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# MBE honour for Sannox country dancer Rachel

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## REPORT

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Rachel Phillips of Sannox had a day to remember when she travelled to Holyrood Palace to be made an MBE by Her Majesty the Queen.

Mrs Phillips, who is in her early eighties, made the New Year's Honours List in January but had to wait until July 2 to be honoured.

Her award was for services to Scottish Country Dancing and she has been dancing since the age of eight years old.

'It was a lovely day,' said Rachel. 'The Queen was very easy to talk to. She asked me a great deal about my country dancing and then when I mentioned that I now live on Arran she asked me how we had all coped during the snow.'

'I was amazed that she was so on the ball and it was lovely for her to take the time to talk with me properly.'

And the excitement of the day did not end there, for Rachel and her three daughters somehow managed to get

a free taxi ride from the First Minister himself.

'After the ceremony we were standing chatting in the older part of the palace when a large man came over and joined the conversation,' explained Rachel.

'We soon realised we were talking to Alex Salmond and my daughter boldly asked if he could give us a lift to The Balmoral Hotel where we were having lunch as it was now pouring with rain.

### Chauffer driven

'He gladly let three of us join him in his chauffer driven car, while my other daughter Sandy caught a taxi with his PA.'

Rachel added: 'It was rather funny to hear afterwards that his PA had called someone to explain that the First Minister was running late as he had just 'picked up three women'.'

Rachel was a founder member of the Stockport Branch of Scottish Country Dancing in 1940 and of the Liverpool Branch in 1951.

She is a Life Member of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society.



Her Majesty the Queen presents Rachel Phillips with her MBE at Holyrood Palace.

## Roads crisis putting visitors off Arran

Visitors to Arran are being given an unwelcome reception when they get off the ferry in Brodick.

They are being met by a series of potholes before they even reach the main road.

Road campaigners on the island fear it is giving visitors an immediate bad impression of the island.

'What sort of welcome are we giving to visitors if the first thing they encounter is not one but a series of potholes after they come off the ferry, said campaigner Ian Small.

And that is only the start.

The 58-year-old says that 'years and years' of under investment have left Arran's roads in such a poor condition it is

actually putting visitors off coming back.

Ian said: 'I am 100% behind tourism on Arran as my family were involved in the industry for many years but the roads are so bad I would not come to Arran if I was a cyclist or a motorcyclist.'

He has already started a new campaign which he is sending photographs six days a week of road damage he comes across as he drives across Arran to North Ayrshire Council.

He says he will keep it up for a year at least, or longer if necessary to get the authorities to take what he sees as proper action.

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## Cash award for farmers' show

Arran Farmers' Society is delighted to have been awarded £10,000 from Awards for All, Scotland which will assist with the purchase of groundtrack panels.

These panels will allow access for all to the showground at the 177th Arran Show on Wednesday August 7 at Glenkiln, where the best of Arran's livestock will be on show.

This year the show will feature Scotland's Premiere Cycle Stunt Team, The Clan, performing in the main ring from 12.00 noon and 2.00pm and Duncan Shaw and Ali C can certainly guarantee the 'wow' factor and should not be missed.

An additional donation of 12 bottles of Hardy's Nottage Hill Chardonnay, courtesy of Chares and Moira Crowther, is up for grabs in the raffle along with all the other fantastic prizes.

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Phil Differ and Fred MacAulay on the terrace of the Douglas Hotel. 20\_b28fred01

## Fun filled night with Fred and Phil

A comedy night in Brodick at the weekend could become an annual event.

More than 80 guests enjoyed comedians Fred MacAulay and Phil Differ who were on the island for the first ever comedy night at the Douglas Hotel.

The Banner caught up with Fred and Phil before the show on Saturday night.

Fred admitted that while he used to spend family holidays in Brodick it had been 12 years since he had been on

the island. Phil on the other hand was on Arran earlier this year when he performed at the Comedy Festival in Whiting Bay.

But he admitted that the weather was better this time as the previous visit was just after the show.

Fred, who hosts a daily radio chat show said he was using the gig to get back into stand up comedy which he is taking to the Edinburgh Festival this year.

Phil, a successful comedy writer, only took up stand up several years ago but is now a regular on the Scottish comedy circuit.

Fred said: 'It is a great venue and it should be a good night.'

Hotel marketing manager Elaine Campbell said: 'I was really pleased with way the night went. Everyone had a great laugh and the feedback I have had has been really good.'

'People have said we should make it annual charity comedy event and this is something we will consider. Both Fred and Phil indicated they would be happy to be involved again.'

A raffle on the night raised £780 for Brodick Nursery School.

# Drunk spared jail after booze session

An Ardrossan man who took a three-year-old boy to an Arran pub before getting drunk and smoking cannabis has avoided jail.

Charles Fisher, 48, got off the ferry and started an all-day boozing session - while the youngster begged customers for food.

When police arrested Mr Fisher he was staggering down the street with a carry-out of 15 cans of lager.

Victoria Hart, prosecuting, said: 'He continued to drink in the bar until 7pm when staff noticed he was over-intoxicated. The child was asking for food as he was hungry.'

'The accused appeared to be ignoring the child's needs.'

Mr Fisher was asked to leave but rolled and lit a cannabis spliff, causing a strong smell.

Miss Hart added: 'Police were called and he was seen staggering along the pavement while the three-year-old child wandered alone in the distance.'

Mr Fisher was arrested and the boy placed in the care of social workers before being returned to his mother.

Charles Fisher, of Glasgow Street, Ardrossan, admitted child neglect in Shore Road, Brodick in February.

He was given one year's supervision and 140 hours unpaid work.

Sheriff Alistair Watson told Mr Fisher: 'What a disgraceful way to behave. I shudder to think what would have happened if the police hadn't become involved.'

'I dread to think what the child's mother thinks of your behaviour that day.'

## Powercut leaves Arran in the dark

Arran was once again left in the dark this week after a power failure in Carradale cut the electricity supply to the island.

At around 11.45pm on Sunday night the lights went off in Arran but eventually, village by village, power was restored by 1.15am.

A spokesman for Scottish

Hydro Electric Power Distribution said: 'We had an overhead transmission fault at Carradale which affected the power supply to Arran.'

'We were able to remotely restore power to the affected areas but a helicopter has been patrolling the line this week to discover the cause of the problem.'

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# Roads crisis putting people off visiting Arran

## 'Years and years' of under investment have left Arran's roads in such a poor condition it is actually stopping visitors coming back

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Ian recently visited the islands of Skye, Harris and Lewis and said the quality of the roads there were a vast improvement on Arran.

'I travelled 15 miles along a B road with passing places on Harris and there was not a single hole, crack, fissure, lump or bump.

'I sent a picture of that the North Ayrshire Council,' he says with a wry smile.

And he fears that one particular blackspot on The String Road outside Shiskine is a serious accident waiting to happen.

A BT manhole cover was broken when it was hit by a snowplough on March 23 but has remained unrepaired and cordoned off since.

To make matters worse it is on a blind corner at a bridge which mean cars have to come

round it on the wrong side of the road to avoid it leading to several narrow missing with oncoming vehicles.

And the council has not erected proper statutory signs to warn drivers of the danger, according to Ian.

Mum of three Katie Webster, 37, who lives across the road from the road damage actually saw the snowplough hit the manhole cover which flew into a neighbour's garden.

'The number of near misses I have seen does not bear thinking about yet nothing has been done since March to even try to repair the damage, but something must be done soon.'

Ian insists that the residents of Arran are being treated like 'second hand citizens' when it comes to road repairs and that they are being patched up

with surface dressing or spot repairs.

'There are stretches of road at the south end of the island at Lagg and Sliderry where there are 20 to 30 pothole repairs in stretch of 10 metres of road.

'If it costs on average £35 to £70 to fix one pothole how much money is that that is being literally being poured down the drain.

### Repaired

'I would rather see one metre on road repaired properly and that repeated over the weeks and months than miles of road so badly patched up that it is washed away almost as soon as it is put down.'

The road at the ferry terminal is the shared responsibility of Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd and North Ayrshire Council.

A spokesman for CMAL

said: 'We manage part of the road with direct access to the ferry at Brodick Pier. CMAL have made repairs to pot holes on the road recently and no further issues have been reported. If an issue is reported to CMAL the problem will be investigated and appropriate action taken.'

A spokesman for North Ayrshire Council said: 'The council is investing £1.2m in Arran's road network - over 25 per cent of the total North Ayrshire roads budget.

'By making this investment we recognise the unique issues facing the road network on Arran.

'The council is responsible for around 1,030km of roads across North Ayrshire and, while we inspect these on a regular basis, we do rely on local people to let us know about any problems to allow



Uneven road surfaces are a major danger for cyclists, thousands of which visit Arran each year.

repairs to be carried out as quickly as possible.

'We will assess the condition of the roads at these locations and make any necessary repairs.'

There are a number of ways

to report roads issues - by calling 01294 310000, emailing headofroads@north-ayrshire.gov.uk, online at www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk or using the Report It apps for iPhones and Android smartphones.



In some areas of the island the roads are just crumbling away.

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# Arran ferries used in hunt for missing student

The hunt for missing Russian student Yulia Solodyankina has been extended to Arran.

Posters of the 22-year-old have been put up by friends of the student on the Caledonian MacBrayne ferries that serve the island as well as at ports and on other West of Scotland services.

She has not been seen since she was spotted on CCTV at Buchanan Street Bus Station in Glasgow about 4.55pm on June 7, more than a month ago.

No new information has come to light since, but a number of the buses in the station at the time were heading either north or to the far west.

Yulia, who speaks fluent English, with a Russian accent, is of medium build, about 5ft 6ins tall, with long, dark brown hair and with a small mole on her left cheek. Her ears are pierced and she wears rings on her fingers, including a distinctive thumb ring shaped like a small spoon.

Police revealed earlier this week that their search is



Yulia Solodyankina.

focusing on the Highlands and the west coast.

Chief Inspector Mark Patterson, of Police Scotland, said: 'It is now more than a month since Yulia was last seen, and we remain keen to speak to anyone who may have seen her.'

#### Exams

It has emerged that the day before she vanished she had learned that she would only be awarded an 'ordinary degree' in physics from Edinburgh University as she had not passed her fourth year exams, meaning she could not graduate with honours.

At what should have been

her graduation ceremony on Monday, her name was missing from a list of students awarded an honours degree.

Her boyfriend Antoine Dao, has said she was 'very stressed' over her exams prior to her disappearance. However, friends have said they cannot understand why she would have left.

Her mother Ekaterina, has appeal to her directly, saying: 'Come back. We love you very much.'

A spokesman for Caledonian MacBrayne confirmed that posters had been put up on the ships serving Arran and their other routes.

He said: 'We actually received two requests to distribute posters, one from friends of Yulia and another from the London-based charity called Missing People.'

'They have been sent round the network to be displayed on ships and at ports.'

Anyone with information can call Police Scotland on 101, Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or the charity Missing People on 116 000.



Beano, Anne's schnauzer, proudly wears her red knitted coat. 20\_b28dog01

## Appeal to knitters to create coats for foster dogs

Anne Hodge from Whiting Bay is urging Arran's knitters to put their needles to good use.

She wants local people to knit coats for the foster dogs at Battersea.

Anne said: 'The pattern is fairly simple and they can be made quite quickly but they are a great benefit to the dogs, especially when they arrive at first and are perhaps not in the best of health.'

The coats can be knitted for large and small dogs and Battersea is hoping to have enough to put one in every doggy bag, which also include food, bedding and toys, and are given to foster carers when they look after a dog.

When the dog is rehomed, they can then take their coat to their new home.

Contact Anne Hodge on 700596 for the pattern.

## Free wildlife talks for Arran travellers

Ferry travellers sailing to and from Arran on the MV Caledonian Isles can now learn about the local wildlife they can see from the outer decks thanks to members of the RSPB who are holding informal talks on board the ship.

The free talks are taking place on the external upper decks of the MV Caledonian Isles as she sails between Ardrossan and Brodick every Saturday between now and August 31.

Cathy Craig, head of marketing and eCommerce at CalMac said: 'CalMac ships provide the ideal platform to view local wildlife but many people don't really know what to look for or fully appreciate what they're looking at.'

'We are therefore indebted to volunteers from the North Ayrshire Group of the RSPB for giving up their time to share their knowledge and enthusiasm for wildlife. I am sure they will be of interest to first time travellers and regulars.'

She added: 'The RSPB initiative ties in well with the 2013 Year of Natural Scotland which aims to promote Scotland's stunning natural beauty and biodiversity, and ways in which visitors can enjoy the country's beautiful landscapes, wildlife and heritage responsibly.'

Ferry travellers should note that two ships currently operate on the Ardrossan-Brodick route and that the talks are only available on the MV Caledonian Isles.

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# Arran Distillers turns 18 and the future's bright

The business saw net profits increase by 40 per cent and sales exceed the £3.5million mark for the first time ever

Isle of Arran Distillers has reported its best ever year in export sales, total sales and profits.

The business, which celebrated its 18<sup>th</sup> birthday last week, saw net profits increase by 40 per cent and sales exceed the £3.5million mark for the first time ever.

Success has been driven primarily by export sales, which have increased by 20 per cent year on year, vastly ahead of the total whisky market which saw a just one per cent growth in 2012.

Managing Director, Euan Mitchell told The Banner that as they celebrate their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday the business is going from strength to strength.

He said; 'We are developing a portfolio of products to match any distillery which is reflected by the growing interest for The Arran Malt around the world.'

'We are in the ideal place to benefit from the increasing global awareness and taste for premium Scotch malt whisky.'

Known for breaking the mould with unique and interesting offerings, growth was helped by a surge in demand for the premium and

limited edition releases such as the Devil's Punch Bowl, which sold out in record time when it was released last year, stock selling out in their Visitor Centre on Arran within two weeks.

Another contributing factor was the appointment of a number of new importers - notably sales in the US doubled over 2011 and Denmark also saw a sharp increase.

Set to build on this record success, the distillery is geared up for sustained future growth.

## New heights

Production has already reached new heights with a capacity of 400,000 LPA (litres of pure alcohol) and a new warehouse which gives the business capacity to mature 12,000 casks,

Euan added: 'We have a strong business plan and we're performing ahead of expectations, which is a fantastic achievement when trading conditions have been so tough, especially for premium products.'

'We're currently exporting to over 35 countries and we hope to add a number of new export destinations this year.'



Managing director Euan Mitchell has overseen Arran Distillery's best ever year in export sales, total sales and profits.

## Classic bikes go on show

A Motorcycle Show will be held in the Arran Heritage Museum on Sunday July 14.

The show will have a selection of classic, modern, off-road and other motorcycles on display. There will also be music by the Arran Pipe Band and Fish and Ships, who will perform 'Songs of the Sea'.

It will be the culmination of the Arran Motorcycle Rally and Exhibition being held over the weekend.

Organised by the AJS & Matchless Owner's Club it will see various events taking place.

It kicks off on Friday July 12 there will be a Sunset Run. Participants should meet at the Arran Heritage Museum car park at 7pm.

On Saturday there will be a Round Arran Run meeting in the museum car park at 10am and stopping at various visitor attractions and for refreshments. In the afternoon there will be a display of Classic British Motorcycles at Brodick Castle at 3pm.

In the evening there will be a pub quiz at the Corrie Hotel as well as music by the Jazz Cafe Band.

The Motorcycle Show will be from 1pm to 4pm on Sunday.



Laura, Trevor, Tommy and Barbara at the new look Ormidale Hotel. 20\_b28dale02

## New look at the Ormidale

A Brodick hotel is keeping it in the family.

With Tommy and Barbara Gilmore taking more of a back seat at the popular Ormidale Hotel they are preparing to hand over the day to day running to daughter Laura Helliwell and her husband Trevor.

And the hotel too has had a major makeover. The bar has been extended by taking away a bar and dividing doors to make a larger single space.

And the Conservatory too has had a recent makeover.

On Friday night locals and visitors alike enjoyed a champagne reception at the official opening of the new bar.

### New bar

A feature of the new bar is a marble and wooden fireplace from the famous White House Hotel in Lamlash which is long demolished and has been hidden in Tommy's garage for more than 30 years.

The hotel has been in the

family since 1936 when Laura's great great grandparents took it over.

Laura, who recently returned to the island with her husband and family from Glasgow said: 'We are really pleased with the new bar as we are able to now make the most of part of the hotel which was really under-used.'

'The hotel is busy over the summer and we look forward to welcoming customers old and new,' she said.

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# US children's author pays a visit to the island



Elisabeth at work illustrating at her book signing.  
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Author Elisabeth Davis was on Arran for a few days to promote her popular children's book 'Brae visits Arran'.

She held a book signing at Arran Heritage Museum on Sunday and other promotional events.

The book first published in autumn of 2011 tells the adventures of a collie dog named Brae and his owners on the island.

The 62-year-old US author also illustrates her own books.

Mrs Davis, who is from North Carolina, wrote her first

book 'Harley the Throwaway Puppy' for her grandchildren and suddenly all her friends wanted copies too.

'It was a completely accidental career,' said the retired college professor.

And she says she came up with the idea for 'Brae visits Arran' as she had never seen a children's book about Arran.

She is full of praise for Arran Graphics who printed the book and there is now a US version and she donates all proceeds from her books to animal rescue charities.

She now has a fourth book

'Mo a Throwaway Puppy Story' published.

Although born in the US her mother Nan Cordiner was from Slidery and her grandmother Annie Mackie Cordiner was the last school mistress at Slidery School.

'I grew up constantly hearing all about the island and that is why it is so special to me and that is why we try and come as often as we can.'

Mrs Davis, who was on Arran with her husband Stephen, arrived from Shetland but were only stayed a few days this time because of her husband's work commitments.

## Summer Bridge results

The results of the tournament on Monday 8 July were as follows: N/S 1 Douglas Bruce and Margaret Bruce, 2 Tricia Martin and Jan Beattie, 3 Liz Robertson and Elizabeth McKellar.

E/W 1 Brenda Livingstone and Roddie Thompson, 2 Winifred MacCallum and Alan Dick, 3 Helen Boyd and Nancy McLenachan.

The full results can be found on the Arran Bridge Club website [www.bridgewebs.com/arran](http://www.bridgewebs.com/arran)

## Lochranza and Catacol 200 Club

The winners of the June draw were: First prize - David Baker and second prize - Margaret Griffin.

## Boost for North Ayrshire and Arran tourism

More than 1.1 million visitors travelled to North Ayrshire and Arran last year and spent almost £133m in the area.

The figures, revealed in the latest Scottish Tourism Economic Activity Monitor (STEAM) report, mark a positive increase in tourism spend and visitor numbers in North Ayr-

shire in 2012, despite an overall drop in tourism across the UK.

The upturn indicates that council, business and partner investment and efforts to boost tourism in the area are already proving successful.

Hotspots for tourism naturally included Arran, where visitor spend on the island alone is now almost

£40m.

Commenting on the report, North Ayrshire Council Leader Willie Gibson said: 'The figures provide a really positive picture of the steady growth of tourism in North Ayrshire, demonstrating that the hard work being undertaken by the Council, businesses and partners to attract more visitors

to the area is proving successful.

'While the figures are encouraging, we must not be complacent and will continue to monitor trends, invest and expand to meet the needs of our tourists, grow businesses and create jobs, to help achieve our vision of positioning North Ayrshire as the place to be.'



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# A royal award day for Calum

Arran adventurer Calum McNicol had the honour of handing out Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards to youngsters at Holyrood Palace in Edinburgh.

Calum, 39, who recently made a world record Atlantic rowing attempt, was one of several sportsmen, including former Scots rugby international Chris Paterson and mountaineer Alan Hinkes OBE who attended the ceremony hosted by the Earl of Wessex, Prince Edward.

Calum delivered a motivational speech to the group of young people, congratulating them on their achievement before presenting them with their certificates.

Barry Fisher, who is originally from Whiting Bay, and who directs the Awards in Scotland, accompanied Prince Edward during the ceremony. Calum, who runs the Arran Adventure Company, said it had been an honour to be asked.

He said: 'I was delighted to be invited. I have never been to Holyrood and it was all very grand with lots of pomp and ceremony but some of the award winners, who are all under 25, were themselves an inspiration having been involved in some interesting expeditions.'

In January Calum was part of an eight-strong team who made a world record breaking attempt to become the first crew to row the north Atlantic Ocean in less than 30 days.

Their route was from Puerto Mogan on Gran Canaria arriving in Port St Charles on Barbados, covering 3000 miles of open ocean.

And although the team just failed in their attempt Calum raised more than £20,000 for the Ayrshire Hospice.



Calum chats to Prince Edward as youngsters line up to receive their awards.



Helping out were: Abbie McKelvie, Charie Weir, Adam McNicol, Olivia Rains, Abbie Jackson and Tabitha Thorburn-Eddy pictured in the Walled Garden.

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## Open gardens help grow funds

Youngsters from the Arran Youth Foundation held a successful open day fundraiser at Strabane House in Brodick on Saturday.

In mark contrast to last year the sun shone for the event and a steady stream of visitors saw the gardens at the home of Lady Jean Fforde, who is a great supporter of the organisation, in all their resplendent glory.

Youth worker Graeme Johnston said: 'The weather could not be better this year after last year was a complete washout. We are hoping for a good day's fundraising.'

### Helped

Around a dozen youngsters helped during the day trying to lure passing drivers in, taking the money, helping with the teas and baking and organising children's games.



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## Privatisation affects us all

The Royal Mail is one of Arran's largest employers.

The friendly posties in their red vans are a common sight when travelling around the island and, even in these days of e-mails and social networking websites, they perform a valuable service in keeping the island connected to the outside world.

This week plans have been unveiled outlining the proposed privatisation of Royal Mail; a measure which has been planned by the coalition government to raise £2 billion for the nation's coffers.

It may result in every Royal Mail employee receiving a £2,000 windfall but very few of the employees that have been brave enough to speak to the press this week seemed particularly enthusiastic about this transition.

In places such as Arran, a job with Royal Mail is still often regarded as a job for life.

With privatisation there is a natural worry that this job security will decline considerably once they become part of a private company, and a small share issue is hardly likely to compensate for the pride and security that they feel from delivering and being part of a genuine public service.

As the economic situation in Britain continues to be dire, one has to wonder if there is anything that the government wouldn't be willing to sell off.

Everything will be controlled by private corporations. As it is, large parts of the country's infrastructure were constructed under so-called Private Finance Initiatives, which are yet to be paid back in the vast majority of cases.

Raising a paltry £2 billion, barely more than one per cent of the budget deficit, let alone the total amount of government debt and liabilities, hardly seems worthwhile, especially when it involves privatising yet another fundamental public service.

Rural communities rely heavily on the mail service.

On Arran there are many companies now trading on the global market via the internet but this is only made possible by the overall reliable service offered by Royal Mail.

It has been proved time and time again that under privatisation costs tend to go up and service delivery often declines.

The government has repeatedly said that money raised from the privatisation would help Royal Mail to 'modernise and become more efficient and competitive' but it is unclear how that would be done.

Sadly for children growing up in Britain over the next decades the term 'public service' will pretty much disappear from their vocabulary completely.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'The entire law is summed up in a single command: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' (Galatians 5:14)

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# Letters to the Editor



## Disillusioned

Sir,  
After the meeting of the Arran Community Council (ACC) on Tuesday 25 June, I am so disillusioned and angry that I was not allowed to await the arrival of the local representative of the North Ayrshire Council at the meeting.

I was told that I would be heard first, which I was not happy with as there was no point in me describing what I am doing regarding my new roads campaign when the local officer is not there.

I was told that the Community Council would relay what I said to him. To my mind this was not really acceptable, but if I did not speak then I would not be allowed to address the meeting later.

Having been a member of the ACC for over 22 years, any business by a member of the public is taken as 'Any Other Competent Business'.

Consequently, I was so surprised when they asked me to do this.

I just wonder if the chair and/or the committee had talks with our local officer beforehand to stop any conflict and a slugging match between us by asking Mr MacLeod to arrive late.

I find it hard to believe after reading the minutes for the last year how that you as a Community Council do not have 'roads' as an agenda item after agreeing to when I was on the council.

One of the things that amused me most was all the talk of a new integrated transport policy.

I see no point at all in an integrated transport policy if you do not have a road network in Arran which is fit for purpose.

You all seem to be drawn to the NAC way of thinking, that what *they* say is what *we* get. They are in my opinion delivering an inferior service.

The works are not done to any relevant standard. I have over 500 photographs of road imperfections, potholes, bad repairs, lists of sections of road which require urgent repair, and I cannot believe that the person responsible for

roads has not marked these out for repair instead of just surface dressing sections.

The surface dressing is a waste of taxpayers' money on sections of road that have been resurfaced, even though these sections have had to have been repaired.

With regard to this year's investment on roads on Arran, how much has NAC invested?

How much has the Forestry invested and other sources? It would be nice to know who pays for what.

Until NAC repair or resurface the roads this is going to have an ongoing detrimental effect on tourism on this island.

Has NAC thought what is going to happen when RET arrives? Unless some major investment is made available, Arran is going to become a place where tourists will not wish to revisit because of the state of the roads. This will be so unfortunate because we have so much to offer the tourist.

Come on, NAC, buck up your ideas, and to the Community Council I say: 'Get a grip on reality and go back to basics.'

Yours,  
**Ian Small  
Brodick**

## Support MPA

Sir,  
We are writing to express our support for COAST's work in nominating the south of Arran as a Marine Protection Area (MPA).

Those of us who attended last week's public meeting must have been impressed with major work done already to progress the proposal.

We understand that that the Scottish government will be consulting on all the MPA proposals soon.

The Arran MPA is the only one in Scotland nominated on a community basis.

The consultation offers the opportunity for residents and visitors (like ourselves) to show support for the sustainable use of marine resources around the island.

Your editorial of June 8 showed your support for con-

serving Arran's wildlife.

Perhaps the Banner too could show its support behind the MPA?

Yours,  
**Helen and Bob Osborne  
Wandsworth Road  
Belfast**

## Biomass: What's in it for Arran?

Sir,  
I am writing to urge the Arran Community to give some consideration to the proposed Biomass plant to be sited in the forest above the Dyemill, Lamlash.

I am not one for jumping on the bandwagon and sabre-rattling but this is something I feel, very strongly, is wrong for Arran and the more I read about it, the more I fear for the well-being of our future generations on the island.

So just what are the benefits and downsides of this application by Northern Energy Development Limited (NEDL)?

We don't get cheaper electricity, nor a secure supply. We destroy an area of natural beauty, and have to put up with noise and a large smoke plume, which NEDL have failed to quantify.

But given the huge volume of steam that will be produced, it's likely that the plume will be visible from the Ayrshire coast.

Despite what they state, when we do the maths, we get more logging lorries on our roads, and we get our clean air polluted with contaminants, many of which can severely impact health. Why clean up the bay only to pollute the air?

Add to that a fire risk. As at May 2013 there have been 22 fires or explosions at biomass incinerator sites. Yet here we have a plant proposed, with a week's supply of stockpiled wood (circa 800 tonnes), unmanned overnight, in the middle of a forest, with only a retained fire service on Arran.

So how will all this affect our tourist industry? For better or worse?

All of this to deliver, at 23 per cent efficiency, or 77 per cent inefficiency, 20,000 meg-

awatts to the grid, roughly 0.018 per cent of Scotland's 2020 target for electricity from renewables.

Whilst at the same time radiating huge amounts of heat into the atmosphere.

What's in it for Arran - nothing!

So who benefits? NEDL stand to make a lot of money, particularly from public subsidies, but have never built nor operated a biomass plant, despite having had three plants approved, the first in 2008. So who will build this one if it is approved?

I urge everyone to take a position, for or against, this application. I suggest for starters you read the information on the website [www.arranen-ergy.org](http://www.arranen-ergy.org)

As this planning application is due to be re-considered by NAC in the next few weeks, it is a matter of urgency that the Arran community and those further afield who love our island, take action and lodge any objections/comments before it is too late.

Please don't let this go ahead because you can't be bothered to read about it. Take a few minutes to try and understand the full impact it will have and form your own opinion.

Yours,  
**Maureen Smith  
and Steve Evans  
Lamlash**

## Not living up to it's name

Sir,  
I would like to bring to your attention the urgent matter of the proposed Dyemill Biomass combined heat and power plant.

This is a power plant that does not live up to it's name! As the tiny amount of power it will make (approximately 26 per cent) will be put back into the grid for the mainland to use!

And the heat (enough to power 5,000 homes) will go into the sky! There are no plans to use the huge amount of heat that this plant will produce, and in an emergency situation like this past winter, it will not provide us with much needed power!

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This plant is a ridiculous idea and will do more harm than good to the economy of Arran, who wants to stay on an island that has a great big power plant belching hot emission filled steam into the air?

If nothing else consider the explosion in the midge population!

You can write to or email J M Michel at North Ayrshire Council, Cunninghame House, Irvine, KA12 8EE, or by going on line to North Ayrshire Council planning, search view and track an application, application reference number is 13/00313/PP, under documents you can add a comment.

Yours,  
**Nickey Summer**  
**Whiting Bay**

## Visitor thanks

Sir,  
I am writing to say a thank you to the person who posted my credit cards and driving licence through the letter box of Lamlash Police Station two weeks ago.

The police then kindly phoned my wife who contacted me aboard a boat!

They are now safely back with me - so I would like to say a very big thank you to all concerned.

Yours,  
**Pete Babbs**  
**By e-mail**

## Distressing roads

Sir,  
For the past 40 years, my family have made annual visits to Arran for our family holiday, and for the past 20 years, twice-yearly visits.

During our visit in May this year, we were most distressed by the wear and tear on our vehicles due to the horrific state of the roads, in particular the string road across to Blackwaterfoot.

Not to mention the discomfort, when trying to see the wonderful scenery, of passengers, I am afraid these dangerous conditions will have an effect of return visits by tourists.

Such a shame, a great let down!

Yours  
**Mrs Jackson and family**  
**Filey, North Yorkshire**

## Gangway grumble

Sir,

On a flying visit to your magical island (before the start of pre-season training) I was delighted to see the return of the Isle of Arran as summer relief ship supporting the Caledonian Isles.

Even better this year with more sailings and none of last year's prohibitive restrictions.

However, passenger access via the car deck at Brodick is an inconvenience and I was told this is because CalMac don't have, or can't find, a suitable gangway.

Given that the Isle of Arran used to be the main Arran ferry, I find this remarkable, especially since it has now been on the route for about a month.

Also, I had to go to Glasgow on business on Monday and managed to get an Ardrossan harbour train from Central Station at 13.18 only to find arrived at the harbour about 15 minutes after the 13.50 sailing had departed.

Hopefully these issues can be addressed before the main holiday season kicks off.

Yours,  
**Roy Stornaway**  
**Whiting Bay**

## A thank you

Sir,  
Just a note to say thank you to your readers who responded to my enquiries about water-mills on the island.

I obtained much information and met some very helpful residents, even to the extent of pointing me in the direction of other mills not on my original list. In total I surveyed 25 sites of which several require further survey work on site and research into archive material.

Thanks again to you and your readers.

Yours,  
**Alastair Weir**  
**Kilwinning**

## Cheaper solution

Sir,  
Regarding the road hump story two weeks ago, as a Londoner I can't see why you need to lower the road humps - why not buy buses with platforms that lower for elderly passengers or wheelchairs?

Surely a much cheaper solution! They work very well down south.

Yours,  
**Kati Nicholl**  
**London**

## Hump fears

Sir,  
Further to the article and ongoing correspondence in The Arran Banner regarding the impending roadworks at the Switchbacks, I am somewhat surprised at the omission of any mention of two very relevant aspects.

I do realise that it has lain unused for a long time but there are still a very few of us who have kin interred in the small burial ground on the upper edge of the road.

I personally am very concerned at the possibility of damage and desecration to my great, great grandfather's grave/tombstone by the deployment of heavy plant and machinery or any required blasting.

Also across the road, on the seaward side, are the volcanic sea-stacks which are not only important geologically, but are a pleasing feature enhancing the beauty of the area and equally vulnerable to major earth-moving.

Yours  
**Elizabeth Kerr Dale**  
**By e-mail**

## Leavers' thanks

Sir,  
We would like to thank The Arran Banner for the excellent spread about our Leavers' Do published in last weeks issue.

We would also like to extend our thanks to the parent council - without their funding and support, the event would not have been possible; James Chocolates for providing lovely favours which were very well received by everyone and beautifully decorated to match our colour scheme, making a great addition to our evening; Steve Garraway for giving up his evening to DJ for us and providing the excellent music and Mike Bailey for performing and giving us some 'live' music; our fantastic speakers - Alan Kelly, Heather Gough and Lesley Walker - who gave us all some parting words of wisdom and certainly a good laugh; The Kinloch Hotel for providing such an excellent venue and a lovely meal with outstanding service and finally all the staff at Arran High School who joined us on Saturday and helped to make it a brilliant and memorable night for us all.

Yours,  
**Class of 2013 Leavers**  
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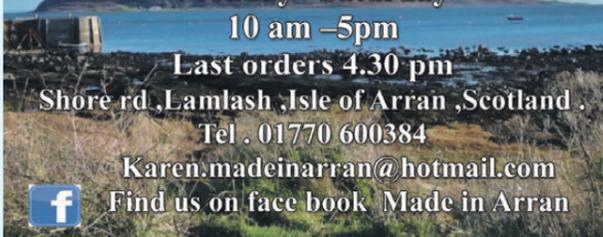


For 60 years the crowning of the **Lamlash Heather Queen** has been one of the highlights of the Arran summer season and this weekend the spotlight will certainly be on the island's biggest village. After a break of a few years, Tracy Gibson, the granddaughter of the original founder Jean Marriot, revived the event last year and she is hoping that 2013's crowning of the Heather Queen will once again take the village back to the hey-days of the occasion. The day will begin with a fancy dress parade – so please come along and join in - leaving the car park at the Drift Inn at 1.30pm, going along the main road to the front green at Lamlash where the Heather Queen Crowning will take place

followed by a fun filled afternoon. There will be dancing dogs, face painting, tea stall, tombola, burgers, bouncy castle, pillow fight, not-so-serious-pet-show, stocks, raffle, sack races, egg-n-spoon race and much, much more! Lamlash is going to be the place to be on Saturday as people flock to the Heather Queen crowning and all the village businesses are supporting the event. Local joiner **Willie Currie** has long been a supporter of the Heather Queen and he brings with him years of expertise and talent. With its central location and easy distance to the village centre, **Middleton caravan park** has long been a favourite place for people to spend their holidays and it is sure to be busy this weekend with visitors to the island. The villages self-catering properties are also going to be busy this week.

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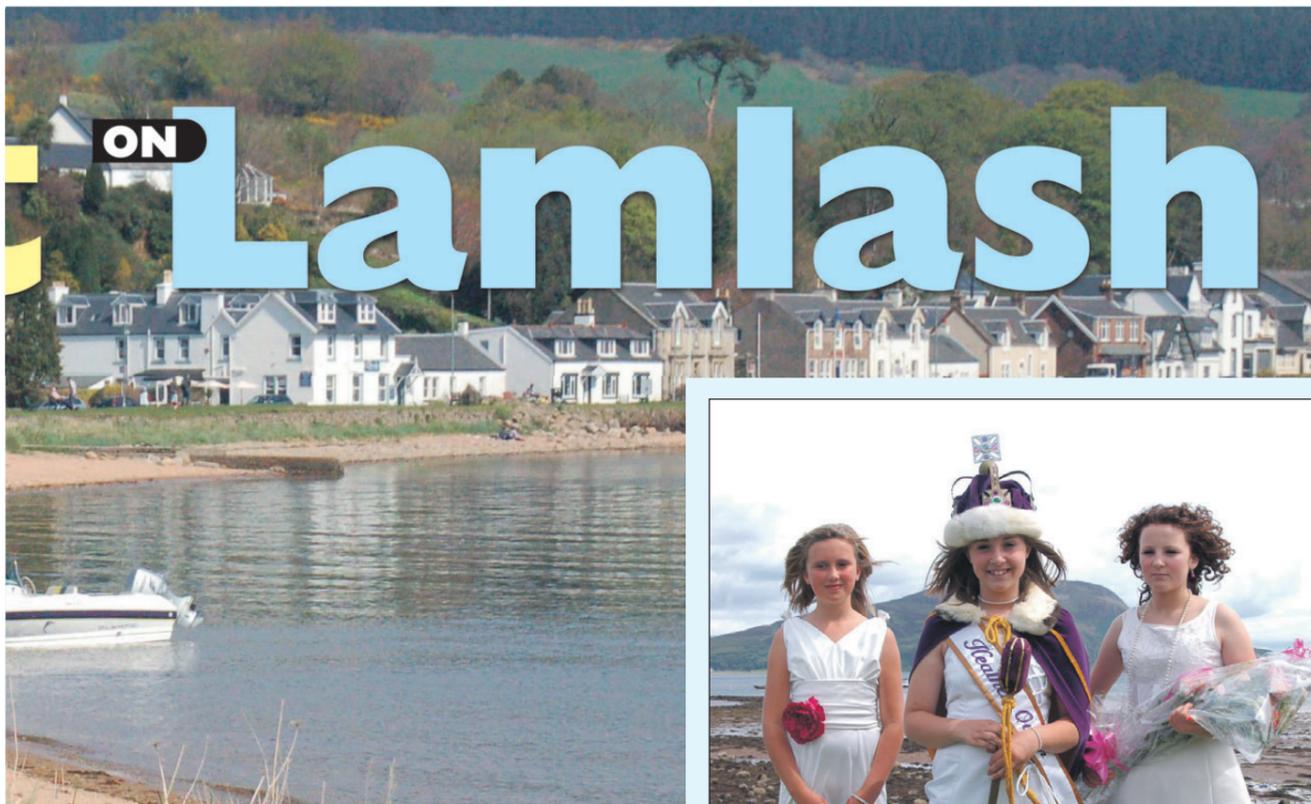
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# ON Lamlash

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As part of the Heather Queen festivities come along to **COAST's** stall and learn more about the Lamlash Bay No Take Zone, the proposed South Arran Marine Protected Area and meet some of Arran's underwater critters in their touch tank! Beach scrambles will also be taking place throughout the day as well as lots of information about their upcoming summer of fun events!

**Made in Arran** is one of the island's loveliest tearooms and gift shops offering fantastic home baking, ideal for lunch or afternoon tea after enjoying the crowning of the Heather Queen.

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.

Famous for their great homecooked meals is the **Pierhead Tavern**. Situated in the centre of the village it is the perfect place to sit and unwind after a busy day of activities.

The newly refurbished **Drift Inn** is fast becoming one of the island's top bars and restaurants. After a delicious meal stick around for fabulous cocktails and live music on the Saturday night.

In order to make the most of the day why not book a taxi home with **Arran Private Hire**. With their fleet of vehicles they will safely get you from A to B allowing you to enjoy your evening and not worry about getting home safely. Whatever you choose to do this weekend, make sure you go to Lamlash - it's the place to be!



The 2009 Lamlash Heather Queen was Cara Miller, with former queen Shannon McAllister (right) and maid Hannah Bone. 01\_b30lam05



The first Heather Queen was Fiona Kerr in 1950. b28lam01NO

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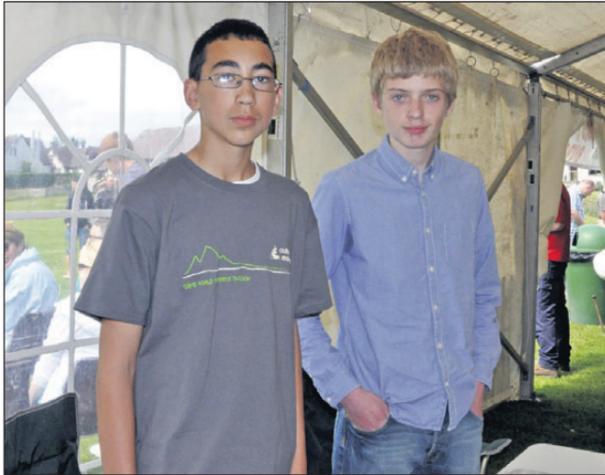
Fiona Crawford and Wilma Robertson at the Shiskine and Machrie Senior Citizens baking stall. 20\_b28shi02



Ina Craig and Shelagh Collins at the Apaws baking stall. 20\_28bshi05



A big crowd watch a dog take on the dog scurry. 20\_b28shi33



Charlie Weir and John Stewart raising sponsors for their round Arran cycle. 20\_b28shi07



Beaver leader Elizabeth Bell with James Smith, Donald Currie and Morgan Bell of the 10th Ayrshire Shiskine Scout Group at their stall. 20\_b28shi14



Here come the ducks at the Duck Derby 20\_b28shi29

# Sun shine Shiskine'

It's been two years in the making but Shiskine Valley Sports Day was well worth waiting for.

The sun shone which brought out a big crowd of both islanders and visitors for a day of fun.

The day began with the Round the Square race won by 26-year-old Scott Pilkington from Edinburgh in time of 20 minutes 54 seconds, runner up was 22-year-old Nick Emsley in 21 minutes 35 seconds with his sister Jennifer, 26, third in 22 minutes 5 seconds.

### Roaring trade

Throughout the day the stalls did a roaring trade. Particularly popular was the tearoom and

baking stall of the Shiskine and Machrie Senior Citizens. Animal charity Apaws also had a home baking stall.

The tombolas and stalls were popular with the young and the not so young and the bouncy slide proved a hit with the little ones.

On the field proceedings got underway with the arrival of the Isle of Arran Pipe Band followed by a series of kids races which attracted a good crowd of parents

Then it was on to the Highland Games and various sporting events.

One of the most popular was the throwing of the 56lb weight.



Agnes Madden of the Shiskine Hall Committee tries to drum up support for the Duck Derby. 20\_b28shi16



Winner of the Round the Square Race Nick Pilkington. 20\_b28shi04



Robbie Scott, who won the contest, throws the 56lb weight. 20\_b28shi26

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# es on 's big day

The competition was won by Robbie Scott with the bar at 11ft 6ins.

It was followed by the shot put, hammer throwing and caber tossing events.

**Popular**

Pillow fighting on a pole proved popular with the youngsters as did Murray's famous dog scurry.

The burger bar did a roaring trade as people soaked up the sun and then took some shelter from the chill wind which later swept across the field.

While two enterprising Arran High schoolboys Charlie Weir and John Stewart, both 14, set up a stall to seek sponsors for a

round Arran bike challenge they are attempting in September to raise money for a Malawi trip planned for 2015.

And people were tempted back into the the main tent later in the day for an appearance of The Jazz Cafe Band, which led to some afternoon dancing.

**Duck Derby**

But there was only one event to bring the days proceedings to a conclusion and everyone headed over to the burn for the very popular Duck Derby.

And they were not disappointed as the yellow swarm made their way down the fast flowing burn to the finish line bringing a colourful end to a fun day.



Who will be first to fall as contestants take part in a pillow fight. 20\_b28shi23



Andrew Earle throws the 56lb weight over the bar. 20\_b28shi25



Isle of Arran Pipe Band perform. 20\_b28shi08



Children line up for the sack race. 20\_b28shi22



Older children take the race challenge. 20\_b28shi21



Spectators get a grandstand view of the Duck Derby from the bridge. 20\_b28shi30



Runners at the start of The Round the Square race. 20\_b28shi01



Junior runners make a dash for the finish line. 20\_b28shi18



The Jazz Cafe perform in the main tent. 20\_b28shi32

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## Romance in Tuscany

*Film of the Month Certified Copy (France/Italy 2009. Cert 12)*

This month's film at Corrie Film Club is a hugely entertaining and romantic tale Certified Copy which playfully and provocatively blurs the lines between reality and imagination. Starring the wonderful Juliet Binoche and William Shimell it is a story about a couple's, apparently, chance meeting in Tuscany - with glorious shots as well!

She is a French gallery owner in search of original paintings; he is a British author in town to talk about his new book. Together they tour the local galleries, cafes and museums discovering that nothing is quite what it seems! See this award winning, funny and elegant film from director Abbas Kiarostami at Corrie and Sannox Village Hall on Sunday July 14 at 8.00pm. All welcome. Bring a bottle to share if you wish.



### Summer disco fun for Kilmory kids

Kilmory's new social club isn't just for the village adults! The 1934 Club held a 'Decades Disco' last week to celebrate the end of term before the summer holidays which was partly organised by some of the young girls in the village. There were prizes for the best dressed which were won by Isla Monteith, Toby Amsing and Leigh Boyd.



The kayaking was a special treat for the youngsters with the best behaviour record throughout the year.

## Kayaking day a big success

The sun shone as a group of youngsters from Arran High School enjoyed a day messing about on boats.

The kayaking day was a reward for the 12 children in first year with the best behaviour record throughout the year.

Instructors at the Arran Outdoor Education Centre in Lamlash started the day by teaching the pupils boat control skills of forward paddling, turning and capsiz recovery.

They then played some warm up kayaking games before paddling from the centre across Lamlash Bay to the Holy Isle where they had

lunch before exploring around Hamilton Rock passing cormorants drying themselves on the rocks and seals swimming close to the boats.

Then it was back to the centre where the youngsters had great fun jumping in.

A spokesman for the centre said: 'For the instructors it was a pleasure to work with such well behaved and polite children. For some of them it was their first visit to the Holy Isle.'

A similar day took place for 2nd year students.



The sun shone as the High School pupils enjoyed a day kayaking in Lamlash Bay.

## Open Day at Christian centre

The Sannox Christian Centre are holding an Open Day on Saturday September 27.

A year after the centre opened they are holding their first open day for friends who are interested in what is developing at the centre.

In keeping with our theme of Rest and Restoration the centre will offer tasters of some of the things they hope to offer.

Quiet and reflective spaces and active and challenging spaces will be woven together with hospitality and the building of relationships.

Healing and restorative prayer will be on offer along with massage and storytelling. There will also be child friendly activities for family groups.

A spokesman for the group said: 'Our first year has been varied and exciting with all of use stretched and challenged in unexpected ways. We are thankful for all the welcome and support we have had from the Arran communication and for the support of many of the island too.'

'We seek to expand our support base and to see more people involved. There are opportunities to volunteer with the restoration project and for people sharing our vision who want to become more involved in the development of it.'

'Came and join us for the afternoon, or part of it, and share in Sannox as established and experienced by the generations past.'

The Open Day will be from 12.00 noon till 4.00pm.

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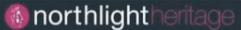
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Sat 13- Sun 14 July, 11am-4pm (& sunset till late on Sunday)

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# Design business blossoms for creative Eilidh

## 'Big dollops of printed goodness'

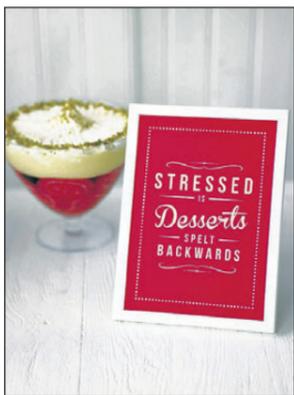
Ah, youth - a time for experimentation, freedom, and making mistakes.

Or for some - a time for obscene levels of creativity that leave a lasting artistic legacy and eventual financial success.

For Eilidh Rhead, a 29-year-old graphic designer, from Kilmory, her creative experimentation has led to global success with her unique and elegant work gracing the cover of Ideal Home magazine this month.

Her business 'Rock the Custard' originally started as a hobby but in the past year it has grown internationally, and her products have been featured in Vogue, ELLE and Easy Living, as well as trending worldwide on Pinterest and Tumblr.

Until last year, Eilidh was a freelance graphic designer



**A search for a creative hobby has resulted in a successful business.**

living in Powys, Mid Wales, but in her search for a creative outlet she now sells her colourful prints of cutesy sayings full-time with a little help from her lovely mum at busier times.

'She helps me out with print-

ing and dispatching orders in what I like to call 'The Arran Branch', said Eilidh.

Ideal Home is her first cover photo and for Eilidh is an absolute dream come true.

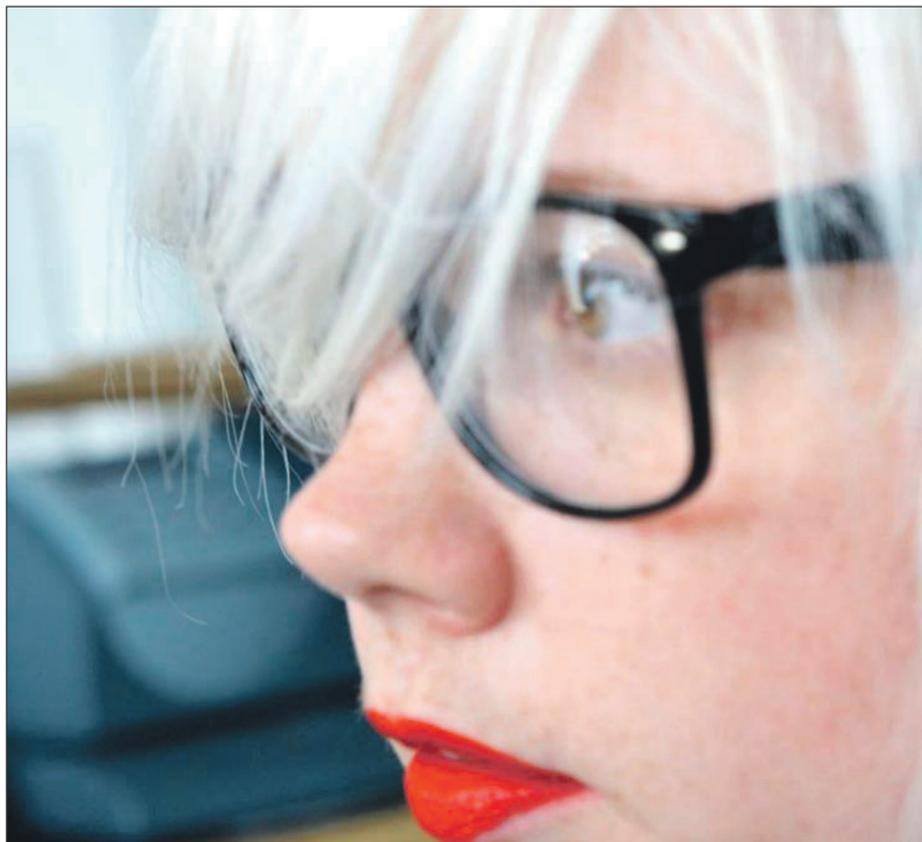
'The day I found out I probably danced around my studio like a crazy person for five minutes because it was such a great feeling,' said Eilidh. 'I started this year with a goal to get a mainstream press feature but didn't expect the cover of such a big magazine. It feels good to know that even with such a wee, start-up business you can achieve some big things.'

Eilidh explained that she had been long fascinated by the 1950s/60s/70s, and in particular, American retro styling.

She said: 'Whether it be graphics, adverts, signs, cars, packaging or furniture it's just got this 'cool factor' for me but I have absolutely no idea where it comes from!'

'It has really influenced my style, so much so that it's hard to design things that aren't retro inspired.'

'As far as the words go, I like to come up with playful sayings that get a smile. My Grandpa Dan and Grandma Irene were a real pair of characters and have always inspired me. They would come up with some cracking one



**Eilidh Rhead is the face behind 'Rock the Custard'.**

liners! I try to keep that fun spirit within my designs.'

Eilidh has plans to start growing her business and the second half of 2013 is going to be busy as she has signed two important licensing deals with companies that will produce her designs on home-ware products.

She added: 'It's an area that I'd really like to explore more, so it's a very exciting development. It's still early days for Rock The Custard but fingers crossed the success will continue and more doors will open.'



**The retro styled prints by 'Rock the Custard' are now selling worldwide.**



**Eilidh's 'Life's a Beach' print can be seen on the front cover of Ideal Home magazine this month.**

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**SUNDAY 14TH JULY**

### VINTAGE MOTOR CYCLE SHOW

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**A fascinating display of vintage motor cycles will be on show on the museum lawn.**

The Isle of Arran Pipe Band and local singing group 'Fish 'n Ships' will entertain during the afternoon.

Locally - sourced beef or venison burger bar.

There's always something happening at Arran's 'must-see' attraction, now in its 34th season.

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## Learning to look after new bees

New bees have arrived on Arran, the Arran Bee Group have announced.

The original 11 nuclei along with two additional nuclei for another two interested bee keepers have been successfully installed in their hives across the island, thanks to generous financial help from the Arran Trust.

On Wednesday evening there was a great turn out of members of the Bee Group in the Rangers Centre in Brodick where they discussed how they were coping with the new bees.

A couple of the nuclei had a few dead bees when they were opened prior to putting them in the hive and it was agreed that this would be monitored to ensure that they would be in a position to build up a strong colony prior to the winter.

With the introduction of the new bees it was considered necessary to find out a bit

more about controlling the varoa mite.

Graeme Sharp from The Scottish Rural College Auchincruive Beekeeping unit came to Arran and provided a day course on. Eleven members attended and it was considered an excellent course in identifying the varoa mite and how to treat the bees and keep them in a healthy condition.

Monitoring the varoa and how to treat and control it was very rewarding and assisted in reducing our concerns in dealing with the pest.

It is the group's intention to invite Graeme back in the winter to give a talk on swarm control.

New members will be made most welcome and if anyone is interested in taking up bee keeping we would be pleased to hear from them.

Contact secretary Willie McNish on wmcnsh@aol.com

• Do you have a story for **The Arran Banner?**  
Call our reporters on **01770 302142**

### Christian Aid thanks

Door to door collections in Machrie, Shiskine and Blackwaterfoot raised £879.

Thanks to everyone who gave so generously.

## Obituary



Walking the hills of Arran was Linda Murchie's passion.

# Linda Murchie

It was with a sense of disbelief that the island heard the tragic news of the death of Linda Murchie on Saturday 29 June.

Linda died as she had lived, with style, at peace with no fuss - it was her time.

Linda was born and brought up in Renfrew, in a family of three daughters and one son. She came to Lamlash to work one summer and there she encountered Iain.

After a short romance they married in 1975 living at

first in Park Terrace then after converting the byre they moved to Blairmore, next to Iain's boyhood home.

#### Full potential

Her children David, Shiona and Jamie were her life and all she wished was for them to be happy and fulfil their full potential.

Many will remember Linda working in Brodick Post Office in both the sorting office and counter but she is perhaps better known as one of the Island Registrars.

Linda was efficient and organised with a great attention to detail, she missed nothing as I am sure the family would readily testify. She helped many in a quiet business like way with their 'hatches, matches and despatches'. Living on Arran and with the family off her hands Linda's love for the outdoor life grew. She had always enjoyed golf, swimming, badminton and cycling but it was walking the hills of Arran that became her passion.

She loved the long days of spring and summer, up with the dawn, wasting not a moment of daylight.

She was never still, bookwork and housework done, fit as a fiddle she would head for the hills where she was happiest. Iain and Uncle Jim indulged her interests taking care of the cooking and garden.

Linda had a keen intellect, she resumed her studies gaining a BA in Mathematics with the Open University. She enjoyed Quiz Nights and

Treasure Hunts, more often than not being on the winning side. She loved to dance, her feet twitching in red shoes, desperate to get up on the floor to a catchy tune.

Through her numerous interests Linda made and kept many good friends. She had a great memory never missing a birthday, anniversary or what was happening in your daily life. In times of need she was the first one on the doorstep offering help and integrity in abundance.

In essence Linda loved life and lived it to the full. She has been cruelly cheated of many years. She will be remembered as a beautiful, elegant lady (oh those legs!) fit, full of life and energy.

She leaves behind a family she has every right to be proud of; Iain, David, Shiona and Jamie, their partners Jessica, Tom and Nicola. Granddaughters Karys, Hayleigh, and wee Eve Linda Maggie who joyously entered this world on Friday 28 June.

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Booking essential, numbers strictly limited -

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Meet at the reception centre 2pm

**Wednesday 17th July GLEN ROSA RAMBLE 1.30pm - 5pm**  
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**Thursday 18th July BRONZE AGE ROUNDHOUSE EXPERIENCE**  
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**Friday 19th July CASTLE SECRETS TOUR 11.30am-1pm**  
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# Progress at last in Albania

## 'House of Hope' is taking shape

As regular readers will know, Sue and Julian Davidson from Whiting Bay have been working hard in Albania to establish a daycentre for the disabled, while the trustees of the Valdete Trust continue to support them from Arran.

Sue has sent *The Banner* this update on the progress being made on the centre.

We've made quite a few changes to our building. We needed a kitchen, surprisingly not necessarily supplied in rented property here and a local tradesman did a really good job and of course at an amazing price compared to what we'd have paid anywhere else in Europe.

There was only a Turkish toilet, not much good for wheelchair users. Our friend, Shani, soon sorted that out for us giving us a good disabled toilet and a wet room so that we can offer showers to people who have no access to a bathroom.

Friends from our church came and painted the physiotherapy room which has basic equipment which can be added to later when we have

the money to do this.

Last Saturday, we had our sign put up on our building so that people can find us easily. Again, Valdete's father, Shani, was there to help put the sign in place.

Our centre is called 'Shtëpia e Shpresës' or 'House of Hope' in English.

The writing below 'Për njerëz pa aftësi fizike' means 'For people with physical disabilities'.

While waiting for the legal process to be completed we have been going out to visit prospective clients. This is not as easy as it sounds.

We went to the 'Bashkia' or town hall where they have lists of disabled people. These offices cover a certain geographic area so we needed to visit four of these offices to obtain the information we required.

Then we found most of the streets outside of Tirana don't have names, so no address and no phone number for most of the people we were looking for.

Fortunately our Albanian physiotherapist came with

us and asked for the fathers' names to be added to the list. In Albanian culture they use the father's name to identify people and the men go out and drink coffee with friends while the women stay at home doing the chores. It's a male dominated society.

It took us some time to meet the people as when we arrived at a house the whole family had to come and say hello with everyone shaking hands and greeting us like very important guests.

Albanian families are usually large, so these formalities were quite lengthy but their hospitality is so amazing. Even in houses where it's obvious money is in short supply, they have to give guests something and often a tray of sweets was passed around.

As you can imagine, in a poor country like Albania, we met families with tragic stories and people living in very poor conditions. This was quite emotionally draining. Driving was difficult as some of the rural roads are little better than a track.

Add to this temperature of



Sue oversees the finishing touches to the 'House of Hope's' sign.

around 36 degrees and you'll begin to see how difficult it was as we came home exhausted. Nevertheless, after a night's rest we were ready to begin all over again.

We now have a list of 36 people in the area near our centre. We have the difficult task of choosing who can come as we cannot accommodate all of these people immediately.

We're hoping to open in September when it will be a bit cooler, so look out for our opening day photos.

Meanwhile, the team in Arran are trying to raise funds to keep our work going and

would like to hear from anyone who thinks they could help in any way with fundraising.

Our contact number in Arran is 01770700265.

Thanks to everyone who continues to support us in this difficult but very necessary work.

### Gardens open for lifeboat funds

AN Open Garden Day is to be held in aid of Arran RNLI funds.

The gardens of Mainslea in Golf Course Road, Whiting Bay will be open from 10.30am until 4.30pm on Sunday July 14.

Tea, coffee and home baking will be available.

## Corrie kids create visitor guide



There is a rather unusual visitor guide on show at the Tourist Information Centre (TIC) in Brodick this summer.

The P4-7 children from Corrie Primary School have created their very own information display all about Arran.

Teacher Kirsten Picken said: 'Following on from their Arran topic, the children each researched a village and then wrote an interesting leaflet aiming to persuade holiday makers and locals to visit.'

'The TIC have said that they have had lots of lovely comments about the leaflets.'

The children's work will be on display throughout the summer. 20\_b28cor01 and 20\_b28cor02



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Arran's only physical link with the mainland is the two power cables which run from Caradale to Imachar.

These wear out and this week they were replaced very early on Tuesday morning.

Break in

Bay News in Whiting Bay was broken into last Monday night.

As soon as the thieves gained access to the premises the burglar alarm went off, warning owner Steve Girbow who swiftly made his way to the shop to find three men pushing off in a boat from behind the building.

Later the police picked up the men in Saltcoats but they were released pending further enquiries.

Farm for sale

Balmichael Farm is for sale and is being marketed by Savills International as having potential for a hotel, 18-hole golf course and chalet development.

Outline planning permission was sought for these developments some years ago and owner Colin Currie also proposed the farm land as a possible site for an airstrip on Arran.



Married by the Reverend Douglas Fulton in Lamlash Church last Saturday were Eleanor Jones, elder daughter of Melvin and Ellie Jones, formerly of Barrhead and now residing at Ferneze Lodge, Lamlash, and Kenneth Bone, only son of Jim and Cathie Bone of Glenkiln, Lamlash. b28twe03

Big ferry

Arran's new ferry, the biggest in the fleet, will not be that for long.

For this week it was announced that tenders were being sought for a newer and even bigger one for the Stornoway run.

Carrying 138 cars she is expected to cost around £15m.

Hotel reopening

The Greannan Hotel in Blackwaterfoot will shortly be opened again.

It was just three weeks ago when owners Michael Radcliffe and Barbara Stone closed the doors, and without a word to anybody, left the island.

Since then it has been shut leaving just the Kinloch Hotel to tend to the needs of the Shiskine Valley.

Its new managers are a company called Walker Armstrong of Edinburgh and, after a spruce up, it will be open again soon.

United front

Opposition to the new regions is uniting political opponents after it was announced last week that Arran is to join North Ayrshire.

The local Conservatives led by Edith Clarkson have written to the Prime Minister claiming that the region is incompatible - mainly because Cumbrae and Arran are so different.

MP Brian Wilson is equally against the proposals and is calling public meetings in all of his constituencies.

Bad driving?

A visitor to Arran last Sunday slightly damaged his car as he drove onto the ferry, perhaps through inexperience in following the loading staff's directions.

And who was he? Colin Paterson, chief executive of Caledonian MacBrayne.



A scalamobile has been installed at Brodick Castle to allow access to the upper floors for wheelchair users for the first time in its history. b28twe02



The Lady Jean Fforde, never one to be left out, joins in with the fun and games at the Strabane Fete. b28twe04



Jenny Campbell of Lamlash has her fortune read by Madame Mitzi at the Strabane Fete. b28twe01

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# What's on

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## Everyday

Trout Fly Fishing  
Brodick Castle, Garden Open  
Arran Heritage Museum  
Arran Brewery  
Arran Brewery tour

Loch Garbad, Boat and Bank fishing  
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2pm

Garden Walk  
Tots Tours  
Castle Secrets  
Cricket Practice  
Jackson Carlaw MSP Surgery  
Fete & BBQ

Brodick Castle, 2pm - 3.30pm  
Brodick Castle, 1.30pm - 2.15pm  
Brodick Castle, 2pm - 3.30pm  
Ormidale Astro turf, Brodick 7pm  
Brodick Hall, 11am-11.30am  
Corrie & Sannox Village Hall, 12.30-3.30pm

## Saturday 13th July

Army Cadets  
Over 21s Disco  
Karate  
Family Games  
Arran Dancers (4yrs & up)  
Brodick Rink Games  
Whiting Bay Rink Games  
Lamlash Bowling Rink Games  
Lawn Bowls  
RNLI shop  
Live Music  
Using Herbs Weekend Workshop  
Mini Sports Day  
Spinning & weaving Demo  
Hog Roast  
Heather Queen

Auchrannie Road 11am - 1 pm.  
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am-12.30pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm  
Arran High School, 10am  
Brodick, 2pm  
Whiting Bay bowling club 7pm  
Lamlash Bowling club 2pm  
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 1.45pm  
Lamlash Pier, 2pm-4pm  
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 9.30-12.30am  
Drimlabarra Herb Farm, 10am - 5pm  
Sports Arena, Kildonan, 2pm  
Arran heritage Museum, 11am - 4pm  
Sandwich Station, Lochranza, 12noon  
Lamlash, 1.30pm

## Wednesday 17th July

Coffee morning  
Hockey  
Tae Kwondo  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
Arran Brass Rehearsal  
Senior Badminton  
Yogalates  
Aquafizz  
Music Mayhem Class Parents & Little Ones  
Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy service  
Run Arran (Advanced)  
Northend Football Training  
Brodick Bowling Club Rink Game  
Shiskine Tennis Club  
Whiting Bay Rink Games  
Lamlash Bowling rink games  
AYF Film-making club  
Glen Rosa Ramble  
Vile Victorians  
Summer Ceilidh  
Ruth Wishart: Independence Questions  
Elderly Forum  
Summer fete

Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15-12noon  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 6.30-7.30pm  
Arran high School Kids-6.30-7.30pm Adults-7.30-8.30pm  
Lamlash Church Hall, 8pm  
Whiting Bay Hall, 7.15pm  
Arran High School, 8-9pm  
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am  
Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am  
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 10.45am  
10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30  
Auchrannie Spa Car Park, 5.30pm  
Lochranza, 7pm  
Brodick, 6.45pm  
Juniors 4.30-5.15 P1-P3, 5.15-6 P4-P7  
Whiting Bay bowling club 7pm  
Lamlash Bowling club 7pm  
The Cabin 4.30pm - 6.30pm  
Brodick Castle, 1.30-5pm  
Brodick Castle, 2pm - 3.30pm  
Brodick Hall, 8pm-11pm  
Brodick Health centre, 7.30pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, 11am-1pm  
Lochranza hall, 2-4pm

## Sunday 14th July

Alcoholics Anonymous  
New AI-Anon Meeting  
Family Games  
Fun in the pool  
Open Mic Session  
Cocaine Anonymous (& all other drugs)  
RNLI shop  
PHT Quiz  
Vintage Motorcycle show  
Sale of Furniture  
Model Soldier exhibition

Church Hall, Brodick, 4.30pm  
Call 601206 for details  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm  
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm  
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 2pm  
Ormidale sports pavilion, 2pm - 3.30pm  
Lamlash Pier, 2pm-4pm  
PHT, Lamlash, 8.30pm  
Arran Heritage Museum, 1.30pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 10-4pm  
Brodick Castle, 3.30pm

## Thursday 18th July

Village Market & Tearoom  
Senior Fitness  
General Knowledge Quiz  
Lochranza Craft Club  
Live Country/Folk music  
Weight Watchers  
Lawn Bowls  
Shiskine Tennis Club  
Yoga  
Bronze Age Roundhouse Experience

W/Bay Village Hall, 11-2pm  
Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am  
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
Lochranza Hall, 2pm  
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay 8.30-10.30pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, 5.30pm  
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 6.45pm  
Adults 6pm onwards  
Corrie Village Hall, 6pm - 7pm  
Brodick Castle, 10.30am -12noon & 2pm-3.30pm

## Monday 15th July

Quiz  
Over 50s Badminton  
Badminton  
Citizens Advice  
Senior Fitness  
Breathe Walk Class  
Table Tennis  
Badminton  
Volleyball Club  
Arran Junior Football Club  
Summer Bridge Tournament  
Brodick Rink Games  
Whiting Bay Rink Games  
Lamlash Bowling Rink Games  
Yoga  
W-Bay and Kildonan Church Coffee morning  
Arran Antiquarians  
Paintings Tour  
Summer Ceilidh

Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 8.30pm  
Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm  
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30-1.30pm  
Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am  
Kinneil, Lamlash, 5.15pm  
Corrie Hall, 6.30pm  
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 7-8pm  
Ormidale Park, 6-7.30pm  
Arran High School, 6.30pm for 6.45pm  
Brodick, 6.45pm  
Whiting Bay bowling club 7pm  
Lamlash Bowling club 7pm  
Corrie Village Hall, 11am - 12noon  
Whiting Bay Church 10.30-12 noon  
Brodick Hall, 2pm  
Brodick Castle, 2pm - 3.30pm  
Brodick Hall, 8pm - 11pm

## Friday 19th July

Aqua Fizz  
Yogalates  
Arran Youth Foundations  
Lochranza Kids Badminton  
Lochranza Adults Badminton  
Disco  
Brodick Farmers Market  
Active Buggies (Parents & buggies)  
Castle Secrets Tour  
Corrie & Sannox Coffee morning  
Recent painting exhibitions

Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am  
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am  
Church Hall, Brodick 7pm-9pm  
Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm  
Lochranza Hall, 8pm  
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
Auchrannie Road, 8am - 6pm  
Ormidale Pavillion, 10am  
Brodick Castle, 11.30am - 1pm  
Village Hall, 10.15am - 12noon  
Corrie & Sannox Village hall 1-6pm

## Tuesday 16th July

Pop Quiz  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
Youth Club  
Rotary club  
Streetly Dance pre school  
Streetly Dancing Classes P1-S7  
Youth Club  
Weight Watchers  
Junior Hockey Club  
Healthy Outdoors  
Run Arran (intermediate)  
Lawn Bowls  
Quiz  
Food and craft market

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
Brodick Church Hall, 2pm  
Kildonan Hall, 7pm  
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 7.15pm  
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 1.45-2.30pm  
Auchrannie Gym Hall, 3.45pm - 6pm  
Brodick Hall, 6.30 - 8pm  
St Molios Church Hall, 7pm  
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 6-7pm  
10am-1pm NTS Ranger Centre  
Auchrannie Spa, 5.30pm  
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 1.45pm  
The Drift Inn, Lamlash, 9pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, 11am - 4pm



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**Machrie Bay Golf Club**  
No game due to the weather.  
**Fixtures:** Saturday 13 July, Captain's day tee off 12.30pm. Tuesday 16 July, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary tee off 12.30/5.30pm.



**Runner-up Morag Gardner, left, with Lamlash Golf Club's new champion Sheena Murchie, centre, and ladies captain Jo Hastings. b28go101NO**

## Nine times as champ for Sheena

Sheena Murchie has won the Lamlash Golf Club ladies championship title for a staggering ninth time.

The final of the Club Championship was played on Monday 8 June between the previous winner, Sheena Murchie, and Morag Gardner.

The weather was fantastic, hot and sunny and themidgesonlyputinanoccasionalappearance. Understandably both ladies were nervous at the beginning but Morag won the first hole with a five.

Sheena hit back immediately by winning the second and there was never more than one hole in it until after the turn. There were some beautiful shots played by both ladies and Sheena was one up after nine. Both ladies were on the tenth green in two with Sheena sinking a long putt for a birdie which altered the pattern of the match.

Sheena's short game was excellent and the game finished on the fourteenth earning Sheena the Championship Title for the ninth time.

Magic twos from J McConnachie, HB McKinnon and A Napier.

Monday 5 July, Corrie Hotel Cup, teams of four players, all island gents for the stableford. Well done to Corrie on winning the cup on home soil. The Corrie team was J McGovern, B Rooney, A Crawford, and A Burke - well done boys.

Saturday 6 July, Commemoration Shield and Rose Bowl, 19 played. 1 G Percy 75-15=60, 2 D Logan 71-9=62, 3 J McGovern 73-10=63 BIH over P Moran. Best scratch A Napier. Winner of the shield G Percy net 60. Only one magic two from A Napier. Winner of the Rose Bowl was A Napier with scratch of 70. Best net score was G Percy. Thanks to all who sponsored holes and well done to Gordon Percy in his first medal at Corrie.

**Fixtures:** Wednesday Medal as usual. Sunday 13 July, Jack Logan at 8.30am and 1pm. Names on sheet at the clubhouse for the Auchenvere Cup played in August.

### Arran Golf Association

Corrie triumph on home soil. On a glorious summer evening to start, with the dreaded Corrie midges to contend with later, seven teams from the island battled for this year's Corrie Hotel Cup. First started in 1980 by Andy MacDonald the competition has been dominated by Lamlash with 18 wins, next come Brodick on five with the other clubs having two wins each, except Whiting Bay with a lone victory. The format has changed over the years but it is now a team stableford with all four scores counting. The teams should be made up of non Hope Cup players but the odd star do manage to play to make up a full team. This year the home team of Bob Rooney, John McGovern, Adam

Burke and Drew Crawford made home advantage pay to record Corrie's third win and return the cup to Corrie after 10 years. Sweep: 1 Matthew Dobson 39 pts, 2 Adam Burke 38 pts, 3 Donald Logan 37 pts BIH, 4 Pablo Moran 37 pts BIH. Team 1 Corrie 140 pts, 2 Shiskine 137 pts, 3 Brodick 135 pts.

### Lamlash Golf Club

Ladies: Despite the lovely weather only eight ladies played in the Fleet Cup Competition on Wednesday. The course was in beautiful condition and the greens perfect but despite this, the scores were high.

Morag Gardner won the competition for the second successive week on a better inward half from Jean Barclay with Ellie Jones in third position. Ellie and Sheena Murchie had the best scratch score. There were two twos, June Richardson at the 13th and Ellie Jones at the 16th.

There are still places available for our Ladies Open on July 17. As all keen golfers know, this is a cheap way to play a course and you have the added bonus of having the opportunity to win a prize at every hole.

There are also prizes for the overall winner, scratch, 1st, 2nd and 3rd, silver and bronze and fewest putts. The weather forecast is good although no guarantees are being given so come along and enjoy this challenging little course and enjoy the wonderful scenery.

Entries can be made by phoning Jo Hastings on 302843 or the starter on 600196. If you don't have a playing partner, we will do our best to find one for you.

Congratulations to our gents' team on winning the Hope Cup.

Fleet Cup 4; 1 Morag Gardner 89-18=71 BIH over 2 Jean Barclay 88-17=71, 3 Ellie Jones 87-15=72. Scratch Ellie Jones 87, Sheena

Murchie 87.

Gents: Thursday 4 July, Summer Cup CSS64. 1 Crawford Duncan 75-12=63, 2 Iain Murchie 69-5=64, 3 Jim Young 76-12=64, 4 Dougie Macfarlane 66-1=65. Best Scratch 66. Twos from Crawford Duncan, Ian Bremner, Stuart Cree, Neil Young, Dougie Macfarlane, Willie Currie and Norrie MacIntyre. Seniors Medal CSS 61. 1 Allan Martin 79-15=64, 2 Ian Heron 81-17=64.

Saturday 6 July, Tom Graham Open CSS 64. 1 Todd Jameson 66-4=62 BIH, 2 Douglas Pilkington 72-10=62 BIH, 3 Dougie Macfarlane 63-1=62. Best Scratch 63. Twos from Douglas Pilkington and Dougie Macfarlane.

Sunday 7 July, Hamilton Bowl (Bogey) CSS 63. 1 Raymond Burke 2 (Handicap 13) 2 John O'Sullivan 0 (Handicap 21). Best Scratch Ian Bremner -5 to Bogey (Handicap 6) and the only 2 at the 10th. Overall Winner Raymond Burke 0+2 = +2, Runner-up John O'Sullivan -4+0=-4.

**Fixtures:** Saturday 13 July, Frank Crum Foursomes (qualifying) make up own fours or Ballot at 5pm. Sunday 14 July, Jamieson Cup Final Round 9.30am and 12.30pm starting times. Monday 15 July, Entertainments Cup Ladies, Gents and Juniors. Make up own groups and see starter for times. Thursday 18 July, Summer Cup, make up own groups. Friday 19 July, Junior Open Competition - Make up own groups - see starter for times.

### Shiskine Golf Club

Thursday 4 July, Vice Captain's Prize, 28 played. Silver 1 and Scratch W McCallum 50-5=45, 2 F Miller 55-8=47. Bronze 1 B Cowan 56-16=40, 2 E Ker 61-16=45 BIH.

Congratulations Elizabeth Ker on winning the Vice Captain's Prize!

### CHURCH NOTICES

#### SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(in full communion with the Church of England)  
St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.  
**Sunday 14th July**  
Holy Communion, 11.00 am.  
Rev Paul Fletcher,  
East Kilbride.  
Coffee after service.  
ALL WELCOME

#### CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Parishes of North Arran:  
Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza,  
Pirmill and Shiskine  
Independent but working  
together.

Minister: Rev. Angus Adamson,  
Parish Assistant:  
Mrs Jean Hunter.

Worship will be conducted in  
the above churches at the  
following times, to which  
all are invited.

**Sunday 14th July**  
Brodick Church, 10.30am,  
Morning Worship.  
Corrie Church, 12noon,  
Morning Worship.  
Lochranza Church, 9.30am  
Morning Worship  
Pirmill Church, 10.45am  
Morning Worship  
Shiskine Church, 12noon  
A Service of worship will also  
be held in Montrose House  
at 1.30pm.

#### CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Kilmory linked with Lamlash  
"A faith to proclaim ~ a  
fellowship to share"  
**Sunday 14th July**  
Kilmory 10am  
Lamlash 11.30 am  
In both Churches:  
Mrs. Liz Clarke  
All welcome, including  
families; children's area  
Scottish Charity SC015072

#### HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Sunday 7th July**  
Sunday Morning Mass  
9.30 and 11am

#### WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN

#### CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(Scottish Charity SC014005)  
**Sunday 14th July**  
Family Worship will be  
conducted by the minister, Rev  
Elizabeth Watson, at 10.30am.  
Crèche facilities will be  
available in the Church Hall.  
Tea and coffee will be served  
immediately after the service  
Please stay and enjoy more  
fellowship.  
All most welcome.

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### ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev Vince Jennings  
**Sunday 14th July**  
11 a.m. Morning Worship  
in The Ormidale Sports  
Pavilion, Brodick  
Tea & coffee after the service.  
Wednesday at 7.30 p.m.  
Home Fellowship Group  
for Bible Study and Prayer.  
Contact phone no. 600222.  
Everyone warmly invited.

### ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Services as follows  
**Sunday 14th July**  
Shiskine 11.00am (Church on  
road between Blackwaterfoot  
and Machrie)  
Brodick 7pm (Church behind  
post office)  
Mr Mike Power  
There will also be a meeting on  
**Friday 12th July**  
at 4.45 at Shiskine Church  
All welcome

### ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)  
**Sunday 14th July**  
Morning Service 11am  
Trust Housing Lounge  
Glen Estate, Brodick  
Evening Service 6.30pm  
5 Glen Road, Brodick  
Prayer Meeting  
**Wednesday 17 July**  
at 7pm  
5 Glen Road, Brodick  
All welcome

### RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS, QUAKERS

Quakers meet every Sunday  
at 11am.  
For meeting venue ring  
- 830622, 820223 or 302779.

### SALVATION ARMY

House Group/Bible Study.  
Mondays 2.30pm.  
If you are interested in joining  
us please ring 810251 for more  
information.

### CAFE CHURCH

**Sunday 14th July**  
at 2pm  
in the Village Hall, Brodick

### BIRTH



### NAPIER

On 11th June to Findlay and  
Gillian Napier a daughter  
Lucy Grace and third  
grand-daughter for Iain and  
Maggie Frame.

### Brodick Golf Club

Ladies: Tuesday 9 July, Stronach  
Foursomes, 16 played. 1 Pat Reid  
and Janette Mc Vicar (24)67, 2  
Lesley Murray and Gege Kroner  
(23.5)71.5. Nine Hole Stableford,  
5 played. 1 Pam Holmes (13)16pts,  
2 Jennifer McArthur (12)14pts.

Gents: Wednesday 3 July, Summer  
Cup, 43 played, CSS 66. 1 B  
Jenkins (6)62, 2 G McCrae (6)63, 3  
A Wade (19)64, Scratch E McKinnon  
67. There were 10 twos.

Sunday 4 July, Club Championship  
Qualifying Round Two, 13  
played, CSS 66. 1 T Raeside (9)61,  
2 D Robertson (14)62, 3 G Hendry  
(5)67, Scratch E McKinnon 67.

There were four twos D Robertson  
got two.

Sunday 7 July, Club Championship  
Qualifying Round Three, 17  
played, CSS 67 'RO'.

1 W Armit (7)67 acb, 2 T Raeside  
(8)67, 3 I I Macdonald (7)68  
acb. Scratch G Hendry 74 acb.  
There were six twos.

McCarfrae Trophy (Best two  
Club Champ Qualifying rounds  
gross) Winner E McKinnon 136.  
Runner up T Raeside 145.

**Fixtures:** Saturday 13 July, Club  
Championship Final. Sunday 14  
July, Sweep and AGA Foursomes  
Qualifier. Sunday 21 July, Bran-

### Whiting Bay Golf Club

Ladies; Wednesday 3 July, Cancer  
Relief. 1 Jean Davidson 71(25), 2  
Marjorie Brown 72(29). Sunday 7  
July, Whiting Bay Improvements.  
1 Christine McLeod 74(22), 2  
Marjorie Brown 75(29).

Gents: Wednesday 3 July, a super  
turnout of 40 gents played in the  
Cancer Relief Competition, raising  
over £90 for ArCaS on Arran.  
Scoring was very good although  
the CSS stayed at 63. 1 Danny  
Head (6)59 acb, 2 Jamie Ainsworth  
(21)59, 3 John Simmons  
(11)60, 4 Scott Adair (5)61. Mal-  
colm Pennycott won scratch with  
64 and there were magic twos from  
Kevin Jackson, Gus MacLeod,  
Malcolm Pennycott and Jamie  
McKechnie.

Sunday 7 July, 17 gents played  
in the Whiting Bay Improvements  
Trophy, raising over £50 with a lit-  
tle help from the Ladies and Jun-  
iors. The CSS rose to 64 despite  
the sunny conditions and there  
was only one magic two, by David  
Brookens at the 17th. 1 Jack Sim-  
mons (17)61, 2 Malcolm Pennycott  
(0)62, 3 Scott Adair (5)63 acb.  
Malcolm Pennycott won scratch  
with 62.

**Fixtures:** Sunday 14 July, Ray-  
mond Curtis Salver. Wednesday 17  
July, McLintock Cup. Saturday 20  
and Sunday 21 July, Whiting Bay  
Open. Phone 700487 to arrange  
your time for the Open.

### Corrie Golf Club

Wednesday 3 July, 14 played. 1 R  
Logan 65-7=58, 2 A Napier 65-  
6=59, 3 A McDonald 69-8=61 BIH  
over J McGovern. Best scratch R  
Logan and A Napier 65.



Competitors eagerly await the starters gun as the Arran Half Marathon gets underway in Blackwaterfoot on Sunday. 20\_b28run01

## Half Marathon attracts entries from far and wide

Runners from far and wide - but sadly not many from the island - took part in the Arran Half Marathon on Sunday.

The Half Marathon takes runners around a 13 mile 'scenic' route starting from the harbour in Blackwaterfoot, heading up to Shiskine and before reaching the Machrie Moor and running back down into Blackwaterfoot.



The Arran Half Marathon is recognised as one of the most scenic running competitions. 20\_b28run04



Jennifer Emsley of Whiting Bay was the only Arran Runner taking part. 20\_b28run02

# Southend go back to top league spot

Monday night's football games saw Southend return to the top of the league after a decisive victory over Shiskine, while Brodick were defeated by an increasingly impressive Lamlash team.

Rivals Lamlash and last week's league leaders Brodick meet behind the high school.

The game got off to a very fiery start with challenges flying in.

Babbies MacNeil flew into a challenge and gave away a penalty which Grant Adamson finished to put the home team in front.

Grant then doubled the lead to put Lamlash in a comfortable position.

It didn't last long in the second half though as Greg McRae scored twice in quick succession to level the scores.

The score was looking as if it was going to finish level and the game was getting more aggressive with more and more wild tackles, then the ball got whipped in and Lamlash talisman Grant was there to bag his hatrick with his thirteenth goal of the season to take all three points to Lamlash.

Grant was also given man of the match by referee Andy McNamara.

In the other game Southend travelled to Shiskine and it wasn't long before the visitors took the lead through Elliot Smith.

Southend then scored another two through Nick Emsley and Lewis Kennedy to take it to 3-0.

Jamie Murchie was then deemed to have taken down John Murchie in the box but John managed to hit the back of the net with resulting penalty despite Stephen Judge getting a hand to it.

Elliot made the score 4-1 after the break and Fraser Anderson pulled another back after a goalmouth scramble at the other end.

Frazer Barr scored to make it 5-2 before former Shiskine striker Jamie Stewart came on for Southend to score a brilliant solo goal to end the match 6-2. Southend's result put them back to the top of the league.

Golden Boot Competition for most goals: Grant Adamson (Lamlash) 13, Archie McNicol (Brodick) 10, John Murchie (Shiskine) 8, Nick Emsley and Donald Park (Both Southend) 6. On Monday 15 July Southend play Northend at 7pm and Shiskine take on Brodick at 6.30pm.

## Shepherds gather for island dog trials

The Kildonan Sheepdog Association held their annual trials at Whitehills, Corriegills recently by kind permission of Mr Charles Fforde.

On a day that was perfect for trialing, not too hot but sunny and warm, the judge for the day was Iain McConnell from Tarbert and clerk was Donald Robertson of Blackwaterfoot.

The local class was won by Geoff Brookes and Shona from Southbank with an impressive 63 points.

Niall McMaster and Sweep of Springbank came in second and John Murchie and Sweep's little sister Midge were third.

Wullie Stevenson and Birch from Whiting Bay took fourth place and John Craig and his dog Tess from Imacher were fifth and sixth place went to Jack Murchie from Blackwaterfoot with Meg.

The McKeown Prize for ladies went to Jessie Main of Tayinloan with her dog Roy after she scored 71 points.

**Awarded**  
The Royal Bank Trophy was awarded to N McEachern with Chloe and Ann, Dunn Aluinn Cup to A Blaikie with Jim (dog bred by handler).

The Maharanee and Kinglsey Cups were won by Geoff Brookes and Shona while the

Princess Antoinette Cup for style went to John Murchie and Midge.

The McBride Cup went to John Casey and Dot.

In the open class Duncan Campbell from Argyll was a clear winner with his bitch Susie on 88 points.

He lost a few points as he made his way around the course but a clean pen and shed helped him to the top spot.

Neil McEachern and Chloe from Dunoon came in second with 81 points, third was John Casey and Dot of Tayinloan with 80 points, and Jock Welsh and Sam from Dalrymple were fourth with 78.

## Brodick Bowling Club results

Monday 27 May: Colin Adams and Ann Hollingworth (+11). Wednesday 29 May: Charles Hendry, Lavinia Hendry and Tony Wooden (+14). Saturday 1 June: Charlie Weir and John Lauder (+11)

Monday 3 June: Robert Crawford, Charlie Weir and Ann Hollingworth (+23). Wednesday 5 June: Robert Crawford, Jim Nichols and Ann Hollingworth (+16).

Monday 10 June: Charlie Weir, Ernie Stanger and Robert Crawford (+10). Wednesday 12 June: Charlie Weir, John lauder and Ernie Stanger (+20).

Monday 17 June: Tony Wooden, Charlie Weir and Jim Gourlay (+16). Wednesday 19 June: Charlie Weir, Sophie Corbett and Jim Gourlay (+1).

Monday 24 June: Charlie Weir and Lavinia Hendry (+10). Wednesday 26 June: Charles Hendry and Roger Peacock (+18). Saturday 30 June: Charlie Weir and Ann Hollingworth (+11)

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## Champion's prize for Lamlash rider

Eleanor Bone of Glenkiln swept the boards at the Arran Riding Club's annual Showing Show on Sunday to be named overall champion.

Under the watchful eyes of judges Shirley Justice-Vose (showing) and Fiona Hillis (working hunter), Eleanor and her beautiful Friesian Time were awarded the Bert Keachie shield and Champion title.

With 34 horses entered, the show got underway with two in hand classes, five under saddle classes followed by judging of champion and reserve champion.

Young Danielle Mutch and her pony Cadlan Valley Double Kiss were placed as Reserve Champion.

Danielle and Kizzy then proceeded to claim the Arran Riding Club working hunter trophy for the second year in succession, impressing judge Fiona Hillis and her assistant Gillian.

Danielle, partnering new pony Grants Town Unique, continued her winning form in the second working hunter class for riders under 15 years old, lifting the Parker Animal Feed Trophy.

The final working hunter class was dominated by champion Eleanor's daughter Hannah Bone, riding the only clear rounds on both Mum's horse, Time, and on her new mount, Tommy.

After Miss Hillis had ridden the horses and taken into consideration conformation and

manners Hannah and Time were awarded the red rosette and the Mr Frisky Shield. The club would like to thank judges Shirley and Fiona, steward and assistant Alan and Gillian, the MacAlister family and everyone who helped both before and on the day. Many congratulations to all our prize winners, especially to our junior members, some of whom were taking part in their first showing show.

Results: Overall Champion (The Bert Keachie Shield) Eleanor Bone (Time), Reserve Champion Danielle Mutch (Cadlan Valley Kiss).

Class 1 - In-hand horses 4yo and under: 1 Jen McNeish (Rockhill Anaman), 2 Eleanor Bone (Kissme), 3 Rachael Kennedy (Midtown Dominic). Class 2 - In-hand horse 5yo and over: 1 Rona Fulton (Dan), 2 Eilidh Blair (Dakota Lightning), 3 Yvonne Randell (Glantefi Cracker Jack). Class 4 - Under saddle 12.2hh and under: 1 Danielle Mutch (Cadlan Valley Double Kiss), 2 Daisy MacNamara (Georgie), 3 Emily Armitage (Iorsa Chantilly Lace), 4 Lizanne Dixon (Bolty Boy) and Kirsty Morrison (April).

Class 5 - Under saddle over 12.2 to 13.2hh: 1 Lily Currie (Little Miss Darko), 2 Katelyn MacVicar (Tilly), 3 Lucy Walsh (Rosie). Class 6 - Under saddle over 13.2 to 15hh: 1 Tracy Warwick (Grants Town Unique), 2 Lori Young (Cleo), 3 Eilidh Blair (Lucky Ticket), 4 Ellie Miller (Pearl). Class 7 - Under saddle over 15hh to 16hh: 1 Lauren MacAlister (Joseppi), 2 Megan McAllister (Alley), 3 Jen McNeish (Rockhill Triple Ace), 4 Janis Murchie (Island Boy) and Vicki Yuill (Velvet). Class 8 - Under saddle over 16hh: 1 Eleanor Bone (Time), 2 Hannah Bone (Tommy). Class 9 - Best Rider 10yo and under: 1 Daisy MacNamara (Georgie), 2 Rosie MacNamara (Beauty), 3 Kirsty Morrison (April), 4 Lily Currie (Little Miss Darko). Class 10 - Ridden Veteran: 1 Sue Tozer (Katie), 2 Lucy Walsh (Rosie), 3 Emily Armitage (Cadlan Valley Double Kiss) and Kirsty Morrison (April), 4 Kirsten Picken (Morgan Spice) and Eilidh McNeil (Fionn Star). Class 11 - Working/Handy Hunter (Arran Riding Club Trophy) rider 12 yo and under: 1 Danielle Mutch (Cadlan Valley Double Kiss), 2 Daisy MacNamara (Georgie), 3 Lizanne Dixon (Bolty Boy), 4 Lily Currie (Little Miss Darko). Class 12 - Working Hunter (Parker Animal Feed Trophy) rider 14yo and under horse not exceeding 15hh: 1 Danielle Mutch (Grants Town Unique), 2 Lori Young (Cleo). Class 13 - Working Hunter (Mr Frisky Shield) rider 15yo and over: 1 Hannah Bone (Time), 2 Hannah Bone (Tommy), 3 Eilidh McNeil (Fionn Star), 4 Lauren MacAlister (Joseppi) and Isla Yuill (Velvet). Best Rider in Show (Yvonne Kerr Trophy) Lauren MacAlister. Best Turned Out (Betty Smith Memorial Trophy) Danielle Mutch. Best Condition Horse/Pony Janis Murchie (Island Boy).



Overall champion Eleanor Bone with her beautiful horse Time, left, with reserve champion Danielle Mutch and her horse Cadlan Valley Double Kiss. 01\_b28pon01



Lily Currie and her mum Alison leading Little Miss Darko. She won the Under saddle over 12.2 to 13.2hh class. 01\_b28pon04



The final working hunter class was dominated by Hannah Bone, riding the only clear rounds on both Mum's horse, Time, and on her new mount, Tommy.

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Lauren MacAlister won the Yvonne Kerr Trophy for Best Rider in Show. 01\_b28pon03

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