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Santa and friends take a watery leap for charity

'It must be a touch of madness, but a great way to get rid of a hangover'

After a busy few days delivering presents around the island, Santa Claus was seen jumping into the sea off Lamlash pier on Boxing Day.

REPORT
 by **HOWARD DRIVER**
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 see 23 plucky souls, including Santa Claus and a black

and white Friesian cow, take the plunge into the icy waters of Lamlash bay at 2pm on Sunday December 26.

They were taking part in the fourth annual Lamlash Boxing Day Dook, and at the same time raising funds for the RNLI. Among them were Shonagh Murchie in a Santa suit and Yvonne Bailey dressed as an elfin helper.

The senior member of this crazy gang was former school-teacher Jim Arnold of Whiting Bay, and the black-and-white cow removed its head to reveal Richard Small, general manager of Auchrannie. Organisers Ian and Sally Hunter gave a thorough briefing before the start, and all swimmers had their temperature taken by Neil Bulger before and after taking the plunge to check for signs of hypothermia.

Ian told the swimmers that because of the strong onshore current it would be unsafe to swim right round the pier this year, so they would be walking into the water down the slip-way on the south side of the



The intrepid swimmers in Lamlash lifeboat station before taking to the sea on Boxing Day. 02_b53lam01

pier. He also strictly forbade anyone jumping directly into the sea.

He said: 'The shock would be too dangerous; if you want to swim to the end of the pier and climb up the ladder, then jump in, that would be OK.' Ian asked if there were any questions and Jim Arnold

asked: 'Yes, who are all these people with clothes on?'

But the crowd, who were well wrapped up against a biting wind, were more than happy to give their support to the intrepid swimmers, and donations the lifeboat.

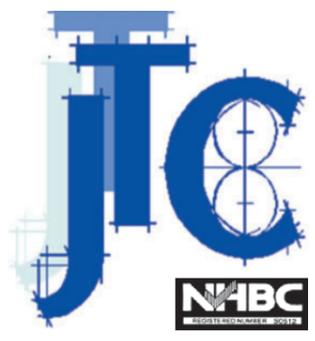
Mulled wine and mince pies awaited the swimmers, and

local lifeboat crew were in the water, in case of anyone getting into difficulties.

It was all over in a few chilling minutes and as he came out of the sea, Gary Tulloch declared with a grin: 'It must be a touch of madness, but a great way to get rid of a hangover.'



Jamie Murchie takes the plunge off Lamlash pier on Sunday. 02_b53lam02



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Bernie's lights brighten up Christmas

The original and still the best; that's Bernie Jackson's display of Christmas illuminations in Whiting Bay.

For 17 years now, Bernie has been transforming his front garden and house at 16, Montrose Terrace, into a winter wonderland of sparkling lights.

Every year his display becomes more imaginative, with additional pieces bought from a lighting specialist wholesaler in Preston.

Bernie said: 'It's become something of a tradition and people expect it now. Folk come from far and wide just to let the kids see the lights.'

'Yes, it does cost a few bob to run, but it's worth it to see their faces.'

Bernie always has a collection box at the gate for a local charity, and this year he is collecting for Whiting Bay Nursery Group.

If you haven't seen Bernie's lights yet, there's still time to call round over the festive season.



Janice McGunnigle with some of the pupils in Lamlash Primary School on her last day as a teacher. 02_b53jan01

A lifetime in teaching for Janice

Janice McGunnigle has hung up her mortarboard.

After 37 and-a-half years in the teaching profession, Janice has retired.

She has been ever-present in Lamlash Primary School for 34 years, the last 14 years as head teacher.

Qualified

Janice qualified at Jordanhill and taught for three-and-a-half years in Paisley before coming to the island.

Among the many changes in teaching in those years, she

named modern technology as probably the greatest. She also pointed to a significant drop in numbers, with the school roll falling from 115 to 62 children.

Janice said: 'I'm looking forward to choosing when I go on holiday, and spending more time with my husband and grandchildren.'

Arran's ferry leaving for annual service

Arran's ferry MV Caledonian Isles is leaving service next Saturday January 8 for her annual overhaul at the Garvel shipyard in Greenock.

She will be away for two weeks, and will be replaced by MV Clansman.

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Decision on houses deferred

A decision on an appeal against the refusal of planning permission for two houses at Kings Cross has been deferred to a future date.

The appeal against refusal for two three-bedroom detached houses at Seaside, Kings Cross was heard by the Local Review Body of North Ayrshire Council.

But the item was continued until a future meeting of the Planning Committee 'for further information' (from the applicant).

The application for two houses for agricultural workers for Robin's Herbs business was lodged on 5 May 2010 and subsequently refused by

NAC Planning Committee on 3 August. In considering the appeal, the Local Review Body agreed to accept further written submissions from the applicant on the ownership of the access road and bridge from Sandbraes, and confirmation that the applicant has permission to carry out necessary improvements to bring them to an acceptable standard.

Also, the Body will consider more information on the operational pattern of the business over the various months of the year in terms of volume of production and frequency and types of vehicles used.

Christmas tree drop-off for Brodick beach

Your old Christmas tree could help to save Brodick beach.

In last week's Banner we revealed that following completion of the beach restoration works by Murchie Sand and Gravel, there is a plan to help reinforce the beach barriers with old Christmas trees.

Harry Davidson of Brodick Improvements Committee said: 'This has been done on a number of beaches in Scotland. Discarded trees can be used in conjunction with chestnut pale fencing to aid sand stabilisation.'

The Improvements Commit-

tee is asking people to bring used Christmas trees through to Brodick beach after Twelfth Night. Harry added: 'After January 6 we would be pleased if folk could drop off old trees next to the bottle banks behind the public toilets adjacent to the beach.'

If you are not able to take your old tree through to Brodick, North Ayrshire Council is offering a kerbside collection service on your normal collection day in the week commencing 17 January. These trees will be taken to the waste transfer station.



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Shoplifting

On Wednesday 22 December a 21-year-old Saltcoats man was arrested and charged with alleged shoplifting in Brodick Co-op. A report has been sent to the Procurator Fiscal.

Drink driving

On the evening of Friday 24 December a 36-year-old Shiskine man was stopped on the String Road and charged with alleged drink driving.

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From left to right, Annie McKelvie, Jack Popplewell, Stephanie Van den Broek, Jemma Totty, Kyle Farquhar, Alfie Robinson, Isla Agnew, Kieran Geraghty, Harris McNicol and Harry Gilmore in the Brodick Nursery Christmas Nativity. Picture by Alex Ulivi.

MSP's budget claims slammed by council leader

Council leader, David O'Neill, has hit out at claims made by Arran's MSP that cuts to the local authority budget are not as severe as predicted.

He has questioned the figures quoted by Kenneth Gibson MSP in relation to the next year's budget.

Mr O'Neill said that while the cuts were not as high as expected, North Ayrshire Council (NAC) will still be forced to make considerable savings in the coming year.

NAC officials had predicted cuts of up to 22 per cent in its budget - around £64 million - over the next three years.

In reality the council is faced with a £5.56 million cut to their spending in the first year.

Kenneth Gibson MSP had welcomed news that that cuts to the council's budget would be less than thought.

Mr Gibson said: 'Westminster cuts imposed by the previous UK Labour government

on the Scottish Parliament Budget are 2.3 per cent this year and by the coalition will be 6.3 per cent next year and a further five per cent in total over the subsequent two years.'

But Councillor David O'Neill said that he believes the figures that have been quoted by Kenneth Gibson MSP do not take into account a number of important aspects.

Estimated

'The figure of £64 million represents the estimated gap between the council's outgoings and income over the next three years and is based on increasing budget commitments along with the estimated shortfall in government support,' said Mr O'Neill.

'While it is true that next year's financial settlement for North Ayrshire is less severe than expected, we do not expect the same for the following two years and are preparing for even larger

cuts to our funding support.' He added: 'North Ayrshire Council has consistently estimated that a £64 million funding gap will need to be addressed over a three-year period.'

'We have managed to reduce this gap to £41m by proactively identifying a wide range of efficiencies and savings.'

'As identified in the council's recent Straight Talking sessions, we face an ageing population, increasing demand for public services, challenging environmental targets and the impact of the recession on public spending.'

'All of these factors, along with uncertainty about future funding support, mean that we have to act right now in order to give Elected Members options for the future.'

'If the Scottish Government had decided to give local authorities a three year settlement we may have been able to look at this differently.'

Brodick Nursery brings Nativity story to life

Mary and Joseph, the wise men and angels and a whole host of animals took to the stage last week in the traditional Christmas nativity celebration at Brodick Nursery.

Charmed

The young actors charmed the audience with their singing and did a great job of remembering all their lines.

Nursery leader Vicki Yuill said: 'It was fan-

tastic to see so many parents, grandparents, family members and friends there.

'It was also really lovely to have the children from Brodick Primary school along to watch.'

'Thanks to parents for donating hamper items, the raffle raised £155 and a big thanks to Dawn, Cath and Clare for help with teas, coffees and raffle.'

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Arran Aromatics factory at Home Farm, Brodick. 02_b53arr01

MP hits out at removal of Pregnancy Grant

Arran's MP has hit out at a UK government bill which abolishes the Health in Pregnancy Grant.

The Health in Pregnancy Grant was introduced in April 2009 by the previous Labour Government to help pregnant women prepare for the birth of their baby.

It was not means tested or dependent on national insurance contributions and gave those who are at least 25 weeks pregnant a tax-free payment of £190 to help with the costs of pregnancy.

Katy Clark MP said: 'The grant has been hugely successful in assisting pregnant women since its introduction.

'All parents will know how much is involved

before the birth of a baby and the considerable cost that is involved. The grant was a measure to ensure that all mothers-to-be were best able to prepare for the birth of their child.'

Ms Clark added that more than one million mothers have benefited from the grant since its introduction 18 months ago.

Constituents

'I know of many constituents who have received the grant and were very grateful for the extra assistance it's provided,' she said.

'I am extremely disappointed that the bill successfully passed through the House of Commons and that Labour's tabled amendments were voted out by Coalition members.'

American training course for Andrew Russell

Andrew Russell, sales director of Arran Aromatics, aims to double the size of the flagship Arran company.

To that end, he is heading stateside in February for an intensive training course.

Andrew has won one of the sought-after places on the Entrepreneurship Development Programme to be held in Boston, Massachusetts in February.

He is one of six Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) sponsored delegates on this course run by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's (MIT) Sloan School of Management, described as 'an extremely intensive week.'

Andrew said: 'Specifically, I am going to learn how I can double the size of Arran Aromatics, through global sales and marketing, along with



Andrew Russell, sales director of Arran Aromatics. b53and01

the opportunity to get one-to-one coaching with MIT's key faculty members.

'It was recommended to me by our Relationship Manager David Smart who encouraged me to go after he won one of

the two places available to Network Staff in 2010.

'I was delighted to be short-listed for interview and travelled to Inverness to make my presentation and the case for why I should be selected and what this could do for Arran Aromatics. Not long after, I was delighted to receive news that I had won a place in Boston.'

Stephanie Anderson, HIE development manager, said: 'The course is aimed at the most ambitious global businesses with growth potential and aspirations.'

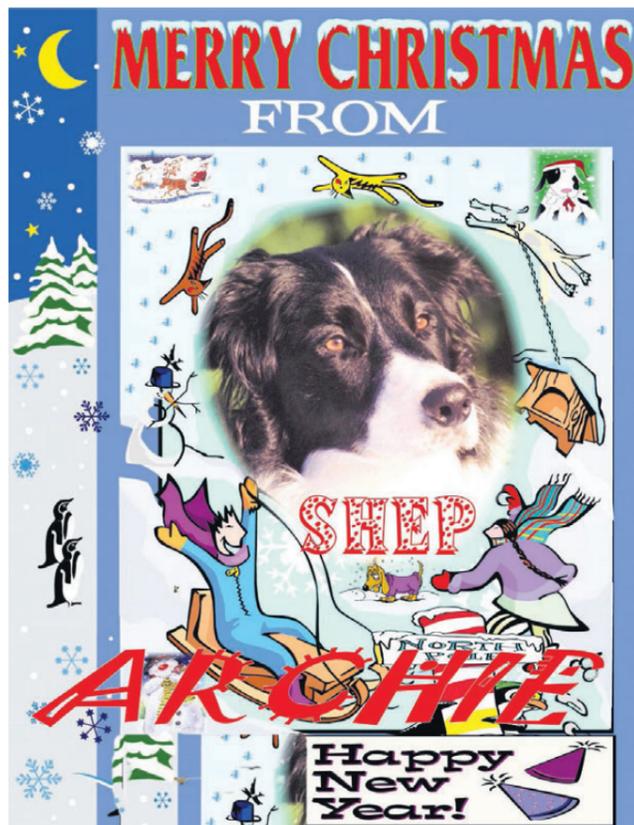
Andrew added: 'It is highly demanding and 18-hour days are the norm for the week as one goes through a full spectrum of business disciplines.'

Arran Aromatics was set up by Andrew's parents, Janet and Iain Russell in May 1989.

Canine Christmas card

Collie dog Shep from Crewe, Cheshire is one of Banner dog Archie's doggie pals.

Most weeks he manages to guess correctly 'Where's Archie' and he comes up to Arran regularly with his masters on holiday. Shep even pops into the Banner office and this year he has taken the trouble to send Archie this personalised Christmas card with festive greetings. b53shp01no



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Lamlash Golf Club

Due to the snowy weather conditions there was no golf last week.

Fixtures: (weather permitting) Thursday 30 December, 15 Hole Medal, make up own groups. Sunday 2 January, The Course Backwards, 10.30am for 11am start.

We wish all our members and friends a very happy New Year.

Arran Golfers Association

Sunday 9 January, Winter League, Duncan trophy 2010/2011, third round at Machrie Bay Golf Club. First off Machrie v Brodick at 8.30am, second off Whiting Bay v Shiskine at 9.20am. Last off Corrie v Lamlash at 11.50am. Like December at Corrie could all teams leave team sheets with first and last names and game and match scores for Dougie to pick up after the matches as it worked well and made the reports a lot easier.

Brodick Golf Club

No golf was possible over the Christmas period, here's hoping for better weather this weekend. **Fixtures:** Saturday 1 January, New Year Bottle, arrange your own game, or open draw at 12pm. Sunday 2 January, Play the course backwards, open draws at 9am and 12pm. Social Event, Friday 31 Dec, Hogmanay dinner in the Clubhouse, for details see notice in the Clubhouse or phone 302349.

Corrie Golf Club

Fixtures: Saturday 1 January, New Year Shield, one start at 11am. Monday 3 January, Monday Cup. Saturday 8 January, Winter Cup, 8.30am and 12pm. Guid New Year to all.

Lost

A black and white kitten with distinguishing features above it's eyebrows is missing in Lamlash.

Please call 600022 if you have seen it.



Kirstie Barton receives the badminton award from Prince Edward.

Kirstie's team is tops for badminton

Kirstie Barton and her fitness team have been presented with an award by HRH Prince Edward, Earl Of Wessex.

Kirstie is a former Arran High School pupil of Kilpatrick Farm, Blackwaterfoot, and is the Head of the School of Sport and Fitness at Cardonald College, Glasgow.

The award was from BadmintonSCOTLAND to show their appreciation of the college's continued support for the Badminton Carnivals and the International Badminton Championships.

Cardonald College sports students have been involved in delivering the Carnivals in conjunction with the International Badminton Championships for over seven years.

Over the course of the week, 3,000 school pupils from 13 different local authorities attend the carnivals.

Kirstie said: 'BadmintonSCOTLAND gave extremely positive feedback about our students and highly commended their commitment, enthusiasm and energy that they showed throughout the week.'

Angus Cook, 1966 – 2010

Over the years there have been a lot of local comments about local quizzes, but undoubtedly the most common was, 'Can anyone write a quiz that baffles Angus?'

Well, I am sure Stephen Hawking could have thrown together a few questions that would have troubled him, but I doubt the other contestants would have fared particularly well. However, there was a lot more to Angus Cook than being a good quiz man; he was more significantly a good friend to many. Angus loved sport. Unfortunately, ill-health as a youngster prevented him from participating as he would have wished. Instead he became an expert in his chosen subject. He was not only knowledgeable in the mainstream activities but across a whole range of sports. If after half an hour a few of us got frustrated at trying to remember the heptathlon events, someone would go and phone Angus.

Angus became a proficient



Angus Cook. 02_b51whb02

bowler and pool player and was a valued team member in both. He was a pub man and his friends will miss the craic they had together. Angus was close to and extremely fond of his brother Stuart, wife Anne and their two daughters Jenna and Gillian; like the rest of us they'll miss him greatly.

What wasn't said about Angus sums him up – in all the years I knew him I never heard anyone say a bad word about Angus Cook and I don't think there are many we can say that about.

Angus wasn't a religious person so we'll not make any rash promises about having a game of pool in the sky. Rather we'll content ourselves with hearing someone order a pint of Stella and smile at the memory of the laughs that we often enjoyed with Angus.

Yes, there was a lot more to Angus Cook than great general knowledge but I suspect that for some time to come winners of the local quizzes will reflect that under happier circumstances, they might have come second. MH

Auchrannie Winter Bowls

Results for Auchrannie Winter Bowls.

November 30, 13 bowlers, A Hobbs, N Pringle, P McKenzie; December 2, 15 bowlers, J McGovern, C Stead, P McCalla; December 7, 10 bowlers, K Kelsall, C Weir, C Haggerty; December 9, 14 bowlers, J Lauder, C Stead; December 14, 13 bowlers, T Wooden, C Stead; December 16, 12 bowlers, I Davidson, C Weir; December 21, seven bowlers, C Stead, P McCalla, C Haggerty.

The winter bowling will resume on Tuesday 4 January at 7pm and continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays until the end of

March 2011. The numbers of bowlers has been reduced due to the extremely cold weather and lack of heating because of costs.

It is hoped that as the weather improves the number of bowlers will increase and make games viable until the end of the season.

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What does the New Year hold?

As the New Year dawns on Saturday morning, what does it hold in store for us here on Arran?

And how can we sum up the year past? What have we lost and what have we gained?

We lost the String Road for six weeks, but eventually got it back again. Also lost was Brodick beach for 11 months after the exposure of a 50-year-old rubbish coup caused closure by the Council.

The full service at Kildonan Stores and Post Office went west, but re-opened in a different form at Kildonan Hotel.

The Bank of Scotland van was a goner when it went up in flames, but it was replaced with a newer one. And we appear to have lost a 'proper' advice service at the CAB in Park Terrace.

The island gained a super new clubhouse at Shiskine Golf Club and a new youth hostel at Lochranza. A new ferry service to mainland Ayrshire was mooted by Western Ferries, but it remains on the backburner.

Will 2011 bring forth any nice or nasty surprises?

Auchrannie will continue its steady long-term expansion with the opening of a new playbarn for residents' and island children.

That grand old lady of Arran, the Douglas Hotel, is shaping up for a re-opening before Easter after over a year's work and looks like providing a wonderfully imposing gateway to the island.

A first class new residential home for the elderly is on the cards to replace the rather tired Montrose House facility in Brodick. A new ferry linkspan and terminal office for Brodick is also on the drawing board, but may take a little longer.

Perhaps on the negative side, it remains clear that North Ayrshire Council will have to cut its coat according to its cloth, and there isn't as much cloth as there used to be. Council workers and island residents are likely to feel the pinch.

There will be cutbacks in public services somewhere and the feeling is that rural areas like Arran may be hardest hit. A council budget document has already identified a possible saving of over £50,000 by 'reorganising' Brodick Library.

Across the country, people are bracing themselves for a second wave of recession before things get any better. January and February are traditionally known as SAD months (Seasonal Affective Disorder, a condition exacerbated by lack of sunlight). For many it will be more sad than usual.

The words of the Bard, Robert Burns, were never more true: 'An' forward tho' I look I canna see. I guess an' fear.'

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'This is how God showed His love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.' (1 John 4:9-10)

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Letters to the Editor



Pessimistic outlook

Sir,
I am writing in reply to Mr Godwin from Penrith's very pessimistic outlook on life. Can I point out that that David Oakes actually said: 'People say that school days are the best days of your life, but actually some love school and others loathe it.... and that includes the staff!' Mr Godwin seems to be misinformed by the reporting of this momentous occasion. The event was thoroughly enjoyed by the numerous people who attended from far and wide. Several of those said it was: 'The best night they'd had in years'..... any comments Mr Godwin? I can only think that Mr Godwin has sadly had a very traumatic school life himself or has little else to fill his time. Perhaps we will invite him to join us at our next re-union.
Yours,
Fiona Carswell
By email

The A Word

Sir,
As we fast approach the end of 2010, I have started, like everyone to reflect over the memories of this year gone by.

In particular, a memory that burns brightly in my mind comes from July at the 80th birthday of my Grandpa, Mr William Currie, born in Lam-lash, a time when all the family got together once again at his home in Surrey to celebrate another year of this wonderful man with a 'wee snacky lunch' and a game of croquet!

In particular, what amazed me most about the birthday celebrations was the large amount of cards my grandpa was still receiving from residents of the Isle of Arran, despite moving from there over 40 years ago!

Within this time, the joke of 'How long will it be before Grandpa mentions The Isle of Arran this time?' has been more than a long-running joke to say the least at family get-togethers such as this one!

Despite the joke however, over these 80 years, Grandpa has delivered nothing but

wonderful tales of his childhood, growing up in Brodick.

Registered in my own mind from the stories my Grandpa has told, includes his first driving experience, back in early 1950.

A month ago when I finally passed my own test, he entertained me with the story of how he learnt to drive himself.

After returning from his year in the National Service, William Currie set out to find himself a job, which inevitably led him to the Post Office in Brodick.

Upon being asked by the Post Master, Mr Wilson, whether he could drive or not, my Grandpa replied with an honest 'No.'

Within moments of answering, he was swept up and taken for makeshift driving lessons in the local Post Office van by his own father, Jack Currie.

In less than 10 days, an official Post Office examiner from Glasgow was sent to test my Grandpa and no sooner had the test begun, William Currie had passed with flying colours and took to the roads of Arran, delivering letters to areas on the west of the island, including Machrie, Catacol, Lochranza and back down to Brodick.

Another story I recall was set back at The Douglas Hotel, Brodick, in late 1950 when William Currie and Audrey Bain first met.

Back in their late teens, my Grandpa was working as a trainee cook at the hotel, whilst my Grandma helped out with odd jobs around the hotel which was owned by her own Father, William Bain, at the time.

It was here a romance blossomed and little did they know, it would lead to a 55-year marriage.

Also, had it not been for this job at the Douglas Hotel, my Grandpa's career that excelled in the hotel business may not have become what it did, taking him all over the country including Glasgow and Edinburgh to all the way down here in the South of England.

I myself have only had the pleasure of visiting the island once so far in my 18 years, of

which I stayed in a delightful house, right on the seafront of Lamlash with a outstanding view of the picturesque Holy Isle.

At the time of our visit in 2001, I was only nine years old and despite only visiting for a week, I too withhold fond memories of the island, which I will deeply treasure, just like my Grandpa's.

Hopefully one day, I will revisit this beautiful place and add to my memories, so that I too can frequently quote 'the A word'.

Yours,
Morag Currie,
West Sussex

Salvation Army thanks

Sir,
The Salvation Army in Arran would like to say a big thank you to everybody who supported this year's Christmas Present Appeal, run in conjunction with the PHT, Lamlash, and the small Co-op in Brodick from 20th November until 15th December. This would not have been possible without the help of Julie Newall who has worked so hard to coordinate the appeal on Arran.

As a result of your generosity, many children have received gifts this year.

We are sure that your donations helped to brighten up many lives this Christmas. Without your gift, there will have been many children and families who might have received little or nothing on Christmas morning and on their behalf we also say 'thanks'.

May God bless you.

Yours,
Lexie Andrade
Territorial Envoy
Arran and Irvine

Festive lunch

Sir,
On Saturday 11 December 63 senior citizens from Kildonan, Kilmory and Sliderry sat down to a lovely Christmas lunch in Kildonan Hotel.

Thanks again go to Anne and Rod and staff for the comfortable surroundings and perfect

attention. We appreciate the kindness of all who gave donations and raffle prizes; you know who you are.

The highlight of the day as usual was a visit from Santa who had presents for everyone.

Local musicians provided great entertainment.

Thanks to you all.

Yours,
Edna Picken and
Margaret Mackenzie

Stamp out Poverty

Sir,
For several years now, a growing band of islanders have been saving the used stamps from their mail and passing them to me to deliver to Oxfam's stamp-expert David Tennant, based in Troon's Oxfam store.

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Phone me on 303912 and I will arrange to collect them, or if you are passing bring them to my house at Crimond in Strathwillan Road, Brodick.

A huge thank you to all the faithful individuals and businesses on Arran who help by collecting used stamps all year round.

They are all going to a very good cause.

The more the merrier; new savers are always welcome to join in, so pass the word to your friends. Happy Christmas to you all and here's hoping you all receive lots of letters cards and parcels despite the snow.

Yours,
Janet Baraclough
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Review of the year from January to June



George and Flora Lammie (left) took over the lease of the Arran Transport filling station in Brodick from Bob and Margaret Hadow (right) at the beginning of February. 01_b06pet01

Reflections on a year gone by

As 2010 draws to a close it is a time to look back and reflect on all that has happened this year.

With a tough year behind us it was clear that many saw 2010 as a new beginning but sadly this has been another tough year for businesses and residents on Arran.

We've reported on businesses changing hands, businesses being forced to adapt and sadly businesses closing.

We've seen the opening of the new Shiskine Golf Clubhouse and the newly refurbished Lochranza Youth Hostel.

We've covered the successes of Arran's school pupils, the accomplishments of local actors and the retirement of some after many years in a job.

In May we covered the general election and reported on Katy Clark's re-election as Arran's MP.

We brought you news of plans to close the String Road for more than a month and we allowed you to express your anger at the disruptions this caused.

Shoreline Closed

In March we told you of the rubbish that had been found strewn along Brodick Beach and the asbestos discovered a few weeks later that saw the shoreline closed for the entire summer.

We broke the news of Western Ferries' proposal to introduce a second ferry service to Arran and we had you all wondering what it would be like to be able to leave the island at 6am and return after midnight.

We covered the One Act Drama Festival, the music festival and the school shows.

And we were always happy to carry stories of daring deeds and impressive actions for charity.

But most of all we've made sure that readers of The Arran Banner never miss an important event from all corners as we continue to cover the daily comings and goings of life on the island.

For at the end of the day The Arran Banner is your newspaper and we couldn't produce it without you.

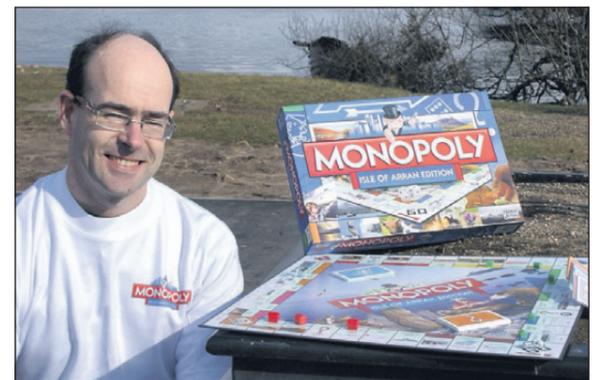


Freddie Bunyan of Brodick won the annual Arran Fairtrade Fortnight art competition in March. 01_b11fre01



In February, Gordon Ross, managing director of Western Ferries, announced that his company were hoping to provide a second ferry service for Arran that would run between Brodick and the mainland.

Photo courtesy of Greenock Telegraph.



At the end of March Graham Chappell launched the Isle of Arran edition of the much-loved board game Monopoly. Since then it has been sold to customers all over the world. 02_b12mon02

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That was the year



The prizewinners from this year's Isle of Arran Drama Festival that was held in the Lamash Community Theatre over three nights in March.

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An old boot and numerous glass bottles seen lying on Brodick beach in March. High tides were blamed for extensive erosion that resulted in rubbish from the old Invercloy coup being exposed and scattered along the beach.

01_b17rub01



Allan Nicol and Laura Selkirk are pictured taking part in the one act drama festival at the beginning of March. They both received strong praise for their performances in the play 'In Room 104'.

01_b10roo02



The headmistress of Brodick Primary School, Mrs Angie Fisher, retired at the beginning of April after nine years in the post. She is pictured after her retirement party at Brodick School with Clare Gilmore, chair of the parent council, rev Angus Adamson, and children Tom Griffiths, Sean Smith, Sam Reid, Thomas Gilmore, Tenzin Gautier and Jack Hirschfield.

02_b15ang01



The beach in Brodick was closed to the public in March – and remained closed until just weeks ago – after asbestos was found on the shore.

02_b13rub01



In February there was concerns that a hidden hazard on the new Brodick seafront walkway could be dangerous to drivers. The Rev Willie Wright and his dog Josh are pictured surveying the new pavement that cars were colliding with.

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The empty shell of the Bank of Scotland van is pictured in April after it caught fire just outside Whiting Bay.

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Local sculptor Tim Pomeroy is pictured with a huge block of Italian marble in March that he was turning into the new font for Glasgow Cathedral.



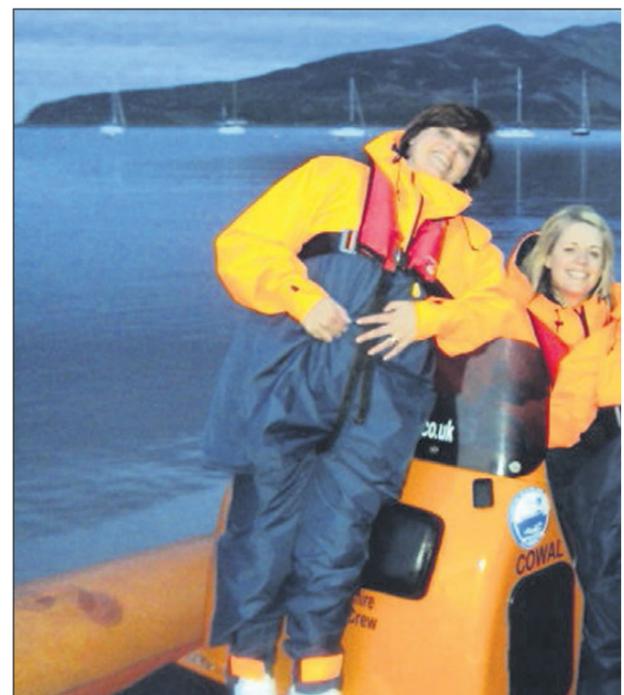
Arran High School pupils Katherine O'Donnelly, received the national Rotary Youth Speaks award.

David I.



At the beginning of June, path workers Shaun Shirkie, Alan Picken and Alec McMullen and project manager Bob Brown were airlifted to specially designed cabins on Goatfell where they spent the summer rebuilding footpaths.

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A stranded hen party was forced to hitch an unusual flight from London to Arran to be Kirsty West and her friends Lisa Morrison and McKinnon, caught the RIB from Ardrrossan to L.

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Catherine McEachern and Christopher Jenks re-ampion's trophy in May from RIBI president Fowler.



General election candidates Patricia Gibson (left) and Katy Clark (right) are pictured with Evelyn Sillars just before the hustings in Brodick Hall in May. Ms Clark was re-elected as Arran's MP on May 6. 01_b18hus01



Seventy-two year old Colin Mills from Shiskine walked the full 56 miles around Arran in May to raise money for Arthritis Care. 01_b18col01



After it was announced that Kildonan Stores was closing its doors in May, Anne and Rod Acuna (centre), owners of the village hotel, decided to open a shop in their premises. They are pictured with hotel operations manager Ryan Hughes (left) and Paris and Craig Hamilton (right). 02_b21ki01



Galvanised steel gates were erected at three sites on the String Road in May as the road was closed to motorists for six weeks while essential repairs were carried out. 01_b19gat02



The multi-talented Arran High School pupils put on a fantastic summer show in June as they performed 'We Will Rock You' to sell out crowds for three nights. 01_b26wrr02



Steve and Angela Frear, the new managers, celebrate the official opening of the refurbished Lochranza Youth Hostel in May.



Mark Bunyan is pictured giving blood for the 14th year at the end of May. Their was huge turn out of blood donors after the story of little Jessica Reid who is suffering from Leukaemia appeared in The Banner. 02_b22bl01



Annual ride back to Arran on a Sunday night in May. Alison, Jill Wilkinson, Judith Ross and sister Lorna Lamlash after the volcanic ash cloud caused their trip to be cancelled.



A burst water main in Lamlash in June saw a 35-foot jet of water spurting into the air for more than 20 minutes.



New high school teachers Jane Macbeth and David Lambert are pictured with headmaster Douglas Auld after they joined the school in May. 01_b21ahs01

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Eventful year in the world of politics

New Year message from Arran's MP

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The economy returned to growth in the first quarter of the year, unemployment started to fall and the recovery from the global recession was under way. The Tory led Government has placed this recovery at risk and locally we are now seeing an increase in unemployment.

The Labour Party has a new leader in Ed Miliband. Ed represents a new era. I hope the Party will now reconnect with ordinary working people and effectively fight the Tory policies coming from Westminster.

On a personal note I would like to once again express my gratitude for my re-election at May's election. It was a long election campaign but one that I thoroughly enjoyed.

It is a pleasure to represent the people of North Ayrshire and Arran.

I promise to work hard



Arran's MP Katy Clark.
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for my constituents in the coming year. I will oppose the Government's cuts agenda, fight for more resources for the people of North Ayrshire and Arran and action to revive the local economy.

I would like to wish everybody in North Ayrshire and Arran a Happy New Year. I look forward to representing you in 2011.



Magical Christmas fairy, Sheila Gilmore, helps the youngsters to make reindeer and Santa inspired decorations. 01_b52lib01



An excited youngster gets her hands on the glue as she makes a little Santa decoration for the tree. 01_b52lib02

Model behaviour from an excited group of children

In an attempt to use up some of their energy, Sheila Gilmore of North Ayrshire Council's Children's Outreach Services organised an afternoon of Christmas themed activities

for excited Brodick kids last week.

The youngsters gathered at Brodick Library and Sheila taught them how to make a model Santa Claus from a

loo roll and a lovely Rudolph the reindeer from two paper plates.

'The idea is to give them things to make that they could easily have done at home,'

said Sheila.

'There's no point giving them lots of fancy equipment to play with because they wouldn't be able to access it at home.'

Check you are getting best energy deal urges MSP

In response to price increases of 5.1 per cent on electricity announced by npower at a time when profits have risen across the sector by 38 per cent since September and we are in the grip of a cold winter, Arran's MSP Kenneth Gibson said: 'This is more bad news for islanders.

'npower customers may have expected this after increases from other firms, but that won't make them any less worried about paying their bills this winter.

'With four of the big

six suppliers having now announced price rises the focus on Ofgem's recently announced review of whether energy prices are justified will be even sharper.

'The UK Government must take action if it is found companies are acting in collusion against the public interest. Meanwhile, consumers should check they are getting the best energy deal and if not, switch supplier. Even changing the tariff or payment method with an existing supplier can result

in big savings.

'The four suppliers who announced increases have raised prices include Scottish Gas, Scottish and Southern Energy and Scottish Power which increased electricity by 7 per cent, 9.4 per cent and 8.9 per cent.

'Islanders can decide which tariff and supplier is best for them by visiting one of the price comparison websites accredited to the Consumer Focus Confidence Code. This guarantees that the site is independent and impartial,

well managed with up-to-date data. There are 12 Confidence Code accredited sites, nine of which also have a telephone service: BeatthatQuote.com: 0845 652 1546, Confused.com, Energy Helpline: 0800 074 0745, Energylinx: 0800 849 7077, Fuelswitch, Moneysupermarket.com: 0845 345 1296, Simply switch: 08000 111 395, TheEnergyShop.com: 0845 330 7247, UK Power: 0800 093 2447, Unravelit, Uswitch: 0800 404 7908, Which? Switch: 01992 822 867.

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Last week Archie was trying hard to be a good boy while visiting Santa Claus in his grotto in the Smuggler's Cottage at Lochranza distillery. This week he has been enjoying the thick covering of snow and playing with his favourite Frisbee, but where is that snowy field?

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Santa's Social Scene

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Santa Claus was busy doing his rounds of all the good boys and girls on Arran last week. We caught up with him at the Kilmory Farmers Market, the Lamlash Boxing Day Dook, and Kilmory WRI Christmas Eve children's party. He even took time to pop into Cooriedoon Care Home in Whiting Bay to hand out gifts to the residents on Christmas Day morning. By now he will probably be putting his feet up for a well-earned rest.



Santa called into Cooriedoon Care Home on Christmas Day with gifts for all the residents, including these three ladies; from left, Margaret Mills, Helen MacDonald and Margaret MacKenzie. b53san02



Chloe MacMillan was delighted with this gift from Santa on Christmas Eve. 02_b53san03



One-week-old Holly Buckby was the youngest child at the Kilmory Rural party. Mum Morven took her on to the stage to see Santa. 02_b53san05



Santa popped in to Kilmory Farmers Market. Here he is with, from left, Abbie Mulholland, Elaine Davish, Ian Gold and Erin Mulholland. b53san04



These youngsters sold home-made Christmas decorations in aid of Kilmory Youth Club. They are, from left, Abbie Mulholland, Elaine and John Davish, Erin Mulholland, Zoe Clark, Rachel McKinnon and Natasha Murray. b53san06



Reuben Bowers gets a gift from Santa watched by mum Mary and young sister Ella in Kilmory Hall on Christmas Eve. 02_b53san01



Jamie Picken helps Santa into Kilmory Hall on Christmas Eve on his new high-rise sleigh. 02_b53san08



Santa and his little helpers even took time to join in at the Lamlash Boxing Day Dook. 02_b53san07

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PERSONAL

Linda Taylor, North Corriegills, wishes all her friends and neighbours a happy and prosperous New Year and thanks them for all their support over the past six months.

Wishing my friends and neighbours a peaceful and healthy New Year.
Christine Hamilton

BUNTY wishes to say thank you to all her friends for their gifts and cards and most of all their kindness in coming to spend some time with her on her **90th birthday.** She thoroughly enjoyed the day.

Tommy Campbell and Tom and Marian wish all our friends a healthy and prosperous New Year and thank them all again for their support over the last few weeks.

Happy New Year to all the Whiting Bay Unsung Heroes, the Hall Committee, and The Improvements, the WRI and all the other groups who work quietly away. Uppermost on the list this year has to be Chris Marriot, out clearing the roads of snow around the village, giving of his time and machinery. Chris gets a standing ovation!



ALEX RAEBURN
 Alex moved to New Zealand four years ago having already got a degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering from Herriot Watt University in Edinburgh. She has just gained a postgraduate diploma in secondary teaching in Invercargill, New Zealand. Alex starts her first job teaching maths and physics at Southland Girls High School. Invercargill NZ in February. Woohoo..... Great big proud hugs and kisses from Mum, Angus and Libby. xxx



David Weir youngest son of DG and Charlotte Weir, Bailemargaidh, Blackwaterfoot, married Kara Fraser, only daughter of Helen and the late Stewart Fraser, Jordanhill Glasgow, at Elie Church of Scotland, Fife on the 23rd October. They are at present on their honeymoon in Uppingham, East Midlands, England.

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All scheduled Boxing Day sailings were cancelled.

Rowan concert

The Rowan Singers held their 10th Christmas Concert in Whiting Bay village hall on Friday night.

Stuart Gough read delightful passages from Molly Weir's 'Shoes were made for Sunday,' David Hughes sang two Christmas songs, 'Little Donkey' and 'White Christmas' and the Inglewood Players performed 'Walking in the Air', the theme from 'The Snowman'. All profits will go to Yorkhill Hospital for Sick Children.

Fiesta from Ribbeck's

The new Ford Fiesta range of cars will be available from Ribbeck's Garage at Shore car park, Brodick.

Morag's hamper

Morag Grieve of Kilmory won a food hamper for most closely guessing the number of goals conceded by Southend United football club in the last seven seasons.



Morag Grieve with her food hamper won for guessing the number of goals conceded by Southend United in the last seven seasons. b53twe04

She guessed 1,200 but they had only let in a mere 1,197, including own goals.

Hogmanay at Andy's

The Tumblin' Wilkies and Local Boys Make Good will be the headline acts at Andy's Place in Lamlash on Hogmanay and New Year's Day night.

Alan goes to Gulf

On Boxing Day Brodick lad Corporal Alan Dickie transferred with his unit from Germany to the Gulf in the build up to the Gulf War.

Twenty-nine-year-old Alan has been in the Army catering Corps for over 10 years and went to Brodick Primary and Arran High School.

Prowler in Lamlash

There is a report of someone prowling around Murray Estate in the hours of darkness. Footprints have been seen in gardens, and fences knocked down. Police advise that residents should be locking their doors.

Iain's champion duck

Iain Murchie of Lamlash won the annual Boxing Day duck derby in Blackwaterfoot.

Julia Stewart's duck came second and Ken McEwan's third. The ducks are going into hibernation until the Shiskine Valley Sports day duck derby.



A net was cast across the mouth of the burn to catch the ducks at Balckwaterfoot on Boxing Day. b53twe03

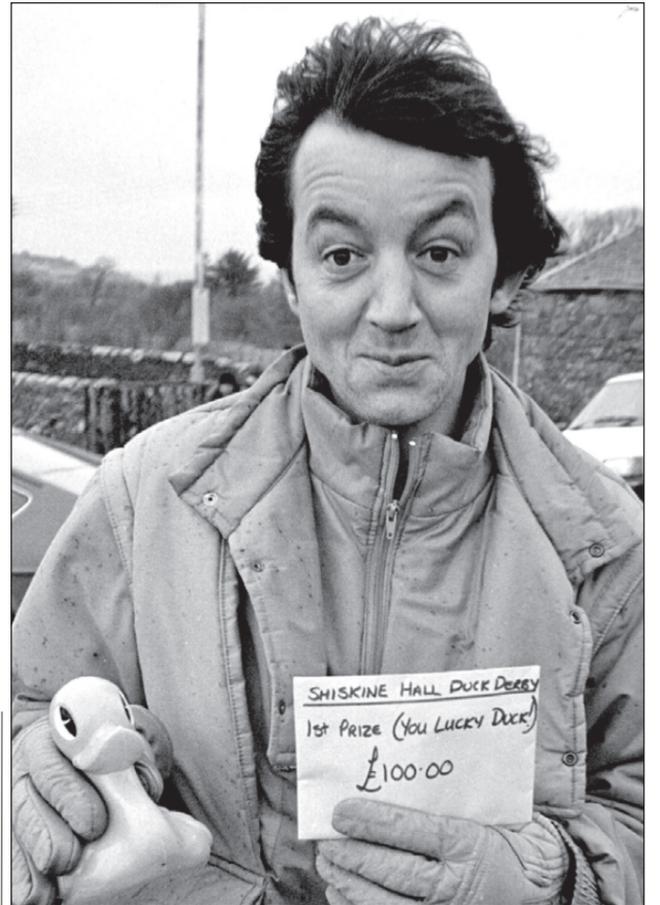


Young Ailsa Barr and her mother Susan were pleased to meet Santa in Kilmory Hall at the WRI children's party on Christmas Eve. b53twe01

Kelso's milk round

The Kelso family has been delivering milk in Whiting Bay for over 100 years and more recently in Kildonan.

Johnnie would like to thank everyone for their loyalty to him and hopes they will give their support to Arran Dairies who have taken on the milk round by mutual arrangement.



Iain Murchie of Lamlash won the Shiskine Hall Boxing Day duck derby. b53twe02

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WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND (SC014005)

Sunday 2 January
Worship will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson, at 10.30am. Tea and coffee will be served in the Transept after the service.
All most welcome.
There will be a service in Cooridoon at 2.30pm and in Craigelea at 3.15pm to which all friends are welcome

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday Morning Mass 11am
New Year's Day Mass 11am

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**ARNOLD - ENA**

Jackie, Ian and Jim would like to thank relatives, friends, neighbours and colleagues for letters, cards, emails, phone calls, home baking and visits on the occasion of their recent bereavement. They also thank Rev Elizabeth Watson for the service that well celebrated Ena's life; Douglas Hamilton for playing the hymns at the pace (!) Ena preferred; David and Clair Hendry for sensitive and sympathetic undertaking work; Alastair for being a kindly chauffeur and the Brodict Bar for a warm welcome and good food.

They also take the opportunity of thanking those people who helped Ena find fun and happiness in her four and a half years without her husband Jimmy: the district nurses; North Ayrshire homecarers; staff at the Medical Centre and AWMH; Elizabeth's Wednesday sitters; Stronach House; the Museum volunteers; the Museum tearoom staff; her immediate neighbours; and the children who visited and had some kind of unspoken but twinkling relationship with her.

BELL - THELMA

of Bridgend Cottage, Shiskine.
Passed away on 10th December in Crosshouse Hospital.
Robin, Christine and family would like to thank all of the care workers, Montrose House and day centre staff, doctors and nurses and Diana Turbett for their support and assistance over the years.
The funeral was held at the crematorium, Dreghorn on Thursday 16th December.

DEATHS**MURRAY - DOUGIE**

Peacefully, at home after a long illness bravely borne on Tuesday 28th December 2010. Dougie, aged 69 years, beloved husband of Margaret, dear Dad of John and Judith and loving grandfather. Graveside service at Kilmory Cemetery on Friday 7th January 2011 at 12 noon to which all relatives and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Prostate Cancer.

RINTOUL - GORDON

Peacefully, at home, on Wednesday 22nd December 2010, Gordon, beloved husband of Doreen and much loved father or Ross. He will be greatly missed by his grandson Liath, daughter-in-law Yoshiko and faithful dog Poppy. Funeral service takes place at Holmsford Bridge Crematorium, Dreghorn, at 1pm on Friday, 31st December, to which all are invited. No flowers please. Coach provided from and to Ardrossan ferry.

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SATURDAY 1st JANUARY

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Brodict Castle, Shop and Tearoom 11am - 4pm
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
New Years Day Ceilidh Brodict Hall, 7.30pm for 8pm
New Year Dance Kildonan Hall, 10pm - late

SUNDAY 2nd JANUARY

Alcoholics Anonymous Church Hall, Brodict, 4.30pm
Brodict Castle, Shop and Tearoom 11am - 4pm
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
New Year Dance with DJ Alan Little Catacol Bay Hotel, 9pm
Lamlash Golf Club, 9pm

MONDAY 3rd JANUARY

Over 50's Badminton Lochranza Village Hall 2pm - 4pm
Badminton Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Citizens Advice Open 10am - 2pm
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
Junior Basketball (P1 - P7) Games Hall, High School 6pm - 7.30pm
Senior Fitness 9.30am to 10.30am Auchrannie Gym
BreathWalk Class Kinneil, Lamlash 5.15pm
Quiz Bar Eden, Whiting Bay, 8.30pm
Lamlash Bridge Club Lamlash Golf Club, 7.15pm
Circuit Training Auchrannie Gym, 6pm - 7pm
Table Tennis Corrie Hall, 6.30pm
Badminton Auchrannie Gym, 7pm - 9pm

TUESDAY 4th JANUARY

Lochranza Swimming Club Kinloch 11am - 12pm
Army Cadets Auchrannie Road, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Pop Quiz Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Alcoholics Anonymous Brodict Church Hall - 2pm
Citizens Advice Open 10am - 2pm 4 - 6pm (Appointment Only)
Youth Club Kildonan Hall - 6.30pm
Rotary Club Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie 7.15pm
Junior Hockey Club Ormidale Pavillion, 6-7pm
Open Music Session Catacol Bay Hotel, 8.30pm

Motocross Practice (Weather Permitting) Southbank Farm Track, 6pm
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 Brodict Church Hall, 7.30pm
Indoor Bowls Corrie Hall, 2pm - 4pm
Youth Club Brodict Hall, 6.30pm - 8pm
Cricket Arran High School. 7pm

WEDNESDAY 5th JANUARY

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
Learn to Salsa Cruize, 7pm - 8.15pm

THURSDAY 6th JANUARY

General Knowledge Quiz Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Citizens Advice Open 10am - 2pm
Arran Music & Drama 'Sweeny Todd' Rehearsals Brodict 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
Brodict Bridge Club Golf Clubhouse
Athletics High School Games Hall, 4.45pm - 6pm
Senior Fitness 9.30am to 11.30am Auchrannie Spa Gym
Ladies Night Bar Eden, Whiting Bay
Pilates 6 pm to 7pm Auchrannie Studio
Pub Quiz Kinloch Hotel, 9pm
Ladies Night Bar Eden, Whiting Bay
Royal British Legion (Arran Branch) AGM Maclaren Hotel, 2pm

FRIDAY 7th JANUARY

Arran Pipe Band Practice Brodict Hall, 7.30pm
Brodict Castle, Shop and Tearoom 11am - 4pm
Citizens Advice Open 10am - 2pm
Quiz Whiting Bay Golf Club, 9pm
Aquafizz 9.45am to 10.30am Auchrannie Hotel Pool
Yogalates 10am to 11am Auchrannie Studio
DJ Bar Eden, Whiting Bay, 9pm - 1am
Ladies Indoor Bowls Brodict Church Hall, 2pm
Mens Indoor Bowls Brodict Church Hall, 7.30pm
Over 21's Disco The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm

SATURDAY 8th JANUARY

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Registration at your catchment area school does not guarantee entry to that school.
Carol Kirk, Corporate Director (Education and Skills)

NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR DOMESTIC REFUSE & RECYCLING COLLECTIONS FOR ISLE OF ARRAN

Domestic refuse collections over the festive period will be as follows:

Normal Collection Day	Revised Collection Day
Monday 27 December 2010	Wednesday 29 December 2010
Tuesday 28 December 2010	Thursday 30 December 2010
Wednesday 29 December 2010	Friday 31 December 2010
Monday 3 January 2011	Wednesday 5 January 2011
Tuesday 4 January 2011	Thursday 6 January 2011
Wednesday 5 January 2011	Friday 7 January 2011

Offices will be closed on Monday 27, Tuesday 28 and from 1pm on 31 December 2010. Offices are also closed on Monday 3 and Tuesday 4 January 2011.

Any additional refuse can be taken to the local Transfer Station. The Transfer Station will be closed 25 - 28 December 2010 and 1 - 4 January 2011, but will be open as normal every other day.

Please place any large items of cardboard beside your blue wheeled bin on the day of collection. As in previous years the Cleansing Department will uplift Christmas trees for disposal. These should be placed beside the wheeled bin on the day of collection week commencing 17 January 2011.

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

Applications listed below together with the plans and other documents 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.
Written representations may be made to the Solicitor to the Council (Corporate Services) at the address below by **21 January 2011**.
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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008

Notice of application to be published under regulation 20(1)
Application No:10/00808/PP Address: Site to North of Brodict Bowling Club, Brodict, Isle of Arran Proposed development: Erection of clubhouse building

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 AND THE NORTH AYRSHIRE OUTDOOR ACCESS STRATEGY

North Ayrshire Council is revising the North Ayrshire Outdoor Access Strategy and has determined (after consultation with the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency, Scottish Natural Heritage and Historic Scotland) it is not likely to have significant environmental effects within the context of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005. Strategic Environmental Assessment is therefore not required.

Further information on the Outdoor Access Strategy and determination can be obtained from the Access Officer, North Ayrshire Council, Corporate Services - Planning, Cunninghame House, Irvine, KA12 8EE. The determination can be inspected at the above location and at the Council Office, Lamlash, Isle of Arran KA27 8JY. It can also be viewed on the Council's website at www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/outdooraccess

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Sports review of the year



Niall McMaster and Murray Picken won the Arran Pool doubles trophy for the first time together in March. 01_b13dou01



Dougie Bell from Lochranza proudly displays the Arran Pool Singles trophy that he won after defeating Gavin Lowe in the final in March. 01_b13sin01

Sporting stars shone throughout 2010

Sport forms a very important part of The Arran Banner each week and the editions throughout 2010 were no exception.

Islanders have once again proved themselves to be at the top of their individual games with trophies galore.

We have brought you a small selection of some of those successes as we look back on the year and prepare to celebrate the beginning of a new one.



Jack Murchie and his dog Gem are pictured in May receiving the Learig Cup from dog trial chairman Susie Murchie. 02_b20dog01



In May Sheena Miller and her grandson Jamie presented the Ann Miller Cup to Brodick captain, Alan Miller, who also happens to be Sheena's son. 01_b19ann01



Southend are pictured celebrating after they won the Arran Haulage Cup for the second year running in May. 01_b21soc01



Brodick won the centenary Hope Cup tournament at Corrie Golf Club in June after beating semi-finalists Whiting Bay. 02_b27hop01



Southend were the winners of the first Northend Super Sevens Soccer Competition at the beginning of May. 01_b19soc03



Euan Ingram won the McLean Quaich for fourth time at the end of February after he came out top in the pool champion of champions tournament. 02_b11eua01



Lindsay Wheeler from Corrie was part of the Scotland Women's rugby team that beat France for the first time in 12 years at home in February during the Six Nations campaign.



TeamGoil of Whiting Bay, formerly the Cameronia, celebrate after defeating the PHT by eight games to four to lift the Lamlash Garage pool shield in January.



Ellie Miller and Harry Anderson were crowned champions at this year's primary school swimming gala in May. 01_b21gal01



The Arran squad at the rugby sevens tournament in April after winning the plate final. 02_b15rug04



Connor Smith of Machrie was celebrating incredible success on the junior quad biking circuit in February.



Lizanne Dixon from Whiting Bay was joint third in her group at the Arran Karate championship finals in March despite only taking up the sport in December.

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Sports review of the year



Arran's top young sailors, Rory Hunter, Scott Currie, Neil Hunter travelled to Hayling Island at the end of May to take part in the National Feva Sailing Championship with Erin Mills from Loch Tummel Sailing Club.



Claiming victory in the MacKenzie Memorial Darts competition in March were Susan Logan of Catacol and Kevin Jackson from Whiting Bay.



In May three lady golfers celebrated success. Jerry Arthur is pictured with the Flockhart Trophy, Ellie Jones winner of the Island Championship trophy and Elizabeth Ross with the Drumadoon Tray.



The Lamash ladies won the Arran Ladies Golf Union Kiscadale Salver in May. They are pictured with the members from the other three clubs.



Machrie Bay Golf Club's 2010 champions pictured in July: from left to right; Willie Kelso – gents champion, Jenni Turnbull – ladies champion and Donald Logan – winner of the Presidents Cup.



Youngsters Ben Leslie and Hannah Bone were named Lamash Primary School's golf champions in July.



Shiskine Golf Club's new champions were crowned in June. From left to right, David Henderson – winner of the Duiskey Cup, Fiona Crawford – ladies champion and gents champion Hamish Bannatyne.



In July Malcolm Pennycott and Susan Kidston won the gents and ladies championship at Whiting Bay Golf Club.



Young rugby star Matt Evans of Lamash made a triumphant come back to the sport in November when he joined new club Kilmarnock after several months out because of a serious knee injury.



Ewan McKinnon is congratulated by runner-up Donald Logan after the younger golfer won the Corrie Golf Club championship in July.

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