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# HAPPY NEW YEAR

## Community opposition grows in Holy Isle wind farm fight

### Council to continue to accept late objections

The controversial wind farm development on the Holy Isle has received a setback after Arran Community Council came out strongly against the plans.

The community council has submitted a lengthy objection to planning officials at North Ayrshire Council outlining a number of reasons why the proposal for six wind turbines on the island should be turned down.

Members held an emergency meeting to discuss the plans last week so they could respond in what they called the 'tight schedules set' after they were refused more time to gather the views of the community.

The Rokpa Trust, which runs Holy Isle, has applied to build three wind turbines at each end of the island, which they say will provide the majority of their electricity needs.

The planning department has been swamped by the number of objections and the application page confirms planners are experiencing

**REPORT**  
by HUGH BOAG  
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'high work volumes relating to representations', several of which support the plans.

As a result, while the official date for representations has expired, the council says it will continue to accept late objections until the application is decided, probably later this month.

Holy Isle is classified as a 'Special Landscape Area' and has a 'Coastal Classification' as 'undeveloped' in the North Ayrshire Council Local Development Plan which, the community council says, the application clearly breaches.

It's 1,000-word objection states: 'We believe that there are no specific operational needs for the proposal and that no feasible alternatives have been explored. Nor do we believe that social and economic benefits for the greater community outweigh the environmental loss. In any case the North Ayrshire Coastal Design Guidance

calls for an environmental statement in an application of this type, we don't believe any argument for the proposal could be made.'

The community council insist it is not necessarily against wind turbines, but has considered this application against the relevant NAC conditions for the specific location.

'We would also wish to record that any consideration of this application would clearly impact on similar applications, particularly on the south end of Arran, which could lead to precedence being set,' members said.

In other determining factors the council stated: 'Any reference to community benefit is limited to the applicants' specific community and does not affect the wider population.'

It has also requested that any revisions or amendments to the current proposal in the application are notified to the community council and other interested residents before

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Janies staff enjoying a well earned cup of tea and sampling some of their tasty produce, with their trophy on display. Owner Janie MacIntyre is seated centre with (l to r) Sarah Wilson, Stacey Gordon, Linda Heinemeir and Hannah Currie.

### Everything stops for tea at Janies

Janies tearoom at Home Farm has won the VisitArran magazine competition for the best home baking. All the staff at Janies bake as part of their jobs, and create the delicious cakes, scones and traybakes on offer to their customers.

Runners up in this close competition were the Old Pier Cafe in Lamlash.

Sheila Gilmore of VisitArran said: 'I think the number of entries we had highlights how much visitors, and locals on Arran appreciate really good home baking. We had a tremendous amount of positive feedback, and with 2015 being the Year of Food and Drink, I think it's fair to say you can't beat a good Arran score!'



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# Boxing Day battering as more winter storms head this way

The storms which brought misery to thousands in Yorkshire and Cumbria over Christmas moved northwards over Arran on Boxing Day but, thankfully, the torrential downpours had dissipated slightly by the time they reached the island's shores.

Still, the heavy rains and high winds were enough to cause some localised flooding in lower lying areas such as the small Brodick Co-op which saw its car park flooded and debris washed up on the seafront. It was a similar story in Lamlash as a high tide brought

the water level to near the top of the pier and seaweed was strewn across the dry standing at the Lamlash Yacht Club.

### High risk

The Scottish Environment Protections Agency say there is a high risk of flooding to coastal areas around Arran with Lamlash Bay particularly at risk. High winds are also predicted.

So with more storms on the way it looks like islanders will have to batten down the hatches again over New Year.

## Arran Community Council comes out strongly against Holy Isle windfarm plans

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a decision is taken, regardless of how minor such amendments may be.

It added: 'The timescale we have been allocated to consider this application and consult with all sectors of the community is considered to have been unnecessarily curtailed. We have had no more time to consider this than normally allocated to standard applications and it has been required to have been undertaken when many other organisations, local groups and interested parties have been unavailable.'

Glasgow Prestwick Airport

has also objected to the application saying that it would have to reroute some flights away from the turbines which would be shown as 'clutter' on the radar displays and have also expressed concern that the 'clutter' is within five nautical miles of the Brodick heliport.

The Rokpa Trust previously told The Banner that other methods of power generation had been considered, such as solar and biomass, but that wind was seen as the most effective way of harnessing power.

It added it was on a small scale and not a large commer-

cial project.

A North Ayrshire Council spokesman said: 'The statutory period for the receipt of representations, as indicated within the press notice, expired on December 18, 2015.'

'However it is North Ayrshire Council's practice to continue to accept representations up to the point when the application would be determined. It is not currently anticipated that we will determine the application prior to January 16, 2016. However we would encourage all parties to make their submissions at the earliest possible date.'



Lamlash pier received a battering on Boxing Day. 02\_b01storm01



Waves crashed onto the shorefront flooding the small Co-op car park. 02\_b01storm02



The putting green in Brodick was submerged by rising seawater. 02\_b01storm03

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# Travelling public get the chance to air their views

The public will get another chance to have their say on the new pier, the new ferry and other travel concerns for Arran at a meeting to be held later this month.

The Isle of Arran Ferry Committee has arranged a public meeting with Transport Scotland, CMAL and other interested parties to be held in Brodick Hall on Monday January 18 at 7.30pm.

'The ferry committee has been working towards such a meeting since last June and it is hoped that some answers to the frequently asked questions will be forthcoming, given that we will have all relevant parties in the room at the same time,' a spokesman said. The meeting will be chaired by Sir Kenneth Calman, the former National Trust for Scotland chairman and a regular visitor to Arran.

Meanwhile, it has been confirmed that the new ferry terminal will definitely not have a ramp. Instead, it will have two lifts and two sets of stairs to take passengers to and from the first floor passenger lounge.

Questions were asked at the

consultation meeting, held by Caledonian Marine Assets Ltd (CMAL) in Brodick last month, about access to the new terminal building which have now been answered online.

One was: 'Why have no escalators or travellers been included in the design?' CMAL has replied: 'A decision was taken early on in the design process not to include escalators due to their space requirements, their large capital and maintenance costs and also for safety reasons - they are not suitable for carrying bulky luggage.'

### Feedback

It was also asked about the installation of ramps, but has replied: 'Ramps were considered as an option but their inclusion doubled the width of the terminal building and added 80m to the length of the journey to the vessel. Feedback was sought from the public and it was found that stairs and a lift were preferred.'

Asked how the lifts would cope with the volume of traffic, CMAL said: 'The lifts can transport half the numbers of



An artists' impression of the new ferry terminal.

passengers for a full vessel in 20 minutes. It is not anticipated that all passengers will arrive at the ferry terminal at the same time.'

All the questions and answers asked at the meeting are now available online along with the proposal update, which has artists' im-

pressions and diagrams of how the development will take shape during the five phases of construction over the next 18 months.

Preliminary works are already underway with contractor George Leslie Ltd due to officially start work on site on Monday, January 11.

Meanwhile, the MV Clansman is scheduled to take over as the relief ferry on Saturday (January 2) while the MV Caledonian Isles undertakes her annual refit.

See the CMAL website at: [www.cmassets.co.uk/brodick-public-meeting-presentation](http://www.cmassets.co.uk/brodick-public-meeting-presentation)

## Diana misses out on top spot

Arran's Diana Hamilton just missed out on the top spot in the BBC Radio 3 Carol Competition 2015, which was decided by a public vote last week.

The amateur composers had to set music to a new poem by Roger McGough, titled Comes the Light, commissioned by BBC Radio 3's Breakfast Show. All the carols, including Diana's excellent entry, are available online.

Diana, from Lamlash, is the conductor of the Arran Singers.

## Postal praise

Hats off to the Arran postal staff who do a tremendous job at Christmas. But in particular for one delivery which they made with a Christmas card from someone's elderly cousin in London.

It simply had a surname and the address: Isle of Arran, Scotland, but it was safely posted through the grateful recipient's door.



Jemma Totty, centre, with her prize and other members of the club. b01natural01no

## Jemma is top young naturalist

Jemma Totty from Lamlash has been named the Young Naturalist of the Year for 2015, with Jack Popplewell and Innes McNicol the runners up.

Brodick Country Park and Goatfell Ranger Team organise a young naturalist club for six to 11-year-olds.

Held on the second Saturday of the month, the children get out and about to discover more about the wildlife on their doorstep and to have lots of outdoor fun.

Anyone interested should contact the Rang-

er Service to find out more at: [goatfell@nts.org.uk](mailto:goatfell@nts.org.uk).

Meanwhile, eight-year-old Jemma also featured on the Colin McArdle show on West FM last Monday morning when she took part in a radio quiz called Kids do Thingummyjiggy. Jemma played against Lee from Cumnock, winning the contest by correctly guessing five answers in 30 seconds. Confident Jemma also shared with the listeners her menagerie of pets which include fish, guinea pigs and a chicken.

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## Shop Arran hamper winners delighted

As part of the Shop Arran event held recently, shoppers were entered into a draw to win a large luxury hamper with their purchases. One entry was made for every three purchases and participating shops donated goods to fill the hamper which eventually grew so large that a second and third prize had to be made up.

The lucky winners were drawn by impartial VistAr-

ran representatives who announced the lucky winner as Helen Amsing of Lamlash.

Second prize went to Shona Kelly from Stevenston, who said: 'I love shopping in Arran and managed to buy all of my Christmas presents there this year. I am delighted with my hamper.'

Third prize went to Lily Smith of Machrie who was equally delighted. Congratulations to all of the winners.



Visit Arran's Sheila Gilmore and Cil Paul draw the prize winners. 02\_b52hamper01



Chris Rose, in the checked shirt, with committee members.

## 'Being a bird artist' talk

At the last monthly meeting of the Arran Natural History Society, Chris Rose gave an outstanding insight into being a bird artist, writes Jim Casseles.

Chris talked the audience through his work both as an artist and as an illustrator, describing the processes involved in producing both book illustrations and his large studio paintings. Those present were captivated by his presentation which included some step-by-step images showing progressions from ideas to fully finished artworks. It was absolutely fascinating. He proved to be an excellent speaker with lovely touches of humour to enhance his undoubted artistic talent.

Chris specialises in wildlife within the landscape. He has been secretary of the Society of Wildlife Artists (SWLA), based in London, for the last six years prior to which he served for six years on the board of governors of the Federation of British Artists (FBA). In addition to exhib-

iting in the SWLA annual show, Chris has exhibited widely throughout the UK and has had several one-man exhibitions in Scotland and England.

In 2011 he held an exhibition at the Air Gallery in Mayfair, London, in collaboration with the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) in support of albatross conservation. He has also had work selected for North America's leading wildlife art show in Wisconsin, and has had work shown in France, Holland, Singapore and Japan.

He has also illustrated many books including Handbook of the Birds of the World and Handbook of the Birds of the

Western Palearctic and has won several awards, including the British Birds journal's Bird Illustrator of the Year and was twice winner of Birdwatch magazine's Wildlife Artist of the Year. Chris lives in the Scottish Borders. To get an idea of the range and quality of his work visit his website at [www.chrisrose-artist.co.uk](http://www.chrisrose-artist.co.uk)

At the end of the presentation the range of questions that Chris received indicated the level of interest that he had stimulated. It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

The next meeting of the Arran Natural History Society is on Thursday, January 7 at 8pm at the rangers centre in Brodick Country Park.



'Beachcombers' by Chris Rose.

## Brewery offers support to flourishing Arran talent

Arran is renowned as a home for artists, musicians and writers and the Arran Brewery. To celebrate this wealth of talent and its love of good beer, Arran Brewery is offering new authors, writers and composers, throughout the UK, a chance to share in the proceeds of a new beer to celebrate the island's talent.

The sponsorship is open to any entrepreneurial writer, composer or artist who has shown determination in bringing their creation to life. The sponsorship is worth more than £1,000 and will be given in the form of consultancy on marketing their creations, a creative break in the Isle of Arran Brewery Guesthouse or the Loch Earn Brewery Hotel and Visitor Centre to get their creative juices flowing, the sale of their work in the brewery shop and the purchasing of their work to get them off to a flying start.

The 2016 inaugural writer being sponsored is Caroline Wedd who has written her first novel 'The Walnut Tree' and published it herself both on Amazon Kindle and in hard copy.

Managing director Gerald Michaluk said: 'Caroline is a gifted writer and her work has all the hallmarks of a best seller. It has been a great joy to assist, in this small way, her journey to becoming a best selling author.'

'The Arran Brewery is proud to offer our support to this talented writer Caroline Wedd, who wrote the book in a shed at the bottom of her garden while bringing up her three children.'

The sponsorship programme will replace the ad-hoc sponsorship of the brewery and will focus on new talent as well as launching a beer similar to the successful programme of supporting Red Squirrel charities with their Arran Red Squirrel ale.

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# Get ready for the Arran Mountain Festival

Bookings for the 2016 Arran Mountain Festival are now open. The festival, which is in its 10th year, runs from May 13 to 16 and offers visitors and locals the opportunity to traverse the beautiful and awe-inspiring mountains of Arran, under the guidance of experienced local leaders.

Restricted to manageable group sizes, interested parties are invited to book their places early for their preferred walks as bookings, especially the popular ones, are limited.

All of the guided walks are rated according to difficulty and endurance levels, as well as some being offered on more than one date, so there are walks for everyone regardless of ability levels and other engagements. There is also a 10 per cent discount for anyone booking more than three walks.

The festival starts off with a challenging eight-hour walk on Friday May 13 which takes in the popular Witch's Step and Caisteal Abhail and ends with the moderate and



Participants take to the mountains during last year's festival.

scenic Sail Chalmadale hike on Monday May 16, which is known for its spectacular views over the northern and western ranges. Another

walk that is being offered on two occasions is the increasingly popular Three Beinns Horseshoe walk, which allows visitors an opportunity

to see the famous Old Man of Tarsuinn, a rock formation that resembles a human face that appears to be looking out over Brodick.

For more information or to reserve a place on any of the walks, visit [www.arranmountainfestival.co.uk](http://www.arranmountainfestival.co.uk) or call 01770 303304.

## Retired police officer dies

A retired police officer, who served on Arran in the 1980s, has died.

Constable Kenny Brown, 72, passed away peacefully, at his home in Stevenston, on Sunday December 13, 2015.

Kenny served five years on Arran during which time he was said to be well-liked and respected. He also had a period at Kilmarnock but for the majority of his service he was stationed at Saltcoats Police Office, from where he retired in 2003.

His funeral service was held on Wednesday, December 30.

He is survived by his daughters, Joanne and Carolanne and son, Kenny.

## Market report

United Auctions had forward 6,112 store and prime sheep last week. The leading prices were: Springfield (TexX) £77.50; Moor (TexX) £75; Craighdu (TexX) £74; Auchenhew (Suff) £62.50; Auchenhew (Cross) £60.50; Sheddock and Craigraineach (Mule) £55; Glenkiln (Cross) £54.50; Craigraineach (Suff) £52; Ceither Gaoithe (Easy-Care) £51.

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# THE ARRAN BANNER

## Bright days ahead for Arran

It may be a wet and windy start to 2016, but Arran has a lot of bright days to look forward to in 2016.

This month sees the official start of work on the new £22.2 million Brodick ferry terminal and, although it won't be finished this year, by the end of it, it will be well on the way to its 18-month completion.

And the island's new ferry, which could at last see a year round two ferry service, will also be taking shape at Ferguson's yard on the Clyde ready for a debut early in 2018 on the Ardrossan to Brodick route.

Still on a ferry front, the summer timetable is expected to see the arrival of the new MV Catriona for commissioning trials on the Lochranza to Claonaig route and, hopefully, maybe even on a permanent basis.

Good news or bad, the year will also see a decision, following the Scottish parliamentary elections in May, of the successful bidder for the Clyde and Hebridean Ferry Services, which is a straight fight between the current operator CalMac and its private rival Serco.

Elsewhere, we should see significant progress in the Signature Project at Brodick Castle, including the new adventure playground.

And with a March Easter, Arran's main holiday season should get off to a flying start with businesses ready and prepared, now that we all know what cheaper RET fares can bring to the island.

What has to be remembered is that Arran was given a year's head start over its neighbouring islands, in the Firth of Clyde and beyond, which also now have RET fares.

How important that makes the new VisitArran tourism training initiative, highlighted in The Banner last month, giving everyone involved in the industry the chance to be the very best they can.

And to that end progress should also been seen in the drive to make Arran a World Class Destination - boosted as it will be again by the hosting of the international Cold Water Conference, which was such a success last year.

Of course there will be challenges too but with a fair wind and some sunshine ahead we at The Banner hope all our readers will have a happy and prosperous new year!

### 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

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Yours,  
**Gavin Thomson**  
Diabetes Voices  
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### With thanks

Sir  
Contact the elderly wish to thank everyone involved with their annual outing to the Arran High School that helped to make the event such a success.

From the organiser, Mrs Macleod to the students and the teachers that made the event so special, we cannot thank them, and headteacher Mr Smith enough. Visitors were able to enjoy delicious food, Christmas carols and the early years class singing songs from their nativity play which was a very special treat.

Yours,  
**Maureen Docherty**  
Co-ordinator  
Contact the Elderly

## The last of the festive fun

Over the last few weeks there have been so many events, with Christmas parties, Nativity plays and other festive happenings on Arran that it has been a struggle to include them

all in the Banner editions before Christmas. So here in this final run of festive coverage, presents the last of the Christmas parties, Nativity plays and festive gatherings.



Santa pays Pirmill primary and early years pupils a visit at their Christmas party



Daisy Campbell meets Santa at the Lamlash SWI party.



Jessica Sloss Demazeux spent the afternoon painting faces at the Brodick children's party. 02\_b01festive02



The Lamlash early years class put on a Nativity play.

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# A look back at 2015 in pictures - Part Two: July to December

At the start of a new year it is time once again to take the customary look at the pages of the Arran Banner from the previous six months.

As usual Arran residents have excelled in their fields, achieving recognition for great accomplishments, not only for themselves but also for others.

It is all part of being a great community that

works, laughs and plays together. While it may face challenges and the difficulties that life has to offer, it has faced them with bravery, community spirit and resilience and with plenty of smiles along the way. And as ever, the Banner will be there for all of it, keeping readers in the know with all the news that shapes and influences lives on the fair isle.



**JULY** - The Lamlash Early Years pupils graduated at a ceremony held at the high school. Some of the graduates are from left: Julieta Gray, Aimee Parker, Charlotte Lambie, Conor McGarrie, Nara Wood and Lewis Kilcullen. 20\_b27grad01



**JULY** - Millie Young was crowned the Lamlash Heather Queen and Erin Macpherson was crowned as the Bay Queen of Whiting Bay during the two village gala days in July. 20\_b30queen01 and 20\_b30queen02



**JULY** - Arran High School pupils and staff left for their Malawi expedition in late June. Two years in the planning, the explorers visited community projects and climbed Mt Mulanje's 3,002-metre peak. 20\_b27malawi01



**JULY** - The Arran cancer support charity ArCaS celebrated having raised more than a £1 million since it was founded 26 years ago. The charity provides support for cancer related issues both locally and on the mainland where Arran patients are treated.



**JULY** - Billionaire Chelsea owner Roman Abramovich visited Arran in July on his superyacht Eclipse which moored off Lochranza. In this photo taken by David Cameron, Charlene Huddleston posed with Roman who happily chatted and signed autographs for locals on his two cycle trips round the island. He also visited the Isle of Arran Distillery.

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AUGUST - Saw actress and comedian Elaine C Smith visit Arran with her one-woman show at the Brodick Hall. Elaine also celebrated her birthday while visiting and received birthday cakes this event. She also visited Arran Heritage Museum. 20\_32museum01



AUGUST - Record crowds made it to the annual Highland games in Brodick this year during marches from the ferry to the park. In this picture pipe major of the Kintyre Schools Pipe Band.



AUGUST - The 179th Arran Farmers show took place in torrential rain but even that could not stop the show from being fiercely contested by participants at the stock judging. Pictured is Euan Bone and Wullie Stevenson with their champion Blackface ram. 20\_b32show07



AUGUST - Kilmory Hall celebrated its 80 birthday this year and a tea party was held to celebrate the milestone which was opened by Margaret McKenzie MBE. 20\_b31birth05



AUGUST - Arran High School's annual awards ceremony saw Alistair McMillan taking the Dux prize at the end of August. Guest of honour was former pupil Howard Wood, who presented the awards with head teacher Barry Smith. 20\_36awards05



SEPTEMBER - is the time of year for new school starts. This year saw 33 new pupils at the island's seven primary schools, with three of them being Chloe McNeil, Lachlan Smith and Jenny Monteith, who joined Karen Barbour at Kilmory. 20\_37primary04



AUGUST - is the time of year when the horticultural show takes place at Arran High School. This years event saw the event's chairman congratulating all of the prize winners for the quality of produce on show. 20\_34horticult12



SEPTEMBER - The Waverley, a frequent visitor to Arran during the summer, this year celebrated her 40th year in preservation. 20\_b37wave20



AUGUST - More than 60 children took part in a Gaelic workshop for Feis Arainn in August. The week long festival culminates in a traditional concert held at the community theatre. 20\_b32concert10



SEPTEMBER - A sundial was unveiled at Brodick Castle in September as a retirement gift for Sir Kenneth Calman who stepped down as chairman of the National Trust for Scotland earlier in the year. Pictured is Sir Kenneth and Lady Ann Calman with the NTS board and trustees. 20\_b38castle01



August. One of the highlights of the games for some is the parade of pipers which and leads the parade around the field. 20\_b33games06



OCTOBER - Arran resident Fiona Laing of Pirnmill received an award for her act of bravery when she rescued the occupants of a van that had overturned after an accident. Fiona is pictured after receiving her award with MSP Kenneth Gibson and First Minister Nicola Sturgeon.



SEPTEMBER - The island's emergency services all came together to assist with the dramatic rescue of two paragliders who collided in mid air above Catacol. Team member Calum Duncan took this photograph of the rescue helicopter which came from HMS Gannet to assist.



OCTOBER - What is believed to be the oldest house on Arran was also voted as the best hotel in Scotland at The Good Hotel Guides Cesar Awards in October. Owners Antony Butterworth and Geoffrey Botterill received the award for the Kilmichael Hotel near Brodick. 02\_b42hotel03



OCTOBER - Judy Murray, mum of tennis stars Andy and Jamie Murray visited Arran in October as part of her Tennis on the Road roadshow which saw her training school pupils and coaches in the hope of encouraging a new generation of tennis players. 02\_b44tennis02



SEPTEMBER - A 23-foot skiff built by the Arran Coastal Rowing Club and Arran High School pupils took to the water for its maiden voyage in Lamash. The club will be building another one which will be available for community events. 20\_b39skiff03



OCTOBER - a £97 million contract was signed by Ferguson Marine Engineering Limited and Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited to build two new ferries on the Clyde. The first of the new dual-fuel ferries will be used on the Ardrossan to Brodick route. 02\_b43contract01



NOVEMBER - The new Sikorsky S-92 search and rescue helicopter, which came into service on January 1, visited its HM Coastguard colleagues in November to introduce the members to the new helicopter that will serve on Arran after the much-loved Sea-King helicopter was replaced. 02\_b46coastguard01



OCTOBER - saw a new lease being signed for an Arran landmark by Andrew and Juliette Walsh, who took over what used to be Bilslands. The couple will be opening their new venture as a community store early in the new year. 20\_b42bilslands01



NOVEMBER - The Banner widely photographed the myriad of Hallowe'en events that took place across the island on Hallowe'en night. In Shiskine participants dressed up and played traditional games including dooking for apples. 02\_b45halloween32



NOVEMBER - Shiskine SWI took centre stage as members won three top prizes at a national drama competition in Hawick. Pictured at the event are from left: Deborah Robertson, Ruth Betley, Sheila Gilmore, Alice Anderson and Katie Murchie.



DECEMBER - all seven of Arran's primary schools came together for a brilliant performance called 'Ocean Commotion' which was themed around marine conservation. The logistics of arranging this was huge but the resulting show was a huge success. 02\_b49choir03



NOVEMBER - The Arran Community Land Initiative was given a boost in November when it secured funding to create community allotments on its land which is being offered to green fingered supporters for £1 a week. Volunteers came forward to help clear the land including these two adventurous children who helped clear the site of a future orchard.



DECEMBER - At the annual Santa's Sparkle Christmas festival held in December in Lamlash the Arran Brass Band performed a medley of Christmas carols as the community Christmas tree before the lights were switched on. 02\_b49sparkle11



NOVEMBER - With a successful summer season behind them, new owners of the Corrie Hotel Anne Masson and Danny McKinnon celebrated the completion of the first stage of refurbishment of the former coach house in Corrie. Far from being completely finished the owners plan on further improving the historic hotel that was built in 1840. 20\_b44corrie04



DECEMBER - The Arran Coastal Way monument was unveiled in December as the official start and finish point of the 65-mile circular route. Pictured are the coastal way workers who built the monument along with the designer Simon Horne (second right) and woodworker Tom Buchan (centre) and Rachel Sedman, who is the project co-ordinator. 02\_b50coastal01

DECEMBER - The Banner reported on local teenager Blair Dickinson who won first place for his school, Dollar Academy, in the Scottish Schools Piping Competition. b49piper01No

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**TWENTY YEARS AGO**

**Saturday 6 January, 1996**

**Big freeze**

While Christmas 1995 will be remembered as the deep freeze it now seems to be over.

The freezing temperatures which lasted all of last week, and which saw a temperature of minus 7.3 C at Brodick Castle, is finally over and temperatures have returned to normal.

The freezing weather led to hundreds of burst pipes across the island. Henry McNicol's plumbing firm in Brodick received around 150 distress calls in the three days over the new year and has been on the go non-stop. On the other side of the island William Kerr and Son also reported the same story with over 100 call outs due to burst water pipes.

Last year Arran had the lowest rainfall for 12 years as well as the lowest minimum and the highest maximum temperatures. After last week's freeze and last summer's heat-wave this should be no surprise, but it is borne out by the weather figures for the year. Being averages the extremes are mostly not shown, although last month did have nine days of air frosts and 11 days of gales.

**Breath test success**

Despite vigilance from police and numerous breath tests being taken, no positive breath tests were detected over the Christmas and New Year period.

This is in line with national trends and police say that they are pleased with the results. However, they also say that some publicans

are less pleased at the effect it had on their takings and that at least two establishments are considering using a minibus to take clients to and from their pubs.

**Use it or lose it**

Stagecoach is introducing a new service on the island starting next Sunday. There will be a Sunday bus service from Brodick to Lochranza and Blackwaterfoot before finally returning to Brodick in time for the 4.40pm ferry. The one proviso, though, is that it is a trial service or, as Stagecoach put it, use it or lose it.

**Three weddings**

The Lagg Hotel, due to change hands on January 16, will be run by Eric and Ann Marie Cantrucci who prior to starting work on Arran will be married three times.

They will be married in the Peak District but since Eric is French they will be married again in Marseilles a week later. And because Ann Marie is from New Zealand, the week after that a ceremony will take place in New Zealand. Then, well and truly married, they will come to Arran to begin their new life.

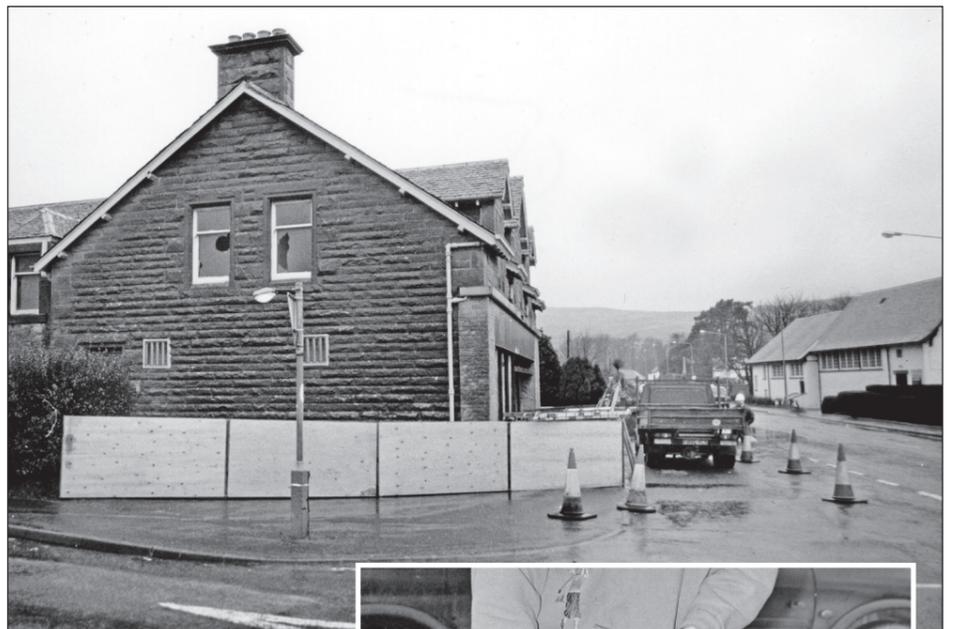
**Triple joy**

Triplets were born to Sharon and Andrew Millan of Shiskine in Irvine Hospital on Friday, December 29.

The three boys are Graham, Fraser and Eoin and are all doing well.



**These Highland cattle pictured at West Bannan last Friday were well insulated against the big freeze.** b01twe01



**Work began on Wednesday morning to demolish the old Co-op building at Cora Lynn in Brodick. Next week the final demolition will take place and on Tuesday the Cunninghame District Council planning meeting will discuss the proposal to build Charter Towers.** b01twe02



**Some of the burst pipes in the McNicol's yard after the recent freezing weather.** b01twe04



**Last Sunday a re-enactment of the Battle of Whiting Bay took place commemorating the 94-year-old uprising that took place at the Stewart Memorial Church. Reports on the day referred to 'Riot in Arran,' 'Melee in the session house' and 'Storming of the church'. In August 1994 the Scottish Episcopalian church opened for worship at Sandbraes very near to the site of the old Free Church that saw the Battle of Whiting Bay.** b01twe03

# What's on

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## Every day

Trout Fly Fishing  
 Brodick Castle, Garden Open  
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 Arran Brewery tour  
 Lamlash Tennis Courts/Putting Green

Loch Garbad, bank fishing  
 9am-Dusk  
 Mon, Wed and Sat: 10am - 5pm, Tue and Thu: 12.30-5pm  
 2pm (limited spaces call for availability)  
 Open all day

## Saturday 2nd January

Army Cadets  
 Over 21s Disco  
 Family Games  
 Fun in the pool  
 Arran Vets - Surgery  
 Live music from Arran Ceilidh Band  
 Arran Physiotherapy and Acupuncture Clinic  
 Blackwaterfoot bowling club rink game  
 Lamlash Bowling Club Rink Game  
 WBay Bowling Club Rink Game  
 Ceilidh Dancing  
 Live music  
 Live music from Johnny and the Jet patchers

Auchrannie Road 11am - 1pm.  
 Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
 Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm  
 Auchrannie Spa pool, 4-5pm  
 Brodick, 9.30am - 11am  
 Fiddlers, Brodick from 7.30pm - 9.30pm  
[arranphysiotherapy.co.uk](http://arranphysiotherapy.co.uk) 9-12noon  
 Blackwaterfoot bowling club, 1.15pm  
 Lamlash Bowling club, 2pm  
 Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2pm  
 Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm - 9.30pm  
 The PHT, Lamlash, 8pm  
 The Drift Inn, Lamlash, 9pm

## Sunday 3rd January

Family Games  
 Fun in the pool  
 AA Meeting  
 Open Session - All musicians and Singers welcome

Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm  
 Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm  
 Brodick church Hall, 5pm-6.30pm  
 Fiddlers, Brodick 2.30pm

## Monday 4th January

Over 50s Badminton  
 Badminton  
 Live music - North Country Winters  
 Morning Fitness  
 Table Tennis  
 Badminton  
 Arran Vets - Surgery  
 Arran Junior Football Club  
 Circuit Training  
 WBay Bowling Club Rink Game  
 Citizens advice  
 Lamlash Aerobix  
 RunArran Jogscotland Beginners  
 RunArran Mixed Ability  
 Bridge Club  
 Scottish Country Dancing for beginners and improvers  
 Tae Kwondo

Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm  
 Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm  
 Fiddlers, Brodick, 7.30pm  
 Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am  
 Corrie Hall, 6.30pm  
 Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm  
 9am - 10.30am and 3pm - 4pm  
 Ormidale Park, 6-7.30pm  
 Auchrannie Gym, 6-7pm  
 Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.30pm  
 Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30am - 1.30pm  
 Arran High School Dance Studio, 6.30pm  
 Whiting Bay, 5pm  
 Whiting Bay, 5.30pm  
 Lamlash Golf Clubhouse, 7.15pm  
 Corrie Hall, 2-4pm  
 Brodick Church Hall Adults and over 10s, 7.00pm - 8.30pm

## Tuesday 5th January

Pop Quiz  
 Alcoholics Anonymous  
 Youth Club  
 Arran Vets - Surgery  
 Rotary club

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
 Brodick Church Hall, 2pm  
 Kildonan Hall, 7pm  
 9am - 10.30am  
 Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 6.30pm

Healthy Outdoors  
 Blackwaterfoot bowling club rink game  
 RunArran Run Coaching  
 Open Cricket Session  
 Non- competitive bridge  
 Lamlash Drama Club  
 Winter Bowls  
 Scottish Country Dancing

NTS Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm  
 Blackwaterfoot bowling club, 1.15pm  
 Lamlash, 5.30pm  
 Brodick Astro Turf 7pm-9pm  
 Brodick Golf Clubhouse, 7pm - 9pm  
 Arran High School, 6.30pm - 9pm  
 Auchrannie, 7pm  
 Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm

## Wednesday 6th January

Rock and Pop Bingo  
 Tae Kwondo  
 Alcoholics Anonymous  
 Arran Brass Rehearsal  
 Arran Vets - Surgery  
 Yoga  
 Hydrofit  
 Arran Heritage Museum Archives and Genealogy service  
 RunArran Mixed Ability  
 Yoga-Arran  
 Live music  
 Drift Inn Quiz  
 Mixed Hockey  
 Dog classes  
 Knitting and Crochet drop in group  
 Wednesday Warmers  
 Parkinson's support group

Ormidale Hotel 9.30pm  
 Arran high School Kids-6.30-7.30pm Adults-7.30-8.30pm  
 Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm  
 Brodick Church Hall, 7-9pm  
 Brodick, 9am - 10.30am and 6pm - 7pm  
 Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am-10.30am  
 Auchrannie Hotel leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am  
 10.30-12.30 and 1.30-3.30  
 Brodick, 5.30pm  
 Kinneil, Lamlash, 7-8.30pm  
 Fiddlers, Brodick from 8pm  
 Lamlash, 9pm  
 Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7.30-9pm  
 Whiting Bay Hall, 1pm  
 Brodick Library, 4pm - 6pm  
 Lochranza Centre, 11am - 2pm  
 Lamlash Fire Station, 2pm - 4pm

## Thursday 7th January

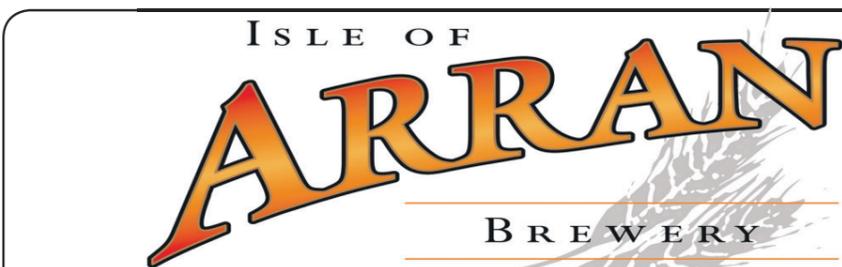
Morning Fitness  
 General Knowledge Quiz  
 Arran Vets - Surgery  
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 Cardiac Rehab  
 Burger and Quiz night  
 Winter Bowls

Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am  
 Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
 9am - 10.30am  
 Ormidale Pavilion, 7.30-8.30pm  
 Brodick, 6pm  
 Auchrannie leisure club, 2-3.30pm  
 Felicity's @ Eden Lodge, from 7.30pm  
 Auchrannie, 7pm

## Friday 8th January

Yoga  
 Hydrofit  
 Arran Youth Foundations  
 Live music  
 Lochranza Kids Badminton  
 Lochranza Adults Badminton  
 Quiz  
 AA Meeting  
 Live music  
 Tae Kwondo

Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am  
 Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am  
 Church Hall, Brodick 7pm-9pm  
 Fiddlers, Brodick, 8pm  
 Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm  
 Lochranza Hall, 8pm  
 Whiting Bay Golf Club, 8pm  
 Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm  
 Fiddlers, Brodick, 8pm  
 Arran high School, Lamlash Adults, 7pm - 8.30pm



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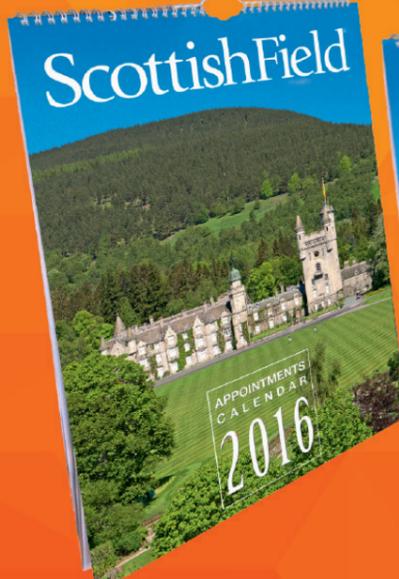
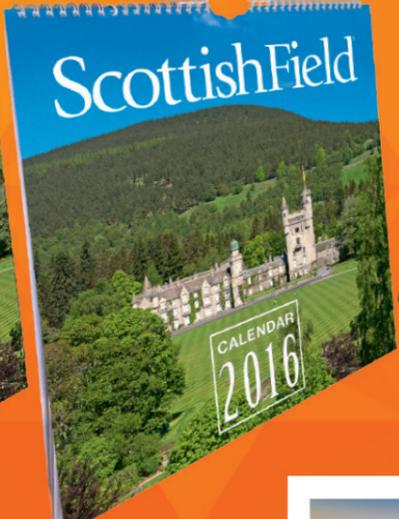
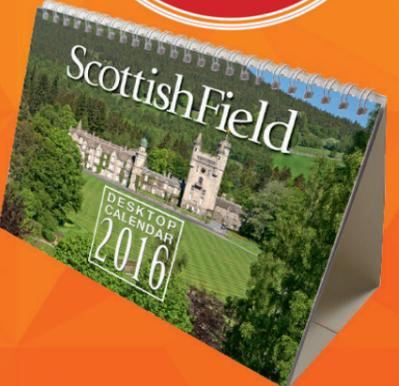
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**Sunday 3rd January**  
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Shiskine Church  
12noon Morning Worship.  
Brodick Church  
10.30am Morning Worship.  
Corrie Church,  
11.30am Prayer Meeting,  
12noon Morning Worship.  
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Rev. Lily McKinnon  
Family Services  
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(continuing)  
**Sunday 3rd January**  
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**Sunday 3rd January**  
Worship will be conducted by the minister,  
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Tea and coffee will be served in the Transept after the service.  
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**Thursday 31st December**  
New years Eve Midnight Mass  
Sunday 3rd January  
**Morning Mass 11am**

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**Sunday 3rd January**  
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**Whiting Bay Golf Club**

Sunday, December 20, Lamlash friendly. After the cancellation of the November fixture and despite a pessimistic weather forecast, eleven hardy souls turned up at Lamlash for the December friendly.

After a rainy start that looked like it might be there all day, the weather settled down to be almost pleasant.

The course played well, if a little spongy underfoot, and the greens putted straight and true. The overall result was a 2:1 win for Whiting Bay.

In the individual Stable-

ford sweep; 1 Stan Rainey 10, 36pts, 2 Andy Smith 18, 33pts, 3 Jamie Macpherson 6, 32pts.

Thanks to Lamlash for the remarkable condition of the golf course and for their usual clubhouse hospitality afterwards; the soup with rolls and diet sausage was just what was needed.

Fixture: Sunday January 3, Nine-hole cross country. One 10am draw. Members please note that for the remainder of the winter season, for Sunday medals, sweeps etc there will be only one draw at 10am.

**Lamlash Golf Club**

Sunday December 20, Stableford Lamlash v Whiting Bay, Winter friendly. Eleven brave golfers survived the weather to make the result Lamlash 1, Whiting Bay 2.

Congratulations to the W/Bay team. Sweep 1 Stan

Rainey 36pts, 2 Andy Smith 33pts, 3 Jamie MacPherson 32pts BIH over Dave Brookens. Best scratch Dougie MacFarlane 29 pts to Stableford.

Fixtures: Saturday, December 26, Boxing Day Bottle, 12noon start. Sunday, December 27, Winter Stableford 9.30am and 12 noon starts.

Happy Christmas to all friends of Lamlash Golf Club near and far.

**Brodick Golf Club**

Sunday December 27, Winter Cup, Stableford, 16 played. A lovely day for golf after the storms of the previous day. Jimmy continued with his winning ways with a count back victory.

Jimmy Armit 11, 36 acb, Terry Raeside, 10, 36 acb, Bruce Jenkins, 8, 36.

Fixture: Friday January 1,

Hirsel Trophy. Arrange own games or draw at 12noon.

Saturday January 2, Course backwards. Arrange own games or draw at 12noon. Sunday, January 3, Brandon and Winter Cup, 9am and 12noon starts.

**Corrie Golf Club**

Saturday December 19, Sweep. 1 A Smith 72-12=60, 2 J McConnachie 69-7=62. Magic twos, J McConnachie.

Corrie Golf Club wishes all of its members a very happy new year.

Fixture: Friday January 1, New year shield, ballot at 10.30am.

**Shiskine Golf Club**

Sunday December 27, Sunday Stableford, 12 played. 1 Willie McNally 27pts, 2 Mike Adams 24pts(BL3), 3 Billy Paton 24pts(BL3). Magic two by Billy Paton at the 8th.

# County Carpets lift first charity cup



County Carpets and Armitage Groundworks both have one hand on the trophy ahead of the game. 20\_b01footy01

The inaugural charity football match between County Carpets and Armitage Groundworks took place at Sandbraes Park in Whiting Bay on Sunday.

The game, which was a closely contested affair, eventually saw County Carpets run out winners by four goals to two.

The match was held in aid of Ayrshire and Arran Heartstart initiative. A prize-giving, raffle and a buffet followed at Felicitys and the event has so far raised £640, with more money to come in.

Full report next week



County Carpets make it 1-1 after Armitage opened the scoring early on. 20\_b01footy02



It may have been a charity match but both sides were completely committed as this crunching tackle shows. 20\_b01footy03

# The sports year review

**Part Two -  
July to December**

## A look back at the sporting achievements of 2015



Bowls competitions held across the island culminated in the Lamlash club taking the Laidler Gardiner Cup after beating Brodick, Whiting Bay and Blackwaterfoot. The competition winners are pictured with their trophies.



In July Arran sailors took part in the Volvo Dun Laoghaire Regatta in Dublin. The boat was crewed by Angus Campbell, Gus MacLeod, Alastair Bilsland, Alan MacLeod, Gavin Fulton and Stuart Bilsland who finished 5th in the IRC class and 1st in the Echo class.



Local man Ewan McKinnon will remember August 2015 as the month that he made national headlines and beat the odds of 67 million to one when he scored two holes in one, in one round, at the Corrie Golf Club. 20\_35mckinnon02



Towards the end of September footballer Tony McDowall was awarded the Player of the Year trophy for his work as central midfielder after he was voted for by opposition players. During the football season Tony scored five goals and was awarded man of the match three times.



At the annual Arran Dancers show held at the end of June the dance group Fancy Feet performed some of their dance routines to an appreciative audience.



August is the time of the year for the annual Sannox cricket fun day where teams dress up for a day of cricket and fun. More a family fun day than a competitive event the Madagascar penguins were seen enjoying themselves in the bright sunshine. 20\_32cricket05



In September we featured a Friesian horse from Arran that was named the best gelding in the UK at the UK Friesian Inspections. The horse, called Time, who is owned by Eleanor Bone, had been entered into the competition for the very first time. Photo: E J Lazenby Fine Art.



The Arran Half Marathon that took place in Blackwaterfoot during July was organised by the Arran Runners. The marathon started in pouring rain which eventually cleared up and allowed Arran's own Eliot Sedman to cross the line and take second place behind winner Russell Hall. 20\_b28run01



Scott Clark won the William Cook and Sons Trophy for the best caber toss at the Brodick Highland Games. 20\_b33games36



There was jubilation at the Ormidale Park in September when Lamlash FC won the Arran FA cup final from league champions Brodick after a 10-year cup drought. Danny Head is pictured handing the cup to Lamlash captain Sam Tattersfield at the event. 20\_b38footy01

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# The sports year review



In September 40 brave swimmers competed the Lamlash splash, a fun, non-competitive event where participants swim the 1.3 miles from Holy Isle to the Lamlash pier. 20\_b39lamsplash04



In November the Arran Ladies Hockey Team were sitting at the top of the West District league division four after a convincing home win over Giffnock. The team had won six of their seven games, scoring 30 goals in the process. 20\_b45hockey05



Arran children competed in their first competitive swimming gala for North Ayrshire Swimming Club in October. All 11 of the youngsters who took part came home with a medal.



Our Hallowe'en edition featured the achievement of two Arran sisters who climbed Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest mountain in Africa, while raising money for the charity Mind. Sisters Catherine and Kirsty Macbain raised more than £2,600 for their nominated charity.



Arran residents have formed a curling club to compete for the County Cup last played in 1986. Following a plea from a Millport curler, the newly formed team have ventured to Howwood for their first training session at the Greenacres Ice Rink.



Arran sailing brothers Rory and Neil Hunter won the 49er National Championships in October. Adding to a series of competitions won by the brothers, they are aiming for a gold medal in the 2020 sailing World Cup final.



November marked the annual prize giving dinner for the Lamlash Golf Club Ladies section. Pictured are the prize winners for the 2014/2015 season.



The annual Santa dash held, unsurprisingly in December, saw 24 RunArran members braving the sleet and rain during their 5km run around Brodick dressed in their festive gear. Pictured are the runners who took part.

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