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Emma and Lisa Henderson of Kilpatrick were first in the queue for their latest copy of Arran Monsters: Book Two from author Diana Riddell and illustrator Gordon Davidson. 01_b28mon01

Arran's monsters let loose

ficially launched.

This is the fourth children's Catacol'. book about the island written Corrie based artist Gordon Contact Gordon directly ran's monsters.

he has never sold any of his drawing

There were some scary look- The book is comprised of ten drawings. But in a bid to raise ing characters in Brodick's poems all about Arran's mon- money for an art programme Book and Card Centre last sters, including the delightful for an orphanage run by the Friday as the second book 'Dan the Pirate', hilarious Ghurka regiment in Nepal, of 'Arran Monsters' was of- 'Summer-time Crime' and the all illustrations from the two brilliant 'Twelve Creatures of monsters books are up for

by local teacher Diana Riddell Davidson delightfully illus- on 810213 or e-mail keeperand the second book about Artrates each book and until now music@hotmail.com buy a

RNLI's Geoff receives MBE from the Queen

REPORT

by JENNIFER LYON

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Geoff Norris of the Arran RNLI received his MBE from the Queen at the Palace of Holyroodhouse on Tuesday 3 July.

Geoff, 68, from Lamlash first joined the lifeboat crew as a shore helper in 1973 and in 1978 he took on a role which is now termed Lifeboat Operations Manager (LOM), a position he still holds today. Arran lifeboat station has saved the lives of more than 60 people and yet, like so many RNLI volunteers Geoff is modest about his efforts and those of his crew.

He is humbled and honoured to be recognised by the Queen and to have received an MBE.

'I was surprised when I received the letter; before I opened it I wondered what I had done wrong to receive a letter from the Cabinet Office!' said Geoff.

'It is a great honour to be recognised by the Queen, particularly this year.' Geoff also explained that he feels he is receiving his MBE on behalf of his volunteer crew and the RNLI as a whole.

Since retiring, Geoff has Geoff received his MBE along voluntary sector.



Geoff Norris of Lamlash with his MBE after the ceremony.

been able to devote his time with more than 70 other people

Television presenter, Lorraine to the RNLI, Arran Yacht Club from fields such as medicine, Kelly and rugby player, Chris and Arran Junior Sailing Club. the arts, business and the Paterson were among those receiving honours on the day.

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Explore Arran's southend with castle rangers

The Brodick Castle Country Park rangers are teaming up with the Forestry Commission to give people the chance to go on a guided tour of Arran in a Landrover.

The event gives those taking part the rare and exclusive opportunity to experience the southend of Arran along the forest tracks that have been underused.

The rangers will offer plenty for visitors to enjoy from magnificent views, lively banter and a hatful of local knowledge and without ever having to move from the comfort of the Landrover.

Tickets can be booked by phoning 0844 4932154 and selecting option 1.

The experience will run from 11am 3pm on Wednesday 18 July.

Get ready for winter

A new sign in the popular Ar-CaS charity shop at Brodick pier may be an indication of the effect of the recent prolonged spell of wet and cool weather.

There is a rack of coats outside the shop with a sign on it saying: 'Get ready for win-

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Open gardens in Whiting Bay for animal charity

On Friday 20 July, between 11am and 4pm the beautiful garden at The Cottage, Smiddy Brae, Whiting Bay will be open, courtesy of Marjorie Brown, to raise funds for the Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Across the road at Runrig, cream teas will be served and there will be stalls other attractions. Entry will be by donation. The SSPCA is Scotland's animal welfare charity, which encourages kindness to animals, aims to prevent cruelty through education, investigates abuse, rescues animals in distress and finds animals new homes.

It is the only animal charity which cares for domestic, farm and wild animals. In the last year the Inspectors have made nine visits to Arran in response to reports from residents and just recently went to Holy Isle, bringing their own boat, to investigate the condition of the wild ponies, again after a report from a concerned horse owner on Arran. No healthy animal is ever put to sleep, with great efforts made to re-home them.

Abi in the picture below has found a new loving home with Irene and Ian Dickson of Whiting Bay and

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Irene Dickson on Kildonan beach with Abi, a dog rescued from the SSPCA, Dumbarton Road, Milton.

been re-homed on Arran. which spends no money on supporters' branch on Arran Smiddy Brae on 20 July. The SSPCA is entirely animal welfare in Scotland. to raise desperately needed Look out for the black and a further seven dogs have separate from the RSPCA Please help the local funds and come along to white balloons.

Epic walk brings Salvation Army soldier to Arran

A Salvation Army soldier Seventy-year-old Trafficking Programme.

part of his 7,900-mile round- tion to himself', will be arriv-Britain walk to raise cash for ing on the island on Saturday the organisation's Human 28 July. As part of his mammoth journey he will visit

Andy every Salvation Army church from High Wycombe is com- Peddle, who walks in a top and shop in the UK where he ing to Arran in two weeks as hat and tails to 'draw atten- will sing 'You'll never walk money for alone'. Lexie Andrade, territorial

envoy for the Salvation Army on Arran, said: 'We are hoping to gather some people together to walk a mile with Andy. It is hoped we can meet him from the ferry and perhaps walk to Brodick Primary School in a show of support for his incredible journey.'

Andy will leave on Monday 30 July by catching the Claonaig ferry before walking to Campbeltown.

Lochranza shave raises charity

Iain MacLean of Lochranza raised £200 for the charity Mary's Meals last Sunday when he shaved off his beard for the first time in more than 27 years.

The last time his chin saw daylight was the original Live Aid fundraiser in 1985 – so it was a pretty shocking sight.

Thanks to everybody, especially clipper-artist Nikki who did the deed.



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Youngsters graduate from nursery

drew Rojan, Phellan Mayhew, Ruby Wright, seemed very excited about the move. Imogen Allison, Lily Robson, Catherine Headteacher Douglas Auld presented all

The 10 youngsters are all moving up to the school. 01_b27lam01

James Sillars, Ross Currie, Charlie Ross, An- primary school after the holidays and they all

Smith and Maggie Anderson all celebrated of them with a special new sports bag and their graduation from Lamlash Nursery re- praised the work of the nursery teachers in preparing the youngsters for the move to

Tracking of lobsters in Lamlash Bay

York University in conjunc- track their movements. tion with local creeler Charlie Weir and COAST will be as-19 and 27.

who Charlie, assisted COAST last year on a simi- researcher will also be carrylar survey outside the NTZ ing out year three of his NTZ will be skippering his boat scallops and biodiversity the Kimberley, which will be study with the assistance of used in the study.

ried out in August. All lob- on Arran for the summer. sters caught will be released This programme of research after measurement.

is being done under licence side. from Marine Scotland, will The York students and

Zone (NTZ) in Lamlash Bay, clude tagging the lobsters to the next couple of months.

'In this way it will be possible to get an idea of how far sessing lobster and crab sizes they travel and to where, if within the NTZ between July they are caught again outside the zone.'

Leigh Howarth, York's PhD York students Lowri Evans A second survey will be car- and Pascal Dubois who are

is yielding some interesting Andrew Binnie, marine results with increased biodiproject office for COAST, versity recorded within the said: 'The research, which zone compared to areas out-

improve understanding of COAST will be keeping Arran | ily identified by the helicop-

As part of on-going research how marine life is recovering residents and summer visitors into the impact of the No Take within the NTZ and will in- up to date with progress over

The Whiting Bay summer play opens next Tuesday

The Whiting Bay summer play opens in the village hall next Tuesday evening.

It has become an institution, and for an almost uninterrupted 46 years, the thespians of Whiting Bay Club of Drama and Music have entertained residents and holidaymakers in summer with their special brand of family comedy.

For six Tuesday nights, starting on 17 July, they will be performing a comedy by David McGillivray and Walter Zerlin jnr.

Convoluted

It goes by the convoluted title of 'The Haunted Through Lounge and Recessed Dining Nook at Farndale Castle'.

This will be the fifth in a series of 'Farndale' farces that the club have performed over the years.

The series, by writers McGillivray and Zerlin, involve the hilarious acting exploits of the Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild.

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ment in Whiting Bay Village Allan Nicol and Zoe McGovern in a scene from the Whiting Bay summer play. 02_b28play01

Former Arran resident found dead in London

one of the UK's richest women has been found dead in west London.

The body of US national Eva Rausing, 48, a member of the family behind the Tetra-Pak cartons empire, was found at Cadogan Place, Belgravia.

She and her husband Hans Kristian Rausing sold their second home in Corrie two years ago after spending many holidays on the island.

The couple's home was eas-

A former Arran resident and ter that would land in their garden.

> The death is being treated as unexplained, Scotland Yard

A post-mortem examination at Westminster Mortuary did not establish how Mrs Rausing died and further tests are being carried out.



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Non-stop

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Arran's summer activities and entertainments get into full swing this coming week.

Saturday sees the crowning of Lamlash Heather Queen on the front green, while Kildonan Fun Week comes to a climax with the traditional mini-sports at Shore Road Stadium.

The popular Whiting Bay summer play starts its run of six weeks on Tuesday in the village hall. And on Tuesday and Wednesday evening John Forgie and Jean Bowden will be once again leading the audience in a Summer Serenade in Corrie Church. Also on Wednesday, the summer family ceilidhs start in Brodick Hall.

On Sunday, Shiskine Drama Club will be giving three repeat performances of their magical short play Each Evening Sees Its Close in the old smiddy at Arran Heritage Museum. This will be followed by the annual Children's Fun Day next Sunday 22 July. On Saturday 21 July four live bands will be taking to the stage in Whiting Bay Hall.

Whiting Bay Fun Week kicks off on Friday 20 July with the Grand Putting Competition, followed by Fun in the Park on Saturday afternoon.

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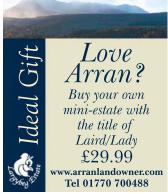
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Young entertainers join Summer Serenade 2012

This year's popular Sum- Regular entertainers John laughter. They will be joined studied at the Royal Scottish ents Ian and Betty Buchanan.

Wednesday 18 July.

John Forgie and Jean Bowden at Summer Serenade in July 2000. b28sum01



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mer Serenade concerts will Forgie and Jean Bowden for the first time by pianist Academy of Music and Drabe held as usual in Corrie have performed at Summer Lorna Buchanan as well as a ma in Glasgow. In the ensu- since 2010, Lorna still teach-Church, on Tuesday 17 and Serenade since 1994 with talented young trio of Fraser ing years she has appeared as es at Loudon Academy as a mix of music, song and Blain, Finlay Murchie and a soloist with various ensem- well as giving private lessons Iain Clarke.

Studied

old, then aged 13 she was ac-Academy. Subsequently she formed by her talented par- open at 7.30pm.

As an accompanist, Lorna On Arran she is official ac-Buchanan began was official pianist with Cun- companist for Arran Music studying piano at seven years ninghame Choir in North Ayr- Festival and Arran Music and shire. She was also guest ac- Drama Club. cepted as a pupil at the Scot- companist in the early years tish Music School, Douglas for the Lochranza Choir, rie Church at 8pm. Doors

Though resident on Arran in the Kilmarnock area.

Summer Serenade is in Cor-

Ramsay and Ross on top of the world

Last week we reported on two little boys on holiday from Yorkshire who had enjoyed the great outdoors on their recent family holiday on the island.

Making the most of the weather, nine-year-old Ramsay Carslaw and his six-yearold brother Ross climbed Goatfell with their parents, and Ramsay also cycled from Machrie to Brodick.

Mum Nicola said: 'My husband's Glaswegian parents first visited the island as teenagers and fell in love with the place and each other.

'They have passed their love of the island down through the family and we now regularly visit with our children, their grandchildren more than 50 years later.'

And to prove it, Nicola sent us this photo of Ramsay and Ross climbing Goatfell.



Ramsay and Ross Carslaw climbing Goatfell three weeks ago. b28goat01

Sensational Jimi Shandrix comes to Arran

Folk musicians, box and fidfans will be making their third time in four years. way to the Ormidale Hotel in Sandy Brechin.

Seelyhoo, and his ironically midale. Admission is free.

Sandy and his band are re- named electric ceilidh band, dle lovers, and accordion visiting the island for the The Sensational Jimi Shandrix Experience.

Originally from West Lo- See one of Scotland's legen-Brodick this Monday to hear thian, Sandy is renowned for dary box players on Monday legendary accordion wizard his folk bands Burach and 16 July at 8.30pm at the Or-



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Shiskine Valley enjoys fun day



A traditional and the second of the second o

The Table Tennis Team won the award for best-dressed Texas Scramble group.



The winners of the Texas Scramble were the Basketball

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Fantastic day at the golf club

The annual fun-filled Shiskine to behold and the Table Tenhave taken place this year but best-dressed team. that didn't stop the residents golf club instead.

Due to continuing drainage works at the Harbour Field, the committee organised a one-off day of fun and games Sunday.

The day began with the much-loved annual Shiskine Valley Sports Texas Scram-

As usual the array of colourful costumes was something

Valley Sports Day may not nis Team won the award for

The winner was the Basketenjoying a fantastic day at the ball Team – Alice Anderson, Calum Rae, Louise McAllister and Gina Thorburn with the remarkable score of 33.8! In the afternoon there was a chance for the younger genat Shiskine Golf Club on erations to have some fun as the kiddies' races took place

> on the last fairway. There was also a great barbeque in the tent where people gathered to watch Andy Murray's match in the final at



Concentrating hard during the egg and spoon race. b28shi05NO



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Proposed Arran energy plant - biomass company answers some questions Following the concerns expressed by members of the public, Fergus Tickell of Northern Energy Developments gives more details of his

the development of a biomass walking and cycling. project on Arran for a number of years.

the outset that there is no connection between this proposal and the company responsible for an earlier, and very contentious, biomass project on Arran.

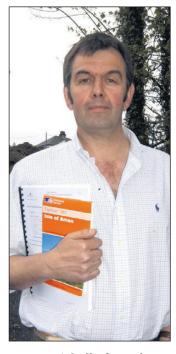
This project will also use a technology - combustion of wood chips - widely used throughout Europe rather than the unproven pyrolysis of the earlier project.

Scottish Government policy supports the use of biomass for energy production and this is exactly the basis of the project. It will utilise 40,000 tonnes of timber a year representing the sustainable supply of low-grade timber from Arran's forests. Higher value sawlogs will still be exported and no wood will be import-

The fuel will comprise Fergus Tickell of Northern small diameter stemwood and brash, much of which is often left lying on clearfell sites following felling. Creation of local demand for this material will improve woodland man-

ments have been working on ests being more attractive for screening.

used as fuel and this would It is worth emphasising from be a condition of a planning work meaning that the majorconsent.



Energy Developments Ltd.

The proposed site was chosen, in association with members of the Community Council, for a number of reasons. agement to the benefit of the
It was recognised that the site forests, the local environment should be well screened and (SNH have already indicated so it is keyholed into a comthat there will be benefits to mercial forest area which, key species in the nearby together with local topogra-

Northern Energy Develop- SPA) and to tourism with for- phy will provide permanent cate next to the project – else- tainable local resource, take with the Community Coun-

The site is also connected Only clean wood will be to the largest area of forestry on Arran by a forest road netity of wood (up to 75percent in any one year) can be delivered without going onto public roads. The project will not affect the use of local forests for recreation - indeed the new access road will offer additional routes for walking and cycling.

Biomass projects throughout Europe have to meet high standards when it comes to emissions with very strict limits on particulates. The high quality of combustion and plant design together with the nature of the fuel ensures that emissions levels from the project would meet such requirements. Detailed modelling shows that there would be no adverse air quality effects.

The project will create four jobs on site with up to 14 more indirect jobs in forestry and the wood supply chain.

The project will export electricity to the local grid enough to power 4,500 homes, resulting in Arran being effectively self-sufficient in power generated from local resources.

As with all thermal power plant heat is left over. It is intended that this heat could be made available to local businesses who may wish to lowood chips for the heat market are under consideration.

Arran would gain a small power plant which will employ local people, use a sus- regular and open discussions parties.

where horticulture and drying timber off Arran's roads and cil, other island groups and widen the island's economic individuals. We wish to con-

proposed biomass energy plant in Dyemill Forest

development we have held the plans with all interested

tinue with this approach and Throughout the period of look forward to discussing



Some of Scotland's top young musicians will be playing at the Fèis Arainn ceilidh.

Fèis Arainn ceilidh preparations begin

One of the highlights of Fèis Arainn, which visitors of all age groups. starts next Tuesday 24 July, is always the fundraising Tutors' Ceilidh.

Once again we have some of Scotland's top young musicians as our tutors and they will be treating us to an evening of entertainment and dancing for all the family in Whiting Bay Hall on Wednesday 25 July from 7.30pm until 10.30pm.

This really is a night not to be missed as the to see you there! talent is of the highest level and those who have been in previous years will vouch for it being one of the best bargains of the summer.

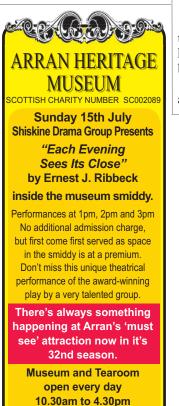
The Fèis finishes on Friday afternoon with the concert given by the youngsters them-

This will be held in the community theatre in Arran High School at 2pm and is open to everyone, not just parents and friends of the participants.

Tha sinn dochas chi sinnan sibh! We hope

We are grateful to the Creative Scotland through Fèisean nan Gaidheal, North Ayrshire Council and the Co-op Membership This year the ceilidh is a BYOB event with Community Fund for their invaluable finan-





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1888 walk round Arran in under 14 hours

Arran in under 24 hours by a time of stops. Mr Thomas of Berwickshire, fulfilling a 50-year-old ambi-

Now Donald Johnstone of 43 minutes.' Johnstone's Marine Stores in Lamlash has sent us an interesting account of another 24in under 14 hours in 1888.

books. I specialise in nautical books, but also keep old books about Arran.

book I bought recently. It was delay at Sliddery for milk. The a record of a one-day walk walker arrived at Lagg Inn at round Arran from 1888.'

The page catalogues in de- rest and refreshments.

Two weeks ago we reported tail the time taken for each on the recent walk around stage of the walk, including

It starts: 'Left Lamlash pier at 12 midnight 19 July 1888. Lamlash pier to Brodick pier

From Corrie Inn to Lochranza Inn took the intrepid walker one hour 51 minutes. hour island circumnavigation He, or she, then stopped at Pirnmill for 55 minutes for Donald said: 'Among other breakfast, then a further sevthings, I sell out-of-print en minutes at Blackwaterfoot Inn for refreshments.

Blackwaterfoot Inn to Sliddery Burn took one hour and 'A sheet of paper fell out of a 22 minutes, with a 10-minute 11.24am and took an hour for

> Continuing round the Southend, 'Lagg Inn to Whiting Bay two hours, six minutes, Whiting Bay to Lamlash pier one hour 55 minutes.

'Arrive Lamlash pier at 4.25pm same day.

'Total walking time 13 hours 58 minutes.'

And stoppages are detailed at two hours and 27 minutes which was quite an achievement.



Gerald Michaluk, managing director of Arran Brewery, met the Queen with other members of the Argyll College board. b28ger01NO

Brewery director meets the Queen

The managing director of Ar- Highlands and Islands (UHI) gain access to a range of levran Brewery met the Queen last Friday as he represented the island on the board of Argyll College.

Gerald Michaluk was in-

More than a million

tor mark for the first time ever last year.

visitors for NAC libraries

North Ayrshire's Library Service topped the one million visi-

A total of 1,071,781 visits were made to borrow from the

council's 17 libraries, which includes the one on Arran and

Councillor Alan Hill, spokesperson for Community and Cul-

ture, said: 'This is a great achievement for our libraries and

'Local people now use their libraries for a diverse range of pur-

poses, not just for borrowing books. The council realises this and

caters for a wide range of uses - from providing access to com-

puters and excellent online services to working with partners

like the Macmillan Cancer Support service to help local people'.

download titles from the libraries website during 2011/12

shows just how much local people appreciate the service.

group that met the Queen last Friday in Perth.

Mr Michaluk said that Her Majesty was very interested to hear that the college and vited to attend the event as university had a campus on part of the University of the Arran where students could

els of courses.

He said: 'It is a great honour to have met Her Majesty and to have done so representing the Argyll College made me very proud of all the hard work the team here on Arran put in to making UHI and the Argyll College a success.'

Sunday 22nd July CHILDRENS FUN DAY From 1.30pm

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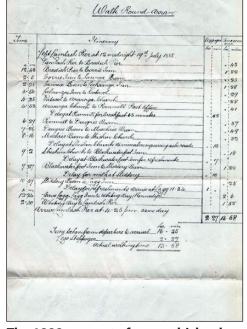
Presents an evening of Live Music Featuring:

'Joanne McIver & Christophe Sauniere"

Accomplished pipe & whistle player, Joanne, returns home to Arran with her husband and professional harpist Christophe for an evening of Celtic & Arran inspired Folk Music. The evening will also feature performances from local groups.

Whiting Bay Hall, Friday 27th July, 7:30pm Licensed Bar.

Tickets: £8 from www.arranevents.com or on the door.



The 1888 account of a round-island walk. b28walk01

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CURTAIN UP 8pm

Arran's extra summer ferry, MV Isle of Arran, came on duty last Saturday.

Her eight-week stint here, at a cost of £350,000, is intended to cope with extra passengers and vehicles at a busy time of year.

She can carry 448 passengers and up to 76 cars, but on her first sailing at 7.30am from Ardrossan to Brodick last Saturday morning 7 July she carried seven cars, a truck and a minibus, plus around 40 passengers who had to trudge off the car deck.

For her return crossing at 9.15am she carried just three

This may have something to do with the fact that the 'amended timetable, 7 July to 2 September' was not available to the public until the following day 8 July.

On Monday 9 July the vessel arrived from Ardrossan at 9.45am with not a single vehicle or passenger on board.

As already reported in the Banner, unlike in previous summers, the vessel is fully crewed on Saturday and part of Sunday to carry cars and passengers, while she has a skeleton crew on weekdays for freight-only crossings.

On these latter crossings she can only take 12 passengers, basically the lorry drivers, and apart from hot beverages, there are no catering facilities.

If there are less than a dozen trucks, the ferry can carry cars or foot passengers, but only up to a maximum of 12 people in total.

Booking

There is no public timetable for the weekday crossings of the Isle of Arran, but hauliers have been informed and anyone telephoning to make a freight booking is being advised of the availability of the extra sailings.

We can safely assume that at the end of the eight weeks period, there will be an assessment of the success or otherwise of this extra outlay of £350,000.

Of course, it doesn't help that there are no Stagecoach connections to or from these extra sailings, and no train connection from Ardrossan harbour.

There will also be an assessment of the new early Sunday morning sailing of MV Caledonian Isles leaving Brodick at 8.20am that has been described as a 'use it or lose it' extra service. But last Sunday, for the first of these early sailings, only seven cars turned up.

The most likely reason is that few members of the public are aware of this.

We have no wish to criticise our ferry operator, but if these extra sailings are to be successful and well-patronised, then Caledonian MacBrayne has to make sure that people know about them.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'I can do everything through Him who gives me strength.' (Philippians 4:13)

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letters to the Editor



Gaelic not an efficient tool

I in no way wish to belittle the Gaelic language and certainly not the beautiful singing of Mhairi McInnes, for those who don't know Mhairi she has retained her maiden name - some say for professional reasons, or possibly to disguise the identity of her husband.

Anyway, back to Gaelic and the choice of people to study and learn it as part of culture and history.

History is a wonderful subject but let's not confuse this with a living developing language.

Gaelic is not historically Arran's language, it is not an efficient tool for communication and if kids are going to learn it please point out that they will be able to talk to 60,000 people as opposed to 1.2 billion with the Chinese language.

If Gaelic is part of my cultural heritage, the local supermarket certainly is not; having Gaelic signs up on an island that has more Polish speakers than Gaels is a nonsense.

It reminds me of David Liv-Africa renaming places with perfectly good existing names – a beautiful, tall spectacular waterfall known as The Smoke that Thunders renamed after a diminutive po-faced queen!

As for the English resident that is learning Gaelic; coming from a land that not only produced that clown Shakespeare but has the temerity to boast about it, definitely disqualifies you from lecturing me on culture.

Yours, Marc A Head Whiting Bay

Trophy returned

We would like to say a very sincere thank you to Dougie Macfarlane for handing into The Banner office the silver trophy he found at Brodick Gordon Waddell

It dates back to 1921 with Etive Drive the names of numerous tennis

champions engraved on it.

This is certainly an important part of the club's history.

The cup is now back with the club, polished up and restored to its former glory.

Yours, M B Cameron **Club President Lamlash Bowling** and Tennis Club

Wreck info sought

We are seeking any information or any remembrances of learning about the wreck of the schooner Bessie Arnold that occurred off Sliddery in December 1908.

Whilst not directly connected, great grandfather John Dodd was Master from her launch in 1872 for over 20 years, and all five of his sons served time on her.

Two brief visits to the lovely Isle of Arran have provided us with various 'snippets'; we have met some wonderful folk, and fallen in love with the little figurehead that marks the Kilmory grave of the crew who perished with the Bessie, but we didn't have time to meet all the people we would have liked to talk to.

We should be most grateful for the smallest recollections ingstone wandering about in an attempt to piece together the full story.

> Please email margaret. dodd@manx.net or write to the address below.

Yours, **Margaret Dodd** Regaby Ramsey Isle of Man

Proclaimers thanks

I would like to thank Richard Small and everyone at the Auchrannie who were involved in the organising of The Proclaimers concert held on 30 June, which was a great

It was an enjoyable evening to health. and I was delighted to have met Craig and Charlie afterwards backstage.

Well done Auchrannie Yours.

'Arran' Airdrie

High School litter

Being a nearby resident of the High School and suffering the consequences from the litter cast by the pupils and others, I can sympathise with John Adams (Banner 23 June).

But I am afraid the amount is going to increase as we are now going to have another 'Take Away', courtesy of the Planning Department, even although they were aware that there is another next door, and that it will encourage pupils to cross the main road. Road safety?

While the Police Office is next to the cause of the litter it does not appear to fall in their area or jurisdiction.

Donald Cowan Lochniver Lamlash

Ethiopia support

I would like to thank everyone **Breeding stones** on Arran who supports the work I do in Ethiopia for the World Health Organisation to improve Patient Safety.

My thanks go to Rachel Phillips, who organises the Corrie coffee mornings, and everyone who supports them raising funds to buy life saving equipment for the babies of the Neonatal Unit at Gondar Hospital.

The doctors on the unit are delighted to receive this equipment and already have sent me reports that they are saving lives of the newborn.

My thanks also go to Sandra Kerr and Jean Strachan for all the hard work they do in knitting the most beautiful bonnets and clothes to keep the babies and children warm.

Finally I would also like to thank the Ladies of Brodick Church who donated money to the new Fistula Hospital where amazing work is done to restore these poor women

Fistulas are a big problem not only in Ethiopia but in many of the African countries. The patients often need months of surgery and the money has been spent on making life more comfortable for them.

the surgery the patients are taught to read, write, knit and sew, etc.

Yours,

Sandra Kemp Burnbank **High Corrie**

Wedding raffle

Following the wedding of Scott and Holly on 7 July, the couple suggested that I have a raffle for MS funds at the evening do in Corrie Village

Having got prize donations from Isle of Arran Distillery, Copperwheats, Felicity's at Shiskine Golf Club, Arran Aromatics, James' Chocolates and of course, Café Rosaburn an extraordinary sum of £241 was raised for MS.

My humble and gracious thanks go to all.

Yours, **Boris Tulika**

Shiskine

Friends who live on the island were kind enough to take us to Machrie Moor today to see some of the magnificent standing stones and stone circles.

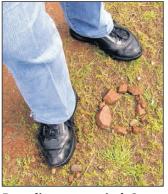
On the return journey we came across what may be the first evidence that stone circles are breeding on the

I am enclosing a photograph of an immature stone circle, with my wife's feet to lend scale to the exercise.

I wonder if any of your readers can confirm that these circles are breeding and whether we need to take steps to preserve this part of the island's heritage?

Yours,

Roy Hay Address supplied



Whilst recovering from **Breeding stone circle?**



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has just unveiled a devilish well practiced in the dark arts plex and fiery character. delight for whisky fans.

of the 'Devil's Punch Bowl' image of a red and black flavour and a smoky edge. devil haunts the packaging. which evokes a very sinister atmosphere and is only ac-

quite a stir as a menacing colours with a seductive rich pleasure.

Never one to shy away from the best tunes, but here he consumer a high end alternacontroversy, Arran Distill- has the best whisky too.' tive with a personality and ery's provocative new release The Devil's Punch Bowl is character that is not for eveis named after the glacial hol- also the first whisky from the ryone. low Coire na Ciche on Arran, Arran distillery to combine peated and un-peated casks are captivated by the spirit of and with a demonic alcohol cessible by boggy footpaths. level of 52.3 per cent ABV. James 'Lucifer' MacTaggart, Drawn from 24 different Arthe Master Distiller behind ran casks, including Sherry the new whisky, went to hell Butts, the liquid presents and back to conjure up this a smooth and refined ap-

The Isle of Arran Distillery unique spirit. He said: 'I'm pearance that masks a comof selecting devilishly good Euan Mitchell, managing di-This month 6,660 bottles casks and was drawn to a rector, said: 'We've created number of vintage releases for this whisky for people who will appear across the globe, this limited edition bottling. are willing to sample the unand it is expected to cause The spirit has dark, swirling conventional in the pursuit of

> 'With all of our new launch-'They say the devil has all es we always try to offer the

> > 'Around the world people the product – an agent in Holland has ordered 666 bottles. Other, more conservative, markets may seek to resist the seductive temptation offered by this devilish proposition.'



Youngsters at the multi-sports camp at Arran High School last week with Andy Barclay, right, and Archie McNicol, left. 01_b28kid01

Sporting fun for Arran's youngsters

Arran's youngsters have been enjoying an Shiskine and Lamlash that were very well atenergetic start to the summer holidays in the last two weeks with two sports camps on the island.

Traditional

Andy Barclay organised the multi-sports camps for youngsters on the island with help from Archie McNicol and activities for the kids included athletics, badminton, basketball, golf and football as well as some traditional games and activities.

This week he also ran two tennis camps in ally helping the younger ones.'

Andy said: 'I've been delighted with the success of the camps and I am already planning to run an Easter and summer camp in

'The kids have had lots of fun and learned many new skills.

'I have been particularly impressed with how well the children have integrated with each other especially with the older kids re-

Arran Dining - your guide to the finest restaurants in Arran



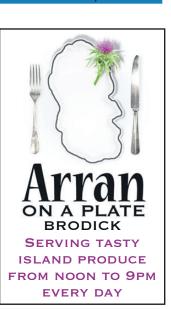


The Glenisle Bistro

The Glenisle Bistro has become the place to drop in, meet friends and relax. The terrace with its fabulous views over Lamlash Bay towards the Holy Isle is a favourite spot for lunch or iust to while away the afternoon with tea and cakes or

Inside or out, the menu is a feast of good food, lovingly prepared from the best local ingredients.

Head chef Jonathan McIntosh changes the menu with the seasons and features dishes from Lite Bites such as Breaded Sole Goujons to a Caesar Salad which was described by Trip Advisor as 'the best I've ever had' to larger dishes such as succulent Pan-seared Scallops and tender Scottish Lamb



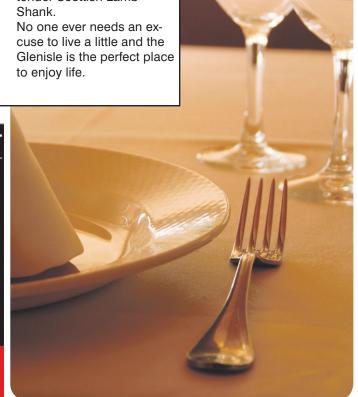




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LAMLASH HEATHER QUEEN Heather Oueen revived for 201 amlash



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A DAY OF FUN AND ACTIVITIES

wning of the Lamlash Heather the highlights of the Arran sum-For sixty years the cro Queen has been one of

r season. fter a break of a few

Takeaway Pizza and Fish and Chips Tea Time Special between 5-6 p.m. – all main meals £7.50 including Steaks.

Book a Table to avoid disappo

amlash Bay Hotel.

The Shiphouse, Lamlash
GORDON BROTHERS

Lunches available daily between 12 and 2.20 p.m.

daughter of the original founder Jean Marriot, has revived the event and she is hoping that this year's crowning of the Heather Queen will take the village back to the heydays of the occasion.

Tracy explained: "My Grampa, Fred Marriott, was from Stoke and it was whilst my grandparents were on a trip down there that my gran got the idea for a local gala." The first one took place in 1950 and it was held on an Grampa, Fred Marriott, was from t my grandparents were on a trip in got the idea for a local gala. ace in 1950 and it was held on an ining first then followed by some a dance, costing 2/6 to get in.

Grace Cannon was used to transport the Queen.

'My Gran's sister recently told me that Grace would be delivering goods around the island on the merning of the crowning but would finish and have the float scrubbed, cleaned and decorated in time for the parade,' said Tracy.

Jimmy Gordon's incredible village store at the Ship House will be open all day selling newspapers and confectionery as well as toys, games and anything else you might need on the day.

And why not enjoy a few drinks in the lovely new beer garden at the Lamlash Bay Hotel next door during the festivities before dinner in their incred-

on the morning of the crowning selling delicious homebaked goods as well as filled rolls and pastries to keep you going throughout the day.

And for a tasty dinner in the village why not head to the Gorse Bush at Lamlash Golf Club where the whole family can enjoy tasty home-cooked meals to suit all tastes.





She added: 'They even charged 1/- admission to watch

road to the front green at Lamlash where the Heath-er Queen Crowning will take place followed by a

There will be dancing dogs, face painting, tea stall, tombola, burgers, bouncy castle, pillow fight, not-so-serious-pet-show, stocks, raffle, sack races, eggn-rspoon race and much, much more!



The 2009 Lamlash Heather Queen was Cara Miller, with former McAllister (right) and maid Hannah Bone. 01_b301am05

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from Edinburgh AC in the incredibly fast time of 1:08:49, the fastest time recorded this century.

It turns out that this was actually quite slow for Neil, Arran Fairtrade goody bag. partly because he was on Arran for a holiday weekend, from a race the previous Sunday where he was crowned Scottish (Male) Champion for 10,000 metres in the same race that Jennifer Emsley took the female title!

Fastest woman was Carole along the way. Setchell from Shettleston Harriers in 1:25:10.

lash was first local, complet- marshals and timekeepers. ing the 13.1 miles in 1:24:55.

represented the club.

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More than 100 runners from race finished, and it was great all over the country took part to see lots of runners relaxin the annual Arran Half Maring afterwards on the Kinloch athon on Sunday 1 July in lawn, many taking the opportunity to replace lost fluids, With 138 runners, this was while waiting for the buses to

ArranShand Business Development Services once Winner was Neil Renault again sponsored the race and provided medals for each competitor.

> On completion, Lina Locatelli and Megan Ingham presented each runner with an

The bag contained a geo bar, some juice and a banana, and partly as he was still tired kindly donated by the Co-op in Brodick.

Arran Runners is very grateful to both for their continued support of the race.

Four groups of local residents provided water stations

Neil Gillies was on hand for first aid cover and other lo-Ben Tattersfield from Lam- cals took on the duties of race

The Kinloch Hotel provided Gordon Allsop, Mike Mel- a race base, changing facilities and post-race refreshments. Arran Runners thank

A garden of earthly delights at Little Sparta

Arran Civic Trust

On Wednesday 13 June, a party from Arran Civic Trust visited one of Scotland's hidden gems.

Little Sparta, a garden full of works of art created from the late sixties by the artist Ian Hamilton Finlay (1925-2006) and his wife, lies in the south west of the Pentland Hills near the village of Dun-

The site is rather remote, beonce located, a visit repays the effort a hundredfold.

The name Little Sparta was deliberately chosen in con-

John Roberts reports on the trast to the nickname of nearvisit to Little Sparta by the by Edinburgh, the 'Athens of the North' (Sparta being Athens' traditional enemy).

The garden does indeed contain references to ancient Greece and Rome in its sculptures and monuments, but Finlay's imagination roams far wider.

Visitors can pick up references to the French Revolution, the sea, and the Second World War, as well as inscriptions with wise aphorisms, proverbs, puns, pure flights mile of rough farm track, but word association and similar verbal fancies.

> Some of the imagery is undoubtedly violent – for example the pair of stone



Little Sparta in the Pentland Hills. b28spa03

ing at the end of about half a of stream-of-consciousness hand-grenades topping brick gateposts – but paradoxically be constant hard work, but it the whole gives a feeling of is beautifully done, and the wonderful peace, relaxation staff are to be congratulated and freedom.

> But it is not all just 'works of but interconnected gardens.

There is a Woodland Garden, a Roman Garden, an

ter in the Temple Pool Garden admission charges and sales. and with the completely natu- If you are thinking of going ral-looking Lochan Eck. And to see it, first check the details there are special features, such on www.littlesparta.co.uk as little temples, the *Hortus* in the English Parkland.

Maintenance of all this must on their efforts.

Since 1994, and especially art'. Little Sparta is a garden, since Finlay's death, responor rather a set of individual sibility for the upkeep of the garden rests with the Little Sparta Trust.

Needless to say, this needs Allotment, English Parkland, the support of the public, through charitable donations, Effective use is made of wa- of course, but also through

In the words of the art expert Conclusus (Enclosed Gar- Sir Roy Strong: 'The garden den) set in a roofless former is one of the few made postfarm building, and a curving 1945 which must not be lost. path neatly edged with cun- It remains to me still the only ningly trimmed longer grass really original garden made in this country since that date.

lor and Michael Abram also The sun came out as the them all. St Bride's Church Lochranza (Sc009377) TERCENTENARY FETE Lochranza Village Hall Wednesday 18th July 2-4pm

The Roman Garden at Little Sparta. b28spa05

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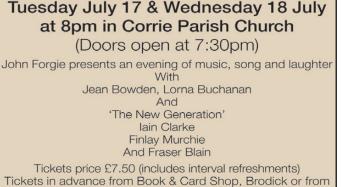
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Bird Notes for June

In June 2011, it was cooler more rain than June 2010.

dominantly from the west, east and north.

birds in gardens.

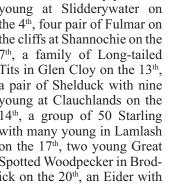
As well as the more familiar On the negative side, there species there were, unusu-Lamlash.

photograph on 17 June of a these species. stunning looking adult bird.

In addition, there was a pair and wetter than in recent of Common Sandpiper with years. The mean temperature young at Slidderywater on last year was two degrees the 4th, four pair of Fulmar on lower than the previous two the cliffs at Shannochie on the Junes and there was five times 7th, a family of Long-tailed Tits in Glen Cloy on the 13th, June 2012 was almost a re- a pair of Shelduck with nine run of June 2011 with simi- young at Clauchlands on the lar mean temperature and 14th, a group of 50 Starling similar rainfall but, whereas with many young in Lamlash the winds in 2011 were pre- on the 17th, two young Great Spotted Woodpecker in Brodthe winds in 2012 were pre- ick on the 20th, an Eider with dominantly from the cooler six young at Blackwaterfoot on the 24th and a family of Raising young is the prior- Bullfinch in Mayish on the ity during the long daylight 25th. The population of Archours in June, and despite the tic Tern on Pladda is the largcool unsettled weather, there est for some years. To prevent were many reports of fledged disturbance, visitors are asked not to enter the colony.

seems to have been a reducally, reports of family groups tion in reports of Stonechat of Lesser Redpoll from a and Grey Wagtail. They may number of locations includ- have been badly affected by ing Catacol, Corriecravie and the prolonged cool wet spring and I would be particular-Howard Walker took the ly interested in any records of

Cuckoos, whose decreasing



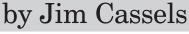
Throughout May and June spread reports. People need no prompting to report the first Cuckoo.

How about reporting when you hear or see the last Cuckoo this year? Most adult Cuckoos, taking no part in rearing their young, leave around mid to late July. Juveniles leave breeding areas soon after they fledge, quickly becoming independent of their hosts and disperse widely before also migrating south, usually in late July and early August.

These young Cuckoos have a white patch on the back of the head.

Where do Cuckoos go when they leave the UK? Last year the British Trust for Ornithology fitted five Cuckoos with satellite tags.

been expanded to include tagged birds from Wales and Scotland. The movements of all the birds can be followed on this website http://www. bto.org/science/migration/ tracking-studies/cuckootracking



dale.

here.

distinctive.

gyll this June.

moulting them.

tive 'wet-my lips' call.

of its stocky body and long,

pointed wings makes it quite

This is the first Arran record

of this species since 1995 and

interestingly there were also

reports from Ayrshire and Ar-

July is the time when many

birds having raised their

young, go about the process

of renewing their feathers by

As birds are vulnerable

numbers are a cause for con- the 27th and also on that date cern nationally, seem to be thriving on Arran.

there have been many wide-

Now in 2012 this has

Other reports included: a male Dotterel feeding and calling on Beinn Tarsuinn on the 4th, a Black-throated Diver in summer plumage in Whiting Bay on the 9th, three reports of Ring Ouzel singing including one in Glen Catacol on the 9th, two Great Northern Divers off North Sannox on the 10th, a male Tufted Duck on Port-na-Lochan on the 16th (the third record for this year), 30 Gannet in Whiting Bay on the 22nd, 50 Manx Shearwater in Brodick Bay on



Reports of family groups of Lesser Redpoll were received from a number of locations including Catacol, Corriecravie and Lamlash. Photo by H Walker.

when they are shedding flight Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot, themselves scarce. On any birding walk you may see fewer birds but they are still

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There was a report of two Quail singing in

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Show of support

The people of Arran turned out in force on Thursday night to demonstrate their support for the island's own local bus company.

Around 300 people packed into Brodick Hall for the

four-hour meeting that ended with a twist.

Mr Robert Haddow of Arran Transport declared that he would continue to run his buses, unsubsidised, alongside the new Western Scottish buses.



Geoffrey Botterill and Anthony Butterworth with Kilmichael Country House behind them have received a Highly Commended grading from the tourist board.



Southend United Colts won the junior section of the seven-a-side football tournament at Sandbraes. b26twe04

Unrecognisable

When Amanda Mutch visited Arran High School last week some of her former teachers did not recognise her.

After a year at Godby High School in Tallahasie, Florida she has an American accent and has even changed her name to Louise.

Increased workforce

Arran Aromatics is to increase its workforce to a total of 40 people in a £220,000 expansion plan assisted by Argyll and the Islands Enterprise.

The expansion will extend their Brodick premises and boost production of its soaps, cosmetics and fragrances.

Wet Wet Wet arrangements

The island is bracing itself for a huge influx of additional visitors when Wet Wet Wet perform at the Radio 1 Roadshow in Lamlash next month.

As a result CalMac will be putting on extra ferries on the Monday and Tuesday to deal with the crowds.

Deluxe lodges

The Auchrannie timeshare lodges have been awarded the deluxe category in the Scottish Tourist Board classification and grading scheme.

This is a new category above highly commended.

Arran also received its first highly commended in 'serviced accommodation' at the Kilmichael Country House



Jack Lennox, Margaret and Bob Haddow of Arran Transport have vowed to continue their bus service, unsubsidised, alongside the new Western Scottish buses. b26twe01



Watching from the shade and comfort of the judge's trailer at the Kildonan and District Sheepdog Trials are Rab Lammie, judge JJ Templeton and Robbie Stewart.

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admiringtherenovated Old Clachan Church at the head of the Shiskine Valley. First correct answers came from Carol Brown and Morag Murchie. This week he is contemplating a nice long walk, but where does that gate lead

Last week Archie was



If you think you know then post your answer on the website **www.arranbanner.co.uk** Or email us at: editor@arranbanner.co.uk

Plant a flower to save a bumblebee

Nature Notes by Richard Hassall

Now that it's summer on Arran, the island is alive with sound and colour.

One of the sounds I'm sure most of you associate with summer is that of a buzzing

These creatures play a crucial role in pollinating our plants while they collect nectar from flowers and their importance both economically and ecologically is often underestimated.

One type of bee in particular, the bumblebee, has suffered an enormous decline in numbers.

The UK was once home to 26 species of bumblebee but unfortunately two are now extinct and we are left with

Of these 24, six have been listed as UK Biodiversity BAP) because they are under threat.

Here on Arran we are lucky enough to still have a UK-Bombus distinguendus or which is mostly found on year. the islands and west coast of Scotland.

best to conserve this and other their favourite plants is the rels. bumblebees on Arran which can be as simple as planting a flower in your garden.

Why exactly are bumblebees so important? First of all plants rely on them for polli-

Take the foxglove for example; this plant is specifically adapted for attracting bumblebees in order to reproduce. So what does the foxglove do for the environment and us?

It produces digitalis, which is a chemical used to treat heart conditions and the larvae of many butterflies and moths rely on their flowers for food.

Bumblebees also play a crucial role in pollinating our crops and without pollination plants will not bear fruit or seed for us to eat.

Here's something surprising, someone has gone to the trouble of doing some calculations and guess what they came up with? £400 Million! That's an estimate of how much bumblebees are worth to the UK economy.

There is something you can do to help bumblebees in the UK and I've already mentioned it.

Plant a native wild flower, or maybe an entire bed of



On Arran we are lucky enough to still have a rare species of bumblebee, Bombus Distinguendus or the great yellow bumblebee.

so many flowers which bum- rea nigra). examples are lupins, honey and you can sow them any suckle and foxgloves. In fact time of the year. Not only will BAP species of bumblebee, now is a good time of year to you be helping bumblebees sow some foxglove seeds if but it'll bring you enjoyment the great yellow bumblebee, you want them to flower next as well!

ested in helping out the great helping out with research into It is essential that we do our yellow bumblebee, one of diseases affecting red squir-

Action Plan Species (UK- them if you want. There are common knapweed (Centau-

blebees feed on and some It'll grow readily from seed

On a separate note, the NTS If you are particularly inter- Ranger Service on Arran is

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Also on Friday 20th Open Garden in aid of SSPCA Smiddy Brae 11 - 4pm and BAY IN BLOOM CELEBRATION 5.30pm at Putting Green

Saturday 21st July FUN IN THE PARK

Family fun run 1pm from putting green

Sandbraes Park from 2pm £1 lucky ticket on entry

Isle of Arran pipe band - Crowning of Bay Queen at 2pm Dog Show -Taiko Drummers - Murray's Scurry - ARC Dunking Machine - Birds of Prey - Belly Dancers

- Hilarious Haggis Hurling - Face Painting - Tombola - WRI Tea Tent - Barbeque - Ice Cream Stalls Car Boot Sale £8 per car commercial POA Tel: 700411

Saturday 21st DANCE FOR OVER 21s VILLAGE HALL 8PM

Sunday 22nd July BOWLING CLUB FUN WEEK SHIELD

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Whiting Bay Bowling Club 2.30pm

Monday 23rd July CAR TREASURE HUNT

Village car park 6.30pm

Tuesday 24th July ROCK POOL SCRAMBLE led by C.O.A.S.T.

10am at boat slip opposite primary school

Tuesday 24th July SUMMER PLAY

Whiting Bay Hall 7.30pm

Wednesday 25th July FAMILY SCAVENGER HUNT Putting green 2pm

Thursday 26th July BEACH SCULPTURE COMPETITION

Beach 10.30am

(Sponsored by Arran Art Gallery and Bay News) Thursday 26th July FAMILY FUN QUIZ

Whiting Bay Hall 7pm Tea, Juice and coffee - BYOB

Arran Art Gallery

FRIDAY 27th July DUCK DERBY Sandbraes Park 4pm

Friday 27th July CONCERT IN THE HALL 7pm

Saturday 28th July ANNUAL RAFT RACE 1pm

Sunday 29th July SCOTTISH TANGO ENSEMBLE, VILLAGE HALL 3PM

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Kildonan Hall, 7pm

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Saturday 14th July

Over 21s Disco Karate **Family Games** Arran Dancers (4yrs & up) Teddy Bears Picnic Kids Family Quiz Open rinks Rink Game Rink Game Rink Games Junior Badminton Club Arran Supper Club Lamlash Heather Queen Whiting Bay Hall Kildonan Fun Week Sports Kildonana Fun Week Dance

Sunday 15th July

Alcoholics Anonymous New Al-Anon Meeting **Family Games** Fun in the pool Teddy Bears Picnic Live Music Open Mic Session Sunday folk Session Heritage Museum Al-Anon Meeting

Monday 16th July

Over 50s Badminton Badminton Weight Wise Ladies Netball Citizens Advise Breathe Walk class **Table Tennis** Come Dance with me - LeRoc modern Jive Arran junior Football Quiz Badminton Summer Bridge Rink Games Rink Game Rink Games **Outside Boot Camp** Boot Camp

Accordion Wizard

Ormidale Hotel, 10pm Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am-12.30pm Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm Arran High School, 10am Playbarn, Auchrannie, 2pm-3pm Playbarn, Auchrannie, 5pm-6pm Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm Brodick Bowling Club, 2pm Lamlash Bowling Club, 2pm Whiting Bay Bowling Club 2pm Auchrannie Sports Hall 1-3pm Ages 5-16 Lochranza 7pm for 7.30pm 1.30pm from Clocktower Live Music with Jazz Cafe Band 7.30 pm Shaw Road, 2pm Village Hall, 9.30pm

Church Hall, Brodick, 4.30pm Brodick Church Hall, 4.30 – 6 p.m. Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm Playbarn, Auchrannie, 2pm-3pm Ormidale, 8.30pm Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 2pm-5pm Ormidale, 9pm Each Evening Sees Its Close, 1pm, 2pm and 3pm. Brodick Church Hall, 4.30pm – 6.30pm

> Lochranza Village Hall, 2pm-4pm Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm Hospital Bungalow, 5pm –5.30pm High School sports hall – seniors, 7.30-9pm Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30-1.30pm Kinneil, Lamlash, 5.15pm Corrie Hall, 6.30pm Whiting Bay Hall, 7.30pm Ormidale Park, 6pm-7pm Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 8.30pm Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm Arran High School, 6.30 for 6.45pm Brodick Bowling Club, 6.45pm Lamlash Bowling Club 7pm Whiting Bay Bowling Club 7pm Lamlash Sea Front 6am Outside Kinloch Hotel, 6.30pm – 7.30pm Ormidale Hotel, 8.30pm



Tuesday 17th July

Army Cadets Auchrannie Road, 7.30pm-9.30pm Pop Quiz Alcoholics Anonymous Brodick Church Hall, 2pm Youth Club Rotary Club Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 7.15pm Melody Movement, Ballet Class 2 1/2 yrs up Auchrannie Dance Studio, 2pm Dudes & Divas Funky Dance Class 2 1/2 yrs up Auchrannie Dance Studio, 2pm Brodick Hall, 6.30pm-8pm Youth Club Arran High School, 6.30-7.30pm Zumba Fitness Class Weight Watchers St Molios, Church Hall, 7pm Rink Games Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm Ormidale Park, 6-7pm Junior Hockey Club 8yrs up Kings Travel Auchrannie Hotel 11am - 4pm Summer Serenade Whiting Bay Drama Club Summer Play Whiting Bay Hall Doors Open 7.30 pm. Brodick Castle, 1.30 – 2.30 (3-6yrs adult to accompany) Forgetful Princess Brodick Castle, 2-3.30 (7-11yrs unaccompanied) Secrets Tour

Wednesday 18th July

Auchrannie Games Hall, 6.30-7.30pm Hockey Tae Kwondo Arran high School – kids, 6.30-7.30pm, Adults, 7.30-8.30pm Alcoholics Anonymous Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30-9.30pm Arran Brass Rehearsal Whiting Bay Hall, 7.15pm Arran High School, 8-9pm Senior Badminton Yogalates Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am Aquafizz Music Mayhem Class Parents & little ones Auchrannie Dance Studio 10.45am Kids Games Playbarn, Auchrannie, 5-6pm AYF Film Making Club Brodick church Hall, 4.30-6.30pm Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy Services 10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30 5.30pm, Auchrannie Spa Car Park. Arran Absolute Beginners Runners Arran Advance Beginners Runners 6pm Auchrannie Spa Car Park **Junior Tennis** Shiskine Tennis Club, 4.30-6pm Rink Games Brodick Bowling Club, 6.45pm Bridge Drive Lamlash Golf Club, 7pm Coffee Morning Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15-12noon Lamlash Bowling Club 7pm Rink Game Rink Games Whiting Bay Bowling Club 7pm Northend Football Training Lochranza, 7pm Lamlash Sea Front 6am Outside Boot Camp **Boot Camp** Outside Kinloch Hotel, 6.30pm - 7.30pm Dog Agility Class W/Bay Park, Beginners/Kids 1-2pm. Been before 2.30-3.30pm Summer Serenade Corrie Church 8pm Lochranza hall 2-4pm. Lochranza Church Tercentenary Fete Shiskine Village Hall 7.30pm Shiskine WRI Sale of Work

Thursday 19th July

General Knowledge Quiz Lochranza Craft Club Youth Club General knowledge Quiz Zumba Fitness Club Live Country/Folk music Cricket Practice Senior Tennis Family Ceilidh Let's go batty

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Friday 20th July

Aqua Fizz Yogalates Arran Youth Foundations Weight Watchers Lochranza Kids Badminton Lochranza Adults Badminton Disco Kildonan Craft market Unseen Brodick **Putting Competition** Open Garden Bay in Bloom Celebration Herb Walk

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm Hall, 2pm Youth Cabin, Lamlash, 7-9pm Kinloch Bar, 9pm Arran high School, 6.30-7.30pm Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay 8.30-10.30pm Sannox Oval 6nm Shiskine Tennis Club, 6pm Lochranza Hall 8pm. Brodick Castle, 9-11pm

Brodick Castle,2-3.30 p.m. 7-11yrs unaccompanied

Brodick Hall, 8pm

Brodick Castle, 11am - 3pm

Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am Auchrannie Studio, 10am-11am Church Hall, Brodick 7pm-9pm Ormidale Pavilion, 5.30pm Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm Lochranza Hall, 8pm Ormidale Hotel, 10pm Kildonan Hall 11am-3.30pm Brodick Castle 11.30am Whiting Bay, Village Centre 10am-7pm Smiddy Brae, Whiting Bay 11-4pm Putting Green, Whiting Bay, 5.30pm Drimlabarra Herb Farm, Kildonan 6 – 7.30pm

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Laura Friel, Director of Finance and Infrastructure, Cunninghame House, Irvine

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Sunday 15th July Brodick Church 10.30am. Corrie Church, 12noon, Lochranza Church, 9.30am, Pirnmill Church, 10.45am, Shiskine Church, 12noon A service of worship will also be held in Montrose House at 1.30pm

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Brodick Golf Club

Ladies: Tuesday 3 July, Medal, 14 played, CSS 68. Silver 1 Jean Barclay (16)70 BIH, 2 Pat Adamson (18)70. Bronze 1 Pat McDonald (21)72, 2 Kay Kitson (22)77. Scratch Jean Barclay 86. Fiona Crawford had the only two.

Tuesday 10 July, Stronach Cup (Foursomes). Winners: Pat Adamson and Janette Mc-Bride (21)72. Runners-up: Carole Stewart and Elizabeth Sinclair (17)73.

Gents: Wednesday 4 July, Summer Cup 40 played CSS 64. 1 G Hendry (5)58, 2 K McMillan (12)61, 3 I McDermid (13)63. Scratch G Hendry 63. There were 16 twos, R Duncan and G Hendry getting two each.

Thursday 5 July Club Championship Qualifier Two, 12 played CSS 65. 1 G Hendry (5)62, 2 J Armit (6), 3 M Dobson (8). Scratch G Hendry 67. There was only one two R McCrae.

Sunday 8 July, Club Championship Qualifier Three, 16 played, CSS 64. 1 J McKean (11)62 bih, 2 D McKinnie (10)62, 3 L Keir (13)64. Scratch B Jenkins 71. There were three twos. Macarfrae Trophy (Club Championship Qualifying). Winner G Hendry 137. Runner-up M Keir 149 (better second round).

Fixtures: Sunday 15 July, Sweep and AGA Foursomes Qualifier. Sunday 22 July, Brandon.

WEDDING

Wedding of Scott and Holly

On behalf of Stewart and Shirley, Brenda and myself I would like to thank family and friends who came to the wedding on the 7th. We all had such a fantastic day due in no small measure to Faye and the Staff at the Distillery. Everything was wonderful, from Simon in his vintage car, Sam with the Pipes, Annie for the moving ceremony, Café Rosaburn Staff for catering and serving us, the Musicians who entertained us and the cleaning and clearing up crew at Corrie Hall who cleaned up after us.

A special thanks to Mary the Wedding Planner, what a good job you did Mary.

And finally, to Scott and Holly who met, fell in love and got married. Without that none of this would have happened. We all love you and wish you a long and happy marriage. **BORIS TULIKA.**

FRASER AND COLLEEN'S WEDDING

EVENING ARRANGEMENTS

There will be a bus at 7.00pm leaving from the centre of Whiting Bay (Marriotts) with pick-ups at Jimmy Gordon's car park then the Drift Inn.

At 1.00am a bus will leave the Douglas Hotel for the return journey, going south.

Lamlash Golf Club

Ladies: Wednesday 4 July, Fleet Cup. 1 Jean Barclay with 79 gross 63 net and lowest gross, 2 Sheena Murchie with an 80 gross, 67 net. Magic twos from Ms Murchie and Ms Annie McVicar.

Please note Ladies Open on Wednesday 18 July, still places available call 01770 600196 to reserve a slot.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Ladies: Wednesday 4 July, Ladies Cancer Relief. Congratulations to Jean Davidson who won the ladies cancer relief competition with a 78(24).

Second place went to Margaret Auld with an 81(18). Sunday 8 July, Medal. Lynn Walker won the July monthly medal with a 62(19), resulting in a handicap cut - about time! She also won scratch with an 81. Second place went to Susan Butchard with a 76.

Shiskine Golf Club

Wednesday 4 July, 18 Hole Medal. 1 Gordon Hay 62-0=62 and best scratch, 2 D Pilkington 72-9=63, 3 J Morrison 73-9=64 bih.

Captain's Prize, 32 played. First class: 1 I Campbell 47-6=41, 2 D Pilkington 48-5=43 bih, 3 B Sherwood 48-5=43.

Second class: 1 D Ritchie 48-8=40 WINNER, 2 A Taylor 49-8=41, 3 D Rudd 53-11=42 bih. Best Scratch G H Hay 44.

Thursday 5 July, Ladies 12 Hole Medal. Silver: 1 F Hay 50-3=47 and best scratch, 2 S Weir 57-8=49 bih. Bronze: 1 B Wilson 59-14=45, 2 M Cameron 61-15=46.

Fixtures: Saturday 14 July, Charlie Sym Rosebowl. Sunday 15 July, 12 Hole Medal.

Monday 16 July, RNLI Stableford. Wednesday 18 July, 18 Hole Medal. Ladies: Monday 16 July, RNLI Stableford. Thursday 19 July, Vice Captain's Prize.



All the children at the Shiskine golf camp with Gordon Stewart and Liz Kerr.

USA triumph for Shiskine junior golfers

The junior golf camp at Shiskine Golf Club was a great success as on the final day all the children were presented with their certificates.

Most of the camp for the 12 youngsters aged between nine and 13 was held at the Arran Driving Range.

All the children enjoyed the week with the grand finale being a Ryder Cup style competition between a team of six representing the USA and another team of six representing Europe.

Each match was fiercely contested but in the end the USA won by the narrowest of margins.

The day was rounded off with a lunch kindly provided by Shiskine Golf Club and prizes which were presented by Club Captain, Liz Kerr.

Corrie Golf Club

Wednesday 4 July, 20 played. and 1pm draw. 1 P Bremner 67-7=60 bih, 2 R Logan 66-6=60, 3 R Mc- Machrie Bay Golf Club Saturday 7 July, Gents Vice Gunnigle 71-8=63 bih over Tuesday 3 July, Peter Sutton/ from P Bremner, R Logan, J bih, 3 Willie Kelso 70. Adams, J McConnachie and DK Henderson.

> ration Shield and Rose Bowl, gan but the course was very 15 played. Winner of the wet underfoot so the game Shield were Bill Barr. Winner was played over nine holes. of the Rose Bowl was J Ad- Thanks go to the tearoom staff ams. Congratulations to both. for the sandwiches and cake 1 Bill Barr 78-21=57, 2 John after the game. Despite the Adam 66-7=59, 3 Paul Bremner 67-6=61. Best scratch J Adanand no one left empty handed. ams. There were magic twos 1 Denise Sherwood and Hugh from DK Henderson, B Barr, McClelland with 23pts on a J Adams, S Beardsley, A Na- better last 6, 2 Para and Ken pier, R Logan and P Bremner. McKinlay with 23pts, 3 Steph Winners of nearest the pins P Hill and Brian Sherwood with Bremner, EI Cannon, J Mc- 21 pts on a better last 6. Connachie, S Beardsley, R McGunnigle, J McGovern, EI Arran Golfers Association Cannon and P Bremner.

Fixtures: Saturday 14 July,

Jack Logan Memorial, 8.30am

DK Henderson. Best scratch Lady Mary. 1 Steph Hill 70 R Logan 66. There were twos bih, 2 Brian Sherwood 70 Scratch Willie Kelso 77. Saturday 7 July, Captain's Day. Saturday 7 July, Commemo- The rain stopped as play beweather all had a good day

Friday 6 July, Corrie Hotel Cup. Thanks to the greenkeepers and staff for the course being in excellent condition. The winners were Lamlash with Lee Girbow, Drew Duncan, Alan Smith and Alan Winship with a winning score of 133 over Shiskine. The best score was returned by Callum Rae with 40pts but unfortunately there was no sweep for him to win.



GRADUATION

Lynne MacVicar of Sannox Graduated from University West Of Scotland with a BSc Adult Nursing and now working as a Community Staff Nurse on the Island.



Call Susan Butchard on 600555 for tee times

entry form available at the Club and to download from whitingbaygolf.com









The Shiskine defence repels another Brodick aerial attack. 01_b28soc02

Ten goals in two games for Archie



Shiskine's Lachlan Jones and Brodick's Archie McNicol tussle for the ball at Sandbraes on Monday night. 01_b28soc01

Summer Bridge

The results of the Summer Bridge tournament on 9 July were:

N/S 1 John and Mary Dick, 2 Douglas and Margaret Bruce, 3 Tricia Martin and Roddie Thompson.

E/W 1 Jean Murchie and Evelyn Sillars, 2 Jan Beattie and Janette McBride, 3 Helen Young and Doreen Cant. Free-scoring Brodick and Southend continue to dominate the Arran Football League.

Southend currently trail Brodick by three points on 18 with a goal difference of +39, while the leaders sit on 21 points with seven wins out of seven and a goal difference of +35.

Brodick's Archie McNicol is on a goal-fest himself, having netted 10 times in the last two matches with four goals against Shiskine and six against Lamlash.

Last week Southend thrashed Northend by 15 goals to nil with four goals each for Ryan Armstrong and Nicky Emsley, while Shiskine picked up their first points of the season in a 4-3 victory over Bay FC and Brodick beat Lamlash 8-4.

On Monday night Brodick rattled up eight goals against Shiskine at Sandbraes without reply.

Other results on Monday night saw Southend beat Lamlash by seven goals to two and Bay FC defeat Northend by six goals to two.

Next Monday's fixtures sees a clash of the top two when Southend will travel to Ormidale Park to take on league leaders Brodick.

Shiskine will play Northend at Sandbraes and Bay FC will entertain Lamlash at the Recreation Park.

Arran Bowls Federation Championships 2012

Whiting Bay won the 2012 Laidler Gardner Cup in the Arran Bowls Federation Championships played at Whiting Bay Bowling Club last Thursday evening.

Trophies were presented to the season's winners in the village hall after a buffet supper to conclude the evening.

The gents singles champion was John McConnachie of Brodick and ladies singles champion was Marette Pringle of Whiting Bay.

Pairs winners were Jim Sloss and Colin Haggarty of Lam-

The winning rinks team was Marion Spence, Aileen Graham, Tony Butcher and John Sloss of Lamlash.



Prizewinners at the 2012 Arran Bowls Federation Championships in Whiting Bay last Thursday night. 02_b28bow01

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