

THE Aspa

OPEN DAILY FROM
9AM TIL LATE

AUCHRANNIE RESORT, BRODICK
01770 303 303
WWW.THEASPA.CO.UK

THE ARRAN BANNER

Arran
ESTATE AGENTS

See all our properties on

s1homes.com

Zoopla.co.uk
Smarter property search

primelocation.com

www.arranestateagents.co.uk
Tel: 01770 302310

Arran's Weekly Newspaper

SATURDAY 14 JANUARY, 2017

No 2097 70p

Castle bosses hit back after gardens criticism

Leading gardener invited to see progress for himself

REPORT

by **HUGH BOAG**

editor@arranbanner.co.uk

Bosses at Brodick Castle are to invite a leading Scots gardener to see for himself the extensive works being undertaken in the castle gardens.

The move comes after Kenneth Cox, a world expert on rhododendrons, accused the National Trust for Scotland (NTS) of allowing some of the country's most important gardens to wither on the vine.

And he has singled out Arran for special mention, saying the Brodick Castle gardens had been 'poorly managed by the NTS for decades' and that he could no longer recommend them to visitors.

This brought an immediate response from the castle's head gardener, Tim Keyworth, who said: 'I don't know when Mr Cox last visited the gardens but I will be inviting him to come and see for himself



Castle administrator Hugh Walker and head gardener Tim Keyworth above the castle's walled garden.

01_A02garden01

the extensive work we are doing here.'

Mr Keyworth, who has been in post for more than two years, has received regular praise for improvements at the gardens following the virulent plant disease Phytophthora ramorum several years ago which wiped out a number of trees.

A new rhododendron walk was opened two years ago

and work is progressing on the re-opening of the famous Plant Hunters Walk. The Tresco border outside the walled garden has also been restored to its original glory and work is continuing on new trails and pathway improvements. The castle also won awards at the Scottish Rhododendron Society show last year for some of its collections.

Mr Keyworth said: 'The

comments are disappointing as I know how hard the team of gardeners work here. I am not denying the gardens need a lot of work, but we are trying to get through the work one phase at a time. We are also grateful to the garden volunteers who get through a power of work.'

New castle administrator Hugh Walker said the castle had a £1.2 million budget to

spend on the gardens in the next three years.

Already work has started laying 640 metres of hard edging around the castle which will cut down on grass-cutting time and work will start later this month on the new adventure playground which should be ready to open in May.

Mr Walker said: 'Visitors love the gardens at Brodick' **Continued on page 2**

INSIDE TODAY

Ferry disruption

Arran took a battering this week in the first Arctic storms of the new year.

Ferries were badly disrupted and driving conditions were hazardous during the three days of driving winds and rain. Householders were also left checking for damage to their properties. **Full story, page 2.**

End of an era

The Burlington, a well-known 112-year-old guest house in Whiting Bay, has seen its owners retire after 21 years. Under new ownership, the guest house is undergoing three months of refurbishment and restoration. **Full story, page 6.**

Discovery centre

The marine discovery centre planned by the Community of Arran Seabed Trust, (COAST) has come a step closer with the purchase of the Lamlash tennis courts. Enthusiastic volunteers have already started preparing the building and removing undergrowth. **Full story, page 7.**

Museum extension

The recently completed extension at the Isle of Arran Heritage Museum has left volunteers with less than three months to prepare for their March re-opening. The extension will offer visitors a private reading room, additional storage for artefacts and archival material, and allow them to be stored in a temperature-controlled environment. **Full story, page 9.**



JTC John Thomson Construction Ltd

New Homes on Arran

We have several properties nearing completion, and land also available for bespoke development

John Thomson Construction, Lamlash, Isle of Arran www.thomsonconstruction.co.uk Telephone: 01770 600242 Fax: 01770 600714

Castle bosses hit back after gardens criticism

Continued from page 1
lick Castle – we get great feedback from them. There have been some challenges to deal with over the past few years due to the outbreak of Phytophthora ramorum, but thankfully we have been disease-free for three years. This means we can now focus on the future, which is great news. We're currently installing hard edging around the castle and have lots of other work planned for 2017.'

He added: 'Keep an eye on our Facebook page for the latest developments or pop along and one of the team will be happy to talk you through our plans for the garden.'

Brodick Castle is presently closed until the spring of 2018 for fire prevention

work but the gardens will be open as normal from April 1.

Mr Cox, one of the country's leading horticulturalists, has written to bosses at the National Trust calling for action across 129 historic properties they look after in Scotland and criticised individual gardens, including Brodick, in the press.

As a former member of the NTS garden and landscapes panel, he says the trust has lost too many experienced staff to maintain properly the gardens it is responsible for.

He told the NTS: 'Many of the best head gardeners in the trust have either retired or will shortly retire. These skilled employees have not been replaced with people of the same calibre or experience.'

'There appears to be little succession planning in place. Retiring head gardeners should work with their successors for several months before any hand-over. Instead "for money saving reasons", appointments are being left until the last minute.'

He added: 'The NTS has, at its core, a duty of care towards the landscapes it manages. By downgrading the conservation of some of Scotland's most valued heritage landscape assets, the trust is quite simply failing in its key purpose to protect Scotland's heritage in perpetuity.'

Mr Cox is managing director of the Glendoick Garden Centre in Perth which is a rhododendron specialist nursery founded in 1953 by Mr Cox's grandfather.

Isle of Arran hits harbour wall at Troon

Strong winds forced the MV Isle of Arran to come into contact with the harbour wall as it tried to berth at Troon on Monday.

The incident has led Ardrossan harbour owner Peel Ports to claim that it completely destroys the central plank of Associated British Ports' argument that Troon is a more sheltered harbour.

Doug Coleman, project director for Peel Ports said: 'Any incident where a passenger ferry comes into contact with a harbour wall is extremely concerning and routinely prompts an investigation by the Marine Accident Investigation Board.'

'The fact that high winds appear to have forced the Isle of Arran against the entrance of Troon Harbour



and the skipper had to call a tug to assist her off the harbour wall and onto the berth fatally undermines ABP's central claim that Troon somehow provides a more protected berth than Ardrossan.

'That is simply not the case, as the pictures of the Isle of Arran having to be unceremoniously shoved off the harbour mouth at Troon on Monday starkly demonstrate.'

'We've said all along that ABP's claims of calmer berths at Troon are simply not backed up by the facts and Monday's undignified manoeuvre blows those claims out of the water.'

Mr Coleman also questioned why CalMac had chosen to use Troon.

He said: 'Despite the forecast for strong westerly winds, we could easily have accommodated the Isle of Arran at Ardrossan.'

Disruption on ferry crossing

Arran was battered by the first Arctic storms of 2017 this week, causing widespread ferry disruption.

The Arctic airmass coming from the north-west across the island brought intense winds and gales that also caused driving difficulties with roads badly flooded and householders checking for damage to their properties.

The three-day blizzard caused widespread disruption from Tuesday with ferries being cancelled except for a single Brodick to Ardrossan return. With winds gusting at more than 60mph, all sailings were halted on Wednesday with recorded

gusts of over 71mph inland. At the time of going to press, the first sailing after the disruption was anticipated to be from Brodick on Thursday at 8.20am.

The Met Office has issued yellow 'be aware' warning which was due to remain in force until late on Friday.

No incidents

Police on the island said they had no reported incidents of any major damage, but there was minor structural damage to a property in Strathwillan and other reports of roof tiles being dislodged. Brodick Castle gardens were closed to visitors due to the danger of falling trees.

The challenging conditions and ferry uncertainty has also led to a further delay of already rescheduled roadworks on the B880 String Road.

The roadworks, which are dependent on materials being brought from the mainland, had been rescheduled for yesterday (Friday) and the road closed part of the day, if they went ahead. The road resurfacing works, which started on Wednesday January 4, were suspended initially on Friday January 6 and the road re-opened for traffic owing to concerns that materials could not be brought over to complete the job.

ARRAN Haulage

Welcome to Arran Haulage
We are your local, friendly haulage company, ready to deliver your goods.

Have your goods delivered into our Glasgow depot for a daily service to the island

Due to an increase in volume of sales, our coal will now be delivered every Monday. This service will start on Monday 23rd January.

Large supply of coal, building materials and animal feeds

Please phone for more details

We are the main distributors on the island for Calor gas

CALOR DELIVERED TO YOUR DOOR

Home Farm, Brodick, Isle of Arran KA27 8DD
Tel: 01770 302777 Email: info@arranhaulage.co.uk
Opening Times: Monday – Friday 8am to 5pm / Saturday - 8am to 12 noon

Jolly Molly

Gift Shop

Brodick
Isle of Arran
01770 302162

It pays to advertise in the Banner

DIRECT TAXIS

01294
60-2005

8-seater taxis available

Ardrossan Harbour to:

Glasgow Airport	£35.00
Prestwick Airport	£25.00

Return bookings and other prices on request.

Arran Graphics moves to Cladach

The change is just what's needed to keep the company on its toes

After nine years at the pier in Brodick, Arran Graphics is moving to new premises at Cladach.

Owner Graham Chappell has previously expressed his concern that the shop side of the business could lose trade when the new ferry terminal opens in August. However, he said the move was as much a 'refreshing change' than anything particularly strategic.

But he added: 'My thoughts on our current site and its effectiveness have already been widely known following the new terminal arrangements and lack of parking.'

Arran Graphics is moving into the former premises of Arran Active, which have largely lain empty since the outdoors shop moved into its Shore Road superstore.

Graham said: 'The old Arran Active building is perfect for us as it provides an upstairs area which we can use as a design studio and somewhere to chat to our business clients away from the public and shoppers downstairs.'



Graham Chappell is moving Arran Graphics to Cladach.

The company is hoping to use the building's location in the shadow of Goatfell to create products accordingly. This will include more products relating to Goatfell, a formidable part of their retail business being Goatfell T-shirts. 'That'll now have to include hoodies, I think, unless we get some proper sunshine this summer!' he quipped.

With neighbouring shops and the Wineport restaurant offering their support

and encouragement, Graham and sales manager Janis Heaney feel that the change is just what's needed to keep the company on its toes. Graham is hoping that the business will be up and running at the Cladach site by March 1.

Meanwhile, Arran Graphics has requested 'some patience' from clients as the moves takes place. The shop and office at the pier remains open for the time being.

Youngsters stage Aladdin pantomime in Lochranza

Adults and children alike can enjoy a new year treat at the pantomime Aladdin this weekend.

Produced by Heather Gough and all performed by local children and youngsters it takes place tonight (Friday) at 7pm at the Lochranza and Catacol Village Hall, with doors open at 6.30pm. Tomorrow a special Saturday matinee will see doors opening at 2pm and the performance start at 2.30pm.

The performance costs £3 for children under 12, £6 for adults and a special family discount for a family of two adults and two children costs £15. Tickets are available at the door on the night, from Arran Domestic Centre, Brodick or telephone Kate on 830226 or Fiona on 830270 who will reserve tickets for you.

THE DOUGLAS
Hotel • Bistro • Bar
www.thedouglashotel.co.uk

BURNS SUPPER

FRIDAY
20TH JANUARY
AT 7PM
£20 PER PERSON
INCLUDING
A COMPLIMENTARY
DRAM



WE ARE CLOSED FOR MAINTENANCE FROM 3rd UNTIL 19TH JANUARY 2017, SORRY FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE



Arran Active

Footwear and clothing for all the family including waterproofs, thermals, hats and gloves, swimwear... also.... headtorches, flasks, multitools, board games, maps and books, Scottish whisky and gins.



CRAGHOPPERS
Discover Your World

SALE INCLUDES MANY HALF PRICE DEALS SUCH AS....

CRAGHOPPERS BARGAINS...

women's Burley jacket was £120 now £60
men's Argyle Parka was £150 now £75
(other colours available)





nomads
Fair Trade Fashion

REGATTA
GREAT OUTDOORS



Rab



MOUNTAIN EQUIPMENT



10% off icebreaker[®] MERINO
Icebreaker Merino baselayers
with this voucher
Offer til 31st January 2017



Open 7 days Mon-Sat 9.30-5.00 Sun 10.00 - 5.00

Shore Road, Brodick, Isle of Arran, KA27 8AJ
info@arranactive.co.uk T : 01770 302113



MAINLAND TAXIS

01294 463 556



ARDROSSAN HARBOUR
TO YOUR DESTINATION

MAINLAND TAXIS
Tel: 01294 463 556
Mob: 0792 199 8457

info@mainland-taxis.co.uk
www.mainland-taxis.co.uk

Friendly Reliable Service
GUARANTEED

7 SEATER
WHEELCHAIR
ACCESSIBLE
VEHICLE AVAILABLE

www.mainland-taxis.co.uk

Glasgow Airport £35 Prestwick Airport £25 Edinburgh Airport £100
Glasgow City Centre £42 Kilmarnock £23 Ayr £28
Crosshouse Hospital £20 Ayr Hospital £32 Irvine Central Hospital £14
OTHER QUOTES ON REQUEST
*** HOSPITAL TAXI SHARE AVAILABLE ***

Lord-Lieutenant honoured in New Year's list

The Lord-Lieutenant of Ayrshire and Arran, John Duncan has been recognised by the Queen in her New Year's Honours List.

Mr Duncan was appointed a Commander of the Royal Victorian Order (CVO) for his personal service to the Queen and the royal family. Following a distinguished career in the police,

Mr Duncan was appointed Lord-Lieutenant in 2006, having previously served as a Deputy Lieutenant since 2001. He lives in Stewarton.

Mr Duncan, who also has the Queen's Police Medal, said: 'I am personally humbled and delighted by my appointment as a Commander of the Roy-

al Victorian Order. There are many in towns and villages throughout Ayrshire and Arran who do so much for others and have yet to be recognised. Therefore, I urge anyone who is aware of any individual they consider worthy of an award to nominate them. It is a relatively easy process and is open to all. Further de-

tails on how to do so may be found on the lieutenantancy website www.lordlieutenantayrshireandarran.org.uk or by contacting Nigel Martin, clerk to the lieutenantancy, 2 Wellington Square, Ayr KA7 1EN, telephone: 01292 265024, email: nm@martinsolicitors.co.uk.'

The award will be presented at a later date.



Lord-Lieutenant John Duncan.

The Police Scotland Clydesdale horse looking for a name.



A horse with no name

Police Scotland have launched a Facebook campaign to select a name for their latest recruit – a four-and-a-half-year-old Clydesdale horse – with Brodick among the shortlisted choices.

Traditionally, Police Scotland name all of their horses after places in Scotland so the options were shortlisted as Harris, Montrose and Brodick. Described as a laid-back character with a cheeky look, the 17 hands-high police horse successfully completed his 28-day assessment to join the mounted unit and required a name suitable for the position. Users were invited to vote for their favourite and the winner will be announced on Facebook shortly.

Council faces £9.2 million cut in government funding

The Scottish Government's draft budget for 2017/18 will mean a £9.2 million cut to North Ayrshire Council's revenue budget.

The SNP government received a £415 million revenue increase for 2017/18 from the UK budget consequential but the Scottish Parliament Information Centre (SPICE) briefing on the draft budget notes a cash cut of £424 million for local government's revenue budget for 2017/18.

Council leader Joe Cullinane said: 'The draft

budget has been analysed and, as I stated, it is bad news for North Ayrshire Council. A cut of £9.2 million, on the back of a cut of around £10 million last year, is unacceptable.

'The fact is that the government's budget has increased by more than £400 million this year yet it has chosen to dump cuts onto councils. This is its political choice, so it can blame no one else.

'My administration, however, will put our communities first and will continue

to fight for a fair funding settlement. We have made it crystal clear that we will challenge the current system, not simply accept austerity and manage it. We are determined to reduce inequality and deliver equity of opportunity for everyone in our community through good quality jobs, access to good quality affordable housing, better health outcomes, a reduced attainment gap and stronger communities. In a few short months we have done so much but we can do so much more with a fair funding settlement that allows us to invest in our communities. That's worth fighting for and that is what we intend on doing.'



Industry FM

KEEP WARM.....SAVE MONEY

FREE Cavity Wall and Loft Insulation to home owners and private landlord tenants. No benefits required.

We have surveyors on the Island for the whole of January and February. The Government wants to cut down on your energy bills, make your home warmer and cut down on the carbon emissions.

Remember this is FREE and the scheme expires on the 31st March. This is a ONE TIME OPPORTUNITY to receive a full energy report on your home and get the work done for FREE.

We also survey Air Source Heat Pumps and Solar for which there is partial grants available and interest free loans.

All work installed by Job Worth Doing and funded by British Gas.

Our Surveyors will be on the Island initially on the 5th, 6th and 7th of January. To book an appointment please call Rod Macleod on 07858284020.

www.industryfm.co.uk

FC Campbell Fuel Oils

Is your current supplier letting you down?
Why not contact Campbell Fuels for a reliable service

We offer a weekly top-up service on the Isle of Arran supplying heating oil, tractor diesel, derv and a wide range of lubricants

Call us on 01563 521925
Hurlford Road, Riccarton, Kilmarnock KA1 3LS
www.campbellfuels.co.uk



like us on
facebook

www.facebook.com/arranbanner

Tories first to name their man to fight council seat

Arran resident Timothy Billings is to fight the Ardrossan and Arran local government seat for the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party at the May elections.

Timothy was adopted by the local Conservative Association following an on-line application process and interview when he was added to the party's list of approved local government candidates.

Timothy said: 'I am delighted to have the opportunity to represent both communities on the council and look forward to getting my teeth into the campaign. I am looking forward to getting to know the Ardrossan community better.'

The Ardrossan and Arran ward will only have three councillors, rather than four, and Timothy said he believed it was important that one of them lived on the island to champion local causes.

Following a 30-year career as a pharmacist, working in healthcare regulation and care standards, 59-year-old Timothy bought the Glenisle Hotel in Lam-lash in 2008 along with his partner, Geoffrey Dallamore, and have built it up to be an award-winning hotel.

Timothy said: 'I have enjoyed running the Glenisle for nine years, I am proud of the fact that we have created 15 new full-time jobs and that the success of the

Glenisle has helped to improve the economy of Arran. The success of the Glenisle has enabled us to help sponsor local events, such as Santa's Sparkle, that provided an economic boost to the local economy at a difficult time of the year. I have been actively involved in Lam-lash Improvements Association, where I have worked on the preservation of Lam-lash Green and the eradication of Japanese knotweed.

'I am very aware that a major issue of the day is the ferry route to Arran. The residents of Arran want a reliable service, and the people of Ardrossan want to maintain the jobs and investment that goes with the ferry. I support North Ayrshire Council's work in achieving both of these aims by retaining the Ardrossan to Brodick service. A total of £13 million has been promised to develop Ardrossan and, as a coun-

cillor, I would work to ensure that the money is invested to achieve the aims of both communities.

'Other areas of concern relate to planning awards and the impact on the environment. People have spoken to me about not feeling that their concerns are being taken seriously. We are all proud of where we live so as a councillor I would ensure that plans are appropriate to the locality and environment and work best for the people involved.

'I will be out and about over the next four months of campaigning and have been heartened already by the support I have had from residents who believe that it is time again for a Conservative and Unionist candidate to represent this seat.'

North Ayrshire and Arran chairman Richard Wilkinson added: 'We see this coming election as a great opportunity to elect a group

of Conservative councillors who will strongly influence the direction of the council in the future. We are presenting a group of candidates who have a wide range of experience from hotelier and engineers to business owners and managers. They are a mixture of youth and experience and reflect the North Ayrshire community and its diversity.

'Having beaten Labour into third place locally at the Holyrood election last year and increasing our vote share in the Irvine West by-election in August, I am confident that we will have councillors elected in a number of wards and maybe even a few surprises. It is an exciting time to support the Conservatives and our campaigning starts now.'



Conservative candidate Timothy Billings with Brodick Castle in the background. 01_A02election01

SNP

PAUL KAVANAGH

(Wee Ginger Dug)

No to YES - The Road to Independence

Brodick Village Hall

Sunday 22nd January

2pm

Admission free

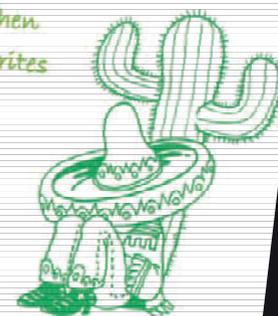
All welcome

Hot stuff @ the P.H.T

Mexican Night

Wednesday 1st February

Fresh 'n' spicy from our kitchen
Family favourites
Enchiladas
Fajitas
Tacos



INDIAN NIGHT WEDNESDAY 18TH JANUARY

Freshly made authentic dishes from Aloo to Vindaloo!!

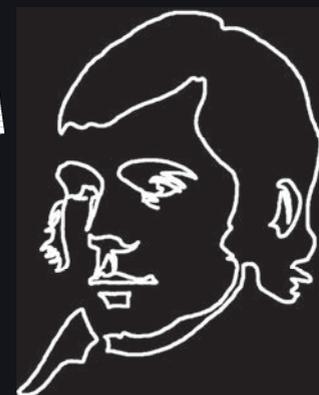


Burns Supper

Wednesday 25th January

3 courses £15

Including entertainment



The PIERHEAD TAVERN, LAMLASH

www.thepht.co.uk 01770 600418

MBS

BUILDING AND TIMBER SUPPLIES

Delivery and Key Cutting Services

FOR HIRE

Floor Sander & Edger
Carpet Cleaner & Wallpaper Stripper
Cement Mixers and Drills
Tower Scaffold • Power Barrow

FULL SCAFFOLDING SERVICE

Petrol, Diesel, Gas, Coal, Logs, Kindling

PAINT

Plumbing & Electrical
Rainwater Goods
Sheet material
Stripwood & Mouldings
Power Tools
Gardening
Fencing
Ironmongery
PAINT

Whiting Bay
Tel: 700202 Fax: 700711
mbsbuild@yahoo.co.uk
Open: Mon - Sat
8am - 5pm

CLOSED SUNDAYS

New course on climate change

An Arran group are hosting a new course called Carbon Conversations. These are a series of supportive, friendly, facilitated short discussion groups which will explore the meaning of climate change and how to halve your personal carbon footprint.

A welcome meeting is being held tomorrow (Saturday) at 11am in Lamlash fire station to introduce the course and the evening discussion meetings will be on Mondays starting on Monday January 23.

The course is being run for Arran Community Land Initiative with funding from the Climate Challenge Fund and aims to help people reduce their carbon footprint, save money and help protect the planet for future generations.

Christmas draw

The results of the Lochranza and Catacol 200 Club Christmas Draw were: 1st prize Nigel Wells, 2nd prize Janette MacLeod, 3rd prize Hazel Gardiner.

End of an era at the Burlington Guest House

The Burlington Guest House in Whiting Bay, which has been an island institution for more than 112 years, is entering a new era under new ownership after its former owners, John and Doreen Lamont, retired having run the guest house for 21 years.

The distinctive and attractive sandstone building on Shore Road, which has panoramic views over the bay, has a long history and since it was originally built by local blacksmith John Taylor in 1905 it had been run by the same family for more than 80 years.

In 1985 it was sold to a couple who operated the Burlington for a short while before they subsequently sold it.

However, by 1990 the business and building were in a dilapidated state. The building was abandoned and lay in near ruin until 1995 when John and Doreen bought it and began a massive renovation and restoration project. Rebuilding the

front facade which had collapsed into the garden and reinstating ceilings which had collapsed the Burlington re-opened for business on May 17, 1996, to a full house of golfers. The same group from Edinburgh returned every year for the next decade.

After more than two decades running the Burlington, Doreen described handing over the reins as a momentous occasion.

Speaking from Italy she said: 'Ownership of the Burlington has passed out of our hands and we have wonderful memories of that great old building in one of the best sites on the island.'

'There were also some horror stories though, like the Middle Eastern family who thought it was acceptable to use the housekeeping staff for target practice with pebbles from the beach, or the young mother from Newton Mearns who saw nothing wrong in leaving her baby's dirty nappies around



The Burlington in Whiting Bay which has been run as a guest house since 1905.

01_B02Burlington01

the room for our girls to pick up. But mostly it was fun.'

Doreen and John are now looking forward to spending their retirement between their homes at Dippen and the village in Italy where Doreen's father was born.

The Burlington will continue to offer visitors accommodation in single, double, king, superking and twin rooms, and will also include a licensed restaurant and bar, which might extend into a public bar and

restaurant over time. New owners Liz and Ian Kir-sop, who previously owned the Lamlash Bay Hotel, are planning a three-month refurbishment and modernisation schedule while still remaining open for visitors.

Mental health groups invited to apply for funding

Residents on Arran are being offered the chance to apply for up to £1,250 which they can use to improve the mental health and wellbeing of people living on the island.

A total of £50,000 is available to help back projects and programmes that make a positive difference in the lives of others.

North Ayrshire health and social care partnership and the Scottish Government are jointly funding the £50,000 initiative which allows communities to decide how to spend the money.

This will be the second participatory budgeting event on Arran which is inviting bids of up to £1,250 from groups and individuals to tackle issues such as social isolation, stress and

anxiety, and young people's mental health.

Councillor Peter McNamara, cabinet member for health and social care, said: 'Our participatory budgeting events have been hugely successful and I'm delighted that people now have the chance to bid for projects which will make a real difference to the mental health and wellbeing of many people across North Ayrshire.'

'We look forward to hearing what the bidders have to say and seeing how they can use this money to really make a difference to our communities and the lives of those within them.'

An information session will be held at the Arran CVS office in Lamlash on Thursday January 19,

where guidance on the bidding process will be provided and any questions can be answered.

Interested applicants can receive further information by calling 01294 317774.

The closing date for applications is Tuesday January 31. Online applications can be made at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MentalHealthPB.

talHealthPB.

The final decision on the bids will be made on Saturday February 25 at a special public event in Ardrossan Civic Centre.

The bids will be subject to a public vote, with applicants also able to take part, and the successful bidders receiving funding of up to £1,250 for their project.

Scottish Field JANUARY ISSUE OUT NOW

Wild Perthshire
Leading chef Andrew Fairlie on why Perth was the perfect place to grow up

20 PAGES OF SCOTLAND'S FINANCES A SPECIAL INVESTIGATION

WIN A LUXURY SCOTTISH ISLAND CRUISE FOR TWO

www.scottishfield.co.uk

Sponsored by NFU Mutual
Campbeltown call Rhona Millar on 01586 552 428 for your insurance needs.

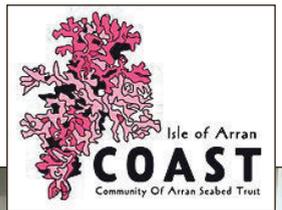
Agent of The National Farmers Union Mutual Insurance Society Limited.

NFU Mutual



Councillor Peter McNamara.

Tennis courts bought for new discovery centre



The Marine Discovery Centre planned by the Community of Arran Seabed Trust, (COAST) has taken a step forward with the purchase of the Lamlash tennis courts and pavilion where it will be built.

Having already received community input from various meetings, COAST will host further discussions during the year to progress its plans for the centre which will also become its new headquarters. Planning permission has been obtained for the change of use of the building includ-

ing, internal alterations and the creation of a glazed extension to the front of the building.

Volunteers have, in anticipation for the building work, started preparing the building and clearing the undergrowth from the tennis courts.

COAST executive director Andrew Binnie said: 'We are delighted to have concluded the purchase from the tennis and bowling club and are now getting cracking with the first stage of our plans. This year we will be renovating

and converting the pavilion into a headquarters for the trust and the South Arran Marine Protected Area.

To celebrate the purchase, thank everyone involved and share our ideas with the community we are having a celebration at the pavilion on Friday January 20 between noon and 2pm. Tea and coffee will be served and everyone is welcome to join us.'

The trust hopes the new centre will attract tourists, encourage marine recreation and engage more people with marine wildlife.



COAST volunteers enjoy a well-earned break after working at the pavilion site.

B02Coast01



Undergrowth has been removed from the tennis courts, which will remain open during the renovation. B02Coast02

Hotel owners reminded to license their TVs

As hotels and guest houses on Arran start their preparations for the new holiday season TV Licensing is appealing to them to make sure they are correctly licensed.

Hotels, boutique B&Bs, luxury spa resorts and serviced apartments must all be covered by a valid TV licence if guests or staff are watching TV as it's broadcast. All viewers who use the iPlayer to watch any BBC programmes must also now be covered by a TV licence after new rules came into force in September.

For many smaller hotels and guesthouses, the cost of

a TV Licence is £145.50 a year, the same amount as a private house. Hotels with more than 15 rooms are covered by one licence for the first 15 units, but will need an additional licence for every five thereafter.

Correctly licensed

Fergus Reid, spokesperson for TV Licensing said: 'The UK's growing tourism business is becoming more competitive, with hoteliers vying to provide ever greater guest satisfaction. Whether hotels are providing extras such as Smart TVs or TVs in the bathroom, they all need to be correctly licensed.'

Peter Ducker, chief execu-

tive of the Institute of Hospitality, added: 'In-room entertainment is a vital part of the customer experience and any offering that is below-par can lead to unfavourable user reviews. Having a valid TV licence is obviously a necessity too.'

Compliant

'Making sure your business is fully compliant with the law is a mark of your professionalism.'

For more information about TV licensing requirements for hotels and accommodation providers, call the TV Licensing business team on 0300 790 6124 or visit www.tvlicensing.co.uk/hotels

PROUDLY PARTNERED BY

SCOTTISH RURAL AWARDS

ScottishField

SCOTTISH COUNTRYSIDE ALLIANCE
The voice of the countryside

CELEBRATE
SCOTLAND'S COUNTRYSIDE AT THE
2017 SCOTTISH RURAL AWARDS
CEREMONY & GALA DINNER
THURSDAY 16TH MARCH 2017
AT DYNAMIC EARTH, EDINBURGH
TICKETS ON SALE NOW! VISIT
WWW.SCOTTISHRURALAWARDS.ORG

@ruralawards Scottish Rural Awards www.scottishruralawards.org



THE ARRAN BANNER

Come and see for yourself

Kenneth Cox, one of Scotland's leading gardeners, clearly has an axe to grind with the National Trust for Scotland.

But why he should drag Brodick Castle into what is clearly a much wider debate is mystifying. And why he, as a respected rhododendron expert, should go so far as to say he could not recommend the famous Arran gardens to visitors any more seems just sour grapes.

Mr Cox, it appears, is a gamekeeper turned poacher. He is a former member of the trust's gardens and designed landscapes panel but now says that 'short-termism' in appointing inexperienced gardeners to replace veteran employees was causing 'significant and non-reversible deterioration' in Scotland's protected gardens.

As well as writing to trust bosses, the published author chose to share his views with the publication of his choice, *The Times*.

We are sure he may have a point. The trust is going through a period of tough transition. In October, the charity said that it had to cut costs to claw back about £4 million a year. About 90 jobs, one-sixth of the workforce, are expected to be lost across the country, although the trust did not specify which roles were vulnerable.

So, yes, maybe there are gardening issues to be addressed. But why Mr Cox chose to single out just three gardens – from an estate of 129 – is baffling and he gave no justification to his bland statement that the Brodick gardens had been so 'poorly managed by the NTS for decades' that it wasn't worth going.

As Brodick head gardener Tim Keyworth has asked: when was he last here? Since Tim's arrival from Leith Hall in Aberdeenshire more than two years ago the *Banner* has not heard one word of criticism of the gardens. Indeed, there has only been praise as to how well they are being looked after and developed.

Now, with a three-year garden investment programme of £1.2 million secured, things can only be looking up.

Why not come and see for yourself, Mr Cox?

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

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

press policy

WE AT the Arran Banner endeavour to ensure that all our reports are fair and accurate and comply with the Editors' Code of Practice set by the Independent Press Standards Organisation (IPSO). We realise, however, that mistakes happen from time to time.

If you think we have made a significant mistake and you wish to discuss this with us, please let us know as soon as possible by any of the three methods: emailing editor@arranbanner.co.uk; telephoning the senior reporter on 01770 302142 or write to the Editor at Wyvex Media, Crannog Lane, Lochavullin estate, Oban, PA34 4HB.

We will attempt to resolve your issue in a timeous, reasonable and amicable manner. However, if you are unsatisfied with our response, you can contact IPSO, which will investigate the matter. You can either telephone IPSO on 0300 123 2220 or email inquiries@ipso.co.uk. IPSO is an independent body which deals with complaints from the public about the editorial content of newspapers and magazines. We will abide by the decision of IPSO.

your letters

THE EDITOR welcomes letters of approximately 200 words in length for publication on this page. The editor also reserves the right to shorten, to amend or to refuse to print them. Names and postal addresses must be supplied, including on e-mails, to indicate good faith. A daytime telephone number is also required for verification. Anonymous letters or those supplied without a contact telephone number will not be printed. Please write or fax to: Letters Page, The Arran Banner, Brodick, Isle of Arran. E-mail editor@arranbanner.co.uk

Letters to the Editor



Nut case idea

Sir,
Following the recent headline article and various writings on the subject of public toilets, I would like to say 'bravo' to Jack Cowan of Catacol for his down-to-earth summary in the *Banner* letters page last week.

It may be an easy economic decision for the council to opt out of responsibility for provision of public toilets, both on Arran and mainland North Ayrshire, but in realistic terms it's a complete nut case idea. Can those councillors involved conjure up a mental picture of ladies and gentlemen, tourists and island residents alike, lurking in odd corners and indeed, public places, if forced by nature to do so?

Also to consider is the issue of campervan owners flushing out their toilet waste tanks in the nearest gutter. Apart from the detrimental social, environmental and public health impact which would result from such a plan, how would the local constabulary react to those who may be forced, by nature, to break the law in this way?

I'm sure there has been much debate within the community council and other local groups about the options but total closure of the existing sparse facilities should not be even considered.

Correct me if I'm wrong, but it is my understanding that there is actually no legal obligation on local councils to provide public toilet facilities. Surely this must be a gross omission in the local council remit, as set out by central government. If this is not a compulsory requirement within the services provided by local councils, then it is time that the law was changed to make it so.

Meantime, I will be writ-

ing to those who may have some influence in the matter. I will certainly not be giving my vote to any councillor, MP or MSP who can be seen to even remotely support these closure proposals – and I trust that many others, both on Arran and in North Ayrshire, will take the same view.

Yours,
**Wren Gentleman,
Lochranza.**

Gifts of sunshine

Sir
On a dark winter's day, arriving home after shopping, I found a flower pot on my doorstep with little shoots starting to peep through.

It had tinsel around it and on turning it round, a label said Merry Christmas from Lamlash Primary School. I hope I am speaking for all the recipients of your little gifts of sunshine. Thank you and well done Lamlash Primary School.

Thanks to all who support you and make this possible and in teaching the children that there is pleasure in giving as well as receiving. I look forward to spring and seeing those little flowers grow. I hope all at the school have a happy and successful 2017.

Yours,
**Jean A Strachan,
Lamlash.**

Embrace badgers

Sir,
My mum served her time as a Land Girl at Home Farm in Brodick during the Second World War and she, along with my dad and one brother, are buried at Lamlash Cemetery. Another one of her brothers and his wife have their ashes interred in a grave close by.

Given my family's love of nature, I am absolutely sure that they would all be delighted with the badgers rooting for worms occa-

sionally in this exceptionally (so far) mild winter. Get a grip and embrace the natural surroundings that you are so privileged to enjoy.

Yours,
**Greta Logan,
Kilbirnie.**

Christmas lights

Sir,
Could I please say a big thank you to all of the people who donated to the Christmas lights in aid of the Whiting Bay children's Christmas party.

The sum raised was £157 which has been forwarded on. Once again thank you very much and the lights

will be back again this year for the 28th time.

Yours,
**Bernie Jackson,
Whiting Bay.**

Ferry service

Sir,
At 10am on Tuesday morning, the only ferry service not running was Ardrossan-Brodick. There were even fishing boats out plying their trade and if Troon is not fit for purpose why has the Isle of Arran been tied up there for the past 24 hours?

Yours,
**Peter Yates,
Catacol.**

THE ARRAN BANNER . . . on holiday



John Roberts visited an eighteenth century observatory in Jaipur, India.

The *Arran Banner* regularly receives pictures of its readers enjoying their holidays in far-flung and exotic locations as well as those closer to home. When space allows, we like to print these pictures of people who have remembered to take their favourite paper with them.

In this week's edition, John Roberts is seen visiting the Maharajah's 18th-century observatory in Jaipur, India, with a giant sundial in the background.

Arran Deliveries

Arran Deliveries
The Parcel Point
Harbour Road,
Ardrossan
North Ayrshire
KA22 8BZ

Open Mon - Fri 9am - 5pm
Daily collection throughout Ayrshire,
Glasgow and surrounding districts

Tel: 01475 676 255
Fax: 01294 469 492

Glasgow Depot
Arran Deliveries
149 Balmoral Street
Glasgow G14 0HB

Open Mon - Fri 8am - 5pm
Accepting goods destined
for the island

*We deliver the goods
not excuses*

Heritage museum in race against time after extension is complete

'It's going to be all hands to the pumps to be ready in time'

Isle of Arran heritage museum has completed work on its new extension.

Now it has less than three months to get the museum back in shape for its March re-opening.

The extension, which cost around £30,000, gives the Rosaburn museum more space and better conditions to store the ever-growing archive material and more storage space for the artefacts upstairs. It also means for the first time it will be able to provide a public reading room where visiting academics and others interested in Arran history or genealogy can pour over the archives in private.

The extension plan was first reported in the *Banner* in July 2015 but funding delays set the project back. Work finally started last autumn and was completed just before Christmas.

The new extension doubles the amount of space for the social history archives which will be stored in acid-free containers in controlled temperatures and humidity.

The collection consists of a wide variety of material with an Arran connection, together with general reference books.

The archives have everything from antiquar-

ian books, photographs, maps, documents of all types and a complete collection of *The Arran Banner* since it began in 1974.

Details of the archives are kept on computer, which together with the knowledgeable staff on hand, ensures any researcher has an ex-



Stuart Gough in the new archive room.

01_A01museum02

cellent chance of finding what they are looking for. And they will now have a dedicated room in which to study it.

The genealogy department has also now moved to a new, purpose-built

room within the administration stable block. Here, people from all over the world, via e-mail, letter and by phone, contact the museum genealogists in their search for information on their Arran ancestors.

Upstairs the new storage area will allow some of the exhibits, which are rotated every year for show, to be better categorised and stored.

Secretary Tom Macleod said: 'As the archives continue to grow, we found we needed more space and that was why we needed the extension. Previously anyone carrying out research had to do so in the archive room where the volunteer archivists work. Now we can provide a dedicated room for the public to examine all our records.'

But with the old archive room having been cleared to allow the new extension to be built, Tom admitted it will be a race against time to get everything ready for the re-opening of the museum on Wednesday March 29.

He said: 'It's going to be all hands to the pumps to be ready in time, but we have a great bunch of volunteers who we can rely on to get stuck in and get the work done.'



How the extension looks from the outside. 01_A01museum04



Tom and Stuart at the entrance to the extension. 01_A01museum03



Manager Tom Macleod and volunteers Tricia Botten and Helen Wyld in the new storage area. 01_A01museum01

The perfect gift for friends and family ... or your kitchen!

SOUVENIR TEA TOWELS £6.95

Our beautifully illustrated maps of the towns, regions and islands of the west of Scotland have been transformed into keepsake, gift-quality tea-towels.

At just £6.95, these make the perfect souvenir gift or special memento of beautiful Arran AVAILABLE NOW!

In Person: The Isle of Arran Tea-Towel is available to purchase from the Arran Banner office in Brodick, KA27 8AJ

Mail Order: If you wish to order by telephone, please contact us on

01770 302142 For mail order, the total cost is £8.50 including postage and packaging.

THE ARRAN BANNER



The Arran House team, are, left to right, Tenzing, Saroj, Adeep, Major Prakaash Gurung, Finjo, Deepak and Sankar.



Tenzing poses with local monks.



Children have to descend and scale a steep hillside to attend the school at Tiger Mountain.



Gordon Davidson is pictured with the group known as Mustang Monkeys.

Arran House from strength

'The money raised has made a big difference.'

Arran artist Gordon Davidson is a regular visitor to Nepal, where he is a keen supporter of the Kalaa Jyoti project in which he helped set up Arran House to accommodate orphans and provide them with art education and other opportunities.

Following his most recent visit, he details the progress of the humanitarian effort and some of his experiences during his trip before heading back to Nepal next month.

Last summer the Isle of Arran Distillery put on the fourth Kalaa Jyoti art exhibition for Gordon to help the poor children from Nepal that the project works with. The exhibition raised £2,030. The money went directly to buy art material and also into the project's safe house north of Kathmandu. Arran House was set up from a fundraising event in Lady Jean Fforde's Strabane garden and a substantial donation from the distillery immediately following the earthquake.

Arran House is now up and running with furniture donated by Major Prakaash Gurung and his Gurkha soldiers stationed in Kathmandu. It is staffed by Sankar Adhikari, a Nepalese social worker, and Deepak Pun, the accountant.

Gordon said: 'The idea of the house is to find a place for the kids leaving their orphanages, or homes, where we can give them college places, apprenticeships or jobs – in short, a future for the youngsters who would not normally get the chance.'

There are four youngsters in the house now: Saroj, who is studying maths and accountancy; Adeep, who is at the art school; and Tenzing and Finjo, who are both at the British Gurkha College. Tenzing has been involved with Kalaa Jyoti since the start five years ago. He was so pleased to have the chance to stay in Arran House saying: 'When I come into Arran House, I know I can think and I know now I have a future.'

Gordon was making his his sixth visit to continue the art part of the project and to work with the youngsters in Arran House. 'It's the first time since we started that we had enough watercolours, coloured pencils, felt pens, poster paint and ink for everyone to work with, rather than having to share,' said Gordon.

Good education

His most recent visit started in the west where Gordon returned to work with a group of children from the remote region of Mustang. The youngsters are cared for by Lama Pasang, who wanted to give a good education to the children of his region. The youngsters are so excited about doing art that they have been affectionately named the Mustang Monkeys.

One of them called Ngawang is very interested in art. Last year his blue-eyed tiger painting was put onto T-shirts and it became a really good seller. This year he has produced a leopard and a peacock to the same standard. The visit continued with two new joint projects with schools in Pokhara. One of the wonderfully named places was called the Little Flowers Academy and the other was the Srijana Secondary.

A five-day stay at Tiger Mountain found Gordon having to walk down a 2,000 foot hillside in the morning to a very small primary for children from



Ngawang with his tiger painting that was printed onto T-shirts.



Gordon Davidson visited the children at the Tiger Mountain School.



Pupils at the Himalaya Boarding School show off some of the children's art.

in Nepal goes to strength

'difference,' says Gordon Davidson

the local farming community. Most of the children were from very poor backgrounds. Then he had to walk round the mountain to the secondary in the afternoon. And then he had to walk back up the mountain, with special instructions to keep an eye out for leopards, in the afternoon.

Gordon said: 'An instruction like that sharpens the mind – and it makes you walk faster. It has really improved my leg muscles!'

On the trips in the past Gordon has always stayed in basic rooms and very humble dwellings but on Tiger Mountain he was put up in a luxury lodge owned by a friend of Richard Morris, one of the Gurkha officers who runs Kalaa Jyoti.

Commenting on his stay in the Tiger Mountain, Gordon said: 'I think it was maybe a reward for all my times staying in poor places that I am used to on these trips. I had my own lodge on the side of a mountain in the Himalayas, with an infinity pool reflecting the stunning Annapurna range and every time I went out a wee fairy tidied up my room and pulled the mosquito nets. It was a short-lived mirage, though, as the next part of the trip involved travelling up on of the roads featured on the TV series *The World's Most Dangerous Roads*.'

In Kathmandu, he returned to the Himalaya Boarding School, where he worked with a group of poor children who are gifted in art. The project is held in the school in the morning before classes start and is a very well supported part of the project. The principal of the school, Khem Ghimire, is a very forward-thinking man who employs a young art teacher called Suresh two days a week, which is almost unheard of in Nepal.

At this point Gordon was supposed to begin working with a home for children with HIV but

the invitation Kalaa Jyoti received suddenly disappeared when Gordon arrived and the project never got off the ground. This meant he could spend more time with the Arran House boys organising trips out, walks and doing unusual art such as throwing clay and jewellery making.

Meetings were arranged with the educational adviser to the prime minister, who thought the project is brilliant. He was also taken on a tour of the Gurkha HQ in Kathmandu, and interviewed on the Gurkha radio. There was also a coffee with an old friend of Kalaa Jyoti, the former Nepalese ambassador who opened the exhibition in the Arran Distillery back in 2013.

Great memories

He was full of praise for what the distillery was doing for 'his Nepali children' and he was also full of great memories about his day on Arran and how kind the people were on his official visit.

An exhibition is planned for May in the Nepal Embassy in London and another in the Kathmandu Guest House, a place credited with starting the tourism industry in Nepal after they hosted the Beatles there in the 1960s. Following massive destruction in the earthquake, they have built a new exhibition space for Nepali artists and visiting international artists.

The Arran House boys are now away home to their villages for Dahsain, the biggest festival in Nepal. Saroj is sponsored by a lady from the United States and Tenzing has found a Glasgow artist who is paying for half his educational fees. If anyone would like to get involved with sponsoring any part of the project, it would be very welcome. You can get in touch with Gordon at Prospect in Corrie on 01770 810213.

COLOUR
your life with **krisp** print

litho and digital printing
01586 554975
Main Street/Longrow South, Campbeltown
email: staff@krispprint.co.uk www.krispprint.co.uk

Tim stages exhibition at famous London gallery

Arran artist Tim Pomeroy is holding a second major solo exhibition in New Bond Street, London, this month.

Tim is showing with The Fine Art Society (FAS), an established London institution that has represented



Tim Pomeroy prepares a sculpture for transportation to his London exhibition.

the best British artists since 1876. The society used to have branches in London, Glasgow and Edinburgh but now only retains the Edinburgh gallery in Dundas Street where Tim showed in November 2015 and the London premises.

The new London exhibition is called Ritual Geometries consisting of 14 sculptures in stone and wood based on inspirations drawn from nature and the designed world combined with notions of ritual in its widest sense.

'The sculptures are designed to infer rather than to state a purpose. I want the spectator to be inspired, to imagine a purpose or a role that any given sculpture should play,' said Tim. 'For me they are a kind of

language ... one for which words are less adequate.'

A Scottish newspaper featured a full page spread and interview with Tim on Boxing Day. When asked about a career high, he said: 'To be showing in Bond Street with FAS is an achievement in itself, to sell work thereafter is a real bonus.'

The showing is a major exhibition of Tim's most recent work and he hopes it cements further relationships with the fine art societies in London and Edinburgh.

Tim said: 'There will be another Edinburgh exhibition at some point in the near future, based on the success of the last Dundas Street show. The success of the Bond Street show will, I hope, give me security with

the London gallery for the next two or three years.'

Tim is driving the works to London himself in a van borrowed from Filtec owner Bill Smith of Machrie. The second lift of six works weighing 1.2 tons left Arran last week to arrive in London the following day for arranging. He took the first, smaller works down for a pre-Christmas preview the week before Christmas.

Tim trained and taught at Gray's School of Art in Aberdeen. He has been self-supporting since 1983. Locally, he exhibits in Arran Art Gallery and every year at Arran Open Studios and is working on several private commissions for clients on and off the island. His works feature in the permanent collections



One of 14 sculptures for an exhibition called Ritual Geometries is packed into a crate.

of the Kelvingrove and the National Museum of Scotland. He also has sculptures in public spaces on Arran viewable all year round and in collections like Chatsworth, Cawdor Castle and the Esmee Fairbairn Foun-

ation. The exhibition, which opened on Tuesday, runs until January 30 and further details and an online catalogue can be viewed on the gallery website at www.faslondon.com or by phoning Sara on 02076 295116.

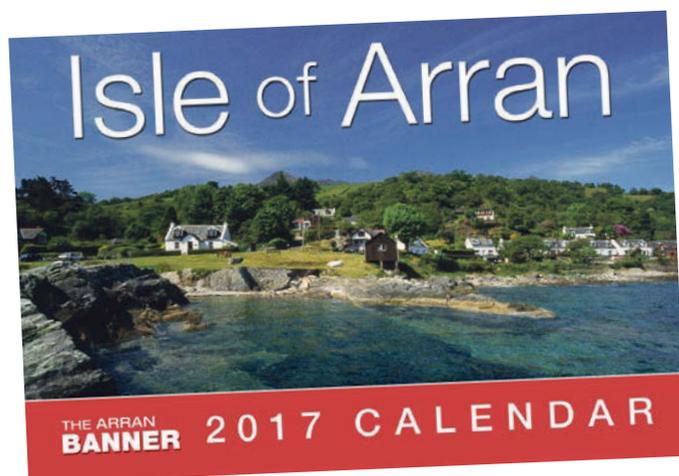
Free

Isle of Arran
calendar

from
scottishcalendars.co.uk

when you subscribe to The Arran Banner*

Visit www.arranbanner.co.uk/subscribe



*Minimum one year subscription.
Print subscriptions only.
Calendars issued January.

THE ARRAN
BANNER

Prospective councillors offered guidance ahead of local elections

Potential candidates looking to be elected as councillors are being offered guidance on the process ahead of the local council elections in May.

A briefing session for candidates and their agents is being hosted by North Ayrshire Council's chief executive and returning officer Elma Murray next month.

The event will be open to anyone considering standing whether, it's on behalf of a political party or as an independent candidate.

As well as providing advice on the electoral process, the session will also give potential council-

lors an insight into the role and expectations of elected members.

Changes introduced by the Boundary Commission mean that North Ayrshire will have new ward boundaries and elect three more councillors – a total of 33 – at the election on May 4. However, as reported in last week's Banner, Arran will lose one of its four councillors.

Mrs Murray said: 'The electoral process can be a complex one, particularly if it is your first involvement, so the session is a great opportunity for people to come along and see what is

required of them before the election.

'The role of a North Ayrshire councillor is a varied and hugely challenging one and the session provides an overview of what is expected.

'We will be there to answer any questions potential councillors or their agents might have.'

The briefing for prospective candidates and their agents will be held on Monday February 20 in the Council Chambers, Cunninghame House, Irvine and starts at 5.30pm. Anyone interested in attending should email elections@north-ayrshire.gov.uk or call 01294 324710 or 324713 by Monday February 13 to advise of their attendance.

Chair Yoga with Gillian

FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND
MOBILITY IMPAIRED

Enjoy the benefits of Yoga while sitting & sometimes standing with the support of a chair.

WEDNESDAYS from 18th January 11.00-12.00

In Molios Church Hall, Shiskine

1 hour

THURSDAYS from 19th January 10.30 - 11.30

At the Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick

class is
£5.00

Tel: 07876 260396

like us on
facebook
www.facebook.com/arranbanner

Waxwings venture to Arran to beat food shortage

Bird notes
by Jim Cassels
FOR DECEMBER

The weather in December was characterised by mild temperatures with the thermometer staying above freezing point all month.

Indeed, the average temperature was three degrees warmer than November. It was also 25 per cent drier than last December but in the few days leading up to Christmas the island was swept by storm force Atlantic fronts.

Waxwings, first reported in November, continued to be spotted throughout December including 20 photographed by the Goatfell track on 2nd and 13 in a garden in Corrie on 30th.

These berry-loving, colourful birds from Northern Europe sometimes venture into the UK during winter if there is a shortage of food in their Scandinavian breeding area. While they are not reported every winter in the UK, let's hope they continue to be reported on Arran this winter.

Other winter visitors included: 80 rook on Clachaig Farm on 1st, 300 fieldfare and 60 redwing at the entrance to Cnoc na Dail on 10th, 12 purple sandpiper on Hamilton Rock also on 10th, two brambling in Slidery on 26th and six yellowhammer in Hazelburn on 27th.

Wintering wildfowl were to the fore including: 22 pink-footed goose in Shiskine on 2nd, 156 teal at Kilpatrick Point on 3rd, a tufted duck on Mossend Pond on 7th, 400 greylag goose in Shiskine on 9th, 20 common scoter and 36 wigeon in Cosyden on 10th, two whooper swan

in Shiskine also on 10th, a long staying female scaup by the Fisherman's Walk also on 10th and three goldeneye on Mossend Pond on 29th.

Groups of wintering birds included: 400 starling in Slidery on 4th, 42 lapwing in Kilpatrick on 6th, eight black-throated diver and



Blackcap male, one of a number of unusual garden birds seen this month. Photo: Angela Cassels.

five great northern diver in Cosyden on 10th, 112 golden plover at Machriewaterfoot on 11th, 200 chaffinch in Slidery on 12th, 37 turnstone in Kildonan on 13th and more than 400 common and herring gulls on Silver Sands on 14th.

Gardens provided a safe refuge for some birds and among the more unusual records received, as well as the Waxwings mentioned earlier in these bird notes, were: a male blackcap in Kilpatrick on 5th, nine coal tit also in Kilpatrick on 6th, five long-tailed tit in Alma Park on 23rd and a great spotted woodpecker in Margnaeglish on 25th.

Other interesting records this month included: a male goosander at the mouth of

the Iorsa on 4th, two jack snipe in Hazelburn also on 4th, a female merlin hunting over Shiskine Golf Course also on 4th, two little grebe in Loch Ranza on 10th, five fulmar on Drumadon Cliffs on 11th, a dipper at Glenashdalewaterfoot on 26th and a spectacular display by an im-

ganser including five off

Rubha Salach on 31st.

Date for your diary: the Big Garden Birdwatch from Saturday January 28 to Monday January 30.

That weekend, stock up your bird feeders and spend an hour watching your garden birds.

Note down the highest number you see of each bird species.

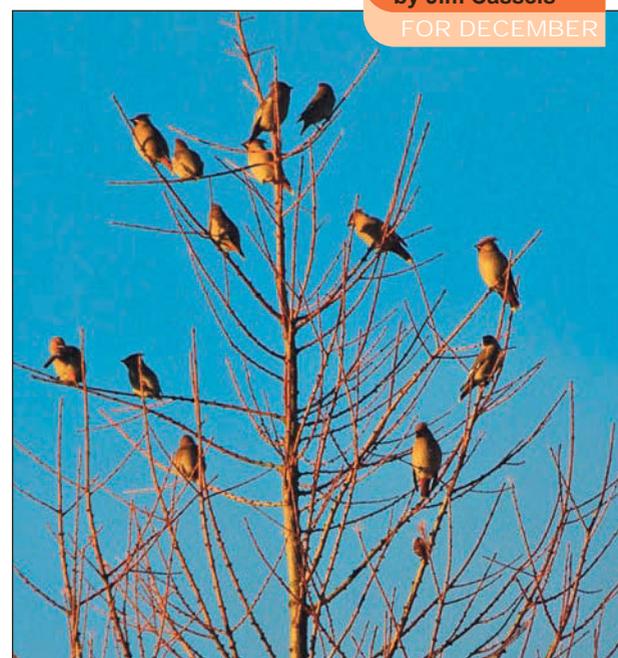
Last year nearly half a million people throughout the UK and more than 30 on Arran took part in this valuable exercise. For more information and to get the free starter pack, visit the RSPB website Big Garden Birdwatch <http://www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch/> If you do decide to take part, please share your records with me.

Enjoy your birding

Please send any bird notes with 'what, when, where' to me at Kilpatrick Kennels, Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot, KA27 8EY, or email me at jim@arranbirding.co.uk.

I look forward to hearing from you.

For more information on birding on Arran purchase the Arran Bird Atlas 2007-2012 as well as the Arran Bird Report 2015 and visit www.arranbirding.co.uk



Waxwings in a tree by the Goatfell track.

Photo: Kate Sampson.



A large group of purple sandpiper were seen on Hamilton Rock in December. Photo: Brian Couper.



Teal, one of many wintering wildfowl. Photo: Carl Reavey.

WIN

£200 WORTH OF BESPOKE PENDANT AND TABLE LAMP SHADES
HANDMADE FOR YOU BY COTTERELL & CO.



Cotterell & Co, one of the country's leading suppliers of lighting, furniture and home accessories, have teamed up with Scottish Field to offer one lucky reader £200 worth of bespoke lampshades.

These will be handmade in Cotterell & Co's Glasgow design studio by their skilled in-house lampshade makers. Select your perfect lampshade material from their comprehensive fabric library featuring hundreds of colours and patterns. From plain silks, through to patterns, tartans and velvets and you can also supply your own material to be made up into lampshades. Whether you require a lampshade for a pendant, table or floor lamp they have got it covered. Various sizes and shapes are available. You will be booked in for a consultation with a Cotterell & Co lighting expert to ensure you receive the perfect lampshades.

FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN, just answer the following question: **Where is the Cotterell & Co design studio located?**

Winner to place an order by 31 December 2017. Cannot be redeemed for cash or other products.

To enter, send your answer, name, address, telephone number and email address to Scottish Field Competitions, Wyvex Media, Fettes Park, 496 Ferry Road, Edinburgh, EH5 2DL. Closing date is January 31, 2017. Entrants must be 18 or over. Employees of Wyvex Media, the competition promoters, and their direct families are ineligible to enter. No purchase necessary. The winner will be first correct entry drawn after closing date. No cash alternative is available. The winner will be informed by telephone. Promoter reserves the right to request post publicity. Indicate if you do not wish to receive further information from promoter. Usual Wyvex Media rules apply. This competition is open to readers of other Wyvex Media publications.

THE ARRAN

BANNER

TWENTY YEARS AGO

Saturday 18 January, 1997

Special delivery

Alison Kelly of Lamlash proudly shows off her new son Andrew.

His arrival into the world was far from straightforward though, as he was delivered on the bathroom floor of Alison's home.

The former Arran High School pupil now lives in Haverfordwest in South Wales where her partner Archie Robb is a stockman in charge of a dairy herd.

It was Archie who delivered the couple's latest addition to the family.

The story emerged last week when Alison visited her mum Marilyn and family back on Arran. Alison was pregnant with her second baby and the drill was she was to let the hospital, 10 miles away, know when she was going into labour.

On December 28 last year she felt the baby coming and phoned Archie who was back in 10 minutes and told Alison they

would go to the hospital by car. But a lot had happened in those 10 minutes and Alison replied: 'No way, I'm having this baby now.'

Back in Lamlash, mum Marilyn only heard the story after the baby had been safely delivered. She said: 'If he had phoned me earlier I would have been ill.'

Baby Andrew made his first visit to Arran last weekend.

Marilyn said: 'Archie's very modest about it, but I think he is quite pleased.'

Andrew is the first boy in Alison's family for several generations.

On the beat

The Banner spent a night shift with Strathclyde Police on Arran. And what night could be better than a busy Hogmanay?

It was an eventful night with many revellers enjoying their evening and thankfully not too many incidents, as our photographs show.



All the girls in the Kelly family with the new arrival. From left: Gillian with Sophie, Alison with baby boy Andrew, and grandmother Marilyn with Debra and Lorna with Joanne. B02twe01



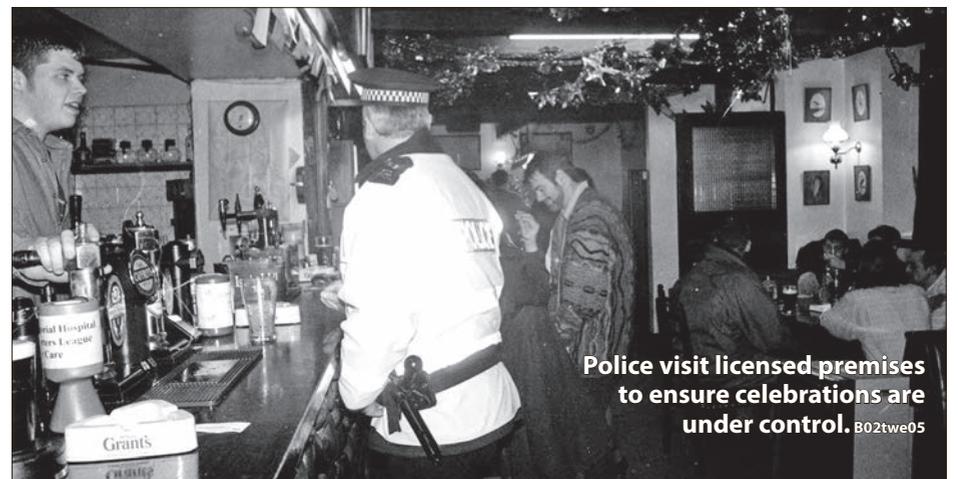
There was dancing on the tables in Whiting Bay to bring in the New Year. B02twe04



Hazel Connery and Shona Lane brought in the New Year at Steamers, Lamlash. B02twe03



New Year revellers huddle around the dying embers of a fire on a bitterly cold evening at Catacol. B02twe02



Police visit licensed premises to ensure celebrations are under control. B02twe05

What's on

in association with Isle of Arran Brewery

www.arranbrewery.com



Everyday

Trout fly fishing Loch Garbad, bank fishing 9am-dusk
 Brodick Castle, garden open
 Arran Brewery Fri - Sat 10am - 5pm Sun - Wed 12.30pm - 5pm
 Lamlash tennis courts/putting green Open all day
 Soap making and candle dipping Arran Aromatics, Brodick, 10am - 4pm

Saturday 14th January

Army Cadets Auchrannie Road 11am - 1pm
 Over 21s disco Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
 Family games
 Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
 Fun in the pool Auchrannie Spa pool, 4-5pm
 Arran Vets surgery 9.30am - 11am
 Arran Vets reception 9.30am - 12 noon
 Live music Fiddlers, Brodick from 7.30pm
 Blackwaterfoot bowls
 Bowling Club, 1.15pm
 Flow yoga
 Live music - End of the Century Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 9am
 The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm

Sunday 15th January

Family games Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm
 Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm Fiddlers, Brodick 2.30pm - 5pm
 Fun in the pool Brodick church Hall, 5pm - 6.30pm
 Open acoustic session at Fiddlers' Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
 AA meeting Lamlash church, noon
 Taigi & Oigong The PHT, Lamlash, 3pm
 Arran Churches Together - service of Christian Unity
 Live music - pre-recorded session

Monday 16th January

Over-50s badminton Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm
 Badminton Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
 Morning fitness Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
 Badminton Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm
 Arran Vets surgery 9am - 10.30am & 4pm - 6pm
 Arran Vets reception 9am - 2pm & 4pm - 6pm
 Arran Junior Football Club Ormidale Park, 6-7.30pm
 Circuit training Auchrannie Gym, 6-7pm
 Lamlash Aerobix Arran High School Dance Studio, 6.30pm
 RunArran Drift Inn, Lamlash 5.30pm
 Tae Kwon-do Brodick Church Hall adults and over-10s, 7.00pm - 8.30pm
 Arran bridge Lamlash Golf Club, 7pm
 Arran Citizen's Advice Bureau Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30am - 1.30pm
 Live music Fiddlers, Brodick 7.30pm - 10pm
 Arran Skinnymalinks Lamlash Church Hall 3:30 - 4:00pm
 Arran Skinnymalinks Brodick - Arran Active 4:15 - 4:45pm
 Arran Skinnymalinks Corrie - Breagha Holistic Beauty 5:00 - 5:30pm
 Arran Skinnymalinks Shiskine Church Hall 5:15 - 5:45pm
 Arran Skinnymalinks Brodick Church Kitchen - 5:45 - 6:15pm
 Scottish country dancing for beginners and improvers Corrie Hall, 2pm - 4pm

Tuesday 17th January

Pop quiz Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
 Alcoholics Anonymous Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
 Youth club Kildonan Hall, 7pm
 Arran Vets surgery 9am - 10.30am & 4pm - 6pm
 Arran Vets reception 9am - 2pm & 4pm - 6pm
 Rotary Club Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 6.30pm
 Healthy outdoors NTS Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm
 Blackwaterfoot bowls Bowling Club, 1.15pm
 RunArran run coaching Lamlash, 5.30pm
 Bridge class (beginners/improvers) Brodick Golf Club, 2.30pm - 4.30pm
 Open cricket session Brodick Astro Turf 7pm-9pm
 Lamlash Junior Drama Club Arran High School, 6.30pm - 9pm
 Flow yoga Corrie & Sannox Hall, 6pm
 Live music Fiddlers, Brodick 7.30pm - 10pm
 Metafit Arran High School, 6pm
 Pilates Kilmory Hall, 6pm - 7pm
 Scottish country dancing Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm
 Winter bowls Auchrannie, 7pm
 Arran Skinnymalinks Lochranza Arran Distillery Visitor Centre 3:30 - 4:00pm

Wednesday 18th January

Rock and pop bingo Ormidale Hotel 9.30pm
 Tae Kwon-do Arran high school kids-6.30-7.30pm Adults-7.30-8.30pm
 Alcoholics Anonymous Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
 Arran Brass rehearsal Brodick Church Hall, 7-9pm
 Arran Vets surgery 9am - 10.30am & 4pm - 6pm
 Arran Vets reception 9am - 2pm & 4pm - 6pm
 Yoga Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am-10.30am
 Hydrofit Auchrannie Hotel leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
 Arran Heritage Museum archives and genealogy service 10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30
 RunArran Auchrannie Spa, Brodick, 5.30pm
 Yoga-Arran Kinneil, Lamlash, 7-8.30pm
 Live music Fiddlers, Brodick 7.30pm - 10pm
 Drift Inn quiz Lamlash, 9pm
 Mixed hockey Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7.30-9pm
 Dog classes Whiting Bay Hall, 1pm
 Flow yoga Shiskine Hall, 7.30pm
 Knittnerly & Natterry Kilmory Hall, 2pm - 4pm
 Bus Pass club meal The PHT, 12 noon - 2.30pm
 Chair yoga St Molios church hall, Shiskine, 11am - 12noon
 Arran Access Trust AGM Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 7.30pm
 Indian themed night The PHT, Lamlash, 5pm - 9pm

Thursday 19th January

Morning fitness Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
 General knowledge quiz Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
 Arran Vets surgery 9am - 10.30am & 4pm - 6pm
 Arran Vets reception 9am - 2pm & 4pm - 6pm
 Live music Fiddlers, Brodick 7.30pm - 10pm
 Ladies hockey Ormidale Pavilion, 7.30-8.30pm
 RUNFIT Lamlash Front Green, 6.45am
 Burger and quiz night Felicity's @ Eden Lodge, from 7.30pm
 Winter bowls Auchrannie, 7pm
 Mixed Martial Arts/XFit Balmichael Centre, 7pm
 Arran Bridge Brodick Golf Club, 7pm for 7.15pm
 Quilt Arran Lamlash Fire Station, 2pm - 4.30pm
 Flow yoga Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 6pm
 Chair yoga Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 10.30am - 11.30am
 10th Ayrshire Shiskine Cub Scouts and Beavers Shiskine Hall, 6pm - 7.30pm
 RUNFIT Lamlash Green, 6.45am
 Brodick Embroidery Group Brodick Library, 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Friday 20th January

Yoga Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
 Hydrofit Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
 Arran Youth Foundations Church Hall, Brodick 7pm-9pm
 Lochranza children's badminton Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm
 Lochranza adults' badminton Lochranza Hall, 8pm
 Quiz Whiting Bay Golf Club, 8pm
 Arran Vets surgery 9am - 10.30am & 4pm - 6pm
 Arran Vets reception 9am - 2pm & 4pm - 6pm
 AA meeting Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
 Live music Fiddlers, Brodick, 7.30pm
 Tae Kwon-do Arran High School, Lamlash Adults, 7pm - 8.30pm
 Karaoke/disco The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm



Trade Classifieds

PAINTER AND DECORATOR



FULTON
decorators

LAMLASH
TEL/FAX 01770 600705
Est. 1985



SCOTTISH DECORATORS
FEDERATION MEMBER

DECOR

- All paintwork undertaken
- Any job, large or small
- Paper hanging
- Floor sanding & sealing
- Phone Gavin Fulton for a free estimate

SELF STORAGE

ARRAN SELF STORAGE



- small & large cabins
- climate controlled
- condensation free
- CCTV monitored

Gavin Fulton 01770 600705
www.arranstorage.co.uk

CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE FOR ADVERTISEMENTS

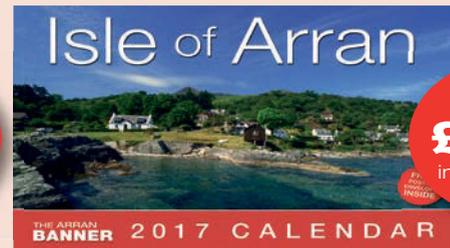
YOUR attention is drawn to the following terms and conditions which relate to the placing of advertisements in all publications owned by Wyvex Media Limited. Parties to this agreement are the Publisher, Wyvex Media Limited Limited on the one part and the Advertiser on the other part. The Publisher publishes newspapers, magazines, books and provides advertising space therein or provides for the delivery of advertising materials to the public within these publications.

- 1 Advertising copy shall be legal, decent, honest and truthful and comply with the British Code of Advertising Practice and all other codes.
- 2 The Publisher does not guarantee the insertion of any particular advertisement.
- 3 The Publisher reserves the right to cancel or alter the advertisement by giving reasonable notice.
- 4 An order for an advertisement shall be deemed to be made on acceptance of the advertisers' order by the Publisher whether placed by telephone, mail, fax or in person.
- 5 Cancellation of display advertising must be received by the Publisher before the publishing deadline, failing which, the publisher reserves the right to invoice the customer in full for the whole cost of the advertisement.
- 6 The parties submit to the jurisdiction of the Scottish Courts and Scots Law. In the event of any dispute or action by the Publisher to recover payment from an advertiser, it is agreed that matters will be settled in the Oban, Argyll Sheriff Court or such other Court as the Publisher may choose.
- 7 The Publisher shall not be liable for any loss or damage occasioned by any total or partial failure (however caused) of publication or distribution of any newspaper or edition in which any advertisement is scheduled to appear. In the event of any error, misprint or omission in the printing of an advertisement or part of an advertisement, the Publisher will either re-insert the advertisement or relevant part of the advertisement, as the case may be, or make reasonable refund or adjustment to the cost. No re-insertion, refund or adjustment will be made where the error, misprint or omission does not materially detract from the advertisement.
- 8 Errors must be notified to the Publisher in writing within fourteen days of publication. In no circumstances shall the total liability of the Publisher for any error, misprint or omission exceed the amount of a full refund of any price paid to the Publisher for the particular advertisement in connection with which liability arose or the cost of a further or corrective advertisement of a type and standard reasonably comparable to that in connection with which liability arose.
- 9 The Advertiser/Advertising Agency agrees to indemnify the Publisher in respect of all costs, damages or other charges falling upon the publication as the result of legal actions or threatened legal actions arising from the publication of the advertisement in any one or more of a series of advertisements published in accordance with copy instructions supplied to the publication in pursuance of the Advertiser/Advertising Agency order.
- 10 Adverts under the value of £75 must be paid on acceptance of order by the Publisher. All advertising on a credit basis must be agreed with the Publisher in advance.
- 11 Payment of any invoice raised by the Publisher will be due 15 days from the date of invoice or as otherwise directed on the invoice. In the event of non-payment the Publisher may charge late payment interest at a rate of 2% and this is chargeable on a daily basis from the due date until the bill is paid. In addition the Publisher may charge a late payment levy of £10 as an administration fee. In the event of late payment the Publisher reserves the right to disallow any discounts given and to raise an additional invoice for the discount which will be treated as though it has been raised with the original invoice.
- 12 A request to insert an advertisement assumes acceptance of our conditions.

Scottish Calendars 2017



FROM
£7.95
including P&P

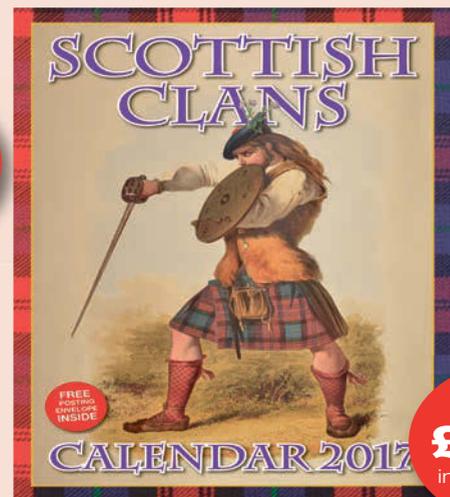


FROM
£7.95
including P&P



FROM
£11.95
including P&P

NEW



FROM
£7.95
including P&P



FROM
£7.95
including P&P

Enjoy Scotland at it's best all year round with our selection of stunning calendars. To see all the images from our 2017 range visit:
www.scottishcalendars.co.uk

ORDER ONLINE AT www.scottishcalendars.co.uk
or call us on 01371 851 868
OR POST ALL ORDERS TO:

Wyvex Media Limited, FREEPOST RTEY YUBG TYUB Trinity House, Sculpins Lane, Wethersfield, Braintree, Essex CM7 4AY

Stay connected

with the new
Arran Banner digital edition

Now available to read on mobile and tablet devices, anywhere, anytime

NEW feature!
Read articles in their own full screen format



Save £13**
by going digital

**Terms and conditions apply. For new digital subscribers only, six month or annual. **Prices compared to a one year print subscription.

ARRAN BANNER CLASSIFIEDS

TURN YOUR UNWANTED ITEMS INTO CASH!

UNDER £30 FREE!



Simply complete the form and return to the **Arran Banner office**

PLEASE NOTE: DEADLINE TUESDAY 4.00pm
NO MORE THAN 25 WORDS PLEASE

ITEM.....
DESCRIPTION.....
.....
.....
PRICE..... TELEPHONE.....

ONLY ONE ITEM PER COUPON

The Arran Banner, Brodick, Isle of Arran KA27 8AJ
Tel: 01770 302142 Fax: 01770 302021
Email adverts@arranbanner.co.uk www.arranbanner.co.uk

Recruitment

auchrannie **auchrannie job vacancies**
 resort

Auchrannie Resort is recruiting due to continuing growth of the business.

Positions are now available for:

- Leisure Assistant**
- Receptionist**
- Restaurant Manager**
- Restaurant Floor Manager**
- F&B Assistants**
(flexible working hours available)
- Beauty Therapists**
- Chefs (all levels)**
- Playbarn Assistant**
(flexible working hours available)

Further details can be found at www.auchranniejobs.co.uk or contact hr@auchrannie.co.uk

Benefits include family leisure club membership worth up to £800 and other discounts within the resort.

HELP NEEDED

For three bedroom holiday cottage in Kilpatrick.
 Sunday changeovers

Please call Caroline Fleming
07836 346902

auchrannie **auchrannie job vacancies**
 resort

Senior Maintenance Engineer

Auchrannie Resort are looking to recruit an experienced Maintenance Engineer with a clear M&E background, as well as supervisory experience for a senior position with our Maintenance department

Painter/Decorator

We are also looking for someone with extensive decorating experience to join further enhance our team

An excellent package is available for the right person, including Leisure Club membership and a variety of resort discounts.

Further details can be found at www.auchranniejobs.co.uk or contact hr@auchrannie.co.uk

Job Opportunity with North Ayrshire Council

Catering Assistant (Part Time/Term Time) | NAY02102
 Permanent | 12.50 hours weekly
 2 Available posts | £7.72 - £8.44

Closing Date 24th January 2017

Arran High School, Lamlash, Isle of Arran

For further details and to apply visit www.myjobscotland.gov.uk/councils/north-ayrshire-council

We are an equal opportunities employer so please inform us of any special needs you may have.

BANNER BANNER
 RECRUITMENT RECRUITMENT

Public Notices

NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL: EDUCATION AND YOUTH EMPLOYMENT CHILDREN ENTITLED TO START P1 - SESSION 2017/2018

Children who attain the age of 5 years between 1 March 2017 and 28 February 2018 should be registered for education during the week commencing Monday 16 January 2017.

As times vary from school to school, parents are asked to check registration arrangements with the appropriate catchment primary school for the area in which they live. The child's birth certificate and proof of address should be produced at the time of registration.

Information on Registration can be found on the Council's web site: www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk (Education and Learning pages).

If you wish your child to attend a school outwith your catchment area, then you must submit a placing request which you can do online at www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk (Education and Learning Pages).

Placing request assistance can also be obtained by telephoning 01294 310000. Registration at your catchment area school does not guarantee entry to that school.

JOHN BUTCHER, Executive Director (Education and Youth Employment)

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 may be examined at Planning Services, Cunninghame House, Irvine, between 09.00-16.45 weekdays (16.30 Fridays) or at www.eplanning.north-ayrshire.gov.uk

*and at The Council Offices, Lamlash

Written representations may be made to the Executive Director (Economy & Communities) at the above address or emailed to eplanning@north-ayrshire.gov.uk by 03.02.17. Any representations received will be open to public view.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1)

16/01214/PP; Ornalinn, Knowe Road, Brodick, Isle Of Arran; Part change of use and extension to dwellinghouse to form veterinary surgery (Amendment to Planning Approval N/16/00536/PP).

16/01217/PP; Site To South West Of Lismore Lodge, Torbeg Country Chalets, Shiskine, Brodick; Erection of storage shed.

Elma Murray
 Chief Executive
 Cunninghame House
 IRVINE KA12 8EE


 North Ayrshire Council
 Comhairle Siarachd Air a Tuath

Arran Access Trust AGM

Wednesday 18th January, 7.30pm at the Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick with guest speaker Angus Miller, Chair of the Scottish Geodiveristy Forum

www.arran-access-trust.org.uk

BANNER BANNER
 PUBLIC NOTICES PUBLIC NOTICES
BANNER BANNER
 PUBLIC NOTICES PUBLIC NOTICES

Properties

A website for Arran cottage owners

www.cottagesonarran.co.uk

Fees - £150 Year 1 £100 Year 2 fixed* NO VAT

- * Updated for 2016
- * Take your own bookings
- * Link to own website
- * Optional reviews facility
- * Show Live availability
- * Excellent Google position
- * Established Facebook page
- * Effective Social Media
- * Featured Cottage promotions
- * Control your own rental Income

Optional 10% online booking with all cards & PayPal.

Send for details Email: info@cottagesonarran.co.uk
www.cottagesonarran.co.uk
 Penny Brass, Brodick, Isle of Arran KA27 8EP

*Year 2 onwards currently fixed at £100 per annum but will be determined by market forces with 30 days notice and immediate right to cancel if this has to change. Cottages on Arran is a VisitArran Participating Business



BANNER BANNER
 PROPERTY PROPERTY
BANNER BANNER
 PROPERTY PROPERTY

LONG LET IN LAMLASH

Modern 2 bed roomed balconied house
 50 meters from shore. Centre of village
 completely furnished suitable for 2 people

£600 per month plus ctax
 Sorry - no pets or DHSS

Tel: 01770 600795 or Mob: 07813622059

LONG LET IN SHISKINE

3 Bed House Available

Tel: **07740 986803**

CASK & Still
 MAGAZINE

ISSUE 3
 AVAILABLE NOW

www.caskandstillmagazine.co.uk



The co-operative memorials



- Traditional and modern styles
- Free quotations
- Additional inscriptions
- Home visits

Visit our display area at Sorbie Road, Ardrossan opposite Cemetery Gates or phone

01294 461554



CHURCH NOTICES

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Church)
St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday 15th January
11.00 am.
Short Said Holy Communion.
Mr John Roberts.
(The brief service is to give worshippers time to attend the Christian Unity Service at 12.00)
ALL WELCOME

ARRAN CHURCHES TOGETHER

CELEBRATION OF CHRISTIAN UNITY:
Sunday 15th January
at 12.00 noon in Lamlash Church
With Arran Brass
Preacher: Rev Leslie Edge.
Offering to Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice.
ALL WELCOME.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Parishes of North Arran Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirnmill and Shiskine Independent but working together
Minister:
Rev Angus Adamson,
Parish Assistant:
Mrs Jean Hunter:
Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times to which all are invited.

Sunday 15th January
Christian Unity Sunday when all the island churches meet to worship together at 12noon in Lamlash Church.

There will also be a Service of Worship in Montrose House at 1.30pm.

WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(Charity Number: SC014005)
Sunday 15th January
There will be a shortened service in Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church at 10.30am as Arran Churches Together are celebrating The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in Lamlash Church of Scotland at 12noon.
All most welcome.

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS, QUAKERS

Quakers meet every Sunday at 11am. For meeting venue ring - 830622, 820223

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Kilmory linked with Lamlash
"A faith to proclaim ~ a fellowship to share"
Sunday 15th January
Rev Lily McKinnon
Kilmory: No Service
Lamlash 12 noon
Service of Christian Unity
Rev Leslie Edge, Chaplain,
Rince & Princess of Wales Hospice
All welcome, including families; children's area
Scottish Charity SC015072

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 15th January
Sunday Mass 11am

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)
Sunday 15th January
Morning service 11am
Trust Housing Lounge
Glen Estate, Brodick.
Evening service 6.30pm
5 Glen Road, Brodick
All Welcome

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev Vince Jennings
Sunday 15th January
Joining with the service of Christian unity 12noon
Lamlash church
Wednesday at 7.30pm
Home fellowship group for bible study and prayer.
Contact phone no 600222
Everyone warmly invited

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Shiskine 11am (church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)
Brodick 6pm in ORMDALE PAVILION (due to renovations at church)
Rev Benjamin Van Rensburg

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

DAVID JAMES MACFARLANE.

Helen, Dougie, Eilidh, Fiona and Family would like to thank everyone for coming to Davids funeral on Friday, to Lamlash church for a lovely service, Isla for all the running about, Meg, Serge and staff for the great lunch and professional service and David and Clair Hendry for funeral arrangements, a total of £325 was raised for the hospital supporters league.



Lamlash Golf Club

Monday January 2, course backwards. A large turnout and good weather made this a very successful day. 1 Serge El Adm 85-20=65, 2 I Murchie 76-5=71 BIH, 3 C Rae 85-14=71. Best scratch, I Murchie 76. Magic twos, Scott Campbell @14th.

Thursday January 5, yellow medal. 1 I Bremner 69-8=61, 2 Q J Young 80-14=66. Magic twos, I Bremner @4th.

Sunday January 8, winter league/Duncan Trophy, played at Machrie Golf Club.

The third round games went ahead on schedule despite the String Road closure. Thanks to Machrie for hosting and to David Jeffrey for the condition of the course. For the time of year, the greens were superb although wet underfoot which made things tricky. Thanks also to Clare and the girls for the soup and rolls. The games all went with the same scoreline with Brodick, Lamlash and Whiting Bay all winning by three games to one.

After three rounds of matches, Lamlash lead the field on five points with Brodick, Whiting Bay and Shiskine all on four. Machrie have one point and Corrie are yet to score.



Machrie Bay golf course.



Corrie Golf Club was bathed in sunshine on New Year's Day. Photo Allan Napier

Fixtures: Sunday January 15, Glenburn Cup, 9.30am and 12noon. Thursday January 19, yellow medal, 18 holes at 11am. Sunday February 5, draw: Brodick v Shiskine, Whiting Bay v Lamlash, Corrie v Machrie. All at 10am sharp, all go to allotted tees and wait till 10am and a clear fairway ahead.

Corrie Golf Club

Monday January 2, Monday Cup. The first Monday Cup of the year resulted in three players tying on net 62. 1 R Burke 71-9=62, 2 A MacDonald 69-7=62, 3 P Moran 81-19=62, Magic twos from R Burke and J McConnachie.

Saturday January 7, Winter Cup. Very good entry of

19 competitors with some excellent scores, now that the holes are in sensible positions. Steven Beardsley led the way, closely followed by the in-form Raymond Burke. 1 S Beardsley 67-7=60, 2 R Burke 72-11=61, 3 D Jeffrey 71-8=63. Lots of magic twos so the acting match secretary decided to have a draw with Matthew MacDonald scooping the pot.

Scratch, Ewan McKinnon 64.

Fixture: Saturday January 14, Winter Cup, strokeplay. Draws at 8.30am and noon.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday January 8, AGA Winter League. Following an uncharacteristic hiccup in the last round, Whiting Bay got back to winning ways with a three-and-one victory over Shiskine at Machrie. No mean feat against a good Shiskine side, many of whom are also Machrie members. Well done to all who played on a morning with very wet underfoot conditions. Onwards now to a game against Lamlash in the next round at Brodick.

Fixture: Sunday January 15, Winter Cup round four. Usual 10am draw.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Saturday January 7, Lochranza Hotel Cup, CSS 65. 1 J Pennycott, 36pts BIH, 2 P Betley 36pts, 3 C Laing 33pts BIH.

Tuesday January 10, Winter Cup. 1 J Pennycott 76-12=64, 2 C Laing 80-15=65, 3 B Sherwood 78-12=66

Fixtures: Tuesday January 17, Lochranza Hotel Cup at noon. Tuesday January 24, Winter Cup, noon.

Shiskine Golf Club

Sunday January 1, Alan Smith Plate, 33 played, par 44, CSS 46. Silver: 1 and scratch: Liz Kerr 54-9 = 45, 2: Kema Genda 54-7 = 47. Bronze: 1 Fiona Scott 65-15 = 50, 2 Rosemary Baillie 67-15=52. Congratulations Liz.

Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday 4 January, Wednesday Cup. 1 Terry Raeside 69-10=59, 2 Charles O'Neill 77-15=62. Terry had the only magic two at the 7th.

Arran Bridge results

The results of the Arran Bridge Club aggregate competition held at Brodick on Thursday January 5 were as follows: 1 Janie Maclure and Anne McKelvie, 2 Jan and John Beattie, 3= Tricia Martin and Douglas Hamilton, 3= Margaret MacGill and Jessmay Peacock, 3= Margaret and Douglas Bruce.

The results of the aggregate competition held at Lamlash on Monday January 9 were as follows; N/S: 1 Jan and John Beattie, 2 Tricia Martin and David Campbell, 3 Morag Gardner and Brenda Livingstone. E/W: 1 Ellie and Mel Jones, 2 Margaret and Douglas Bruce, 3 Elaine Duncan and Jean Barclay.

Triathlon club in benefactor plea

The Arran Junior Triathlon Club is appealing to the generous benefactor who made a £600 donation to get in touch. Coach Craig Wood said: 'About three months ago I was given a cheque for the club. It was early in the morning and during a swim at the hotel pool. Embarrassingly, I have either lost or misplaced this and I hope that the kind-hearted individual can get in touch with me as it is a lot of money for the club.'

Contact Craig at craig.wood10@yahoo.com or through the *Banner*.



The group enjoys a pit stop at the viewpoint car park.

Club enjoy a festive ride-out

Arran Riding Club had a festive ride through Roots of Arran and Glen Cloy, with mulled wine, hot chocolate and mince pies served at the Viewpoint car park.

Elanor McNamara said: 'Many thanks to everyone who came along in between storms and made it a lovely day.'

'And a special thanks to Nick of photoGNick Arran for taking some great pictures of everybody.'

The club's Elanor McNamara



The riders make their way through the streets of Brodick.



Kirsty Morrison with Emma Popplewell's pony Fudge.



Niamh Gosman crosses a burn on Fred.



Yvonne Bailey takes the burn in her stride on Fern.

SKIP HIRE



John Thomson Construction Ltd

Telephone: (01770) 600242

Sport

Arran's Weekly Newspaper

LAMLASH GARAGE

MOT DISCOUNT

Car MOT Fee - £50

24 HOUR RECOVERY

4 WHEEL LASER ALIGNMENT

- ✓ MOTs, repairs, servicing
- ✓ Full body repair service available
- ✓ Panel beating, spray painting

All your vehicle requirements under one roof
Contact Lamlash Garage on 01770 600328

Police power to victory as Arran draw a blank

Arran 0 Police Scotland 13

Arran put up a spirited performance against a good Glasgow police side in their first BT West Division 3 fixture of 2017 at Ormidale Park on Saturday.

The home side gave as good as they got and could have gone ahead first but

two long-range penalties from the boot of Sam Tatterfield, one from inside his own half, missed the goalposts.

The police went ahead late in the first half with a well worked try into the corner, but they missed the conversion and the half finished with the police leading 5-0.

The second half proved to be more of the same and Arran had their chances, but the police saw out the match with the second try and a penalty.

Today (Saturday) Arran travel to the Borders where they will face Moffat, who sit three places above them in the league.



A police player drives through the Arran defence to score their first-half try. 01_B02rugby03



Addie Adamson jumps in the lineout to win the ball. 01_B02rugby07



Chris Ewart is caught as he tries to evade the police defence. 01_B02rugby04



Niall McMaster tries to find a way through the opposition defence. 01_B02rugby01



Gregor Adamson in full flight with the ball. 01_B02rugby05

NEWSPAPERS SUPPORT RECYCLING



Recycled paper made up 75.5% of the raw material for UK newspapers in 2004



Published by Wyvex Media, Brodick, Isle of Arran
Tel: 01770 302142 - Fax 01770 302021
E-mail: editor@arranbanner.co.uk



The Arran Banner's circulation is independently audited by the Audit Bureau of Circulations (ABC Ltd) - www.abc.org.uk. The total average weekly net circulation for the 52 issues between 31st December 2014 and 31st December 2015 for combined print and digital editions was 3,053.

The Arran Banner will continue to be independently audited.