother of the family, formerly of Whiting Bay Youth Hostel and of Lamlash. Funeral service at Lamlash Cemetery on Friday 20th February at 11.30am to which all friends are invited.

**GOATLEY - MARGARET**  
On 13th February Margaret passed away peacefully at Willen Hospice, Milton Keynes. Wife of the late David Goatley, much loved mother of Nick, Chris and Matt, and Nan to recently born Luke.  
Memorial Service will be held at Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church on Saturday 21st February at 2pm.  
No flowers please, donations to ARCAS would be appreciated.

**BIRTHS**



**GOATLEY**  
Nick & Gail are delighted announce the safe arrival of their son Luke McIntyre Goatley, born in Crosshouse on the 3rd feb at 6.11lbs.  
Grandson for Margaret, Bill and Morag. Nephew to Chris, Matt and Craig. Many thanks to all at Crosshouse, and Donna and Elaine for all the help and support.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**CURRIE- MARGARET**  
The Currie family would like to thank all friends and neighbours for cards and kind thoughts at this sad time.  
Thanks go to Rev Gillian Maclean, D Hendry & Son and Janie at Lamlash Golf Club.  
Special thanks to Dr Thomson and all staff at Lamlash Hospital.  
Collection at the church raised £270.00, which will be donated to AWMH

**DEIGHTON - SYLVIA**  
Maurice, Nicky and Teresa would like to thank family and friends for the cards and support after the sudden loss of Sylvia.  
Also thanks to David Hendry for funeral arrangements and to the PHT for catering. Special thanks to Rev E Watson for a most moving service.  
Donations on the day totalled £1815.00 and will go towards an extra classroom to be built in Sylvia's memory at Natta school in Gambia

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

North Arran: Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirmill and Shiskine.  
*Independent but working together.*  
**Minister**  
Rev Angus Adamson.  
**Parish Asst**  
Mrs Jean Hunter.  
Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times, to which all are invited  
**Sunday 22 February**  
Brodick Church 10.30am  
Service of Health & Healing, 7pm  
Lochranza 10.15am.  
Shiskine 12pm.  
A service of Worship will be held in Montrose House at 1.30pm.

**ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

**Sunday 22 February**  
(Church is on the road between Machrie & Blackwaterfoot)  
Shiskine 11am  
Sunday School meets in the Church Hall  
Brodick 7pm (Church is behind Post Office)  
Rev David Karoon  
All welcome

**HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Sunday Morning Mass 11am

**WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH**

**Sunday 22 February**  
Worship will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson, at 10.30am. Tea and coffee will be served in the Transept after the service.  
All welcome.

**SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

(in full communion with the Church of England)  
St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.  
**Sunday 22 February**  
Holy Communion.  
11am  
Mr John Roberts  
Coffee after service.  
**Wednesday 25 February**  
Ash Wednesday Service  
Holy Communion 12.15 pm.  
All Welcome.

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

Kilmory linked with Lamlash  
"A faith to proclaim ~ a fellowship to share"  
**Sunday 22 February**  
Rev. Gillean Maclean  
Kilmory 10am  
Lamlash 11.30am  
All welcome

**ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND (continuing)**

**Sunday 22 February** 11am  
Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick  
Evening Service, 7pm  
5 Glen Road.  
Rev J J Murray  
Prayer Meeting  
**Wednesday 25 February** 7pm  
Rev. D. Macleod  
All welcome

**ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH**

Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick.  
**Sunday 22 February**  
10.45 Communion  
Tea and coffee from 11.10  
11.30 Worship and Word  
Speaker: Tom Hutchison  
Everyone welcome

**PERSONALS**

**YASOU!**  
Look who's 50.



The victorious Kildonan pool team in a state of jubilation and shock after their first win of the season last Thursday. b08ki01

**Pool league stunned at Kildonan's first win and Bar Eden drop points**

The Arran Pool League was stunned last week when the lowly Kildonan team snatched a first win of the season.  
In fact the three points scored against Corrie were the only ones they have won all season. Until last Thursday their record read: played 12, lost 12.  
A 7-5 victory was secured by Paris Hamilton with a superb four-ball clearance in the third doubles game. This triggered some scenes of jubilation and disbelief.

Stand-in skipper Howard Driver said: 'I had a feeling about tonight. We have had no luck at all this season and morale was beginning to flag.  
'Corrie are no mugs and they took the surprise defeat with good grace.  
'This could kick-start our campaign and it was a bonus to win the gallon as well.'  
Meanwhile, another shock was unfolding at the Bar Eden where the Shurig team were dropping their first point of the

season with a 6-6 draw against the visiting Drift Out boys.  
This still leaves the Drift trailing league leaders Bar Eden by 13 points with seven games left.  
A good run could see the Drift challenging for the title with the final crunch match of the season being a home encounter with Bar Eden.  
Another outstanding victory for the Catacol at the PHT sees them leapfrog over the Lamlash team in the league table.

**RESULTS:**

**Thursday February 13**

Kildonan	7 (gallon)
Corrie	5
Bar Eden	6 (G)
Drift Out	6
Cameronia	7 (G)
PT1934	5
PHT	3 (G)
Catacol	9

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This week sees the launch of a new fun competition to guess where Archie is. The black Labrador puppy is making his Banner debut and is so full of beans that it is difficult to get him to sit still long enough to snatch a photo. If you think you know where this rocky outcrop is, then get in touch via the website or email.

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**Whiting Bay Golf Club**

Sunday February 15. The friendly game with Lam-lash at Lam-lash ended in a comfortable victory for the home side. Hospitality was enjoyed by all afterwards. Fixtures - Sunday February 22, Winter Cup Round 5. Sunday March 1, Final Winter League game at Brodick.

**Shiskine Golf Club**

Thursday February 12 - Ladies 12 hole Medal  
1 Alice Anderson 60-11 49,  
2 Jenni Turnbull 62-11 51, 3 Elizabeth Kelso 63-11 52.  
Scratch-Alice Anderson -60

**Arran Golfers Association**

**Winter League 2009**

Rescheduled fourth round  
The final outstanding game in this years Winter League took place on Saturday February 14 at Whiting Bay Golf Club between Brodick and Corrie. It was played in lovely conditions for a change and on a very dry course considering all the rain and snow, the players enjoyed a fine tussle. With it being Valentines Day the two teams shared lots and lots of love and also the match which ended tied on two games each and sharing the points which makes for a very interesting final round of matches at Brodick in March!  
League table as it stands with 1 round to go is as follows:

The Final round will be played at Brodick Golf Club on Sunday March 1 with the draw as follows:

1st off Brodick v Whiting Bay at 10am, 2nd off Shiskine v Corrie at 10.50am, 3rd off Lam-lash v Machrie Bay at 11.40am.

It's looking like a tussle for the League between Brodick and Whiting Bay with the Bay leading by a point, but Brodick with home advantage its too close to call. Whiting Bay have the luxury of the draw but then Machrie could sneak it with a whitewash over Lam-lash whose challenge has hit the skids in the last two matches.

Full report and picture of winning team after the final matches.

**Machrie Bay Golf Club**

Tuesday February 10. Winter Cup.  
1 Denise Sherwood 62,  
2 Elizabeth Ross 67,  
3 Ian Buchanan 68.  
Scratch, Ian Buchanan 76.  
Twos Campbell Laing.  
Fixtures - Tuesday February 24, Winter Cup, noon tee off.

**Lamlash Golf Club**

Sunday February 15. Lamlash v Whiting Bay. 26 played in a non-counting Stableford.  
1 Eddie Hope 38 points, 2 Jim Henderson 37 points, 3 Ian Bremner 36 points.  
Best scratch Dougie Macfarlane 65. Magic two Ian Bremner at 16th.  
Match result: Lamlash 4½ Whiting Bay 2½.  
Fixtures -  
Thursday February 19 15 hole medal. Sunday February 22 Glenburn Cup. Tee off 9.30am and 11am.

**Corrie Golf Club**

Results: Monday Cup, February 16. 1 A MacDonald 64-4=60, 2 L Hartley 69-8=61, 3 E Cannon 75-13=62bih.  
Saturday Stableford February 14. 1 C Pattenden 36 points, 2 T Cotton 32 points, 3 D Wilkinson 31 points.  
Fixtures- Saturday February 21, Winter Cup tee off noon. Monday February 23, Monday Cup tee off noon.

**Brodick Golf Club**

Clochendichter competition Results for February 2009.  
Alma 10 points, Street 6 points, Knowe 10 points, Village 6 points.  
League Table  
Street 31 points  
Alma 30 points  
Knowe 28points  
Village 23 points  
Next game  
Sunday March 15 Alma v Knowe, Street v Village.  
10:30am shotgun start.  
Unfortunately due to a football match being on television Len Hartley could not find out details of matches and therefore there is no report this month.



Arran found Greenock Wanderers too hot to handle in the cup tie last weekend

**Defeat against Greenock is no disgrace says coach**  
Arran Rugby Club suffer their heaviest defeats and drop out of cup

Arran rugby team suffered one of their heaviest defeats in the cup match against Greenock Wanderers last Saturday.

The game had been brought forward to 12.30pm so that the boys could sit in the comfortable surroundings of the clubhouse to watch the Scot-

land Six Nations match from Paris.

It was always going to be a tough match against a team several leagues higher and it only took 15 minutes for Wanderers to run in two tries.

By the time Frazer Barr slotted over a penalty for Arran's

only points, the score was already at 52-3.

To their credit, the Arran heads did not go down but they could not prevent the final score reading Wanderers 76 Arran 3.

Coach Bert Ramage said: 'Wanderers are a top team and

it was an experience for our boys. The pack is playing quite well at the moment but we are always struggling for players. Losing in the cup means that we go into the plate competition. There should be more names available for the match away to Marr on Saturday.'



Winning Ryder Cup team at Shiskine. b08ryd01



Losing team captain 'Gator' Kerr with the magnificent wooden spoon. b08ryd02

**Blackwaterfoot win Ryder Cup**

The famous - or perhaps infamous - Ryder Cup has been vigorously contested over the winter months.

The winning team, captained

by Peter Robertson, claimed the trophy with an obscene 51 points for Blackwaterfoot.

The runners up were Kilpatrick, captained by Dougie

Bell, with a respectable 35 points narrowly beating Torbeg, captained by Hamish Bannatyne into third place by two points.

Shiskine, captained by Alistair (Gator) Kerr, with 25 points did not go home empty handed. The magnificent Wooden Spoon, is their's for 2009.

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## McCallum nets five times



The Arran boys team in the Coca Cola Sevens at Greenwood Campus. Ryan Armstrong, Jordan Crawford, Stuart Crawford, Wallace Currie, Joe Fawcett, Moir McCallum, Josh MacDonald, Robbie Rhead and Johnny Sloss. b08boy01

Moir McCallum slotted five of Arran's six goals in a mainland national tournament last week.

An Arran High School boys team and a girls team were contesting the 2009 Coca Cola Sevens at Greenwood Campus at Dregthorn near Irvine.

The boys were accompanied and coached by teacher Martin

McCartney. Julie McGhee of the Arran High PE department went with the girls and was helped by Catherine MacBain of Whiting Bay who was an accomplished footballer herself.

Julie said: 'The girls all performed excellently and produced some top performances.'

The girls finished fourth in their section with three wins and three defeats.

The girls results were: Arran 1 Auchinleck 0, Arran 0 Queen Margaret Academy 1, Belmont Academy 1 Arran 0, Ardrossan 0 Arran 1, Arran 0 Marr 2, Arran 3 Prestwick 0.

The S1 and S2 girls involved were Jade Drummond, Deb-



The Arran girls team competing in the Coca Cola Sevens. Jade Drummond, Debbie Armstrong, Jessica Tetlow, Rachael Mulholland, Mhairi McAleer, Anna Downard, Georgie Wood and Liusaidh McMaster. b08gir01

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### Great Start

The boys got off to a great start with a 3 - 0 victory over Ayr Academy with goals coming from Moir McCallum (2) and Johnny Sloss.

In the second game Arran drew 0 - 0 with Marr College thanks to a fine performance from Ryan Armstrong in goal and Wallace Currie and Stuart Crawford in defence.

A 2 - 1 defeat by Queen Margaret Academy was followed by a 3 - 0 win over Kilwinning Academy, all three goals coming from Moir McCallum.

In the final game Arran lost 2 - 0 to an excellent Cumnock team. The S1 boys involved were Ryan Armstrong, Jordan Crawford, Stuart Crawford, Wallace Currie, Joe Fawcett, Moir McCallum, Josh MacDonald, Robbie Rhead and Johnny Sloss. The boys also finished fourth in their section.

## Motocross riders invited to championships

Arran's motocross riders are being urged to attend the mid Argyll Motocross Club Championship which will be held at Achnashelloch Track, Lochgilphead.

The dates for the champion-

ship are - round one, Sunday March 22, round two, Saturday May 16 and Fun Sunday May 17, round three, Sunday July 19 and round four, Sunday October 4.

Classes are from auto to

adult. Any riders wishing to enter or enquire about the procedures for the championship should contact Stewart or Yvonne on 01546 606852.

Postal entries only, with membership forms and entry forms available to download from Scottish Motocross and click on the Achnashelloch Track link.

### Regulated

Closing date for entries will be Wednesday March 18.

As the championship is regulated under the Scottish Auto Cycle Union, the governing body for the sport in Scotland, riders must be a club member and hold a current competition licence.



Pictured is Douglas Campbell of Lochgilphead leading the GYMCC Championship Race 2008.

## Auchrannie winter bowls

Tuesday January 27. 20 bowlers, joint winners with 23 points from two carpets were I Hendry, S Allan, D Hendry, M Megarell, J Steed and J McConnachie.

Thursday January 29. 14 bowlers, winners N Pringle, I Wilson and C Haggarty.

Tuesday February 3. 18 bowlers, winners J McConnachie, N Pringle and L Hendry.

Thursday February 5. 17 bowlers, winners C Weir, D Hendry.

Tuesday February 10. 23 bowlers, joint winners with 18 points from two carpets were I Hendry, S Allan, I Davidson, P McKenzie, C Hendry, A Hollingworth and B Barr.

## Arran Bridge results

### Brodick

Match points from Thursday February 12:

N/S 1 D Henderson and F Crawford +140, 2 M McGill and E McConnell -640, 3 D Bruce and D Scobie -800.

E/W 1 H Boyd and L Paul +2410, 2 E Duncan and A Bilsland +1800, 3 J MacLure and A McKelvie +1120.

### Lamlash

Match points from Monday February 16.

N/S 1 E McConnell and P Adamson -30, 2 T Martin and A Bilsland -340, 3 L Paul and M Gardner -390.

E/W 1 M and D Bruce +2240, 2 H Boyde and J Murchie +1550, 3 B Livingston and E Jones +640.

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