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# Auchrannie scoop top prizes at hotel awards

'I am very proud of what we've achieved here' – Linda Johnston

**REPORT**  
by JENNIFER LYON  
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One of Arran's oldest family run hotels scooped an amazing five prizes at the annual Scottish Hotel Awards in Glasgow last week.

The accolades given to staff from the Auchrannie Resort in Brodick included the child friendly award for the new Playbarn which will open in July; gold design medals for the executive lodges; sales and marketing manager of the year for Claire Richardson and a gold medal for Richard Small, the general manager.

The most significant award of the night, however, was a 'Dameship of Hospitality' bestowed upon Auchrannie's owner, Linda Johnston.

#### Nominated

She was nominated by her own staff for the award, which recognises services to the Scottish hospitality sector.

'I think it's just recognition

of the fact that I've managed to stick it out for the past 23 years,' Linda told The Banner. 'But in all honesty I am very proud of what we've achieved here.'

'As one of our visitors recently said, 'Auchrannie has the recipe to be whatever you want it to be.'

#### Relax

'And that is our aim, to deliver a resort that can be small and intimate; ideal for family breaks or the place to go to relax and unwind.'

The glittering event was held in the grand ballroom of the Thistle Hotel, Glasgow and was hosted by well-known Glaswegian comedian Hard-keep Singh Kohli.

Representatives from hotels all over Scotland gathered to celebrate the success stories in the Scottish hospitality industry at a time when many smaller hotels are going under.

Awards were given for all aspects of hospitality including



The hard work and dedication of the Auchrannie's Richard Small, Linda Johnston Claire Richardson and Iain Hamilton were all recognised at the Scottish Hotel Awards last week. 01\_b14auc01

service, food and welcome, marketing, weddings, management and many more.

Richard Small, general man-

ager at Auchrannie – who was awarded a gold award for management - believes these tributes are good for the island

as a whole.

'Any awards like these are good for Arran,' he said. 'The awards recognise the hard

work of our excellent staff whilst also helping to get the Arran brand known worldwide.'



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## Cash for sports association

The future of one of Arran's volunteer associations looks a little brighter this week with news that it has at last received the substantial funds needed for urgent maintenance work.

The Arran Sports Association was told in February 2009 that it had been chosen by the island's Community Council to receive a one-off grant.

Under the scheme Arran Community Council received £10,000 that could be used in any way to benefit the people of the island.

It was soon decided that it would be given to the Sports Association who would use the money to resurface the all-weather pitch at the Ormisdale Park.

However, it became clear that the work was going to cost considerably more than the value of the grant and successive applications for match funding in the years that followed had been unsuccessful, until last week.

John Inglis, chairman of the community council said: 'The Scottish government have told us they are willing to give us an extra £15,000 which will cover the deficit for the Sports Association. This means that the resurfacing of the Astroturf can finally go ahead.'

# Douglas Hotel to open in May

## A major renovation lasting 18 months is coming to an end

The final pieces in the Douglas Hotel jigsaw are rapidly falling into place.

A major renovation lasting 18 months is coming to an end. After the initial stripping out and almost total demolition, construction work started in earnest exactly a year ago.

Now the landmark hotel is due to open on May 1.

Manager Pascal van den Broek said: 'We have appointed 26 members of staff, and about 90 percent of them are island residents. There have already been some training sessions, but all the staff should be in place by April 15.'

'They will turn their hands to all manner of duties in the first couple of weeks to get ready for opening.'

Pascal's wife Olga added that

the staff uniforms for women would be black trousers and French apron with a discreet Douglas Hotel tartan bow, while the men would also have a touch of tartan with a bow tie and black trousers.

### Reinstate

Pascal pointed out that he expected to still have some finishing touches after May 1, but the business would be up and running. The final work will be to reinstate the original chimneys at some time in the future.

The original red sandstone façade and sandstone staircases have been retained, but the new hotel even boasts a lift now. The Douglas has 21 large bedrooms, an informal bistro open to non-residents and whisky bar with over 100 malts.



A view from the top bedroom balcony. 02\_b14dou01

## Double yellow lines to be extended

The double yellow lines at Brodick Pier are to be extended 170 metres along Market Road towards the waste transfer station.

Plans were put in place for the new lines after police received a number of complaints from lorry drivers who were unable to use the road.

Sergeant Bob MacKay told the Community Council meeting last Tuesday: 'We've had reports lately of heavy goods vehicles not being able to get a clear passage to Arran's only industrial estate because of overflow from the car parks.'

'The yellow lines will stop these bottlenecks from occurring and help to keep the flow of traffic moving, especially at ferry times.'

The first double yellow lines were introduced to the island in 2008 and run from Kames Corner in Brodick at intervals all along the seafront.

## Arran TT race called off

The Arran Banner can exclusively reveal that the TT motorbike race planned for Arran will not now go ahead.

On page two of last week's edition we told of plans by a regular visitor, Avril Uno, to organise an event here similar to the Isle of Man TT races. Avril Uno, otherwise known as April the First, regrets that such an event would cause too much disruption.

Special mention for motorbike fan Angus Robson who was first into the Banner office last Friday morning in the hope that it wasn't a spoof story.



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## Corrie painting sparks debate

A painting of Corrie village by a renowned artist is the subject of earnest discussion by council chiefs in Bolton, Lancashire.

The painting is by Alfred Heaton Cooper, the most famous and successful Lake District artist of his time. He was born in Manchester in 1864 but spent most of his life in Bolton. His extensive portfolio of paintings features many Lakeland scenes, but one is a view of the small village of Corrie.

Thirty-six of his paintings are held in Bolton Museum and council officers are considering selling some off to raise funds of £500,000 for a new storage facility at the museum.

But last week a council spokesman said: 'Although Corrie Village, Arran is not of a Bolton scene, we are currently reviewing the inclusion of this painting on the advice of the Museums Association as he was brought up in the borough.'

## Special dram for Japan

A special Arran whisky will be produced to help the earthquake and tsunami victims in Japan.

A group of seven independent distilleries, including the one at Lochranza, will donate a cask of their single malt, which will be expertly blended into limited edition whisky called the Spirit of Unity which will never be produced again.

The idea came from Euan Mitchell, managing director of Isle of Arran Distillers, who said: 'Many in our industry travel regularly to Japan and have made friends and contacts with Japanese whisky enthusiasts.'

# Island blood donor plea

The Blood Transfusion Service is making its annual visit to the island on Sunday, April 17, and they are expecting another excellent turnout.

Last Thursday Julie Morley, donor recruitment officer, was on Arran to give a talk to sixth-year pupils at Arran High School to encourage them to join in and give blood.

She told the Banner: 'I am highlighting the importance of the continued need for new donors. If they start young they tend to keep coming back.'

The last two years have seen a massive increase in the numbers of Arran residents turning

### REPORT

by HOWARD DRIVER  
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up to donate life-giving blood. In 2008, 72 people donated blood on Arran. The following year this increased to 130 with 47 being first-time donors.

Last May 151 folk went along to the sports hall at Arran High School and 126 were accepted as donors, 38 being new donors.

Donor officer Janey Grier said at the time: 'It was a fantastic result. We usually collect 100 units of blood and expect to welcome 10 new

donors on Arran, but it was absolutely phenomenal.'

Among the donors last year was Mark Bunyan of Brodick who was giving blood for the 14th year in a row.

After filling in a health questionnaire, donors can expect to give 482 mls which is just under a pint.

This will take about 10 minutes, then they can relax, have a rest and enjoy juice and biscuits before going on their way.

The Transfusion Service will be in the blue sports hall from noon until 5.30pm on Sunday, April 17.

## Youth group seeks volunteers

Arran Youth Foundations are desperately seeking to recruit more volunteers to support their weekly activities.

Open every Thursday afternoon and Friday evening, the charity aims to provide young people with a positive place of their own.

Based in the cabin behind the library, AYF offers teens the chance to take part in a varied programme of arts and crafts, sport, computer games, films, music and more.

Youth work project manager Graeme Johnston said: 'We've been open for a while now and things are really starting to take off. The cabin is always busy and now more than ever we need more volunteers to support our work.'

'We have a fantastic group of local people who give up a couple of hours of their time every month or so to help me deliver our activities. However, I would really love to have some new faces come on board as a few of our vol-

unteers have recently decided to retire. I would urge anyone interested in helping to approach me as the sessions are always very enjoyable and they are making a difference to the young people of the island. The charity would be much obliged to anyone willing to support us.'

If you are interested in becoming an AYF volunteer, please contact Graeme at the following email address: [graeme@arrayouthfoundations.org](mailto:graeme@arrayouthfoundations.org)

## Residents warned of new scam

Arran's residents should be aware of a new scam doing the rounds.

We were told on Wednesday that a person claiming to be from the 'Meter Registration Service' had called the Arran Team in Brodick.

The scammer asked for the company's electricity meter reading and told them that as they had recently switched electricity suppliers they were now paying 30 to 40 per cent higher than normal.

He was apparently very in-

sistent that he wasn't calling on behalf of one supplier and that the MRS work for all the suppliers. Police advise you not to give them your meter readings and to never give out your bank details to anyone on the phone.



Julie Morley, donor recruitment officer for the Blood Transfusion Service. 02\_b14bl01

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# Funding secured for marine project officer

Amidst a climate of budget cutting, the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) has bucked the trend by securing funding for an island marine project officer for the next three years.

COAST received the funding last Friday, following a significant grant by the Esmee Fairburn Foundation.

The money will enable COAST to undertake its operations more strategically and set in train a range of activities planned by the charity, such as local education events, scientific monitoring of the island's coast and community conservation work.

'One of the key responsibilities of the project officer will be to engage with the young people of Arran,' said COAST's chairman Howard Wood.

'The future of Scotland's marine resource is in their hands. This money will help COAST to promote a wider appreciation and responsible stewardship of our coastal waters, thereby

safeguarding its economic, social and environmental value for generations to come.'

Vice-chair Sally Campbell said: 'This is a genuinely exciting moment for COAST and the island. By having a project officer dedicated to local education, environmental monitoring and wider advocacy, we are putting Arran on the map as a leader in community-driven coastal management. It is an essential step to making COAST's activities sustainable for the long-term.'

The money will be granted to COAST over three years and follows previous grant assistance by the Esmee Fairburn Foundation in the formative years of COAST.

Since then COAST has successfully advocated for the setting up of Scotland's first No Take Zone, been awarded Observer Ethical Award for Conservation in 2008, undertaken a range of community marine education events and set up partnerships for the scientific monitoring of Arran's coastal waters.

## Planning in the pipeline

Plans for a major new development in Glencloy are pending consideration by North Ayrshire Council.

The development proposed by Auchrannie Leisure Ltd is for five 'clachans' of self-catering cottages comprising a total of 70 self-catering accommodation units, plus five staff accommodation blocks with 50 bedrooms.

The scheme will stretch up Glencloy and the 'clachans' are shown as being in a courtyard formation with a traditional farmhouse as the anchor building and a total of 10 mixed units in each.

Chris Mitchell of Keppie Planning and Development said: 'The whole development is designed to look like

traditional farm clachans. There will be a mix of studios; some single storey and some two storey.

'The single storey studios will have the appearance of farm buildings with red oxide and galvanised roofs.'

The plans indicate associated access and parking for about 110 vehicles.

### Three wind turbines

A planning application for three 15-metre high wind turbines at a site to the east of Hillside Farm, Slidery has raised some local objections.

The applicant is Vigor Renewables of East Kilbride, and the letters of objection have referred to an 'unacceptable intrusion' and 'visual impact'.

Statutory consultees Scottish Natural Heritage have raised no objection.

The proposal is pending consideration by North Ayrshire Council.

### Staff accommodation for Douglas Hotel

An application has been lodged with NAC for change of use of land from commercial plant nursery, formerly Brodick Nursery Gardens, to temporary parking of three residential caravans for staff accommodation at the Douglas Hotel in Brodick.

The application is deemed to be temporary for three years until the housing development on that site has statutory approvals and construction has started.



Eileen Jeffrey and her son Lewis enjoying the Pirnmill 'Spring Fling' recently.

## Pirnmill kids enjoy successful 'Spring Fling'

The children at Pirnmill Primary School celebrated their annual 'Spring Fling' recently with a wide range of stalls, soups and sandwiches.

They created a rota all by themselves to develop enterprise skills in fundraising, and together with the assistance of the Pirnmill Parent Council raised the fabulous sum of £800.80.

Members of the community came along to take part in all of the fun and games including the game of 'Beat the Goalie'.

There was also an opportunity to learn about fire safety from members of the local Fire Service.

Sarah Cowan was also on hand with her amazing dancing dogs and Ross Clelland demonstrated his amazing Hoola Hoop routine.

Stalls included fresh farm produce, jellies and jams, home-knitted hats, artwork by the children, locally made jewellery and a unique table devoted to clothing through the ages.

### Thanks

Hazel Gardiner, headmistress of the school, said: 'A

special thanks goes to all those involved, especially those who worked tirelessly in the background to make it happen, and to the community for coming along to share the children's day.

'The money raised will go towards the Pirnmill Centenary Celebrations in 2012.'

## Injured walker carried off hillside

A 16-year-old male walker with a serious ankle injury was carried off the hillside by the Arran Mountain Rescue team last Saturday.

The boy had fallen on Goatfell and sustained a serious ankle injury, which meant he was unable to bear his own weight and therefore make his own way off the hills. After initial treatment by one team member and an emergency medical technician a further eight team members carried him down the hill.

Following assessment by paramedics he was then transferred to Ayr for further treatment.

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# Musical feast at Whiting Bay over Easter weekend

This is a weekend not to be missed

Arran Events has come up with a feast of musical entertainment for Easter weekend.

This new community interest company is focusing on organizing regular musical events on the island and is working on the final details for this year's Arran Folk Festival from 9 to 12 June.

The previous Arran Folk Festival team has disbanded, and Arran Events CIC has been set up by four local men with an established musical background.

Jon Hollingworth, Andy Surridge, Andy McCallum and

Robin Fisher are the prime movers, and for Easter weekend they have planned a feast of music.

Jon said: 'We are finalising the details on several concerts and gigs throughout the year that we hope will appeal to all musical tastes. Our first two events at our exciting launch on Easter weekend will hopefully show this with an emerging Edinburgh-based rock band, Broken Records, playing on Easter Saturday 23 April.

'They have just returned from a second USA tour and

feature Arran boy Andrew Keeney on drums.

'This is contrasted by a rare appearance on Easter Sunday 24 April by an evening of traditional Irish music from Mochara, featuring Maurice Dickson and Catherine Ashcroft.'

They have achieved international acclaim in the traditional folk music circuit, and Maurice has previously wowed Arran audiences with three concerts in the late 1990s. This is definitely a weekend not to be missed. See next week's Banner for full details.



## St Brides hold Spring Fayre

Brodick Church Hall had a flavour of spring last Saturday when villagers and holiday-makers attended the annual St Brides Spring Fayre.

Stalls of home baking and bric-a-brac did a roaring trade, as did the tearoom with wel-

come cuppas and cakes. Helpers and customers at St Brides Spring Fayre last Saturday. From left; Michael Main, Myrna Boal, Ann Lauder, Angus Adamson, Liz Lawrie Morag Watson and Alex Lawrie.

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## A chance to show that life begins at 50 on Arran

SAGA is launching a YouTube video competition for its 60<sup>th</sup> birthday, with total prizes of £15,000.

The insurance company specialising in the more mature customer is inviting video entries of less than two minutes for its Being 50 challenge, with the aim of demonstrating that life continues to be exciting from 50 onwards.

### Mature

With plenty of Arran's more mature residents participating in a wide range of visually interesting and challenging

pursuits, this seems like the ideal opportunity to show off the island as a fun place to live while fulfilling the purpose of the challenge.

So Chris and Jan Atkins of Positive Pictures, based at Belvedere, Brodick are looking for around 20 people to participate in their short video that will show some of the exciting things people get up to on Arran.

The theme will be 'Having the Time of Our Lives'.

Chris Atkins said: 'Were you born 50 or more years

ago? If so, do you enjoy any interesting sport or pastime that people, especially young people, might find surprising?

### Participate

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'Don't be shy! Let's show the world that life on Arran really begins at fifty.'

The talent, skills and successes of North Ayrshire's citizens are going to be honoured at a special showcase event later this year.

And Arran residents are being asked to join in and nominate those people or groups who have made a positive contribution to their community.

The Provost's Civic Pride Charity Dinner, to be held at Seamill Hydro in June, will recognise North Ayrshire's greatest asset - its people.

Hosted by Provost of North Ayrshire Council, Pat McPhee, the inaugural event will show appreciation for the area's community, sports and arts champions.

Five Civic Pride Awards will

be presented on the night to recognise the contributions made by groups and individual citizens who have promoted and/or demonstrated civic pride in their own communities.

The Provost this week wrote to a range of North Ayrshire businesses and organisations inviting them to demonstrate their civic pride by booking a table at the charity dinner on June 17, sponsoring an award category or donating a prize.

Two charities will benefit from the event - North Ayrshire Cancer Care and Cash for Kids - both of which provide support to those in need across North Ayrshire.

Provost Pat McPhee said: 'The Civic Pride Awards will

showcase all that's good in our communities, with five awards being presented on the night.'

Further details and nomination forms will appear in next week's Banner.



Provost Pat McPhee.

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# Hotel owners plan new village shop in Kildonan

It looks as though the villagers of the Southend may soon have a village shop again.

The village shop and post office in Kilmory closed in July 2007 and Kildonan Stores

went the same way last May. This left Arran's Southend with no shop between Whiting Bay and Blackwaterfoot.

Now new plans for a village shop with two-bedroom manager's flat above at Kildonan Hotel are under consideration by North Ayrshire Council.

The village shop and post office of Kildonan Stores closed last May and within a few weeks hotel owners Rod and Anne Acuna opened a small shop facility in the former pool

and darts room at the hotel.

They have since gained a part-time post office service and are now planning to expand with a purpose built shop in part of the existing car park to the east of the hotel. It is planned to provide a separate residents' car park to the west of the hotel.

A pre-application enquiry for the proposed development was submitted to the Council on 18 May 2010, and on 21 June the applicants were advised that the development would comply with the Local Plan.

Mr and Mrs Acuna have owned Kildonan Hotel for 10 years and during that time they have implemented a continuous programme of improvements, including new bedroom suites, a new bar, and a glass-fronted restaurant overlooking the sea.



**Hotel owners Rod and Anne Acuna who plan to open a new shop in Kildonan.** 02\_b21ki01

## Arran Federation ladies get baking for the annual show

Jerry Arthur, the secretary of the Isle of Arran Federation of SWRI, has asked The Banner to print a rather unusual recipe.

The recipe below is for a 'chocolate beetroot cake' and is the magazine competition for the SWRI's annual Rural Industries Show in August.

Jerry said: 'This recipe is the magazine competition for the show and not everyone buys the Home and Country Magazine which is where it is published.'

### Chocolate Beetroot Cake

Serves 12  
175g/7oz unsalted butter  
100g/4oz best quality dark

chocolate (look out for Green and Blacks often on offer in the Co-op)

250g/9oz vacuum packed beetroot (available at Bridge Farm or Co-op)

3 large eggs beaten  
100g/4oz drinking chocolate (think I would be tempted to use cocoa powder)

225g/8oz SR flour  
200g/7oz caster cake  
200g/7oz white chocolate  
Pre-heat oven 180c/160c for fan oven 350f/ gas mark 4

Line the base and butter the sides of a 19-20 cm / 8" loose bottomed cake tin.

Put the dark chocolate and

125g/5oz of the butter in a bowl and stand over a pan of simmering water, leave until melted then stir until smooth.

Puree the beetroot and juices, and mix with the beaten eggs.

Sift dry ingredients into a large bowl and add the beetroot and egg mixture and melted chocolate and butter mixture.

Pour into the tin and bake for **an hour** or until a skewer comes out clean.

Melt the white chocolate with the remaining butter. Spread on top of the cake and chill for 20 minutes to set.



**Members of the Country Park volunteer group take a breather. They are, Lucy Wallace, Angela Freear, Colin Guthrie and Malcolm Whitmore. Missing from the photo is Hilary Patrick.**

## Spring sun shines for Country Park volunteer group re-launch

The National Trust for Scotland ranger service at Brodick Country Park has successfully re-launched their local volunteer group this month.

Five keen Arran residents joined Brodick Country Park ranger Corinna Goeckeritz last Thursday to treat the wildlife garden behind the ranger centre to a much needed spring clean.

The merry bunch cleared the area around the pond, pruned trees, hedges and shrubs, weeded a path, cleared brambles and installed a bird box with a camera.

Work was helped along by some very welcome spring sunshine. The upkeep of the wildlife garden will be one of the regular tasks, along with the control of invasive species such as rhododendron and salmonberry and general hands-on estate work around the country park.

The group will meet once a month. There is no need to

book and you don't have to commit yourself to be there each time, just turn up on the day.

It is a chance to get some outdoor exercise and to contribute towards nature conservation at the same time. It's a great way to meet like-minded people, too, and if that's not enough to tempt you, the ranger service will provide plenty of tea, coffee and biscuits as well.

The next volunteer day will take place on Thursday 21 April, 10am to 4pm, meeting at the ranger centre. Please bring plenty of layers and waterproofs, sturdy footwear and a packed lunch and drink.

For more information, please phone the ranger service on 01770 302462. For a list of dates for this year's volunteer days, email Corinna on [cgoeckeritz@nts.org.uk](mailto:cgoeckeritz@nts.org.uk)

### Wednesday Club summer outing

Would members please note that the summer outing for Corrie and Sannox Wednesday Club has been arranged for Wednesday 25 May to Dumfries House.

The cost will be £23, which includes coach hire, entry to house and lunch. We will be leaving on the 8.20am ferry and returning on the 6pm. Members note that they will be paying their own ferry ticket.

To confirm numbers please call me, Isla Blair, at 302896 or [isla.blair@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:isla.blair@yahoo.co.uk) before 11 May.

### 50/50 Club

The winner of the March draw of the island's SNP 50/50 Club was Cicely Gill.

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It is important to ensure you are registered to vote in order to participate in both the election and referendum. The right to vote empowers individuals to participate in the wider community and exercise their freedom of choice.

Residents can vote in the Scottish Parliament election and the referendum if they are registered to vote in Scotland, are 18 or over on 5 May 2011 and are: a British citizen, or a qualifying Commonwealth citizen, or a citizen of the Irish Republic.

Citizens of other European Union countries registered to vote in Scotland can vote in the Scottish Parliament election. However they cannot vote in the referendum.

You must be registered to vote by Friday 15 April to vote in the election and referendum. You can also register to vote by post or by proxy. To vote by post, residents must be registered by 5pm on April 14 while those wishing to vote by proxy must register by April 21.

You can register to vote by visiting the Ayrshire Joint Valuation Board website at [www.ayrshire-vjb.gov.uk](http://www.ayrshire-vjb.gov.uk), or by calling 01292 612221.

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# Lamlash Bay surveys

Last summer, marine biologist Leigh Howarth of the University of York came to Arran to conduct a series of marine surveys in and around the Lamlash Bay No-Take Zone. He worked in conjunction with members of COAST (Community of Arran Seabed Trust) to find out if marine organisms in the bay are regenerating.

Now, every summer for the next 3 to 4 years he will be returning to Arran to continue the dive surveys and much more.

Leigh said: ‘Despite its beauty and rich marine heritage, the Firth of Clyde now ranks among the most overfished and degraded areas in Scottish seas, and indeed in the whole of the UK.’

‘However, in 2008, Scot-

land’s first marine No-Take Zone (NTZ) was established in Lamlash Bay, thereby protecting the area from all methods of fishing. How effective the Lamlash Bay NTZ is at promoting the recovery of marine life and fish stocks is therefore of enormous importance and interest both to Scotland, and further afield.

### Damaging

‘The theory behind protecting areas from fishing pressure suggests that fishing can remove large numbers of individuals from a population whilst greatly damaging the fragile organisms attached to the seafloor. But by stopping fishing, we can allow those overexploited populations to bounce back and for the seafloor to recover.’

After hundreds of hours



Leigh out on a day’s lobster and crab creeling in the Clyde with Charlie Weir, Arran’s last commercial fisherman.

spent at sea, the surveys were a huge success and the results are now available from [www.arrancoast.com/science/arranmarinescience.html](http://www.arrancoast.com/science/arranmarinescience.html), and are also to be published in the journal ‘Marine Biology’.

Overall, the study suggested that the NTZ is protecting fragile habitats on the seafloor, allowing for their recovery and promoting the area as rich nursery grounds for juvenile scallops.

Leigh added: ‘Now, over the next 3 to 4 years, I will be

repeating the marine surveys in Lamlash Bay and will be extending the surveys into new sites and focusing on new areas of research.

### Involved

‘If anyone would like to know how they can get involved, or if they have a room available to rent to myself or my research assistant Tim Johst-Cross this summer (roughly between late June to early September), please contact me at [leigh.howarth@york.ac.uk](mailto:leigh.howarth@york.ac.uk).’



Leigh Howarth in a dry suit, preparing to go out on a marine survey.

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 7:30pm, Brodick Public Hall, Brodick

 **Steve Todd**  
 National Secretary, RMT

 **Katy Clark MP**  
 North Ayrshire and Arran & RMT parliamentary group

**Colin Turbett**  
 North Ayrshire Trades Council, chair

**All welcome**

# THE ARRAN BANNER

## Are we really facing hard times?

All the signs point to a struggling economy with recession still rife, excessive personal borrowing, financial cutbacks by local councils with a potential decline in public services, and redundancies and natural wastage in the public sector.

We are all being told to tighten our belts, but after two years of recession, maybe there aren't many notches left.

We all know and accept that the cost of living on Arran is higher than across the water in the Three Towns. But do any of us really want to live in the Three Towns? And the cutbacks will be just as bad over there.

The fact is that although the loaf of bread and litre of unleaded may be dearer here than in most parts of mainland Britain, we live here because we choose to do so. And perhaps life is not so bad after all.

We have seen several smaller island businesses closing in recent years, mostly in the outlying areas.

But now there are signs of significant investment and genuine optimism in Arran.

Auchrannie Resort is ploughing on with ambitious expansion plans for substantial self-catering holiday developments in Glencloy.

Geoffrey and Timothy at Glenisle Hotel in Lamlash continue to invest in the hotel and improve their facilities.

And both hotels have just received major accolades at the Scottish Hotel Awards ceremony in Glasgow two weeks ago.

Plans are finally in hand for the demolition of the long-standing eyesore at the derelict Lookout and old Bank of Scotland in Lamlash and replacement with a new house.

A major re-development at the landmark Douglas Hotel in Brodick is due for completion in a couple of weeks.

Rod and Anne at Kildonan Hotel are planning to open a brand new village shop and post office.

The popular bar at the Kinloch has just had a major revamp.

Brodick Castle has secured funding to employ more garden staff to help fight the invasive plant disease in the grounds. And it will be fully open seven days a week again this year.

Four local men, led by Jon Hollingworth, are breathing new life into the Arran music scene with a range of top class functions.

And for a weekend in May all that is great about Arran will be showcased in a major exhibition in George Square, Glasgow.

It might be a step too far to invoke Harold Macmillan's 1957 quote of 'our people have never had it so good', but maybe things really aren't quite as bad as they seem.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. Trust in God, trust also in Me." (John 14:1)

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# Letters to the Editor



## Arran Triathlon update

Sir,  
We thought it would be useful to update local residents on plans for the Arran Triathlon.

We have now opened entries, and have received a great response from both team and individual competitors in all parts of the UK including Aberdeen, Sheffield, London, Devon as well as a good number of local residents.

Over the next few months we will focus on developing our plans with the input of NAC and other interested parties to ensure smooth delivery of the event on the weekend of 10 September 2011.

We are also pleased to announce that there will be a 500 metre swim course available as well as the 1,500 metre course, which will ensure that those who wish to tackle a shorter swim are able to join in on the day.

We will also be continuing our marketing across the UK to encourage people to plan a trip to Arran on that weekend, either as a competitor or as a spectator.

Marie Park of Visit Arran has been a great help to the event, and my thanks go to her, and to all the residents who have been in touch to say that they are encouraging friends/relatives/colleagues to join in on the event.

Your support is much appreciated, and if I can help with any information or posters please contact me directly.

The event will depend on a large number of volunteer marshals who will have responsibility for specific areas of the course.

If you are able to volunteer for this your help would be much appreciated - please email enquiries@encapuk.com or telephone 0141 303 8492 to discuss how you wish to assist.

To those who have entered, thank you very much for doing so and I hope you are looking forward to the weekend.

Yours,  
**Stuart Ker**  
**Nick Scott**  
Arran Triathlon  
Race Organisers

## Northend Thistle football fans

Sir,  
I am messaging you to enquire how it is possible to get hold of a fixture list for League of Arran, particularly Northend Thistle FC.

My friend and I are keen football enthusiasts, and having seen Northend Thistle FC on Sky Sports in recent years are very keen to come to Arran and see them for ourselves sometime this summer, so if you'd be able to help us locate their fixture list for this year that would be greatly appreciated.

Yours,  
**Iain Woolley via email**  
iain\_woolley@yahoo.co.uk

## Concession fare clarity

Sir,  
Re 'Facts over fiction', letters 2 April.

If Gordon MacLennan, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) chief executive, had been following the lengthy correspondence in *The Banner* over the past few months regarding the increase in the ferry concessionary fare, he would realise that Jim Lees has been consistently emphasising the factual point that these increases are being implemented by SPT and not by the Scottish Government.

I consider that the SPT chief provides, wittingly or not, a degree of obfuscation when he refers to the free bus travel scheme operated by Transport Scotland.

Letters from Jim Lees and other islanders have been exclusively about ferries and ferry fares.

For Mr MacLennan to state that the Strathclyde Concessionary Travel Scheme is not run by SPT is, demonstrably, pedantic nonsense.

It clearly states on the SPT webpage: 'SPT operates and administers the Scheme on behalf of the 12 councils in the west of Scotland'.

For the sake of technical accuracy, however, and to be fair to Mr MacLennan, it is The Strathclyde Concessionary Travel Scheme Joint Committee (SCTSJC), which makes

the decisions on concessionary ferry fares.

The SCTSJC is a separate legal entity but it exists in such close corporate symbiosis with and within SPT that its external auditors KPMG refer in their reports to these two bodies simply as the 'Partnership'.

In other words it is these councillors on the SCTSJC who took the majority decision(s) to abolish firstly, free travel on the ferry for Arran residents over 60 by introducing the £1 fare and, secondly, to increase this to £2.40 for a return as of April 1 this year.

Mr MacLennan may wish to draw a distinct demarcation line between the political and administrative management of SPT. I can well understand that particular decision.

However, his letter in no way undermines the salient points emphasised by Jim Lees and others regarding where the responsibility lies for the substantial increase in the ferry concessionary fare for Arran residents.

**John Bruce**  
**Alderlea**  
**Corrie**

## Vote for common sense

Sir,  
To avoid any confusion, may I point out to your readers that I am not involved in this year's Conservative election campaign in any way?

Annabel Goldie and her party have adopted, or one might say hijacked, the 'Vote for Common Sense' slogan I used at last year's General Election as an independent - after being deselected by Scottish Tory chairman Andrew Fulton.

As well as demonstrating the Scottish Tory leaderships' ongoing lack of original ideas, it also shows a breath-taking level of hypocrisy.

On 27 April 2010 I was sacked by Andrew Fulton, in the middle of the election campaign.

On 4 May 2010, under a headline of 'Leading Scottish Businessman publicly declares for Conservatives', Andrew Fulton had this to say: 'Tom Allison is a major business fig-

ure in Scotland and his public support for the Conservatives is very welcome.' Would this be the same Tom Allison who was the senior executive at Peel Holdings who own Ayrshire Power?

Tom Allison commented to Mr Fulton: 'I have weighed up carefully the merits of all the main parties, particularly their economic policies, and am persuaded that a Conservative Government, under the strong leadership of David Cameron, offers the very best chance of delivering the economic growth and stability which our country so badly needs.'

Coincidence, or a vote for common sense? Would Annabel Goldie or our local Conservative candidate care to enlighten us?

Yours,  
**Philip Lardner**  
Former Conservative  
candidate for Cunning-  
hame North and North  
Ayrshire and Arran

## Bingo night success

Sir,  
Arran Riding Club would like to sincerely thank Whiting Bay Golf Club, especially Johnnie and Elaine, Tony and Jamie, for hosting a very successful Bingo Night.

Our very grateful thanks also to everyone who donated raffle prizes, and to all who attended and gave so generously.

The grand total of £321 was raised in aid of Arran Branch of Riding for the Disabled.

Yours,  
**Liz Kennedy**  
Secretary  
**Penny dropped**

Sir  
I am speechless at the thought of a motorcycle race being held on Arran!

I started to write to Avril on behalf of the residents of Arran to view my grievances. The danger of motorcycles racing around the island at top speed; the potholes — aren't they bad enough already?

And then the penny dropped...April Fool!

Congratulations Arran Banner, you certainly had me going for a while!

Yours,  
**Paula Lang**  
By e-mail

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# What can I do when I leave school?

## Former pupils tell The Banner what they have done since leaving Arran High School

*In a few weeks Arran's secondary school pupils will be sitting exams that have the potential to steer the course of their entire lives.*

*Leaving school can be a daunting prospect and it can be difficult to make decisions that will affect your future when you're not really sure what you want to do.*

### Best Way

*Even if you do have a job in mind, what is the best way to get there?*

*We decided to catch up with some former Arran*

*High School pupils to find out what they are doing these days.*

*Some of them have been to university or college and progressed into careers of their choice.*

*Others have moved from job to job or travelled the world.*

*If you've still no clue what you want to do after school, or have you got too many options to choose from, then this feature will hopefully help you to see just what options are available to you on and off the island.*

### Iain Keen

**Assistant chef, age 25, from Brodick.**

At the moment I am living on the Sunshine Coast, Queensland, Australia.

I left school at 16 and qualified as a greenkeeper after doing an apprenticeship at Brodick Golf Club. Prior to that I worked at the Brodick Bar.

At 14 my mum and dad sent me out to work. I started off on the dishes working a 12-hour day, seven days a week and would come home crying with blisters and burn marks all over my hands but my mum and dad didn't care. (Just kidding, but you better put this bit in Jenny or you can kiss your story goodbye).

I really started off on the dishes and helping out with prep on busy days. After a year or so I was plating up desserts and starters. It was great fun in the kitchen especially in summer when we were busy and everyone helped each other out which is how a good kitchen should work.

Just before I started at the golf club, Iain McFadzean had spoken to me about a possible apprenticeship as a chef at the bar. That is probably what I would have done if the golf club hadn't advertised the job in The Banner a week later.



I wasn't doing very well in school at the time and being a smart arse was my favourite subject. Kevin Bunyan soon sorted that out in my first week at the golf club. After the golf club I went travelling. Brodick to Bangkok was a bit off a culture difference I can tell you. Australia was my next stop. I spent three months in Melbourne working in an Egyptian restaurant, which was cool; the food was different and served like Spanish tapas.

Sydney was next, then up to the sunny coast where I stayed for the rest of my trip.

I'm now working in a café and nightclub and having fun in the sun the rest of the time.

To any young person who has grown up on Arran and is not sure what they want to do after school, go travelling and see some of the world. It's the best lesson in life.



### Donald Bannatyne

**Site manager for John Thomson Construction, age 23, from Blackwaterfoot.**

When I was at school I worked for John Thomson Construction during my summer holidays. I enjoyed working on a building site and I knew I never wanted a job that would force me to work indoors.

After leaving school I went to Glasgow Caledonian University where I studied Construction Management. After an 18 month placement with a construction company in Paisley I was offered a job back on Arran with Thomsons.

I now work as a site manager, which means I am responsible for the day to day running of the site, health and safety and quality control of all work carried out there.

### Colin Simpson

**Lance Corporal in the army, age 25, from Lamlash.**

I was born and raised in Lamlash and if I'm honest I really couldn't decide what I wanted to do when I left school.

So I visited the Army Careers office to see what was available and joined the Royal Engineers in June 2003. I only settled on the Engineers because I had run out of other ideas!

My basic training was done in Lichfield and then I went to



Kent for my Engineer training. I am now a fully qualified plumbing and heating engineer.

At the moment I am based in Ripon but next month I'm being posted to Waterbeach, Cambridge.

So far I have done tours in both Iraq and Afghanistan and I am now ranked Lance Corporal. I have no plans to leave the Army as I enjoy the lifestyle too much.

### Malcolm Pennycott

**Student on sports scholarship, age 21, from Whiting Bay.**

I grew up in Whiting Bay but I've spent the past four years at Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh studying Business Management while competing for the university playing golf.

I've been on the sports scholarship programme at Heriot-Watt for the duration of my time at uni. This has been a great help to my game, involving regular coaching, training, financial support and academic flexibility.

Sports scholarships are something that are mainly associated with America, but I would recommend to anybody going to university in Scotland who plays a sport at a national level to find out what their university can offer them in terms of support. After university I plan to continue to play as much golf as possible while working a job around this.

My ambition is to eventually play for the Scottish men's team and this is something I think I can achieve.



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**Closing date: Wednesday 20 April**

# Former pupils tell The Arran Banner what they



**Jayne Faulkner**  
Trainee veterinary physiotherapist, age 23, from Shiskine.

I'm 23 years old and currently live in Shiskine where I've grown up surrounded by animals all my life.

I left Arran High after sixth year, aged 17, and went on to study Accountancy and Finance at Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh.

Like some other people who left school and went straight into university, I soon discovered that I had chosen the wrong subject and began to look into alternative courses and universities.

After completing my first year at Heriot-Watt, I left with a Certificate of Higher Education in Accountancy and Finance and moved to Glasgow where I started again from scratch in a totally different subject.

After three years of studying at the University of Glasgow I

graduated with a Bachelors of Science Degree in Zoology.

It was whilst studying my degree at Glasgow that I realised I wanted a career that would combine my strong interest in biology and my love of animals.

I continued my studies through a specialised organisation known as the Canine and Equine

Physiotherapy Training Group (CEPT) where I have been working for the last two years towards obtaining my professional qualification as a Veterinary Physiotherapist.

Once qualified, my aim is to help restore, maintain and optimise an animal's mobility and performance by using a wide variety of manual techniques and electrotherapies whilst retaining a close association with the vet.

My work will involve a thorough assessment of the animal followed by a carefully tailored physiotherapy programme to address a variety of issues including: pain, muscle/tendon/ligament/nerve injuries, conservative management for neurological or degenerative joint conditions, post-operative care and maintaining athletic ability. My work will cover animals of all ages and breeds including anything from your beloved pet to your champion athlete.

**Paul Tinto**  
Actor, age 21, from Lamlash.

I was born and raised in Lamlash and as to where I live now, not too sure to be honest. I've been living out of a suitcase for the last six months while touring with the National Theatre of Scotland's production of Black Watch.

Right now I'm currently in Austin, Texas, in the middle of our US tour. I think I'll probably go back to living in London after the tour is done.

I first got interested in acting when my older brother told me about a film/media studies course he was doing at uni as well as his main degree. I found it fascinating and started getting interested in film making from a behind camera point of view.

My mum said if I was so keen on it I should start by going to Lamlash Junior Drama club to gain experience with backstage work.

By the time they came to do a play for the drama festival, Mary Young, who ran the club, asked me if I was sure I didn't want to act in the play instead of being backstage. I was having a pretty good laugh so I thought why not!

From then on I got involved in high school productions as well as the Arran Drama Festivals and anything else going on, managed to gain a place with the National Youth Theatre when I was 16 and did a summer school with them in London and then in my last year at Arran High, the school were really



supportive and let me focus a lot of me time on practising for and auditioning for drama schools around the country. About eight months later after a lot of train journeys up and down the country and masses of invaluable help from my English teacher Heather Gough, who had directed me in the school shows, I managed to gain a place in the three-year acting course at LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art).

I only just graduated last July so I'm still very new to the whole profession, still got a lot to learn. Hopefully I will - my aim is to avoid having to settle down and taking on a real job for as long as I can.



**Greg Cameron**  
Engineer with BAE Systems Surface Ships, age 25, from Lamlash.

I took the decision to apply for BAE Systems after a couple of false starts in my choice of career. My only regret is I didn't decide to get into engineering at an earlier stage.

Whilst getting the job wasn't easy (3,000 applicants for 80 positions when I joined) its not necessary to have as many formal qualifications as are demanded by most universities to study engineering however, the company can provide you with the same opportunities should they feel you are capable.

Working for BAE has not only given me the opportunity to earn money while acquiring qualifications, it has also provided me with a foot in the door at a company which can offer me a huge range of options in regards to furthering my career.

Whilst completing my training - helping to build the latest warships for the Royal Navy - I have also been able to study for my degree in engineering. With a company like BAE you are given the opportunity to continue your education as far as you feel you are capable but it is also a good choice for people who simply want to be a hands on engineer.

**Kelly Price**  
Bank of Scotland branch manager, age 28, from Whiting Bay.

It was always my aim when I was at school to become a minister but when I failed to get the grades needed to study divinity I had to change course slightly.

I went to Heriot Watt University in Edinburgh where I studied Business Management with Industrial Experience.

For my industrial experience I was lucky enough to get a job at Arran Haulage in Brodick where I worked in the office and got lots of experience in running a haulage business.

After I graduated I joined Arran Aromatics as buyer before moving on to the Bank of Scotland.

I've now been at the bank for six years but spent a few of those years working at different branches on the mainland from Durham to Glasgow.

I started off as bank clerk but have been able to move up the ladder so I am now Branch Manager.

As much as I love my job, I had never really planned to come back to Arran to work and I will probably move back to the mainland at some point.



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# have done since leaving the island's school

## Jamie Murchie

PE teacher, age 24, from Lamlash.

I've always really enjoyed playing and being involved in sport so when I was at school I knew that whatever career I followed would have that sort of element to it.

I ended up going to Strathclyde University for three years to do a Sport and Physical Activity degree.

I'd always enjoyed encouraging children to be as enthusiastic about sport as I am so whilst on a placement for uni at Renfrew High School, I decided teaching was what I wanted to do.

I then went to the University of West of Scotland for one year where I completed my PDGE to allow me to become a qualified PE teacher.

I then moved back to Lamlash and was lucky to be given the job as Arran's active schools co-ordinator for a year. This involved organising sport activities in all of the island's schools as well as supporting local community clubs. I am just about to head off travelling in America so I am hoping to teach abroad to gain more experience.



## Dawn Anderson

Left, hairdresser, age 22, from Shiskine.

I'm 22 and I grew up in Shiskine. I now live in Dumfries and I work in a five-star hair salon called Browns.

I left school at the end of fifth year and had been working in my mum's salon in Blackwaterfoot - The Brae Salon.

It was then that I decided I would like to follow in my mum's footsteps and become a hairdresser.

I applied for a course at James Watt College in Kilwinning and after two years I gained an SVQ level



2 in hairdressing. A few months later I applied for my job in Dumfries and after a long process I got the job. I was selected from more than 200 applicants.



## Laura Tait

Teacher, age 24, from Brodick.

After finishing high school I knew exactly what I wanted to do, I wanted to be a teacher.

I had always wanted to work with children and eventually I would like to work with children on the autistic spectrum full time.

I went to university in Aberdeen to study for a B.Ed honours in primary teaching and

after four years I completed an induction year of teaching in Motherwell at a school for the deaf.

After this I came back to the island and I now work as a supply teacher at all of Arran's schools.

I love my job and have been a lot luckier than some in my position; there aren't as many jobs for teachers at the moment as you would think.

I'm still searching for full time work on the mainland but I'm really glad I have my teaching qualification because it means that if I go into another profession (because at the moment there are too many teachers and not enough jobs) I always have teaching and can pick it up wherever I am in the world.

Working in a number of island schools alongside my old teachers and friends, is great getting to know the youngsters on the island and will be sad to leave them when I finally go.

## Jennifer Lyon

Journalist, age 26, from Catacol.

Most of you will realise that I am the odd one out here, as I didn't grow up on Arran. But journalism is one of the big career choices for young people today so I thought it would help if I explained how I ended up working for The Banner.

When I was at school I actually wanted to be a doctor. I studied all the sciences and maths but when I eventually sat my Highers it became very clear that history and English were more my strong point.

I applied to do a journalism honours degree at Napier University in Edinburgh but when I went for the interview they told me I'd be much better doing a general arts degree first before studying journalism at a post-graduate level.

And I'm so glad I did. I went to Aberdeen University and gained an honours degree in English and History whilst also having the time of my life and meeting some of my best friends.

I then went back to Napier and this time they accepted me to do a post-graduate diploma in journalism. I focused all my work experience on radio and television reporting because that was what I wanted to do when I finished.

But in the end I was very lucky as I actually got the job here at The Banner before my course had even ended.

Despite not initially wanting to be a print journalist, four years later I'm still here. In that time I've been promoted from a junior to senior reporter and I love every aspect of the job, whether it's writing about local political spats or covering the rugby matches on a Saturday.



## Calum Johnston

medical student, age 20, from Shiskine.

I'm originally from Shiskine but at the moment I'm studying medicine at Glasgow University and stay in the wonderful west-end of Glasgow near Byres Road. Why did I choose to do medicine? Now that question takes me back.

I'm sure that when I applied I had some fantastic line about

how interesting medicine was because it was constantly evolving, and that I wanted to study a subject that allowed me to integrate my passion for science (yes, I did just say that) and people skills.

Honestly though, I think - as cheesy and unoriginal as it sounds - that I just wanted to help people and 'make a difference'.

I love the course. The subject itself is fascinating and meeting people from all walks of life every day is simply amazing. One minute you're taking blood off a well-to-do business man who has to rush away and catch a flight to London, and in the next, you're talking to a heroin addict with trouble sleeping! It's just fantastic. Because medicine encompasses such a massive collection of specialties, I think it's hard to say what I'll choose to do in the end.

## Kate Primrose

Trainee lawyer, age 23, from Lochranza.

I'm from Lochranza and I went to Pirnmill Primary School and then Arran High School. I have lived in Glasgow for five and a half years and in September I begin my job as a trainee lawyer.

I decided to do law because I couldn't think what I wanted to do - there were so many options! I went to the University of Glasgow to do my LLB Law Degree, which was great, and during this time I lived in the Netherlands for a semester to study European Law - almost a third of law students at Glasgow University go on an Erasmus year, which is fantastic!

I then went on to the Glasgow Graduate School of Law for a year to do my Diploma in Legal Practice (a necessary postgraduate qualification in order to practice law) and I have found this to be a great career choice.

I have done various work experience, from a small law centre in Govan to the Government Legal Service in London. In September I begin my traineeship at a commercial law firm and I will be based in Glasgow. It has been hard work to get to this point but well worth it and I would definitely recommend it!



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# Musical treat in Lochranza Hotel

Residents and visitors to Lochranza had a musical treat on Sunday 3 April.

From 12.30pm to 2.30pm the

local band Jazz Café played at the Lochranza Hotel.

Normally based in Whiting Bay, the band has recently

begun to take to the road. Last Sunday they headed north for a session that was very well attended by locals, visitors, and some of the usual suspects, and nobody was disappointed.

The band played a wide selection of trad jazz and their performance was well appreciated by all in attendance.

### Professional

It was a very polished and professional performance. Opinions in the bar afterwards expressed a hope that this would not just be a one off. The Jazz Café will certainly be welcomed back to Lochranza.

Band members are Malcolm Kerr on drums, John Gibson, trombone and vocals, Alison Prince, clarinet, Biff Simpson, cornet and vocals, John Tilbury, bass guitar and Tam Buchan, rhythm guitar.



The Jazz Café on the road, performing in Lochranza Hotel last Sunday.

## Local artists donate

In early March a group of Arran artists teamed up with a fund-raising project to help secure the re-election of Arran's present MSP in the Scottish Parliament Elections on May 5.

The artists have donated some unique artworks that will be raffled off to raise money for Mr Gibson's re-election campaign.

### Contributing

The group is seeking to recruit 100 Arran residents prepared to stake £10 on the chance of winning one of the donated pieces, while, at the same time, contributing

actively to the democratic process.

Draw promoter Malcolm Kerr said: 'The early response to this imaginative initiative has been phenomenal.'

'We have had entries from on and off the island, from people who appreciate the work of Marvin Elliott and the other artists.'

This week Marvin Elliott's 'Daphne' will be on display at the Book and Card Centre in Brodick, where it is still possible to obtain the £10 draw tickets.

The draw will take place on Monday 18 April.

## Rotation, rotation at Brodick Library

When politicians and newspapers are full dire warnings of 'cuts' and 'belt-tightening', Arran Library, along with other Council services, has to try to be effective with less money.

They continue to buy new

books but they also look at ways to make the best of what they've already got.

One way of doing that is to 'rotate' book titles around different libraries. Once a particular library has had a fair share of a new title, the book gets passed to another for its own customers.

### Customers

Regular Arran customers will know this happens all the time between the branch in Brodick and the library van.

In addition, however, they periodically receive titles

from libraries on the mainland which are put into stock to offer to island customers.

Librarian Ray Smith said: 'Come and see what we have, and don't forget, even when we do not have a particular title to hand we will in most cases be able to get it for you.'

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PS Lovers of film can also borrow both new and 'rotated' titles.

## Arran flies the flag for Fairtrade

Arran Fairtrade would like to thank all the primary school children on Arran for decorating the Fairtrade cotton bunting so beautifully and artistically.

In total, Arran has sent off 409 decorated flags to be part of the Guinness challenge. When joined together these 409 flags will measure 69 metres and will contribute to the total 4,350 metres of bunting to be hung up on World Fair Trade day on Saturday 8 May in London.

This will be a call for trade justice specifically for West African Farmers, asking rich countries to drop their distorting subsidies that are keeping poor farmers trapped in poverty.



### ARRAN RUNNERS Ormidale 10k

Sunday 17th April 2011

Registration from 10.45

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## Meet Mairi MacInnes at the pavilion

Arran residents and visitors to the island have an opportunity to meet Mairi MacInnes at 'Thursday Focus' in the Ormidale Sports Pavilion at 7.30pm on Thursday 14 April.

A native of South Uist, Mairi has lived in Arran for almost 20 years and has endeared herself to so many people on the island with the warmth of her personality and the rich quality of her singing.

She was one of the youngest ever winners of the coveted Gold Medal at the National Mod, a distinction she achieved at her first attempt. Since then, Mairi has toured extensively and regularly appears on radio and television. She has also made a number of recordings.

Mairi's Christian faith is an integral part of her life, and during the evening she will sing and share reflections from her life's experience.

Admission is free, refreshments are provided, and all are welcome.

## Corrie and Sannox Wednesday Club

Would members please note that the annual summer outing has been organised for Wednesday 25 May to Dumfries House.

The cost will be £23, this includes coach hire, entry fee to the house and lunch.

We will be leaving on the 8.20am boat and returning on the one at 6pm.

Members will pay their own ferry fare.

To confirm numbers please call me, Isla Blair, at 302896 or e-mail isla.blair@yahoo.co.uk

## Duke of Edinburgh award group meetings

The Arran Open Duke of Edinburgh's award group meets at 3.45pm after school every Wednesday in Arran High School during term time.

Membership is open to young people between the ages of 14 and 24 years old.

Anyone wishing to come along should contact Mrs Amanda Hogge via the High School.

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# Arran Bridge clubs hand out the prizes

## Tricia and Douglas retain Duncan and Boyd Trophies

The results of the competitions for Brodick Bridge Club's three annual trophies were announced at the prizegiving in Brodick Golf Club on Thursday 31 March as follows:

The Duncan Cup, 1 T Martin and D Hamilton, 2 J MacLure and A McKelvie, 3 P Adamson and J McBride.

The Adam Morrison Cup, 1 J MacLure and A McKelvie, 2 H Boyd and E Paul, 3 F Crawford and D Henderson.

The Boyd Trophy, 1 T Martin and D Hamilton, 2 J MacLure and A McKelvie, 3 J Barclay and M Gardner.

Congratulations to all the above but especially to Tricia and Douglas who won both the Duncan and Boyd Trophies for

the second year in succession - well done!

Over the years Janie MacLure and Anne McKelvie have been consistently in contention and this year is no exception as can be seen above. Congratulations to you both on winning the Adam Morrison Cup - well done!

After the prizegiving, the members played bridge for the President's prizes and they were won by; E/W Elizabeth McConnell and Mel Jones, N/S Douglas Bruce, Janette McBride and Tricia Martin, a formidable if highly unusual team.

Enjoy your summer, and we look forward to seeing you all again in the autumn.



Brodick Bridge Club 2011 trophy winners: Tricia Martin and Douglas Hamilton, centre, with the Duncan Trophy and the Boyd Trophy, and club president David Scobie and vice president Janette McBride. 02\_b14bro01



Lamlash Bridge Club 2011 trophy winners: Alison Bilsland and Tricia Martin with the Adam Morrison Cup, club president Margaret McGill, Helen Boyd and Jean Murchie as runners-up with the Millband Plate. 02\_b14lam01

## Alison and Tricia take the Adam Morrison Trophy for the fourth successive year

The annual prizegiving dinner of Lamlash Bridge Club was held in the Lamlash Golf Clubhouse on Monday 28 March.

Grateful thanks are extended to Janie MacIntyre, both for her delicious buffet and for being so obliging and cheerful.

The meal was followed by some interesting bridge. As usual, the partnerships were mixed up, which led to unusual bidding.

Jean Barclay and Michael Iutz just scraped into first place for North/ South to win the coveted bottles of wine while the slightly more convincing winners for East/West were Roddy Thompson and Doug Bruce.

After the play, President, Margaret McGill presented the prizes for the best players of the year.

### Evergreen

In runners up position with 122 points were the evergreen octogenarians, Helen Boyd and Jean Murchie and the winners on 125 points, taking the Adam Morrison Trophy for the fourth successive year, were Alison Bilsland and Tricia Martin.

Thanks are due to the committee members for their help and support throughout the year and the committee hopes that all members have a happy, healthy summer.

The club will resume on the first Monday in October.

However there will be bridge during the summer. Trish Martin's summer bridge will run in the High School every Monday evening. Trish can be contacted on 600900.

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# Arran youngsters shine in Burns competition

The Arran heat of the 2011 North Ayrshire Primary Burns competition took place in mid March and saw some 85 school children reciting their poems on the Arran High School stage.

The event was well supported by parents and staff, and the judging panel commented on the high standard of the entrants.

### Judges

The judges on Arran were

Bill McLaughlin, Trish Gibson and Melanie McBlain

The prizewinners all went forward to represent Arran in the finals at Ardeer Community Centre on Friday 1 April, and Fireun Simsek Hunter gained overall first place in the P3/4 class!

The secondary schools final also took place later the same day at Ardeer and saw Finlay Murchie and Struan Robertson being jointly awarded first place and gold medals for the S1/2 boys.

Colin Mackenzie was awarded first place for the S3/4 mixed category.

### Special

The judges commented that to hear the three Arran High School pupils had been 'something really special' – which was wholeheartedly agreed by those who were present to hear their outstanding performances. The results of the Arran heat were as follows:

P1/2 mixed (any Scots



Fireun Simsek, seen here in the middle of the picture, won the overall P3/4 section at Ardeer last week. He is pictured with his fellow P3/4 boys on Arran, holding his quaich. The judges are seen at the rear are – Bill McLaughlin, Trish Gibson and Melanie McBlain.



Struan Robertson, Colin Mackenzie and Finlay Murchie are pictured with their medals and trophies.

poem): 1 Freya Campbell, Lamlash, 2 Cameron McNeish, Kilmory, 3 Alice Lockhart, Whiting Bay.

P3/4 girls (any Scots poem): 1 Aimee Prescott, Whiting Bay, 2 Charlie McKillop, Lamlash, 3 Abbie Mullhol-

land, Kilmory.

P3/4 boys (any Scots poem): 1 Fireun Simsek Hunter, Whiting Bay, 2 Dylan Smith, Lamlash, 3= John McNeish, Kilmory, Kirk Inglis, Lamlash and Archie Innes, Pirmill.

P5/7 boys (any Burns poem):

1 Oisean Gold, Corrie, 2 Gavin Anderson, Pirmill, 3 Kyle Campbell, Lamlash.

P7 girls (any Burns poem): 1 Anna Donnelly, Pirmill, 2 Fiona Bulger, Corrie, 3= Ella Kerr, Lamlash and Alison Provan.

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## Bad girls welcome new members

The BAFTA award winning musical – Bad Girls – is proving to be a very popular choice for the Arran Music and Drama Club's summer production. Principal auditions have already taken place and the leading roles have been cast so rehearsals are romping along nicely.

A spokesman for the club said: 'It is most encouraging to see so many new members joining and new faces are appearing every week now!

'An especially welcome new member is professional pianist, Lorna Buchanan, who has come from Stewarton to live at Shiskine.'



Fiona Rodriguez plays the 'tougher than nails' Yvonne Atkins in the summer production of *Bad Girls*.

She added: 'Lorna is an experienced accompanist who has played for many professionals, including the Scottish opera.'

## Arran Bird Report published

The latest Arran Bird Report has just been published.

In 2006, regular Bird Notes started to appear in the Banner.

Jim Cassels said: 'Influenced by these notes, in 2010, almost 300 people contacted me with nearly 5,000 sightings on 157 species of birds seen on Arran. These sightings have been distilled into the Arran Bird Report for 2010 published by the Arran Natural History Society.

'This latest version of the annual bird report is now available from shops and other outlets throughout the island, priced £4 or directly from Alan and Jill Hollick of High Kildonan alanandjillhollick@gmail.com

### Summary

'The annual Arran Bird Report is a 'must' for anyone interested in the birds of Arran. It includes a summary of the year, the impact of weather on birds, information on ringed birds, as well as reports on all species seen and some of Arran's special bird projects. The uniqueness of Arran is reflected throughout the report, including the number of UK protected birds that share our island with us, as well

as the differences between here and even the adjacent mainland. Make sure you get your copy.

'In addition people can keep in touch with birdlife on Arran by visiting the website [www.arranbirding.co.uk](http://www.arranbirding.co.uk)

### Valuable

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## £680 raised at St Brides Spring Fayre

The Spring Fayre at St Brides featured on page five of this week's Banner raised a total of £680.

Anne Mitchell was the lucky winner of Fred the Golfer in the raffle, and hampers were won by Carol Burge and John Lauder.

**A varied selection of music over Easter Weekend.**  
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# The Arran Banner 20 years ago

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### Instant homes

On Tuesday morning four houses will come off the ferry.

By Tuesday evening they will be built, decorated and virtually ready to move in to at Glenclay, Brodick.

The four prefabricated houses are a new concept being explored by a company from Linlithgow.

Kirkcare has purchased the houses and they will be classed as amenity housing.

### Abuse of access

Two weeks ago we quoted a geology lecturer saying that Mr Charles Fforde does not incur any costs for students using his land.

But following Easter weekend Mr Fforde is angry at damage that has been caused on the very edge of his garden at Strabane and elsewhere on the estate.

In one specific case he had a quote of more than £200 to repair the drinking trough at the bottom of the String Road.

### Chicken!

A man was slightly injured in a curious traffic accident that took place last Saturday afternoon near Brodick School.

He was hit by a car being driven by John Sillars but witnesses say the man was seen to run at the car.

It is believed that he and a group of friends were playing chicken!

### Cyclist dies

A man collapsed and died while cycling up Lamlash hill last Saturday.

The man who was in his mid 50s and was from Fife had come to the island for Easter with a group of friends with whom he was cycling at the time.

A subsequent post mortem revealed heart problems.

### Milk quotas cut

Milk quotas have been cut by 0.13 per cent this week and there is a further cut of two per cent likely.

Both are due to EC direc-

tives, the first so that milk can be allocated to producers of yoghurt and ice cream, the second because of an increasing butter mountain.

For Torylinn Creamery this means they will get less milk to make cheese and the island's 16 milk producers will have to sell less.

### Page number confusion

Three of our page numbers are wrong this week, a result of the fact that sometimes, mid-flight, we have to change direction in the Banner's layout.

We apologise to those who would have noticed and for pointing it out to those who would not.

### The Easter dance

Thanks to the outstanding support, the unstinting generosity, the great music of The Wee Swing Band and the foot-tapping interval by our piper, Angus Robinson, the sum of £850 raised for the Ayrshire Hospice.

### Charity golf day

The annual Arran Licensed Trade 'Charity Golf Day' will be held this Saturday.

There are around 150 people taking part in the competition this year, a record entry.

### Wanted

Southend United are desperately seeking football players to play for them this season.

Transport can be arranged to and from the games.

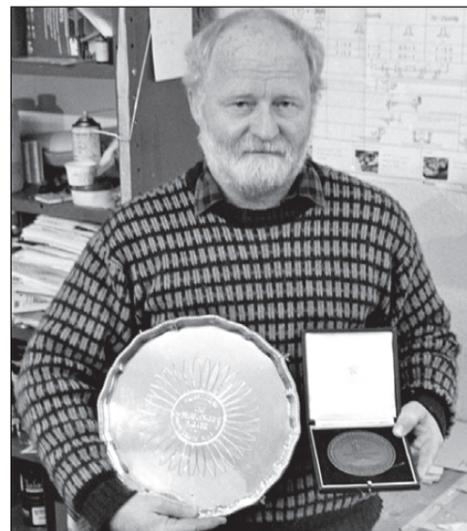
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Some of Arran's future footballing stars, including two girls, got some professional coaching from Kilmarnock FC's Paul Fleck and Billy Stark on Saturday. b14twe02



Mr Charles Fforde shows us just some of the damage caused to his estate over the Easter weekend. b14twe01



Alastair Pratt of Corrie Croft is pictured with two prestigious trophies awarded for his sailing and mountaineering expedition he undertook last year. With crew Angus Grassie and Robert Haddow he set sail from Arran on June 2 in his yacht *Border Raider* and sailed all the way Iceland. b14twe03



Wilma Robertson and Karen Haggarty, winner and runner-up of the Ladies Arran Challenge played at Shiskine Golf Club in March, are presented with their prizes by Robin Crawford at the Kinloch. b14twe04

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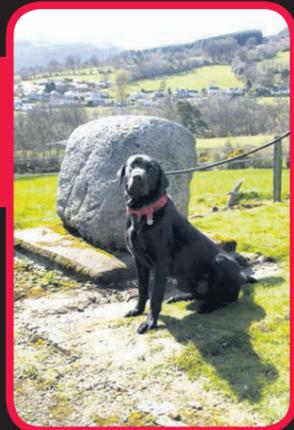
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Last week Archie was waiting for a bus by the Mountain Rescue centre at Cladach. First correct were Jane Ann of St Andrews, Derek of Bathgate and Shep from Crewe who said: 'Perhaps he has been up Goat Fell and needs a bus home.' This week he is sitting next to a large boulder, but where is that rock? 02\_b14arc01

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 Arran Heritage Museum Rosaburn Brodick, 10.30am - 4.30pm

## SATURDAY 9th APRIL

Karate Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am - 12.30pm  
 Family Games 3pm to 4pm Auchrannie Games Hall  
 Fun In The Pool 4pm to 5pm Auchrannie Spa Pool  
 Over 21's Disco The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
 Arran Dancers (4 years and up) Arran High School, 10am  
 Opening Day Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm

## SUNDAY 10th APRIL

Alcoholics Anonymous Church Hall, Brodick, 4.30pm  
 Arran Fiddle Club- Childrens Classes Library Annexe, 1.45pm  
 Family Games 3pm to 4pm Auchrannie Games Hall  
 Fun In The Pool 4pm to 5pm Auchrannie Spa Pool  
 Quiz PHT, Lamlash, 9pm  
 Corrie Film Club - Lourdes (2009. Cert U) Corrie Hall, 8pm

## MONDAY 11th APRIL

Over 50's Badminton Lochranza Village Hall 2pm - 4pm  
 Badminton Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm  
 Weight Wise Hospital Bungalow, 5pm - 5.30pm  
 Ladies Netball High School Sports Hall - Seniors 7.30pm - 9pm  
 Arran Junior Football Club Coaching & Games Ormidale Park, 6pm  
 Citizens Advice Park Terrace, Lamlash, 10am - 2pm  
 Senior Fitness 9.30am to 10.30am Auchrannie Gym  
 BreathWalk Class Kinneil, Lamlash 5.15pm  
 Circuit Training Auchrannie Gym, 6pm - 7pm  
 Table Tennis Corrie Hall, 6.30pm  
 Badminton Auchrannie Gym, 7pm - 9pm  
 Mums and Tots Swimming Lessons Auchrannie Spa Pool, 11am  
 Hatha Yoga Arran High School, 6pm - 7.30pm  
 Blether & Bite Lamlash Church Hall, 12pm - 2.30pm  
 Arran Civic Trust AGM Ormidale Pavilion, 7.30pm  
 Football League AGM Ormidale Hotel, 7pm

## TUESDAY 12th APRIL

Lochranza Swimming Club Kinloch 11am - 12pm  
 Army Cadets Auchrannie Road, 7.30pm - 9.30pm  
 Pop Quiz Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
 Alcoholics Anonymous Brodick Church Hall - 2pm  
 Citizens Advice Park Terrace, Lamlash, 10am - 2pm  
 Youth Club Kildonan Hall - 6.30pm  
 Rotary Club Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie 7.15pm  
 Junior Hockey Club Ormidale Pavillion, 6pm-7pm  
 Melody Movement. Ballet Class - 2½ yrs up Auchrannie Dance Studio, 1.30pm  
 Dudes & Divas Funky Dance Class - 2½ yrs up Auchrannie Dance Studio, 2pm  
 Scottish Country Dancing Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm  
 Indoor Bowls Corrie Hall, 2pm - 4pm  
 Youth Club Brodick Hall, 6.30pm - 8pm  
 Rink Game Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm

## WEDNESDAY 13th APRIL

Hockey Auchrannie Hall, 7pm - 8pm Games Hall  
 Tae KwonDo KA Leisure, Kids 6.30 - 7.30pm. Adults 7.30 - 8.30pm  
 Alcoholics Anonymous Lamlash Church Hall - 7.30pm- 9pm  
 Arran Brass Rehearsal Whiting Bay Hall 7.15pm  
 Selt Making Class Shipfield, Lamlash, 10am - 4pm  
 Musical Mayhem Class Parents & Little Ones Auchrannie Dance Studio, 10.45am  
 Yoga for Every Body 10am - 11.30am  
 Senior Badminton High School Games Hall, 8pm - 9pm  
 Museum, Archives & Geneology Service 10.30am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 3.30pm  
 Aquafizz 9.45am to 10.30am Auchrannie Hotel Pool  
 Yogalates 9.30am to 10.30am Auchrannie Studio  
 Circuit Training Auchrannie Games Hall, 6pm - 7pm

## THURSDAY 14th APRIL

General Knowledge Quiz Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
 Arran Music & Drama Rehearsals Brodick Hall, 7.30pm  
 Lochranza Craft Club Hall, 2pm  
 Coffee Morning St Molios Church 10.30am - 12pm  
 Table Tennis Kildonan Hall, 3pm - 5pm  
 Youth Club Youth Cabin, Lamlash 7-9pm  
 Senior Fitness 9.30am to 11.30am Auchrannie Spa Gym  
 Pilates 6 pm to 7pm Auchrannie Studio  
 Pub Quiz Kinloch Hotel, 9pm  
 Brodick Embroidery Group Library, 7.30pm - 9.30pm  
 Arran Youth Foundations Behind Library, 4.30pm - 6.30pm  
 The Wee Blether - soup & sandwiches Whiting Bay Hall, 12pm - 1.30pm  
 Whiting Bay Bowling Club AGM Clubhouse, 7.30pm

## FRIDAY 15th APRIL

Arran Pipe Band Practice Brodick Hall, 7.30pm  
 Quiz Whiting Bay Golf Club, 9pm  
 Aquafizz 9.45am to 10.30am Auchrannie Hotel Pool  
 Yogalates 10am to 11am Auchrannie Studio  
 Seniors Badminton (Over 50) Auchrannie Games Hall, 2pm  
 Over 21's Disco The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
 Arran Youth Foundations Behind Library, 7pm - 9pm

## SATURDAY 16th APRIL

Rink Game Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm



To appear in What's On telephone the Arran Banner 01770 302142

# PUBLIC NOTICES

## HUSTINGS

A Hustings Meeting for the May Election will take place in Arran High School Theatre at 7.30pm on Wednesday 27th April 2011.  
Come along and hear what your local candidates have to say.

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

Applications listed below together with the plans and other documents submitted with them may be examined at Corporate Services, Cunninghame House, Irvine\* between the hours of 9am and 4.45pm on weekdays (4.30pm Fridays) excepting Saturdays and Public Holidays or at [www.eplanning.north-ayrshire.gov.uk](http://www.eplanning.north-ayrshire.gov.uk)

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Notice of application to be published under regulation 20(1)

Application No: 11/00202/PP Address: Tarnacraig, The String, Brodick, Isle of Arran, KA27 8DR. Proposed Development: Extension of existing dwelling house and erection of detached double garage.

Elma Murray  
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### Arran Golf Pass

## AGM

Brodick Golf Club

Tuesday 19th April  
7.30p.m.

Lamlash Moorings Association

## AGM

Tuesday 19th April  
8pm

Lamlash Golf Club

### Machrie Bay Golf Club

## AGM

April 28th  
7.30pm  
in the Hall.

### Whiting Bay Bowling

## AGM

Thursday 14th April  
7.30pm  
in the Clubhouse

### Football League

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Monday 11th April  
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**BANNATYNE**  
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### Karen Happy 21st Birthday



Love from Mum, Dad, Alan, Michael, Catherine and Matthew x x

Eva Marsden of Sannox and Tony Black of Lamlash, both being of unsound mind, have great pleasure in announcing their unmitigated joy in the fact that The Banner was published on April 1st.

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#### ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

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Shiskine 7pm  
Rev David Karoon  
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#### SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(in full communion with the Church of England)  
St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.  
Sunday 10 April  
Holy Communion 11am.  
Revd Dr Hector Soga, Dollar  
Coffee after service  
Wednesday 13 April  
Holy Communion 12.15pm.  
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#### CHURCH OF SCOTLAND (SCO15072)

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Kilmory 10am  
Mrs Liz Clark  
Lamlash 11.30am  
Mr Terry Butcher  
In both churches:  
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#### ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND (continuing)

Sunday 10 April  
Morning Service 11am  
Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick  
Evening Service 7pm  
13 Glen Avenue, Brodick  
Prayer Meeting  
Wednesday 13th 7pm  
5 Glen Road, Brodick  
All welcome

#### ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH.

Ormidale Pavilion Brodick.  
Sunday 10 April  
10.45am Communion  
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11.30am - For all the family  
Speaker: Rev Willie Wright  
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#### CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

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**Parish Asst**  
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Brodick Church 10.30am  
Corrie Church 12pm

Lochranza 9.30am  
Pirmill 10.45am  
Shiskine Church 12pm  
A service of Worship will also be held in Montrose House at 1.30pm

#### WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND (SC014005)

Sunday 10 April  
Worship will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson at 10.30am. All most welcome. Tea and coffee will be served in the transept after the service.

#### HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday Morning Mass 11am

#### RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)

Sunday 10 April  
Meeting for worship and discussion, 11am  
Brodick Library  
Enquiries to Jeny 302779

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**BUNYAN - JACK**  
The family of Jack Bunyan would like to thank Dr Saeed, Christine and McMillan Nurses at Cross-house Hospital. The nurses at Lamlash Hospital and District Nurses for their palliative care and the total professionalism, skill and compassion from a lovely human being in Dr Liz Guthrie. To the OT Team, Jane and Nina, heartfelt thanks. David and Clair for all funeral arrangements. To Sid and Geordie and to Trish, Rosie and Dougie for catering and drinks and to Rev Elizabeth Watson whose service for dad was wonderful and emotional, said in a very personal way that only she can. To everyone else who helped and supported us, special thanks.

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# Arran Riding Club season gets underway

Arran Riding Club's events for 2011 began on the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, 19 and 20 March with a visit from instructor Aileen Craig.

Aileen is well known in the show jumping world and has represented Scotland on many occasions.

Over the course of the two days Aileen put 16 riders and their mounts through flatwork exercises before building a small course of jumps to hone their skills. This was a most

enjoyable weekend and has kindled enthusiasm for the season ahead.

Liz Kennedy said: 'Our grateful thanks, as always, to Aileen, and to Dawn and Tracy for allowing us the use of their facilities.'

'Our next ridden event will be the start of our monthly training sessions with Doreen Mathie BHSAI, who will be here, weather permitting, on Sunday 24 April.'

To book a space for the Doreen day training, please contact Clair on 302233.



Lori Young on Cleo.



Katelyn McVicar on Tilly.



## Whiting Bay Golf Club

Results: On Saturday 2 April, a small field enjoyed perfect spring weather to play for the mixed fours Poole Trophy.

The course was in excellent condition and the scores were all very close. 1 Marjorie Brown and Andy Martin 68 BIH, 2 Susan and Ross Butchard 68. The only two of the day also went to Marjorie and Andy.

Sunday 3 April, 17 played for the Roy Ure Tankard, Stableford competition. SSS 36, CSS 36. The runaway winner with an impressive total of 43 points was Danny Head, second with 37 points was Nicol Auld and third John Pennycott, also with 37 points.

David Brookens had the only magic two of the day and Nicol just beat Danny for scratch on the better inward half - both players shot 63.

Fixtures: Sunday 10 April, Gents Medal. Wednesday 13 April, Summer Trophy. Sunday 17 April, Wolfi and Gege Kroner Stableford. Saturday 23

April, rescheduled Texas Scramble, open to gents, ladies and juniors. Bring your friends too; members of all island clubs are also very welcome. Teams of three, just £2 per person entry. One draw at 11am. Come along and have fun!

## Brodict Golf Club

Results: Wednesday 30 March, Summer Cup, 35 played, CSS 65. First night of the Summer Cup, and a good turnout this early in the season. First three places decided on the better inward halves. 1 G Hendry (8)64, 2 L Hartley (16)64, 3 I MacDonald (7)64. Scratch I MacDonald 71. There were 12 twos, John McKean managed two.

Sunday 3 April, Brandon, 19 played, CSS 64. 1 R McCrae (7)62, 2 J Armit (5)63, 3 B Jenkins (6)63. Scratch E McKinnon 64.

There were 11 twos, Bobby McCrae got two. First class Brandon - R McCrae. Second class Brandon - H Tait. Fixtures: Sunday 10 April, Marchioness of Graham Trophy (bogey), tee off times from 8.30am and 1pm. Draw will take place on Saturday 9 April at 12pm. Sunday 17 April, 36 hole British Legion. There will also be 18 hole sweeps, for those unable or unwilling to

play 36 holes. Draw for 36 hole competition will be at 12pm on Saturday 16 April.

## Machrie Bay Golf Club

Results: Tuesday 29 March final day of Winter Cup. 1 Steph Hill 63(bih), 2 Mark Sherwood 63, 3 Alastair MacDonald 65. Scratch and twos Mark Sherwood 66.

Winner of Winter Cup Alastair MacDonald 390, runner-up Brian Sherwood 394.

Fixtures: Saturday 9 April Eddie Rankin Cup, Machrie v Corrie to be played at Corrie. Shotgun start at 1pm. Tuesday 12 April Gents Arran Grouse qualifier 12.30pm/5.30pm tee off.

## Shiskine Golf Club

Results: Sunday 3 April Gents 12 hole Medal, 18 played.

1st class, 1 C Muir 46 - 7 = 39 (BIH), 2 C Rae 46 - 7 = 39 (BIH), 3 A Gray 44 - 5 = 39. Scratch Andy Gray 44.

2nd class, 1 Q Oliver 59 - 15 = 44, 2 L Jones 57 - 12 = 45 (BIH), 3 M Hesp 56 - 11 = 45. Magic twos from C Muir, C Rae, L Jones and S Kerr.

Thursday 31 March Ladies 18 hole Medal, four played. 1 A Anderson 86 - 19 = 67.

Fixtures: Ladies Kiscadale continues Monday 4.45pm, Thursday 4.45pm and Saturday 1pm, please come along and

support. Gents: Sunday 10 April - 18 hole Medal 3pm tee off. Sunday 17 April - AGA Arran Grouse Foursomes Qualifier 1pm tee off.

## Corrie Golf Club

Results: Saturday 2 April 17 played Stableford. Sweep 1 M Sherwood 43pts, 2 A Burke 39pts, 3 B Sherwood 38pts, (bih over D Price). Best scratch M Sherwood 60.

Magic twos, M Sherwood 3, D Price 3, E McKinnon, D Crawford, A McDonald.

Monday 4 April Monday Cup, four played nine holes only - water closed course. Sweep 1 A Smith 31-3.5=27.5.

Fixtures: Saturday 9 April Eddie Rankin Memorial. 1pm start Corrie v Machrie. Monday 11 April Monday Cup 12pm start.

## Lamlash Golf Club

Results: Thursday 31 March, 15 hole Medal, 1 Mark Wren 66 - 8 = 58, 2 Lee Dutton 79 - 20 = 59.

Sunday 3 April, Drift Inn Quaic-Stableford. CSS 63 par 64, 37pts to Stableford. 1 Billy O'Connor 38pts, 2 Raymond Burke 37pts, 3 Miller Crawford 35pts (bih). Best scratch Iain Murchie 69. Twos Iain Murchie at 16th Lee Girbow at 5<sup>th</sup>.

Overall winner Billy O'Connor

Thanks to Gill and Craw from Drift Inn for donation of prizes

Fixtures: Sunday 10 April, Carpenter Rose Bowl, stroke competition, 9.30am and 1pm starts. Please note summer starting times.

Thursday 14 April, Summer Cup, make up own groups, see starter for times.

## ALGU Kiscadale Tray 2011

Looking at the weather conditions during the early part of Monday, it was hard to believe that it would be possible to play the Kiscadale games at all and yet, by the time the ladies teed off at 4.45pm the weather was ideal for golf; dry overhead and with little wind.

Conditions at Shiskine were also good underfoot with the course being in excellent condition despite the torrential rain, although several ladies were caught out by the greens which were slower than usual.

The new outfits worn by both the Whiting Bay and Shiskine teams were much admired, Whiting Bay wearing a very striking red and black ensemble with matching caps and Shiskine sporting very attractive diamond patterned tops.

Whether it was the effect of the new outfits or not, both of those teams performed extremely well in winning both

of their matches. Shiskine's first couple, Fiona Crawford and Sheila Gray beat Brodict's Gwen McNicol and Jean Glen by two holes while, in the second match, Carole Stewart and Liz Kerr played great golf to beat the normally very strong pairing of Pat Reid and Isabel MacDonald by six and five.

In the second match the long hitting Whiting Bay pairing of Susan Butchard and Catherine McBain beat Lamlash's Sheena Murchie and Ellie Jones two and one while the ever consistent Viv Parks, with her new partner, Doreen Mains, making her Kiscadale debut, beat Brenda Livingstone and Anne McVicar with that match going to the last putt on the eighteenth green, the Lamlash pair having been one up with two to play.

As always, the games were played in the best of spirits.

After having finished in near darkness, it was lovely to enter Shiskine's lovely warm new clubhouse and sit down to a delicious hot meal provided by Felicity and Tom.

How they managed to serve so many people so quickly was a wonder.

The next round will be played on Thursday at 4.45pm followed by matches next week on Monday and Thursday evenings and Saturday afternoon.

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# Junior sailing club welcome six new instructors

## A much-enhanced team of instructors

To mark the start of a new season, the Arran Junior Sailing Club has welcomed a group of new instructors.

The six keen sailors have recently completed a dinghy instructor's course over two weekends with a final moderation day on Monday.

The course was run by Charlotte MacBeath from Cumbræ Watersports Centre, with Chris Nicol from Cumbræ carrying out the moderation.

Six members took part, Greg Hamill, John Leckey, Tim Crockett, Scott Currie, Neil

Hunter and Rory Hunter.

Everyone passed the course although Rory Hunter has to be an assistant instructor as he is only 14 and the minimum age for an instructor is 16.

This leaves Arran Junior Sailing Club in a very strong position at the start of the season, with a much-enhanced team of instructors.

The plan is for the younger instructors to play a very active part in the teaching this summer.

Arran Junior Sailing Club runs every Tuesday after

school from Tuesday 19 April until the summer holidays and will start again after the summer holidays until October for the Secondary school and from Tuesday 26 April until the summer holidays for primary sevens.

It is open to all Arran children from primary seven upwards.

Application forms are available from Arran High School and all Arran primary schools and should be returned to the club as soon as possible so times can be allocated.



Arran Junior Sailing Club's new instructors with coach Chris Nicol, far left; John Leckey, Greg Hamill, Tim Crockett, Scott Currie, Neil Hunter and Rory Hunter.



Trophy winners; Peter McCalla, Cathy Stead and Charlie Weir; with Fiona Rodriguez of the Auchrannie. 01\_b14bow01

## Indoor bowlers celebrate season's end

Arran's indoor bowling champions of the season were presented with their prizes at the Auchrannie last Tuesday night.

Charlie Weir received the trophy for gathering the most points during the winter and the runner-up was Colin Haggarty.

The Leading Lady this year was Cathy Stead and a new trophy for the most improved player each year was given to Peter McCalla.

Charles Hendry, secretary of the indoor bowling club, said: 'There have not been as

many bowlers throughout this winter and if the winter bowling is to continue to be successful we must try to encourage new bowlers to join us.

### Thank

'I would like to thank Iain and Neil for all their help and to all the others who have helped me to run the bowls over the past few years.'

Charles has now stood down as secretary and will be replaced next season by Peter McCalla who will organise the games each night.

## Come and try your hand at cricket

Following a hard winter's cricketing indoors at Arran High School, Sannox Cricket Club is extending a warm welcome to any cricketers on the island who have a desire, secret or otherwise, to experience the game.

The club is hosting a cricket taster/open day on Sunday 17 April and all levels of the game can be catered for, from absolute beginner to aspiring mid-career player to veteran. The club can offer practical advice, coaching and fun – the complete cricket experience.

Assistance with transport from club members is also offered. There is always room in cars for a lift.

Just contact Tim Pomeroy on 600287 to say where you are

coming from and he will try to get you transported to the ground on the day. The event will start at 12noon. Newcomers and those who would like to come out of retirement for the day are warmly invited.

The fortunes and fixtures of the club can be seen on their website [www.sannoxcricket-club.com](http://www.sannoxcricket-club.com)

Among the highlights of the coming season is another match with the Largs-based Silly Mid Offers and in September a match against a Sunday Times touring team. Sannox always invite visitors to the island to play or just come along and spectate.

First outdoor practise this year is on Thursday 14 April at 6pm at Sannox.

## Blackwaterfoot bowlers prepare for new season

The first rinks games of the season will be played at Blackwaterfoot club on April 9 at 2 pm, not on April 2 as was previously reported.

Colin Bannatyne will bowl the first jack of the season.

Colin is one of the club's founding members and has kindly agreed to inaugurate the new season.

This year the club will host the Arran Federation games and the committee are keen to see as many members and friends as possible.

We will welcome new members whether they are experienced bowlers or complete beginners and lessons can be arranged if necessary.

## Mixed darts competition

The final mixed-doubles darts competition of the season will be held at the Drift Inn next Friday (April 15) from 7.30pm. Come along with or without a partner.

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