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# Tartan Army could be marching to Arran



Jo Totty, Angela Robinson, of VisitScotland, and Tom Vella-Boyle beneath one of the COAST display boards in the Brodick tourist office. b18tom01

## Tourists given COAST information

A display board explaining the concept behind the No Take Zone in Lamlash has been erected by COAST in the tourist office in Brodick.

The signs explain the campaign

by COAST for the regeneration of the bay and the subsequent fishing ban that has been placed on the area.

'We felt that the tourist office was an ideal place to display in-

formation about the No Take Zone in Lamlash. It is important for visitors to the island to understand where why the fishing restrictions are in place,' said Tom Vella-Boyle, secretary of COAST.

## 6,000 football fans could flock to island for month-long party

**EXCLUSIVE**

by JENNIFER LYON

Scotland's Tartan Army could soon be on the march to Arran if plans to bring nearly 6,000 football fans to the island next summer get the go ahead.

Strathclyde Police told *The Banner* that they have been approached by a member of the Tartan Army about the possibility of bringing thousands of fans to the island during the football world cup next summer if Scotland fails to qualify for the competition.

Between June 11 and July 11 the Army and their families and friends could be descending on the island to make up for some of the heartache of missing out on another major tournament.

The Tartan Army became notorious in the 1970s for their hooliganism after they invaded the Wembley pitch and destroyed the goal post after the England v Scotland match in 1977.

But since then, the Tartan Army has won awards from UEFA for their friendly nature and charity work.

Alan Johnson from the Book and Card Centre in Brodick has been a member of the Tartan Army for nearly 20 years. 'I think this would be absolutely fantastic for the island,' said Alan. 'The Tartan Army are famous for their camaraderie and it's not all about rowdy young men, families are members too.'

'I don't think there will be any need to worry about hooliganism. When we Scots have a drink we don't want to fight we want to dance and have a good time and I think that is what this trip will be all about.'

Alan also believes that the trip to Arran would be a great way to bring

Scottish football fans together to watch the world cup.

A spokesman for North Ayrshire Council confirmed that enquiries have been made by the Tartan Army about staging an event this size.

She said: 'There has been a preliminary approach from this group but we have received no formal proposal or indeed any details of their requirements. If they make an application it will be considered like any other.'

Tam Ferry from the Association of Tartan Army Clubs said: 'Sorry pal, we know 'hee haw' about this. Think you should run the story about someone jumping the gun because most of us will be in South Africa cheering on Scotland.'

'There were gatherings of the Tartan Army in Aviemore in 2006 and 2008 and the attendance figures were around 2,000 in 2006 and nearly 1,000 in 2008. So, the figure of 6,000 attending an event on Arran, if this were to come to fruition, are a bit on the optimistic side.'

A VisitScotland spokesman said: 'This would be an excellent opportunity to highlight Arran to the many Tartan Army foot soldiers and showcase exactly what the island has to offer with the correct organisation from all local groups. There will undoubtedly be a real party atmosphere.'

'We believe there would be accommodation for everyone and every budget.'

## Surprise starring role for island fire crews

Island fire crews were called out to the community theatre at Arran High School last Friday night after theatrical pyrotechnics set off the smoke detectors.

The Brodick and Lamlash crews responded to the alarm in Lamlash at about 7.30pm.

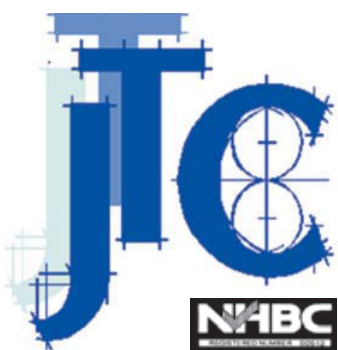
The smoke detectors were tripped

after George Christie, a member of the Arran Torch Players, decided to test the new special effects at a rehearsal of the group.

Mairi Christie, a member of the Torch Players, said: 'I have worked in more than 100 theatres - both professionally and in the community - and I have never come across smoke detec-

tors. Theatres traditionally use heat detectors because they are more reliable when working with hot lights.'

Mairi said the group had spent £200 on the special pyrotechnics, which could no longer be used. 'Not only was the money wasted but it meant the production of the 'Wyrd Sisters' lost some of its magic,' she said.



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# Police files

## Drink driving

On Saturday evening a 59-year-old American tourist was arrested in Market Road, Brodick for alleged drink driving.

Also on Saturday two Prestwick men, a Paisley man and a Lamlash youth, were given ASBOs for drinking in public in Brodick.

The following day a Kildonan man and a Symington man were given ASBOs for drinking in public.

## Man arrested for shoplifting

A 40-year-old Kilwinning man was arrested outside Bilslands in Brodick for shoplifting and having outstanding arrest warrants.

## Kayak stolen

A blue kayak was stolen from the rear of the Invercloy Hotel on Friday evening. Local police are asking for any information.

# Close shave with the police

Stunned police officers caught a man shaving while driving in Brodick.

The incident was among a wide range of traffic offences last weekend.

Police sergeant Bob Mackay said: 'We had Strathclyde road policing officers on the island, so the manpower was available. They stopped just about every vehicle coming off the ferry at 9.25pm to enforce a driver safety initiative.'

'Some people may have complained, but it is not about persecution, it's about safety.'

The traffic officers issued a total of 29 tickets to motorists over the weekend.

Sgt Mackay said: 'Although the initiative was supported by the majority of drivers who were stopped, it is disappointing that on a weekend when there were two serious road crashes within hours of each other you come across a plethora of offences from speeding to overloading of passengers and to a man shaving while driving.'

'The complacent behaviour displayed by these drivers towards their own safety and that of other road users is unacceptable.'

The traffic offences included 15 of not wearing seat belts, eight of speeding, three of using mobile phones and three of the dangerous carriage of passengers. A number of tickets were also issued for various vehicle defects.



Emergency services attended the three occupants of this four-wheel drive vehicle that left the road at Largiemanoch on Friday morning. b19car01

## Swine flu confirmed in area

A man from the Ayrshire and Arran region has been confirmed as the fourth case of the contagious swine flu in Scotland this week.

This latest Scottish case of the virus, officially known as the H1N1 virus, is unconnected to three other cases, which were all linked.

It is believed that the man caught the infection after travelling on a flight from Texas to Birmingham.

Dr Carol Davidson, director of public health at NHS Ayrshire and Arran said: 'We would advise anyone who has flu-like symptoms and has recently returned from anywhere in Mexico or the affected areas of the United States, or has symptoms and has been in close contact with someone else with symptoms who has just returned from these areas to contact their GP or NHS 24 for further advice.'

## Serious crashes in Southend

There were two serious road accidents in the Southend of Arran last Friday morning.

At 7.40am a four-wheel drive vehicle left the road at Largiemanoch between Dippen and Whiting Bay. Emergency services attended and removed the driver, a 43-year-old Kildonan man, and another two occupants. Among the injuries sustained were fractures, concussion and abrasions. No other vehicle was involved.

The road was closed for two hours and traffic was diverted

south and over the Ross.

At 11.20am two cars were in collision on the straight length of the Ross Road near Benecarrigan.

A woman driver from Kilmory was taken to Crosshouse Hospital with a suspected broken back. The other driver was a 29-year-old Lochranza man who was reported for not having a current MoT. The road was closed for two-and-a-half hours.

Police thanked the public for their assistance and patience.

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Boris Tulika, Bryce Cuminsky, Emma McCall and Susan Nairn were pacing bags in the Co-op on Saturday to raise money for the MS Society. b19bag01

## Bag pack for MS raises fund

A bag pack in aid of the Multiple Sclerosis Society at the Co-op in Brodick on Saturday raised more than £640 for the charity.

Supporters from the charity travelled across from the mainland to join local volunteers to pack shopping bags.

Boris Tulika, from Shiskine said: 'We raised £648 so I'm really pleased. We were absolutely mobbed for most of the day 'the Co-op was so busy. It was a bit unfortunate that the helpers from the mainland had to leave on the 4.40pm ferry otherwise I'm sure we would have made it to the £800 mark.'

Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is the most common disabling neurological condition affecting young adults.

Around 85,000 people in the UK have MS and in Scotland it is estimated that there are 10,500 people with MS – more people per capita than anywhere else in the world. MS is the result of damage to myelin - a protective sheath surrounding nerve fibres of the central nervous system.

When myelin is damaged, this interferes with messages between the brain and other parts of the body.

## Local papers play vital role

Regional papers all over Britain are preparing to celebrate local newspaper week.

Running from Monday 11 to Sunday 17 May, the theme for this year's local newspaper week is Building Stronger Communities, highlighting the important role of local papers like The Arran Banner at the heart of their towns and villages.

A number of high profile readers of local newspapers have come forward to express their support for the initiative including Jamie Oliver and Piers Morgan.

Kelvin MacKenzie, the former editor of The Sun newspaper said: 'If there's no local paper to call the council to account for increasing council tax when we've got deflation who else is

going to cover it?'

Kenneth Gibson MSP said: 'Just as Scotland's national newspapers are part of our heritage, local newspapers in particular are a vital part of Scotland's culture and essential to community spirit, identity and cohesion.'

Local councillor Margie Currie said: 'A local paper is invaluable to a rural or island community in so many ways. It is the most efficient and cost effective way of advertising within a prescribed area, of featuring local events, of purveying local news and it is updated weekly.'

'By taking the middle ground and allowing local opinion to be expressed our local paper the Arran Banner has survived and thrived for more than 35

years (and I remember every editor!).

'Of course free advertising would be great but the costs of publishing continue to rise and any paper depends for much of its revenue on its advertisers. Not only do we as residents look forward to the weekly local headlines, our local paper gives visitors an instant flavour of island life.'

Those who have lived on the island for a long time will remember that the Banner was originally set up in 1974 by an enthusiastic group including Paul Monty, Jonathon Williams, Graham Glen and Zoe McGovern.

After joining the Banner team in 1985, reporter Howard Driver said: 'I'm amazed at how many people come in here.'

## Delays expected with roadworks

A programme of vital resurfacing works is scheduled to begin on Arran's roads this week.

The essential works will take place at different points across the island, North Ayrshire Council has announced.

Campbell Dempster, assistant

network manager for NAC, said: 'The works will inevitably cause some delays but we do not intend to completely close the roads. However, traffic will be required to wait at certain times until it is safe to pass the works. The above dates are planned dates but these could change depending on the weather.'

Patching repairs on the Brodick to Lamlash Hill will begin on May 12 for three days to prepare the surface for dressing work, which is planned for the

middle of June.

Resurfacing will be carried out at the north end of Whiting Bay for three days from May 14 and patching and screeding work will be done to the road near Kildonan on May 18 for one day.

At both Lagg and Kilpatrick resurfacing will be done between May 19 and 21.

It is also hoped to carry out resurfacing works on the A841 at Dippenhead and at Merkland but these works have not yet been scheduled.

## Plant sale

The Hospital Supporters League famous plant sale will be held in the community theatre of Arran High School this Sunday.

As usual there will be a huge selection of bedding plants, shrubs and fruit trees. Doors open at 2pm and judging on previous sales it is a good idea to bring along boxes for your purchases.

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# Local MSP pledges brain for Parkinson's research

Local MSP Kenneth Gibson has joined celebrities including Jeremy Paxman and Jane Asher in pledging to donate his brain to help find a cure for Parkinson's Disease.

Around 272 people in North Ayrshire have Parkinson's, an incurable, progressive condition, which can impact on every area of a person's daily life. About one in every eight people is close to someone with Parkinson's.

Said Kenneth Gibson: 'I decided to donate my brain because I know from speaking to Parkinson's sufferers how much it affects people's lives, and how important it is to keep working to improve treatment and find a cure.'

Research on human brains is essential because Parkinson's only affects humans. Scientists need

brains donated from people who do not have Parkinson's, as well as sufferers, to compare them. This helps understand what happens in the brain cells of people with the disease.

Andrew Sim, Scotland Manager for the Parkinson's Disease Society added: 'We would like to thank Mr Gibson for his generous decision to donate his brain to research a cure for Parkinson's. This is a real gift of hope for the 10,000 Scots living with Parkinson's and millions of others around the world. Research using donated brain tissue is bringing us ever closer to a cure.'

Anyone can join the PDS Brain donor register by telephoning 0808 800 0303 by visiting: [www.parkinsons.org.uk/brainbank](http://www.parkinsons.org.uk/brainbank) or emailing: [pdbrain@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:pdbrain@imperial.ac.uk).

Ann Hodge and Sandy McQueen taking part in the street parade through Rothesay as part of the Isle of Bute Jazz festival. b19jaz01

## Jazz lovers head to Bute

Music lovers from Arran hopped over the water at the weekend to take part in the Isle of Bute Jazz Festival.

Ann Hodge of Whiting Bay and Sandy McQueen (aka Sandy the Postie) of Lamlash took part in the street parade

through Rothesay on Saturday morning, which forms one of the centerpieces of the festival.

Ann is a regular visitor to the island for the jazz festival.

The festival this year was not just about the traditional New Orleans style: there was a sprinkling of more contemporary jazz, rhythm and blues, folk, a spot of salsa dancing, and even a Hammond organ workshop.



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This is made all the more important by the fact the divorce rate in the UK at April 2008 was 53%. This rises to 67% if you include those who have cohabited for 2 years or more. It is easy to see that trying to control where your money will flow is a very precarious business.

Most people would take the view that, if they have made a will (remembering 2/3rds of the UK population have not) they have safeguarded their assets from 'sideways inheritance' but this is not really the case. Why? Firstly, a will can be contested by disaffected family members who in Scotland have statutory rights to a portion of your estate. Secondly, the terms of your will can be changed after your death, assuming all beneficiaries agree. Thus, whilst a will is a highly sensible thing to do and we strongly recommend you effect one, it delivers limited benefits to a family.

Notwithstanding the above, wills cannot deliver valuable tax planning opportunities nor do they avoid the need for the lengthy process of applying for a 'Grant of Confirmation' which can easily take 6-12 months before your assets can be distributed and can increase your legal costs.

## Flexible fitness options at KA Campus

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## First event of the season for museum

The Isle of Arran Heritage Museum in Brodick is holding its first event of the summer on Sunday May 17, the Seniors Day.

As part of the usual calendar of events taking place on Sunday afternoons during the summer months, the Seniors Day is a great day out for all the family.

A special welcome will be extended to all senior citizens to come along that afternoon from 1.30pm and get free entry to the museum.

A marquee will be erected on

the lawn where local musicians will be on hand to entertain the crowds all afternoon while they enjoy the special afternoon teas available from Café Rosaburn.

### Opportunity

Disabled access and toilets are of course in place for the less mobile visitors.

This is a great opportunity to have a look around the museum and see this season's new displays, which include the new geology room as well as the standard exhibits that have been improved and updated.

## Affordable housing boost

Affordable housing on Arran was given a boost this week after outline planning permission was granted for a development of 19 semi-detached houses in Lamlash.

The houses will be built on a site west of Benlister Terrace by Isle of Arran Homes Ltd in conjunction with Mr Kenneth Bone of Glenkiln, Lamlash. Early plans for the project show two semi-detached units facing Benlister Road and the remainder facing the proposed access road in a mirror image of the neighbouring Benlister Terrace development.

Ian Mackay, assistant chief executive, said: 'In response to the urgent need for affordable housing on Arran this application site would potentially address some of the un-met need. It is considered appropriate in terms of environmental, economic and social criteria and deemed to be suitable for residential development.'



Shiskine Drama Club take a moment to pose before their hilarious comedy, 'That Old Black Magic'. a18drm08

## Arran actors impress at Argyll Drama Festival

Four nights of wigs, make-up and voices shouting 'break a leg'. It can only mean one thing – the 61<sup>st</sup> Argyll Drama Festival.

Arran was well represented in the festival, which took place in Ardrishaig Public Hall from April 21-24.

Shiskine Junior Drama club, a cast of three teenagers, gave a brilliant performance of the comedy, 'Albert', followed by Shiskine Drama Club with their hilarious comedy, 'That Old Black Magic', which brought the house down with hoots of laughter and many tear-stained faces.

The hilarious black comedy sees Annabelle (Deborah Robertson) the wife of the Great Majestica and Tracy (Sheila Gilmore) his assistant,

accidentally murdering him. The acting was absolutely superb and the two characters bounced off each other spectacularly.

One scene in particular where Tracy was concentrating on writing 'threatening' letters while Annabelle cuts up the Great Majestica with a chainsaw offstage, had the audience in fits of laughter.

### Enhanced

The comedic timing of the two characters was enhanced by Fiona Crawford's solid performance as the investigating police officer.

Argyll Drama Festival is organised by a Lochgilphead-based team of volunteers and sees teams from Mull, Oban, Lochgilphead, Tarbert and Campbeltown take part.

## Antiquarians amused by old stories from Dr Grassie

Alistair Grassie, the retired doctor from Shiskine, was asked to give the third Hugh McKerrell Memorial Lecture to the Arran Antiquarians recently.

Dr Grassie worked as a GP in Shiskine for many years and his talk was entitled 'Old Doctors'.

He regaled the group with several stories, many very amusing, of medicine practised in bygone days, especially on Arran.

He took over the practice from Dr David Wallace, who had qualified in 1939 and had to treat patients in the pre-antibiotic age – with the doctors

in Shiskine doing their own dispensing.

Dr Grassie told how penicillin was discovered in the late 1940s but was very expensive and was sometimes recovered after being given to a patient for use again!

Arran has a connection with the development of penicillin, as an island resident was the manager of the British factory producing it.

The latest medical drug is a treatment for early Alzheimer's sufferers made from daffodil heads grown on high ground.

It takes 50,000 daffodils to make one tonne of the drug!

Dr Grassie brought a vast array of old instruments with him and invited the audience to look at them closely whilst they had a cup of tea.

Dr Grassie is always worth listening to and this talk was no exception.

The next meeting of the Arran Antiquarians will be on Monday May 18 at 2pm in Brodick Hall when professor John Wallace OBE from the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama will talk about 'A history of Brass Bands'.

Both visitors and non-members are very welcome to attend.

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# Arran's Brodick Castle gardens celebrated

The National Trust for Scotland is celebrating the beauty of Brodick Castle and its surrounding gardens on Sunday May 10.

Special Garden Days have been organised as part of the Scotland's Gardens Scheme to celebrate some of the Trust's most unusual and remote gardens.

Across Scotland, more than 30 National Trust for Scotland gardens are getting involved, putting on special events such

as 'ask the gardener', hosting music ensembles and taking visitors on a tour of the unusual or interesting features at their gardens.

At Brodick Castle and Country Park expert gardening staff will be on hand to give visitors an insight into the garden's wonderful rhododendron collection and some of the challenges that these beautiful blooms bring with them.

There will also be a selection of seeds and plants on sale.

Head of Gardens at the National Trust for Scotland, Jan Haenraets said: 'The Trust manages some of Scotland's most stunning gardens, with beautiful plant collections and fascinating histories and all are expertly managed by our dedicated gardeners. Brodick Castle is involved in the Gardens Days, giving visitors the opportunity to get behind the scenes, learn more about the history of our gardens and what goes into maintaining them.'

## Replica Cutter sails into Lochranza

A full size replica of a Scilly Isles Pilot Cutter sailed into the pontoon at Lochranza on Saturday.



The 'Lizzie May' with her owner and operator Jerry Headley berthed at Lochranza pontoon on Saturday.

Terry Crawley, *The Banner's* northend correspondent, spotted the sailing boat and approached the crew to find out

a little more about her.

Terry said: 'The Pilot Cutters sailed between 1840 and 1890 and they were used to take pilots out to sea to bring the big clippers safely into port. Named 'Lizzie May', and registered in Falmouth, she was built in 2001 on the Helford River in Cornwall by Luke Powell Shipyard, and is one of only six built.'

'She has been available for charter in the Clyde area since last year.

'With accommodation for 10 on a day trip or six with overnight accommodation on longer charters she is now operating out of Largs and the owner is hoping to bring parties to Arran on a regular basis.'



Liz Dale (pictured with folder) led a field trip of the Arran Antiquarians around the Tormore area of Arran.

## Family history of Tormore explored by Antiquarians

The Arran Antiquarians Society recently enjoyed a field trip to the Tormore area on the west side of Arran.

Liz Dale gave the 22 members an interesting and thorough history of the families that have lived in this area for the past 100 years.

Secretary Harry Davidson

said: 'We walked around the farms and cottages in Tormore and were told that a lot of Curries and Mackenzies came from the area. It was a great day out and we even got home before the thunderstorm!'

The next field trip of the Arran Antiquarians will be this Saturday (May 9) to the Holy

Isle when Grace Small will lead the group to many of the ancient sites on the fascinating island and talk of the families who have lived there.

Meet at Lamash Pier at 10.30am and as usual bring a picnic and stout footwear.

Unfortunately dogs are not allowed.

## Residents asked to help save the honey bee

Well-known gardening expert, Charlie Dimmock, is challenging Arran residents to help save the honey bee.

Following a dramatic decline in the honey bee population, much needed support to help the honey bee is on hand from Charlie who is best known for her television appearances with Alan Titchmarsh.

'Bees are looking for two things when they forage on flowers,' said Charlie Dimmock. 'The

first is nectar which is loaded with sugar and the bee's main source of energy. The second is pollen, which provides proteins and fat for a balanced diet.

'My top ten shrubs that are ideal for this include: ceanothus, heathers, thyme, lavender, hebes, candytuft, sage, pyracantha and broom.

The honey bee is vital to our environment and I passionately encourage gardeners to plant the shrubs which are ideal for them to forage on.'

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# A gardening view from a Glasgow visitor to Arran

On a recent visit to Arran I could not but help admire the beautiful gardens in Whiting Bay, Lamblash and Brodick.

The show of colours from the rhododendrons and magnolias was lovely and only adds to the beauty of the island, but one plant for me did stick out and that was Berberis Darwinii.

This is an evergreen shrub with arching branches from which its vibrant orange scented flowers hang, and stood out a mile at the back of shrubberies or in hedges.

It flowers from April to May and then you are left with bluish-coloured berries. This plant is also good for attracting bees and birds to the garden. Conditions on Arran appear to suit it and it does not suffer from salt burn.

It can be propagated from seed when ripe and sown in boxes in a cold frame and should germinate in late winter or early spring.

Cuttings of semi ripe wood can be taken in July to August again in containers in a cold

*Regular Arran visitor Bob McCaw of Glasgow is a keen gardener and writes in appreciation of fellow gardeners on the island*

frame and heel root cuttings of mature wood from this year's growth in October.

No keen gardener ever admits to gardening being drudgery, but they will agree that it demands time, energy, patience and skill.

Now that seeds have been sown for summer bedding in the protection of a greenhouse and have been picked off and boxed, it is time to harden them off. If this process is not done correctly or rushed, a lot of hard work, time and effort can be lost.

It is best if plants are put in a cold frame that is left open during the day, if the weather is suitable and closed at night. If there is any sign of frost cover with fleece as well. During this

process you will generally see the leaves change from a soft green to a darker green, this is the natural waxes that coat the leaves, which change and thicken to help reduce water loss.

Bedding plants such as non stop begonias and impatiens walleriana should not be planted out till the chance of frost has passed.

A good rule of thumb is when you see the local council gardeners planting out it is usually safe for you to do so, usually around the last week in May or first week in June.

Just now is also a good time to make up your hanging baskets. Plant them up with Surfinas and trailing Fuchsia, a non stop Begonia or upright Fuchsia for the centre, and grow them on in your greenhouse.

They should have filled out and be covering the basket by the time they are ready to go out at the end of May. Remember to dead head all the spent flowers as this will prolong the flowering period. BM



Sarah Howarth and Sylvia Zalewska model some of the exotic Arran Asia fashions on the Brodick shore. b18asa02

## Fashion shoot on Brodick shore

Marie Gray is in the process of launching a new website for her Arran Asia business in Brodick.

The specialist shop next to the Book and Card Centre has

an extensive range of eastern jewellery, clothing and gifts and these will soon be online for internet buyers.

Marie wanted to use local models to show off the range of

clothes and had a fashion photo-shoot on Brodick seafront. She said: 'I want to thank everyone for taking part. It was great fun and the website should be up and running soon.'

## European Parliamentary elections 4 June 2009

To vote, you must be on the electoral register.

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To find out more and to register, visit [www.aboutmyvote.co.uk](http://www.aboutmyvote.co.uk)

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## Your vote is your voice - register by 19 May

On Thursday 4 June voters in Ayrshire will have their say on who represents them in the European Parliament.

What happens in the European Parliament affects our lives more than we realise. For instance, did you know that the European Parliament can approve, amend or reject new European laws in a range of areas, such as flexible working hours; food packaging and the environment?

But many Ayrshire residents could be missing out on their right to vote without even knowing it.

If you want to have your say on who represents you, you need to register to vote. **If you're not registered, you can't vote.**

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If you're not sure whether you are on the electoral register or would like to receive a registration form please contact Ayrshire Joint Valuation Board on 01292 612221.

**You must register to vote by Tuesday 19 May.**

If you're not going to be in Ayrshire on 4 June - perhaps you will be away on business; on holiday or just have other commitments - you can apply for a postal vote or a proxy vote (where someone else votes on your behalf on polling day).

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**Don't let anything stop you from having your say on 4 June.**

## THE ARRAN

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## Facing an invading army

So the Tartan Army is coming to Arran. It is hard to decide whether or not this would be a good thing for the island. It is easy to be seduced by the promised camaraderie.

Some islanders who are members of Scottish football's most famous support group insist the members today are a harmless bunch of people simply looking to have a good time.

As the island continues to fight its way out of recession, you can't help but wonder if 6,000 Scotland football fans could be the answer that many struggling small businesses have been looking for.

How much money would be spent on the island? One visit by the Tartan Army could be enough to sustain Arran's tourist sector for many years to come.

If the trip were given the go ahead by the local authorities involved, it would mean that for one month the island's population could be more than doubled.

The local infrastructure would need to be completely changed to cope with so many people and a number of issues would have to be addressed.

Would Caledonian MacBrayne be able to ferry such a large number of people and their cars to the island? Once those cars arrived here could the island's already crumbling roads cope with such an increase to the volume of traffic using them?

The hotels and restaurants would be overrun with people every night looking for something to eat.

And what about the rubbish? If they decided to set up camp in a designated area, what would be left behind?

All things considered, this could be a hugely significant event for Arran and for that reason it will no doubt take a lot of careful planning by all of those involved.

What is the best job in the world?

It was great to see some good news in the national press this week, for a change.

It was reported that a Briton has just won the 'best job in the world' as an island caretaker in Australia.

Ben Southall, aged 34, who has previously described himself as a charity worker, tour guide and bungee jumper has been awarded the highly-prized six-month contract on Hamilton Island. He is being paid more than £50,000 to simply live on the island for half a year.

He gets to stay in a rent-free, three-bedroom beach home complete with private beach and ocean view.

The only requirements for the job was that the applicant had to be a good swimmer, excellent communicator and able to speak and write English.

But can this really be described as the 'best job in the world'?

There are the obvious dream jobs like a rock star or famous actor, but for most people it is simply important to do a job that is enjoyable and be paid well to do it.

Perhaps that dream job is not as far out of reach as you may think. A few weeks ago Arran Dairies placed a recruitment advert in The Banner looking for an ice cream taster.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

We preach Christ crucified: To those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God. (1 Corinthians 1:23-24)

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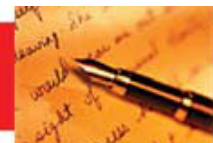
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*Letters* to the Editor**Cut speed limit to 30mph**

Sir,  
Everyone seems to agree that the roads here are unsafe for motorists, cyclists, animals and pedestrians.

Many visitors come to Arran to get away from hustle and bustle and wish to enjoy our beautiful scenery by driving slowly.

I don't expect this suggestion will be popular with gasoline alley, but, I'd like to propose a maximum speed limit of 30 miles per hour, all around the island, with an exception for emergency service vehicles. Relax and be happy. Rural location, Isle of Arran

Name and address supplied

**Lochranza history**

Sir,  
In reading the article in the *Arran Banner* last week regarding 'the new Lochranza Village

Hall', I was reminded of a quote by Henry L Stimson, a former US secretary of state, who believed that, 'history is often not what actually happened but what is recorded as such'.

I write, therefore, in an attempt to prevent inaccuracies in that article becoming absorbed into the annals of the Lochranza and Catacol Village Hall – to give the building its correct title and quell the wrath of Catacol residents, whose interest and stake in the village hall was ignored in your newspaper's report. The chairman of our local village hall immediately prior and subsequent to the building of the new hall, was the late Tom Knox.

Together with a hard working, dedicated and community-minded team of locals, which included Terry Crawley, Robert Kerr, the late Bob Kerr, Joyce Maclean and Tom Knox oversaw and actively participated in the movement of the new

village hall from an idea expressed in committee minutes, to the reality of the bricks and mortar that exists today. This mammoth task involved a myriad of fundraising ventures by many in the community – one of which saw (and many wished they had not!) Joe Tricket and Phil Price, minus clothes, perform skinny dips in three of the island's lochs. It is a testament to the determination of Tom and these community-spirited men and women that £85,000 was raised by their efforts towards the construction costs of the building.

It is commendable, also, that the project was brought to a successful completion; both on schedule and on budget. This letter is written not as a petty exercise in nitpicking, but in recognition of the fact that, in order to have some degree of certainty about our future, we must, at the very least, be truthful and certain about our past.

I wish the new team at the helm of our village hall every success with their new programme of events.

Yours,  
**Peter Milne**  
**Taobhnamara**  
**Lochranza**



A young Nick Parker in 1959.

**Looking for Nick**

Sir,  
I do apologise for writing to you via email but I am desperate to find someone who used to live, and may still live on the Isle of Arran. The person I am looking for is Nick Parker. In 1956 at the age of 16 Nick, myself and another 118 boys joined the Royal Air Force as Apprentices. We graduated in July 1959. This year we are having a reunion to celebrate the 50th anniversary and are trying to

trace all the boys who joined in September 1956. Nick is the elusive one and I am hoping that through your newspaper you may be able to find him. Nick's number and rank was 682436 A/A Parker. I have enclosed a photograph of Nick from those days.

Obviously he will have changed, being 69 or 70 years of age now and maybe he still lives on the Isle of Arran or maybe someone will remember him and know of his current location. I would be enormously grateful if you could help and I can be contacted either by email: Dtr001@blueyonder.co.uk or phone: 01902 373090.

Yours,  
**David Rodgers**  
**Mayfield High Street**  
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**Wolverhampton**

**Calling service veterans**

Sir,  
Did you serve in the British armed services or essential civilian services during the Second World War?

Over the past year or so I have been hearing from WW2 veterans from across the UK. I am a freelance writer and plan to compile a book with your opinions of life in the UK in 2009 and how you have found life since the end of the war.

Did you struggle to adjust to civvy street? Has there been enough support for veterans?

Is it a disappointment or are you happy with how your country turned out? What do you think your fallen comrades would have made of life in 21st century Britain?

All opinions are welcome, if possible provide a bit about your war experience and most vivid war time memories, your views on the country, your name, age, rank and regiment but if you wish, your name will not be published if you would prefer to remain anonymous.

Letters can be sent to Nick Pringle at PO Box 1110, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE99 2XL.

I hope to hear from you soon.

Yours,  
**Nick Pringle**  
**by email**



Brachan at home at Channel View with a copy of the Banner and in the same spot where Archie was last week.

**Brachan calling Archie**

Last week the Banner's black Labrador puppy Archie was sat on the grass next to some white-painted boulders outside Channel View on the road to Kings Cross.

As well as the usual guesses and responses on the Banner forum and via email, Archie has had a reply from another black Labrador called Brachan, complete with a photograph taken at the same spot.

The reply said: 'I feel it should be Here's Brachan instead of Where's Archie!'

'I have enclosed two photographs as a reply to Where's Archie?'

'Archie, this is my spot you are on! I am Brachan Abram and I live at Channel View, Kingscross. I thought I could smell an intruder.'

'Please come again, but next time make sure I am at home before you come calling.'

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## Strong response for wildlife festival

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Festival co-ordinator Lucy Wallace said: 'Bookings are doing well for our most popular events and I would encourage people to book early to avoid disappointment. Some events involving the fluffy and rare are already fully booked.'

Activities range from a badger watch to a COAST Rib trip to see seabed maerl in Lam-lash Bay and a moth trapping evening late on Saturday night. There are 14 separate events on Saturday May 16.

Further information is available from Lucy on eider@hotmail.co.uk or from the website www.arranwildlife.co.uk.



**Wildlife festival co-ordinator Lucy Wallace** b19fes01

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## Highland dancers desperate for new recruits



**Fiona Clarke and Heather Snowden are two of only three Highland Dancers left on the island.**

The Arran Highland Dancers club is once again desperately trying to recruit more members.

Back in October last year, Fiona Clarke and Heather Snowden, the only two members of the group, sent out an urgent appeal for more dancers.

Since then they have only been able to recruit one more person.

Both Fiona and Heather are entering a Highland Dancing Competition on Saturday May 16 in Dalry.

Yvonne Randell, Heather's

mother said: 'This will be Fiona's fifth competition this year and Heather's very first Highland Dancing Competition so we wish them both the very best of luck.'

'The other member of the Highland Dancers is wee girl called Charlie McKillop who is just six-years-old. We would be delighted to see some more new recruits.'

'Please feel free to come along to Brodick Church Hall between 11am and 1pm on Saturday mornings for a free first trial lesson.'



**Dr Yvonne Duckworth, formerly of Whiting Bay was married to Dr Lindsay Davidson from Inverness at Castleton House Hotel, Glamis, Angus on April 20. After their honeymoon abroad they will return to Monifieth, Angus where they live.**

## Nikki takes top spot at Kilmory art show

Nikki Surridge's exhibit at the art show in Kilmory Hall was voted the tops by members of the public.

At the recent Arran Visual Arts fourth Spring Exhibition the visitors were asked to vote for their favourite piece of work.

Of the 475 people who attended on the six days 139 voted for their top ten exhibits and Nikki Surridge came out on top.

Her piece entitled 'To the highest bidder' received 23 votes.

In total there were 198 exhibits on display from 63 exhibitors.

Second equal were Alison Barr with 'Standing Stones at Machrie' and Marjorie McDougall with 'Floral Study' who each got 18 votes each.

The other results were: fourth, Barbara I'Anson, equal fifth

Andy Surridge, Angela Elliott-Walker and Reuben Betley, eighth, Pat MacDonald, ninth, Sheila Hawkins and tenth Morag Campbell.

### Prize

AVA president Viv Parks said: 'Well done to all these artists. Nikki will be receiving a small prize.'

'There are still places on a Drawing and Painting weekend

for beginners, and those who feel like beginners!

'The course is being taken by Kittie Jones from the Leith School of Art who is a very sympathetic tutor.'

'It will be held in Kilmory Hall on Saturday and Sunday, May 16 and 17.'

Further information is available from Alison Armstrong on 600724.

## June walk will be in aid of charity

A sponsored walk to raise money for the National Association for Colitis and Crohns Disease has been organised by the Lochranza and Catacol Village Hall Committee.

Taking place on Sunday June 21, there will be two different routes on offer so that people of all ages and abilities can take part.

Kate Hartley, chairman of the hall committee, said: 'The walk has been organised to raise money for a charity that has quite a lot of local significance. There are a number of people living in the northend of Arran that suffer from Crohns disease.'

'There are two different routes for the walk to suit different abilities. One will go along the Newton Shore to the Fairy Dell and back to the hall and the other will be a bit longer and tougher; up to the Cock of Arran and back.'

The committee are organising a BBQ and family disco to take place that night too.

Anyone who would like to take part in the walks should contact Kate Hartley (830226), Fiona Crawford (830270) or Kerri Traill (830615) for a sponsor form as soon as possible.



**Members of the Lochranza Hall Committee are organising a sponsored walk for charity.** b18loc03

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# Well read on holiday

Arran residents and holidaymakers are making sure that they pack their copy of the Banner to keep up with local issues when they go on holiday.

Don't forget to pack your copy of the Banner if you are going on holiday. It could be from Canterbury, Kent or Canterbury, New Zealand, it really doesn't matter; we would love to see your photographs.

Please send them to us either by email to editor@arranbanner.co.uk or to The Arran Banner, Douglas Centre, Brodick KA27 8AJ.



Gary Tulloch of Whiting Bay reading his Banner outside Clery's famous department store in O'Connell Street, Dublin.



Four Arran ladies reading their Banner at the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin. They are, from left, Kate Robertson, Jan Duncan, Alison Currie and Sandra MacMillan.



Mark Wetton from Brodick caught up on some local news after his passing out parade from the royal electrical and mechanical engineers regiment at Bassingbourn, Hertfordshire.

## Woodland housing talk

Ian Hepburn of the North West Mull Woodland Community will give a talk and presentation in the Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick next Wednesday evening.

His talk will centre on the Mull community's plans for the huge tract of forest they have bought from the Forestry Commission under the National Forest Land scheme.

This scheme allows for the sale of forestry land to housing associations and properly constituted community groups. Forestry land can be a means of getting cheaper building land and an inducement to innovative house design. Other possibilities are open to negotiation and Ian Hepburn will illustrate these in his talk.

Corrie and Sannox community councillor John Inglis said: 'It is a propitious moment to

hear what the Mull community is doing with the forestry land since North Ayrshire Council is about to initiate a feasibility study of forestry land in Arran with a view to housing.

'The partner firms Neil Sutherland, Brian Burns and Housing Plus have been appointed and are due to start the study at the beginning of June. It could result in proposals for various projects including housing and involving HIFAR, Isle of Arran Homes and NAC. 'Mull has faced a similar housing shortage to Arran which is being addressed but, in terms of organised, ambitious community activity, Mull is well ahead of Arran. This should make their experience interesting to us.'

All are welcome at the Ormidale Pavilion on Wednesday May 13 at 7.30pm.

## Kildonan campsite praised

Seal Shore camping and caravan site at Kildonan has just received a couple of worthy accolades.

In the monthly magazine Go Caravan it is selected as one of the 18 'most beautiful caravan sites in Britain'.

And in the latest edition of Caravan Magazine, Seal Shore is described as one of 'a hand-picked set of 60 of the UK's very best family-friendly campsites and camping experiences. Wake

up to sea air and a fantastic view from your caravan site.

'It is a great site for teaching your kids what fish fingers look like before they go into a factory.'

Proprietor Maurice Deighton has operated the site by the shore at Kildonan for six years. He said: 'It's not just my site that they are promoting; it's the whole concept of what Arran can offer caravanners and campers.'

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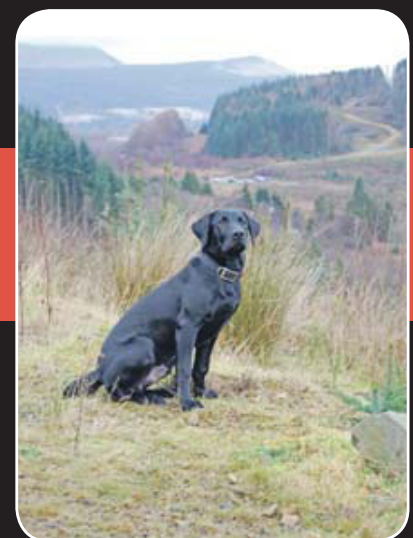
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Last week Archie was sitting on the grass next to white-painted boulders outside Channel View, Kings Cross. Barry Dobson of Richmond was first with the correct answer, pipping his wife Michelle by just over an hour. Also on the ball were Wendy Kilroe and Margaret Green. This week he is on a grassy hillside and those cars in the background could be a clue.

b19arc01



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# The 'Wyrd' world of Terry Pratchett

The audience at the Arran High School Community Theatre was transported into the weird and wonderful world of Terry Pratchett last week.

The production of Pratchett's *Wyrd Sisters* by the Arran Torch Players was performed on Thursday, Friday and Satur-

day night featuring an all-star local cast.

The adaptation features three witches: Granny Weatherwax (Assja Baumgartner); Nanny Ogg (Jenni Williams) matriarch of a large tribe of Oggs; and Magratt Garlick (Dorothy Campling) the junior witch,

who firmly believes in occult jewellery, covens and bubbling cauldrons much to the annoyance of Granny Weatherwax and Nanny Ogg.

When King Verence of Lancre (Michael Campling) is murdered by his cousin Duke Felmet (Michael Collins) the king's crown and young baby son are given to the three witches by an escaping servant.

The witches give the crown and the baby to a troupe of travelling actors in the hope that some day destiny will take its course and the young child will grow up to defeat Duke Felmet.

George Christie, chairman of the Arran Torch Players, said: 'Preparing for this production has not been without its problems for us. Half way through the rehearsals our director, Mairi Christie, was struck down with complications following a throat operation, which mean that she effectively lost her voice and was unable to continue.'

'We were very fortunate that one of our leading actors Allan Nicol, was able and prepared to take over as director as well and we are extremely grateful to him for assuming that additional responsibility and finishing the production on the base that Mairi had established.'

Added to this, at rehearsals



A crowd of villagers gather to shout abuse at the witches as they try to get into the castle. b19wyr05



The Fool (Allan Nicol) tries to relieve the Duke's guilt at killing his cousin the king. b19wyr03

just one week before curtain-up the cast and crew discovered that special pyrotechnic systems they had hired set off the school fire alarms in the new community theatre.

'We decided one night to try out the special effects,' said George. 'Unfortunately after setting off the first one - which produced a lot of smoke - we suddenly heard an alarm going off and before we knew it the fire crews from Lamblash and Brodick were on the scene.'

Despite having to improvise with flashes of light and a mallet on the night, the production went very well.



The nery Duke Felmet (Michael Collins) tells his sergeant (John Roberts) to hunt down the witches and kill them. b19wyr02

## Corrie Film Club - The Lives of Others

This month's Corrie Film Club offering is an outstanding psychological and political thriller which gives a fascinating insight into the lengths and depths that some Eastern European governments went to in

order to keep tabs on the lives of its population in the 1980s.

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## Scottish Mountain Rescue member welcomed to Arran

Arran Mountain Rescue Team welcomed a member of the Mountain Rescue Committee of Scotland to their new base at Cladach recently.

James Coles is the radio officer for the MRCS, the governing body of mountain rescue in Scotland, and is heading the new digital mapping and search management computer system.

While here he reviewed the team's radio set up at the base that will soon be upgraded to a brand new system that will link the new base to every part of the island.

He also introduced five team members to 'Mountain Map', the new digital mapping and search management system that was used to great effect in a callout on Goatfell last week.

James is also a member of Moffat MRT and is a fellow search and rescue dog handler like Neil Bulger from Corrie.

James is a regular visitor to Arran and was seen at Brodick highland games in 2007 with search dog Corrie - a collie that was donated to James and the Search and Rescue Dog Association by Blue Peter.



James Coles is the radio officer for the Mountain Rescue Committee of Scotland and a Search and Rescue Dog handler.

## Bird Notes - Common Birds?

by Jim Cassels

In a previous installment of the Bird Notes, a Bird Atlas for 2007 to 2011, which is being organized by the British Trust for Ornithology, was mentioned.

This national bird atlas will allow changes to be assessed in bird distributions since previous breeding national atlases in 1970 and 1990, and since the last winter atlas of the early 1980s.

Since work started on the atlas in November 2007, volunteers on Arran have made timed visits to selected areas called tetrads and have recorded their sightings.

In addition many people have contributed by sharing their bird sightings with me and these have been entered by me as roving records into Bird Atlas.

To my knowledge there has never been a local bird atlas for Arran.

The Arran Natural History Society is giving serious consideration to producing such a document from the national information.

This would contain maps of distribution and relative abun-

dance for all bird species breeding and wintering on Arran.

From the information that Bird Atlas have collated and shared with me for the breeding season in 2008, there is a problem.

It is not with rare or unusual birds but with the records of common birds like blackbird, blue tit, chaffinch and indeed crows.

The breeding records of common birds are sparse.

Take for example blackbird and blue tit, both familiar to everyone and among our most common birds.

Their breeding records on Arran in 2008 are shown on the maps.

The big red dots are confirmed breeding but look at the gaps. I do not think this is due to a lack of birds but to a lack of records of birds.

With the help of everyone who is interested in birds, this problem of shortage of breeding records for common birds on Arran can be easily solved.

During this breeding season, please keep an eye out for signs of breeding in all our common birds.

This does not require hunting for nests with possible disturbance of the birds which would be criminal, but looking for signs of breeding.

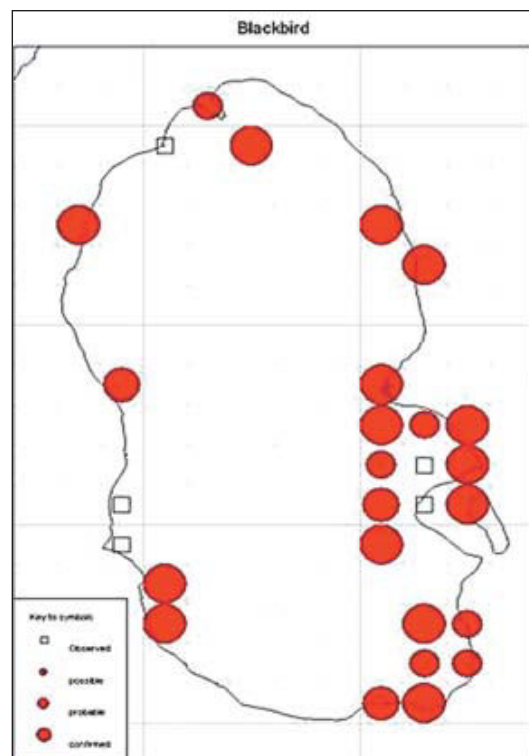
These signs could include a singing male, a pair in suitable habitat, courtship, nest building, adults carrying food, as well as nests and recently fledged young getting fed.

As well as noticing these signs, please then take a moment to note down 'what, when, and where' and send these notes to me at Kilpatrick Kennels, Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot, KA27 8EY, or e mail me at james.cassels@virgin.net

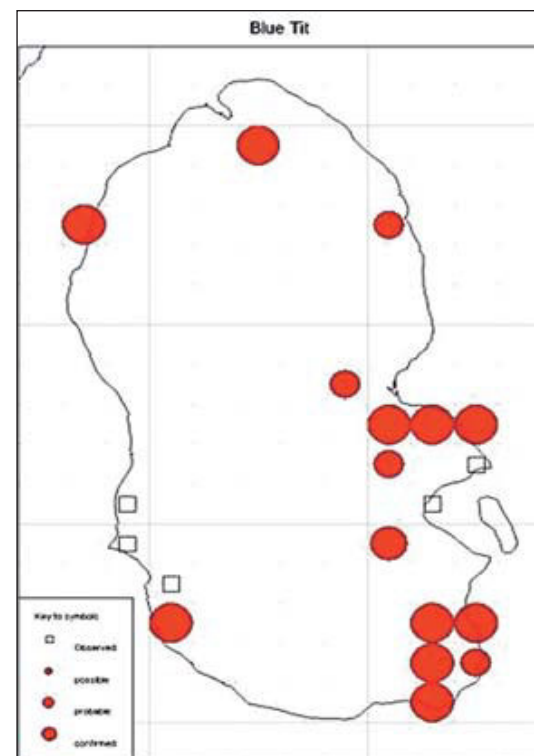
I look forward to hearing from you. For more information on birding on Arran visit this website [www.arranbirding.co.uk](http://www.arranbirding.co.uk) and for more information on the Bird Atlas check this link <http://www.bto.org/birdatlas> Thank you in anticipation of your help.



The breeding records of common birds like blackbirds are sparse.



Breeding records for blackbirds on Arran show big gaps in the information.



The big red dots are confirmed breeding areas for blue tits on Arran.

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# The Arran Banner 20 years ago

## Saturday, May 6, 1989

### Baby June in food alert

It couldn't happen here on Arran.

Young mothers down south may be finding their jars of baby food spiked with glass but nobody would think that could be the case on Arran.

Yet this week that is exactly what happened.

When Jill Bunyan of Brathwic Place, Brodick went to give 11 month old daughter June her tea on Friday she selected a jar of Cow and Gate Lamb dinner.

She didn't expect any problems but because of the recent scare she decided to put it on a plate and sieve it first.

While doing so she was shocked to discover several pieces of glass.

With a mixture of shock and relief Jill contacted the police who took away the jar and fragments of glass.

Where had she bought it, the police wanted to know?

'I don't buy it,' said Jill. 'My mum buys the jars when she's looking after June and she got it in the Brodick Coop.'

She said she had carefully checked the seal and it hadn't been tampered with and added with a wry laugh: 'You know the jars are sterilised so it's meant to be safer giving it straight out of the jar instead of on a plate.'

### Exuberant driving

Over-exuberant manoeuvring in the Douglas Hotel car park in Brodick on Saturday night ended with a local driver parked not quite where he initially intended.

The car was found at the bottom of the grassy bank.

An error of judgement sent him and his car through the small wall at the top of a steep grass slope and down onto the lawn below, leaving some of his engine and most of his oil at the top.



**Jim Lees, the brother of well-known local artists Bill and Bob, is selling the unsold paintings from the 'Two of a Kind' exhibition in his shop in Corrie.** b19twe04

### Ferry returns

The MV Isle of Arran returned to the ferry service last Saturday but was replaced again on Monday by the Glen Sannox.

The reason for this was apparently that after her recent overhaul a fault was discovered in the bow ramp.

Hinge pins for the ramp had been replaced during the over-

haul but, after coming out of the dry-dock, they were found to be faulty.

The MV Isle of Arran is expected to be back tonight (Friday).

### Unconnected incident

A school bus carrying school pupils to their SCE exams at Arran High School came to a sudden halt in Shiskine last Wednesday at the same time as a van from William Kerr and Sons spun round on the road at Machrie and landed on the shore.

According to police the two incidents appeared unconnected at first until it was discovered that the bus had broken a fuel line and was leaving a trail of diesel oil all the way from Brodick.

As a result of this the van skidded off the road at Machrie but driver Jimmy Turnbull was unhurt.

### Dog shot

A mongrel dog belonging to Whitefield Farm, Kings Cross, was found by a Whiting Bay resident just north of the village last week with two bullets in its head and its body peppered with shotgun pellets.

He took it to the vet, where despite one bullet being in its eye, they were able to revive it and now a week later the dog is recovering well.

### Mink stink

Arran could soon have its very own paid mink catcher.

The Forestry Commission environment panel was told at its meeting that 'there is a possibility of funds being made available to tackle the problem'.

With the population of mink on Arran steadily increasing – the panel are hoping to get a coordinated effort towards a campaign of extermination.

Bill Greatorex of Whiting Bay has been catching mink for years but he has not been asked to participate.

'Well it's a good idea but something really needed to have been done a long time ago,' said Bill.

He felt that extermination was not impossible but that cooperation was doubtful.



**Twins Bill and Bob Lees held their second 'Two of a Kind' exhibition in Corrie Hotel last Friday.** b19twe03



**Arran's Scout troop were armed with wellies, shovels and wheelbarrows on Sunday morning as they cleared the sand which had gathered over the Whiting Bay paddling pool over the winter.** b19twe02



**The Bullnose Morris Club of Britain spent a few days on Arran this week.** b19twe01



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Sun – Country/Blues with string theory 9.30pm

Tue – Pop Quiz 10pm

Real Ale (Recommended CAMRA Good Beer Guide)

# Spring sunshine greets start for Arran's bowling season



Isa Wilson, the longest playing member of the Brodick Bowling Club, plays the first bowl of the season on Saturday afternoon. b19bow01



Joan Pellowe, Lamlash Bowling Club ladies champion, got the season off to a flying start on Saturday. b19bow02NO

Two of Arran's bowling clubs celebrated the beginning of a new season on Saturday afternoon under clear blue skies and bright spring sunshine.

Isa Wilson, one of the longest serving lady players was asked to

play the first bowl of the year at Brodick Bowling Club.

Isa said: 'I've been a member of the club for more than 40 years now. It was a very different club in those days. I was one of the very first female members and the older gentleman took quite a

while to get used to us.'

Joan Pellowe from Lamlash played the first bowl of the season at the village club. Joan, who is in her eighties, was the lady champion for the first time last year.

## Coffee mornings help hospitals in Ethiopia

The recent Corrie and Sannox monthly coffee mornings have raised a grand total of £500 which will go some way to improving patient care in two hospitals in Ethiopia.

Sandra Kemp of High Corrie said: They have been a big success in bringing the community together and the money will be shared between Gondar Hospital and Wolisso Hospital in Ethiopia. Special

thanks go to Rachel, who has been instrumental in getting the coffee mornings up and running, also Angus and Jean for their ongoing support and encouragement.

### Grateful

'I know that the people in Wolisso and Gondar will be very grateful for the donations which I will take on my next visit and that the money will be used to improve patient care.'

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## It's yahoo for a rip-roaring musical

If you enjoy country and western music then Arran Music and Drama Club's next production is a must for you.

Set in a Texan 'Chicken Ranch', this rip-roaring musical is entitled 'The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas'. But don't let that put you off this most entertaining show.

The film starred Dolly Parton and Burt Reynolds and those two parts are played by the vivacious Janie McIntyre who was such a hit as Calamity Jane six years ago, and Arran's experienced thespian Allan Nicol.

Quite a few surprises are in store with some cameo perform-

ances by weel kent Arran faces. Hilariously funny, however, is Campbell Seaton in the role of the fabulously camp television presenter Melvin Thorpe.

Being a Maureen Smith production, the audience can expect some novel, funny touches. Everyone will look forward to the result of the new musical director, David Payn, conductor of Arran Brass.

He will be accompanied by some band members and professional pianist Robert Melling. Make a date in your diary for the production from Monday May 25 to Saturday May 30 in Brodick Hall.



Alec Miller, judge for the Dougarie sheepdog trial next Friday. b19dog01

## Dog trial at Kilpatrick

The Dougarie annual sheepdog trial will be held next Friday at Kilpatrick Farm, Blackwaterfoot.

Judge for the day will be Alec Miller of Margenaish and the event is being hosted by Neil

and Kate Henderson. Proceedings start at 9am.

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Lamlash  
Auchrannie Spa & Gym  
10.30am - 4.30pm

**SATURDAY 9th MAY**

Blackwaterfoot Junior Football  
Arran Dancers, Ballet & Jazz, 3 - 18years  
Karate  
Learn to Salsa  
Family Games Kids & Adults  
Fun in the Spa Pool  
Over 21s Disco  
Youth Cafe  
Brodick Bowling Club, Rink Game  
Spring Fair & BBQ  
Arran Antiquarians Field Trip to Holy Isle  
Koffee Morning In Aid of Dr. Graham's Homes, Kalimpong  
Lamlash Bowling Club, Rink Game  
Quiz  
Highland Dancing Lesson  
Bingo

Coaching, 10.30am - noon  
Arran High School 10am - 4pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am - 12.30pm  
KA Campus, 9.30am - 10.30am  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm  
Auchrannie Pool, 4pm - 5pm  
The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
Brodick Church Hall, 7pm  
2pm  
Corrie Primary, 12pm - 2pm  
Dept Lamlash Pier, 10.30am  
Shiskine Hall, 10.30am  
2pm  
Catacol Bay Hotel, 8.30pm  
Brodick Church, 11am - 1pm  
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 7pm

**SUNDAY 10th MAY**

Alcoholics Anonymous  
Family Games Kids & Adults  
Fun in the Spa Pool  
Arran Fiddle Club- Childrens Classes  
Arran War Games  
Lochranza Choir in Concert  
Hospital Suppoerts League Plant Sale

St Margarets Church, Whiting Bay, 4.30pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm  
Auchrannie Pool, 4pm - 5pm  
Library Annexe, 1.45pm  
Arran High School 1 - 4pm  
Lochranza Village Hall, 7.30pm  
Arran High School, 2pm - 4pm

**MONDAY 11th MAY**

Senior Fitness  
Over 50's Badminton  
Badminton  
Cardiac Rehab  
Circuit Training  
Citizens Advice  
AB Attack  
Aerobics Class  
Weight Wise  
Netball  
Summer Bridge  
Red Cross Coffee Morning  
Brodick Bowling Club, Rink Game  
Lamlash Bowling Club, Rink Game  
Arran Brass In Concert

Auchrannie 10am & 11am (Gym)  
Lochranza Village Hall 2pm - 4pm  
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm  
Auchrannie Gym 12.30pm - 2pm  
Auchrannie Spa, 6pm - 7.15pm (Gym)  
Open 10am - 2pm  
KA Leisure, fitness suite 6.30pm - 6.50pm  
KA Leisure, dance studio, 6pm - 7pm  
Hospital Bungalow, 5pm - 5.30pm  
High School Sports Hall, 8pm  
High School, 6.45pm  
Whiting Bay Hall, 10.30am - 12pm  
6.45pm  
7pm  
Kilmory Hall, 7.30pm

**TUESDAY 12th MAY**

Lochranza Swimming Club  
Pop Quiz  
Arran Civic Trust  
Legs Bums & Tums  
Army Cadets  
Pop Quiz  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
Rotary Club  
Citizens Advice  
Pulmonary Rehab  
Open Music Session  
Indoor Bowling  
Brodick Toddler Group  
Body Conditioning Class  
Country Dancing  
Youth Club

Kinloch 11am - 12pm  
The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
Ormidale Pavillion 7.30pm  
Auchrannie Spa 6pm - 7pm (Studio)  
Auchrannie Road, 7.30pm - 9.30pm  
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
Brodick Church Hall - 2pm  
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie 7.15pm  
Open 10am - 2pm 4 - 6pm (Appointment Only)  
Auchrannie Gym 12pm - 1pm (Gym)  
Catacol Bay Hotel, 8.30pm  
Auchrannie Hall, 7pm  
Church Hall, 10am - 12pm  
KA Leisure, dance studio 6pm - 7pm  
Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm  
Kildonan Hall - 6pm

Senior Fitness  
Open Folk Session

Auchrannie, 10am - 11am  
Bar Eden, 7.30pm

**WEDNESDAY 13th MAY**

Hockey  
Core Strength  
Jnr Rugby Training  
Shiskine Beavers  
Aquafizz  
Circuit Training  
Yogalates  
Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy  
Kickboxing  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
Arran Rugby Club Seniors Training  
Arran Brass Rehearsal  
Whiting Bay Toddler Group  
Lamlash Beaver Scouts  
Selt Making Class  
Brodick Bowling Club, Rink Game  
Coffee Morning  
Lamlash Bowling Club, Rink Game  
Wildlife Festival  
Woodland Housing Meeting

Auchrannie Hall, 7pm - 8pm (Games Hall)  
Auchrannie 5.30 - 6pm  
P4 - S4 Ormidale Park, 6pm - 7.15pm  
Shiskine Hall, 6pm - 7.15pm  
Auchrannie Hotel, 9.45am - 10.30am (Hotel Pool)  
Auchrannie, 6pm - 7.15pm (Gym)  
Auchrannie Studio, 10am - 11am (Studio)  
10.30 - 12.30pm & 1.30 - 3.30pm  
KA Leisure, dance studio, 6pm - 7pm  
Lamlash Church Hall - 7.30pm - 9pm  
Ormidale Park, 7.30pm  
Whiting Bay Hall 7.15pm  
Village Hall 10am - 12pm  
High School, 6.15pm - 7.15pm  
Shipfield, Lamlash, 10am - 4pm  
2pm  
Lamlash Church Hall, 10.30am - 12pm  
7pm  
Various Events and Locations  
Ormidale Pavillion 7.30pm

**THURSDAY 14th MAY**

Senior Fitness  
General Knowledge Quiz  
Citizens Advice  
Lochranza Craft Club  
Pilates  
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Wildlife Festival

Auchrannie 10am - 11am  
The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
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Hall, 2pm  
Auchrannie Studio, 6pm - 7pm  
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Brodick Hall, 7.30pm  
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Kildonan Hall, 3pm - 5pm  
KA Leisure, front reception 5.30pm  
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Whiting Bay School 6.45pm  
Shiskine Hall, 6.30pm - 8pm  
Shiskine Hall 8pm - 9.30pm  
Arran High School, 6.15pm - 8pm  
Church Hall, 10am - 12pm  
Auchrannie Hall 7pm  
Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club, 5pm - 7pm  
Sannox Oval, 6pm  
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**FRIDAY 15th MAY**

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Aquafizz  
Citizens Advice  
Quiz  
Adult Tennis  
Yogalates  
Over 21's Disco  
Dougare Sheepdog Trials  
Arran Wildlife Art Exhibition  
Wildlife Festival  
Mountain Rescue AGM

Brodick Hall, 7.30pm  
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Open 10am - 2pm  
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 9pm  
Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club, 4.00pm - 6.30pm  
Auchrannie 10am - 11am  
The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
Kilpatrick Farm, Blackwaterfoot, 9am  
Corrie Hall, 11am - 5pm  
Various Events and Locations  
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**SATURDAY 16th MAY**

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	Lochranza & Catacol Village Hall	15.00-16.00
<b>Monday 9th March</b>	Whiting Bay Village Hall	11.30-12.30
	Shiskine Village Hall	13.30-14.30
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# Arran girls are champs

Arran Rugby Club's girls team were crowned champions at an under-18s development tournament in Cumnock on Sunday.

Coach Bert Ramage said: 'The girls played really very well. I was really impressed. They were playing on a full size pitch for seven minutes each half, which can be very tiring. They tackled well and had some great sprints down field. it was great experience for them.'

The first match of the day was against the hosts Cumnock and the final score after a closely contested game was a draw.

After a short break the girls returned to the pitch to play Langholm and after a strong battle with some crunching tackles from both sides Arran won 27-20.

Cumnock then played Langholm.

Arran returned to the pitch feeling rejuvenated to play Cumnock again gaining victory with a score of 15-5.

The final game was against Langholm who had already beaten Cumnock twice so the title rested on the outcome of this game.

The game was a nail biter with each side taking turns at scoring tries.

Just as the final whistle was about to be blown a Langholm girl made a magnificent tackle on Arran's Georgie Wood resulting in two bodies lying battered and bruised on the pitch.

This brought the game to an end with the score 15-14 to a victorious Arran who were crowned Girls under 18's champions with an individual medal each and a shield for the trophy cabinet.

A team spokesman said: 'Sadly this is the last game Kirsty McBain and Jenna Wood will play for Arran due to their age so we wish them every success in the future and hope they build on their success with Arran rugby club.'



The Arran girls under 18 rugby team: captain Shauna Jameson, Georgie Wood, Hazel Ramage, Kirsty McBain, Lynn Ramage, Jenna Wood, Libby Raeburn and Amy and Anna Downard with coach Bert Ramage. b19rug01

## Senior team prepare for last game of the season

Arran's senior rugby team will travel to Moffat this weekend for the final match of the season. The island team are currently sitting in fifth place in the west league division two below Paisley, Carrick, Strathaven and Millbrae.

Two weeks ago sixth placed Hughenden pulled out of the league so Moffat RFC are now just one place behind Arran.

Coach Bert Ramage said: 'Since Hughenden pulled out of the league and the Strathaven game was called off we haven't actually played for three weeks. Despite that I think we'll do well on Saturday. I hope it can be a positive end to a great season.'

After Arran were promoted to the second division last year, many questioned whether the team could flourish in the higher leagues.

However, with a number of high profile wins under their belts this season, Arran certainly have nothing to fear.



Shauna Jameson, captain of the Arran girls under-18 team, makes a dash for the try line. b19rug02



Despite ending up bloody and bruised, Arran's girls were crowned champions. b19rug03



## Michael is a winner

Michael Macfarlane, aged 10, won the Arran golfers Association Junior Shield on his first attempt last week. See golf results on page 18. b19gol03NO

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## Wins for Southend and Brodick

### Arran Haulage Trophy final this Saturday

The first round of the Arran Haulage Football Cup got underway last week with both Brodick and Southend coming out on top.

The tournament, which traditionally takes place at the beginning of the season, is an ideal opportunity to see which of the five teams might have what it takes to go all the way in the league.

On Thursday night Brodick simply swept away Lamlash with a seven-goal hammering at the Ormidale Park.

Fiery tempers from both sides resulted in a number of clashes

on the pitch that eventually ended with young Davie McAllister of Lamlash being sent off.

One spectator said: 'Brodick played well tonight. I think Southend might have to watch out this season, they could have a proper battle ahead for the league title.'

On Saturday night Southend produced a scintillating performance to crush Northend by a mammoth 13 goals to one, much to the Northenders despair.

Playing at Sandbraes in Whiting Bay, Southend sailed



Even Nick Underdown's long legs weren't big enough to help Northend to a win. b19ba101

through the match, scoring goal after goal within minutes of each other.

Northend barely made an impression in the game but a last gasp goal from Arran Blythe gave them one solitary point.

'We really thought this could have been their season,' said

one fan from Lochranza. 'By the looks of things though they'll be lucky to beat Lamlash this year.'

Shiskine play Brodick in the third match of the tournament this week before the Arran Haulage Cup Final this Saturday (May 9) at 3pm.



Brodick's Gordon Hendry steals the ball from Lamlash's Davie McAllister. b19bro01

## Arran football fixtures for the 2009 season

### Cut out and keep guide

All games will kick off at 6.30pm so all teams should be there for 6pm

May 13 - Shiskine v Northend  
May 16 - Southend v Lamlash  
May 20 - Lamlash v Shiskine  
May 23 - Brodick v Southend  
May 27 - Northend v Lamlash  
May 30 - Shiskine v Brodick  
June 2 - Brodick v Northend  
June 6 - Southend v Shiskine  
June 11 - Lamlash v Brodick  
June 13 - Northend v Southend

June 17 - Northend v Shiskine  
June 20 - Lamlash v Southend  
June 24 - Shiskine v Lamlash  
June 27 - Southend v Brodick  
June 30 - Brodick v Shiskine  
July 4 - Lamlash v Northend  
July 7 - Northend v Brodick,  
Shiskine v Southend  
July 16 - Brodick v Lamlash  
July 18 - Southend v Northend

July 23 - Southend v Lamlash  
July 25 - Shiskine v Northend  
July 29 - Lamlash v Shiskine  
August 1 - Brodick v Southend  
August 4 - Shiskine v Brodick  
August 8 - Northend v Lamlash  
August 11 - Brodick v Northend  
August 15 - Southend v Shiskine  
August 22 - Lamlash v Brodick,  
Northend v Southend

## Summer Bridge

Results of the tournament on Monday 4 May.  
N/S: 1 T Martin and L Trickett, 2 P Thomson and A Carr, 3 J Beattie and J McBride.  
E/W: 1 I McMillan and C McMillan, 2 M Bruce and D Bruce, 3 E Sillars and M McGill.

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