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# Regrets at cancellation of triathlon

'Number of participants had fallen from 2,000 to around 200'

The Arran Triathlon has been cancelled.

This event was heralded as being the largest of its kind in Scotland, with an estimated 2,000 competitors assembling in Lamlash on 10 September.

But with entries standing at just 200, Encap Events have announced the cancellation of the event, citing the unwillingness of North Ayrshire Council to impose a one-way control of the road between Whiting Bay and the Ross.

Nick Scott of Encap said: 'This was the minimum condition under which we were prepared to operate the race, as to do so otherwise would, according to the detailed safety and legal advice we have been given, expose our competitors to an undue risk of accident on a difficult section of road.'

'We are not prepared to operate races unless we are as confident as we can be that our competitors and spectators will be safe.'

#### Approaches

'NAC should reflect on how it deals with approaches from entrepreneurial companies and ask whether it is an impediment to economic growth in

**REPORT**  
by **HOWARD DRIVER**  
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tourist locations such as Arran.' A spokesperson for NAC said: 'We have worked very hard with the triathlon organisers, the people of Arran, Strathclyde Police and transport providers in an attempt to allow the race to go ahead safely, with minimal disruption.'



**Nick Scott of Encap Events.** 02\_b29tri01

'A proposal to close the southern end of Arran for a large part of the day was not feasible due to the level of disruption and the organisers

were asked to come back with a further proposal.

'In addition, the estimated number of participants had fallen dramatically from 2,000 to around 200.'

'One suggestion of implementing a one-way system on the A841 between Lamlash and the junction of the C147 and the Ross Road (at Sliderry) for the duration of the cycle race would have required a major diversion of approximately 30 miles.'

'More recently, the organisers agreed to the use of the A841 without the need for a one-way system. However, they continued to request the partial closure of the remaining section of the C147 (round the Southend).'

Councillor Margie Currie added: 'I regret very much that the triathlon has been cancelled, ostensibly because of a refusal by NAC to close or partially close the main road between Lamlash and the Kilmory end of the Ross Road.'

'Rightly or wrongly that decision which I supported was made here on Arran. The precedent of closing any part of our main road network for



## Fun and games at Kildonan sports day

**Young Ben Worthington gets a lift from his dad Max in the piggy-back race at Kildonan Fun Week sports day last Saturday. Full report and photos pages 10 and 11. 02\_b29ki01**

a sporting event (in this case for 200 competitors) would be difficult to defend because of the obvious disruption to other road users by the lack of alternative routes and the length of diversions.

#### Sanction

'Several meetings took place between Nick Scott and NAC officers to try to find a way forward,

but in the end advisors to Encap were not prepared to sanction anything short of a one way closure in spite of assurances from Sgt. MacKay and our local officers that the race could be managed with marshalling on the day.'

Sergeant MacKay said: 'The local Arran Community Team initially advised Mr Scott on a

number of alternative routes for the cycle section. It is unfortunate that the needs of the event organisers and the concerns of local residents with regard to road closures could not be reconciled.'

Nick Scott has assured that all competitors will receive a full refund which should reach their accounts next week.



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# Disabled yacht rescued off the Arran coast

The Arran RNLI lifeboat was launched to assist the yacht *Imagine* which had broken down off the Cock of Arran on the evening of Wednesday 13 July.

Arran lifeboat crew had just arrived home from their regu-

lar Wednesday night training session when their pagers went off at 10.15pm requesting 'Launch ILB'.

### Engine Failure

It was quickly ascertained from Clyde Coastguard that the 26ft yacht had suffered

engine failure as a result of a fuel leak. Although there was no wind, and as a result no progress could be made by sail, they were being carried eastwards by the tide and had requested a tow.

Arran's RNLI B-class lifeboat *The Boys' Brigade* launched at 10.24pm with a crew of four and was alongside the casualty by 10.54pm. They quickly put a member of their crew onboard *Imagine* and set up a tow line. The lifeboat then proceeded to take the casualty to Lochranza where it was put on a mooring and contact made with the local coastguard on arrival.

Arran lifeboat then returned to station at 50 minutes past midnight and was refuelled and made ready for service at 1.25am.

Crawford Duncan, helmsman of the lifeboat said afterwards: 'It's what we train for; it all went very smoothly and the folk were very pleased to see us.'



Bill Cowell and new castle recruit Lorraine Hesketh-Campbell. 02\_b29cas01

## Lorraine takes over from Bill at Brodick Castle

Brodick Castle has a new Collection Care Officer.

Lorraine Hesketh-Campbell has taken over the role formerly held by Bill Cowell.

Bill has held the post of Castle Custodian for the last 12 years, looking after the

collection of valuable artefacts inside the castle. Now Lorraine is being shown the ropes before Bill and his wife Jane retire to their home in Kilmory.

However, visitors to the castle will still see Bill around the place as he will be acting as a guide in one of the rooms.

Lorraine comes from Old Meldrum in Aberdeenshire where she worked for the National Trust for Scotland as a conservator over 14 Trust properties in the north-east.

She said: 'The community aspect of island life attracted me to the job; I feel really at home already.'

Property Manager Ken Thorburn added: 'We are very lucky to have Lorraine join the team here as Collection Care Officer.'

## Police files Lamlash assault

As a result of an assault on Shore Road, Lamlash on Thursday 14 July a 21-year-old Lamlash man and a 46-year-old Ayr man were reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

## Breach of the peace

In the early hours of Saturday 16 July a 22-year-old Prestwick man and two Kilmarnock men aged 24 and 27 were reported for offences of breach of the peace and under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 outside Brodick Co-op. They were also charged with damage to property and drinking in public.

## Campers flooded out

Local police and coastguards were alerted by a member of the public at 4am on Saturday morning to flooding in Glen Rosa.

Ambulance services also attended the scene and 20 people who had become trapped by floodwater were rescued and found alternative camping areas.

## Gate stolen

On Sunday 17 July a gate was removed from a property overlooking Brodick golf course. Police request that anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of the gate should contact the local Community Policing team.

## Bench stolen

A dark brown traditional wooden bench was reported as being removed from outside Brodick Golf Club between 6.15pm on 5 July and 6.30am the following day. The bench is described as being six feet long and too heavy for one person to move. Police are appealing for information.

## Lambs to the slaughter

Donald Galbraith has contacted *The Banner* to say that while the Arran Lamb Company has ceased to operate the abattoir at Blackwaterfoot, as owner of the property, he has not yet decided on the future of the building.

He said: 'Neither myself nor the prospective new owners of the business have decided whether to start slaughtering again ourselves.'

'What I can say is that Arran lambs will be taken to Sandyford abattoir in Paisley as they used to be before we opened the abattoir (25 years ago).'

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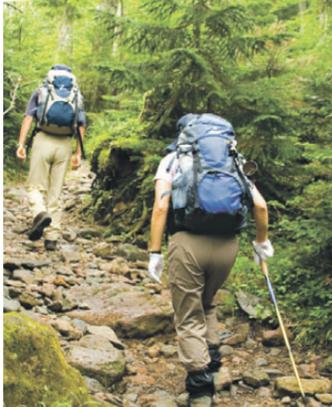
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## Big brother is watching

Two closed circuit television cameras were erected in Brodick last Wednesday.

They were fixed high up on two lampposts, one outside Brodick Hall and one outside Wooleys the bakers.

An NAC spokesperson said: 'They were put up at our request for a four-day assessment of traffic flow.'

'The results will help to decide whether a pedestrian crossing is needed near to the Alma Road junction.'

## Forestry road closed

The forestry road from the Dyemill to Hawthorne quarry will be closed for road repairs for three weeks from July 25.

Access to the forest road to Kilmory is from Hawthorne or Glenashdale. Walkers and cyclists are asked to follow any signs. Forestry Commission Scotland apologise for any inconvenience caused.

## Third time lucky for Kitty's leap

Kitty Milne of Lochranza has kept her feet firmly on the ground.

Unfortunately, the planned parachute jump by the sprightly 79-year-old lady has been cancelled twice.

But she wants to reassure all those who have sponsored her that she will definitely be taking to the air one day soon.

Kitty said: 'I travelled up to Glenrothes airfield twice, on 15 June and 16 July, but it was cancelled both times due to bad weather.'

'The tandem jump is booked again for Saturday 13 August and I hope that it is third time lucky.'

'There is still time to sponsor me for ArCaS and Cancer Care.'



Hazel Ramage from Clauchlands was presented with her gold Duke of Edinburgh award at Holyrood Palace.

## Gold award for Hazel

A young woman from Arran has shown she is worth her weight in gold by achieving the top honours at the Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

Hazel Ramage of Clauchlands received her Gold Award at a glittering ceremony at Holyrood Palace on Monday, July 4. Hazel, aged 19, is a member of the Arran Open Award Centre and enrolled in 2006. She is currently studying at Stirling University.

Hazel's Gold Award activities included assisting the running of her DoE group while taking part in leadership training and playing with Arran ladies rugby team. The award was the culmination of hard work and effort through all three levels of Duke of Edinburgh, Bronze, Silver and Gold.

To complete her gold award Hazel completed a four-day expedition around Balmoral estate and Braemar with a visit to Balmoral palace.

She also completed a week long sailing residential with Ocean Youth Trust Scotland through the Caledonian Canal.

'Completing the Duke of Edinburgh awards has helped me to gain confidence and able to apply myself to new and different challenges,' Hazel told The Banner.

'I would like to thank Jackie Stewart for starting me off with my Bronze award and helping me to complete it as well as encouraging me to continue. Also Amanda Hogge for helping me to complete my Gold Award.'

Councillor Peter McNamara who is responsible for Community Services, said: 'I am delighted for Hazel. The Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme teaches young people to expand their horizons, learn new skills and gain confidence and maturity – things that can help them as they progress throughout their lives.'

'The scheme is one of the most worthwhile ventures supported by the council and hearing about the hard work and effort that these young people put in to gain their Gold Award shows just how much it means to them.'

# RET set to benefit tourist industry

The introduction of RET (Road Equivalent Tariff) on Arran ferry services is designed to benefit tourists more than locals. That was the message from Jim Lees, speaking on behalf of the Arran Ferry Committee.

He also pointed out that the proposed fare reductions of 55.2percent for cars and 28percent for passengers would come off the basic standard fare, not the current multiple six-journey tickets. As a result, six-journey tickets will still cost less when RET

comes in, but not as little as £10 per crossing as suggested in last week's Banner.

Jim said: 'The people who will benefit most from RET will be tourists, especially those coming for a week. The present five-day return ticket means that they have to buy two singles, costing them more.'

'The whole point of RET is to raise the economy of the island. It has been successful in the Western Isles where the greatest beneficiaries have been tourists.'

A report by Transport Scotland says: 'RET has resulted in an increased number of passenger and vehicle traffic on ferries in the Western Isles, Coll and Tiree.'

'With 65percent of new travel by visitors, the tourist industry has been one of the main beneficiaries.'

'Residents have also benefited from RET, accounting for 35percent of new travel. This travel includes visits to family and friends and to purchase goods and services on the mainland.'

## All welcome at community council meeting

The next meeting of Arran Community Council is on Tuesday 26 July at 7.30pm in the Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick.

Items on the agenda will include waste disposal on Arran and roads.

Members of the public are welcome and contributions to the meeting may be made by prior arrangement with the Chairman, John Inglis.

## Path worker airlifted from Cir Mhor

A path worker who sustained a serious injury to his hand was airlifted from the ridges of Cir Mhor to Crosshouse hospital last Thursday.

The Arran Mountain Rescue Team were called out at 1pm after a rock had been dislodged and rolled back on to the man's hand causing a serious injury.

A spokesman for the AMRT said: 'Five team members made their way up to The Saddle from where the person was then airlifted to Crosshouse Hospital near Kilmarnock.'

'The remaining path workers were then accompanied down by the team members.'

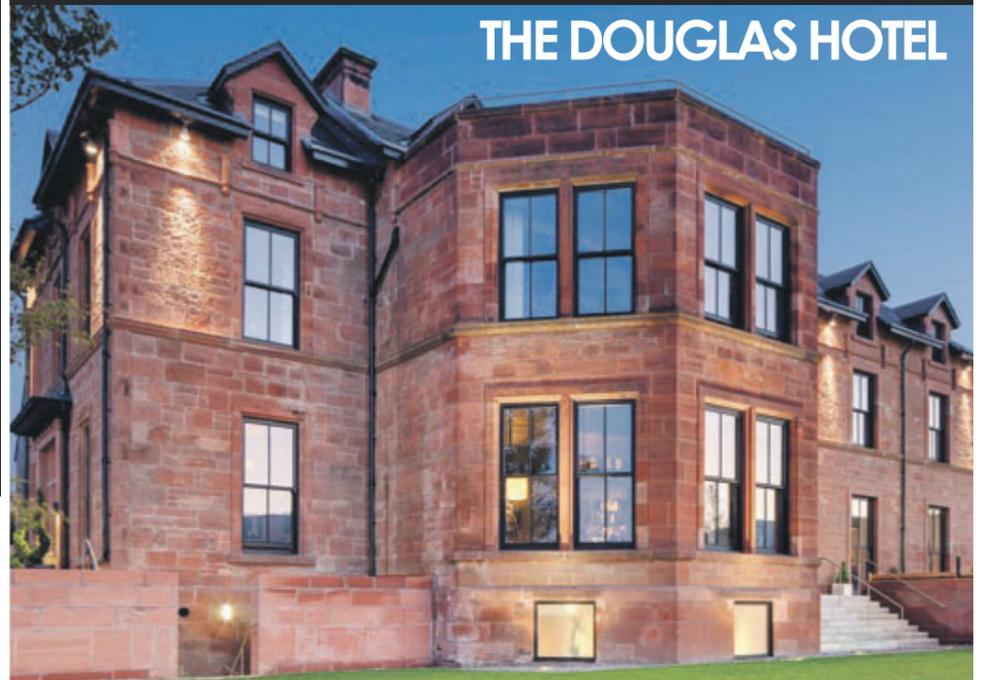
En route to Crosshouse the helicopter was rerouted to also evacuate a woman on Rothesay who has having trouble giving birth.

The injured man is recovering at home.

The evacuation from the mountainside was filmed for the Channel Five show 'Highland Emergency'.

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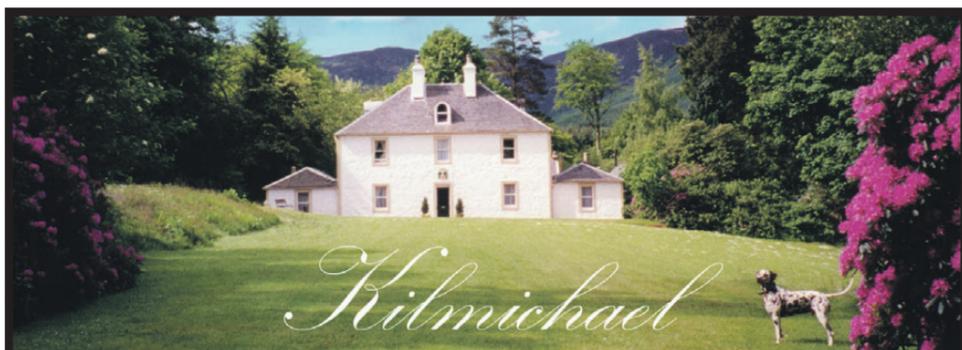


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# Children's Day at Heritage Museum

The annual special Children's Day at Arran Heritage Museum last Sunday was as popular as ever.

A truly family event, it was very busy, and none more so than when the Arran Pipe Band marched in to give a virtuoso performance in the gardens.

Among the attractions were horseshoe-throwing, model railway, chocolate fountain, spinning and weaving, splat the rat, soft play area, face painting, storytelling and barbecue.

#### Demonstrations

The Spin Off group were giving demonstrations of

felted and spinning, and Gill Butcher had the youngsters enthralled with the simple pleasures of weaving colourful remnants of wool on polystyrene trays.

The barbecue did a steady trade, and Café Rosaburn was busy serving teas, coffee and cakes.



Gill Butcher of Spin Off shows how to weave simple colourful threads onto a polystyrene tray. 02\_b29mus01



Boris Tulika of Shiskine tucking into a tasty burger. 02\_b29mus04



Jo Earle on pipes and Grant Irving on drums were part of the Arran Pipe Band performance. 02\_b29mus05



Jamie Cocker of Eaglesham was king of the castle in the soft play area. 02\_b29mus02



The farm tractor was a big attraction for young children. 02\_b29mus06

## Vikings prepare to storm Brodick Castle

Brodick Castle is bracing itself for an invasion of Vikings next weekend as historical re-enactment group the Swords of Dalriada return to Arran after a successful visit in 2009.

On Saturday 30 and Sunday 31 July the group will once more assume the role of an invading Viking force, taking residence in a campsite faithful to those the Vikings used when they invaded Arran in the 8<sup>th</sup> century.

In addition to a historically accurate re-enactment by the group, there will be various stalls and activities based around the lives of the invaders with visitors able to learn about everything from bow-making and arrow-fletching to the ancient craft of falconry.

Viking costumes, combat and cooking will all be on display too.

Visitors will also get involved in decorating a traditional Viking long ship, which will then set sail.

The event runs from 11am to 4pm on both Saturday and Sunday.

Ticket price is included in admission cost.

For more information about the Swords of Dalriada, visit [www.swordsofdalriada.com](http://www.swordsofdalriada.com).

## Camera found at Shiskine

A Fujifilm camera was found at Shiskine Golf and Tennis Club earlier this week. Contact Piet on 860548.

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# Sandstone seat unveiled for Lady Jean

The special sandstone seat made to mark the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of Lady Jean Fforde was unveiled in the grounds of Brodick Castle last Friday.

A small company of guests gathered on the lawns to witness the ceremony.

## Graciousness

Castle property manager Ken Thorburn introduced former Councillor Evelyn Sillars who said: 'Lady Jean has given service to the Arran community with graciousness and kindness, and I am very happy to be able to do something for her today.'

'This seat above the memorial gates erected for her

mother and father is most appropriate. She is a great lady, and this seat will be a lasting tribute.'

After the cutting of a ribbon, Lady Jean responded: 'Evelyn and I have been doing things together for a long time.'

'We've had a lot of fun working with the Red Cross. After turning 90 I wanted to give up being president of so many organisations, but they just told me I was president for life!

'I'm very touched by this lovely gift; thank you all so much.'

The seat was designed and crafted by renowned local

sculptor Tim Pomeroy. After the ceremony he told The Banner: 'I got the stone from a quarry at Lazony in northern Cumbria; it's a very hard sandstone and matches the castle stonework.'

## Contemporary

'I designed it to reflect certain elements of the castle architecture. In a way it is genetically related to the castle, but contemporary in design.'

This gift was paid for by donations from the wider Arran community

The seat is engraved with the words: 'This seat is to celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of Lady Jean Fforde. 2010'.



Lady Jean Fforde at the birthday seat with sculptor Tim Pomeroy and Evelyn Sillars. 02\_b29sea01

## No more Summer Serenade in Corrie

Organisers regrettably announced this week that there will be no Summer Serenade in Corrie this summer.

After 20 glorious years, this much anticipated annual concert is no longer taking place.

This unique experience, held in Corrie Parish Church of Scotland each summer, was created and crafted by the combined musical talents, experience and professionalism of George McIlwham, David Inglis, John Forgie, Jean Bowden and Angus Anderson.

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The Board of Corrie Parish Church of Scotland appreciates the efforts and support of so many people who have contributed to and supported the event over the years. Plans are already afoot to revive a similar event in future years.

## Whiting Bay prepares a week of fun for all ages

Whiting Bay is preparing for a week of fun this summer from Friday 22 July through to Saturday 30 July.

Instead of the usual day of fun, the improvements committee have decided this year to have a whole week of fun instead.

On Friday 22 you can test your putting skills on the spectacular links putting green, then why not join our lovely 'Bay in Bloom' celebration on Friday evening while you are here.

On Saturday the Fun Day includes a fun run for children and others beginning from the putting green at 1pm, Pipe band, Crowning of the 2011 Bay Queen in the park at 2pm, dog show, tea tent, tombola, car boot sale, haggis hurl,

barbecue, soft play and face painting, belly dancers, digger challenge and the unforgettable 'Bat the Rat' and lots, lots more to enjoy, so come and see for yourself.

On Sunday Whiting Bay Bowling Club will host the Fun Week Shield competition,

Monday evening is car treasure hunt night, followed on Tuesday by a family scavenger hunt and Whiting Bay Drama Club's Summer Play, 'The Farndale Avenue Murder Mystery'.

Express your artistic skills in the Beach Sculpture Competition on Wednesday 27, and then exercise the grey matter with a Family Quiz on Thursday, which will be fun for all the family.

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## THE ARRAN BANNER - on holiday . . .

Despite the lure of some of the world's top rock stars – Foo Fighters, Fun Lovin' Criminals and Arctic Monkeys to name just a few – these Arran youngsters took some time out at T in the Park to catch up on all the news from home.

Nick Emsley, Gregor Queen, Rebecca Steele, Elliot Smith and Connor Beveridge took their Banner to Balado Park, Kinross for Scotland's biggest music festival.

Since 'The Banner on Holiday' feature started almost two years ago, we have been absolutely overwhelmed by the number of fantastic photographs of our readers that have come through the doors.

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

### Photographs

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

When space permits we will continue to print the photos that we have on file.

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

# Antiquarians enjoy tales of 'Summer Sheilings'

Anne MacDonald of Glasgow, a member of the Association of Certified Field Archaeologists, gave a most informative lecture to 65 members of the Arran Antiquarians on 'The Summer Sheilings'.

She has made a considerable study of these features and found a site on Ben Lawers containing 300 previously unknown building remains.

A Summer Sheiling is an area of usually upland pasture used for six to 10 weeks in summer for grazing cattle, sheep and goats.

They existed from Neolithic times onwards, but by the 15th century were mostly confined to the Highlands and Islands.

Arran has many sheilings including at Glenree, Glen Chalmade and the Boguillie.

Each May the men and boys took the animals up to the sheiling and re-roofed the sheiling huts and stacked up the peats prior to use.

The women and girls arrived later with the milk cows, calves and horses, leaving the men to go back to tend the farm.

Although the womenfolk worked very hard they regarded these breaks as a welcome and jolly time.

They made butter and cheese, pulled the sheep fleeces, washed, dried and carded the wool, gathered plants for dyeing, herbs for home medicines and spun the previous year's flax.

A typical rental charge for a summer grazing area was £40 Scots plus a stone each of butter and cheese to the land owner.

Sheiling huts were first made of wood, but later were stone built, surrounded by a turf wall.

They had a fireplace, no windows, a door and several ombre (storage alcoves).

An area also had dairy stores, byres and a pointfold to contain the young beasts. Everything was removed after the summer grazing, even the turf rooves of the huts.

Sheilings were often raided for their bounty in time of famine, even to the point of murder.

Agriculture began to change, beef replaced dairy and many more sheep were introduced, making the summer sheiling redundant.

The larger sheiling huts became full-time homes until the Clearances.

By 1805 grazing rites were being refused and the lands became huge sheep farms. The days of the sheiling were over and their importance merely historical. ND



Anne MacDonald, a member of the Association of Certified Field Archaeologists, gave a most informative lecture to the Arran Antiquarians on 'The Summer Sheilings'. She is pictured with the Antiquarians' secretary, Harry Davidson.



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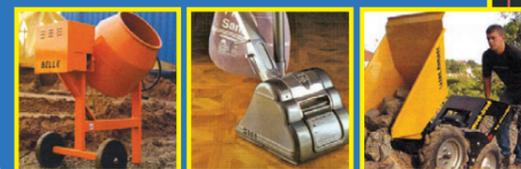
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# Relay run through Arran for leukaemia research

## 'We leave Arran with wonderful memories'

A group of children and adults passed through Arran last week on part of a special charity run from Land's End to John O'Groats.

On 9 July, 16-year-old Matthew Cullen and his father David set off from Land's End.

LeJog is a marathon relay race organised by Calday Grange Grammar School in Cheshire to raise money for the Alder Hey Hospital's Imagine Appeal in Liverpool for research into childhood cancers.

It's a cause close to the Cullen family's heart as for the past two years Matthew has been a patient at the hospital having been diagnosed with leukaemia. Despite this he has been able to complete his GCSE exams this summer in between chemotherapy sessions.

As Matthew is currently undergoing more treatment, he was only able to run the first

mile of LeJog, but he and his family are travelling the route with the other runners made up of students, parents, teachers and friends of the school.

Last Monday the relay team reached Arran. Due to complications with their booked accommodation, at short notice they enjoyed hospitality at Lamlash Bay Hotel, Glenisle Hotel, Lilybank and Alta-chorvie.

They set off from the Co-op in Brodick at 7.30am on Tuesday, passing through Lamlash, Whiting Bay, Kilmory, Blackwaterfoot, Pirmill and Lochranza from where they took the ferry to Claonaig, then onwards to John O'Groats by Saturday 23 July.

Tim Sinnot, assistant headmaster, said: 'Calday Grange Grammar School is very proud of Matthew, a normal, modest and hard working student who has shown tremendous courage during his illness.

'We wanted to demonstrate



The relay team from Calday Grange on the front green in Lamlash. b29run01

how a school is like a family, committed to all of its pupils and together we have put out a hand of support and friendship to Matthew to give him

strength. Fundraising started just after Matthew's diagnosis and in less than two years we have already raised £125,000 for the Alder Hey Appeal.'

David Cullen added: 'We leave Arran with wonderful memories of a beautiful island and warm and welcoming people.'

## Straight talking answers from NAC

On 19 October last year 56 people representing 32 local groups attended one of North Ayrshire Council's Straight Talking sessions in Brodick Hall.

The aim of the sessions was to give local communities the chance to comment on the challenges facing NAC and share ideas on how the Council could manage on a reduced budget.

Event organisers Liddell Thomson published a report of these findings in December, and now NAC has detailed how it is responding to the feedback from these sessions.

The 25-page document can be viewed on the NAC website.

Elma Murray, chief executive, said: 'These Straight Talking sessions gave us the opportunity to build more constructive, productive relationships with a wide range of people.

'The feedback received during the six sessions was extremely useful and will help us prioritise initiatives and projects as part of the long-term budget planning process.'

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wide selection of homemade cakes and scones, and for hungry golfers there is classic clubhouse food. Evening meals are served five nights a week and the dinner menu changes weekly. With extensive seating outside on the patio this is one of Arran's most fantastic spots to sample the culinary delights the island has to offer. Why not bring a bottle to enjoy with your meal - there's no corkage charge. Kids of all ages are welcome and a children's menu is available.



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# THE ARRAN BANNER

## Coastguard reprieve won't help Arran

English forests, the anonymity of rape suspects, the World Service, jail sentences, major parts of the NHS reforms and much besides: the list of Government U-turns is getting longer.

This week Transport Secretary Philip Hammond signalled another major retreat, this time on the coastguard service.

In December his department produced draconian proposals for the future of the service that would have left Aberdeen as the only 24-hour operational station in Scotland, with a second base at either Shetland or Stornoway open only during daylight hours.

This was all announced with what seemed like very little consideration of the implications for Scotland.

With its enormously long and hazard-strewn coastline, remote communities and inhospitable seas, the coastguard is a vital part of the country's emergency services.

Fresh fears have been raised this week that public safety will be put at risk around the Clyde coastline after it was confirmed that the Clyde coastguard, which has its main base in Greenock, is among those which failed to win a reprieve from Transport Secretary Philip Hammond.

This has major implications for Arran which in the past has been controlled by Greenock. Following a consultation, the government said round-the-clock operations would be maintained at Aberdeen, Shetland and Stornoway.

Mr Hammond said the changes were designed to deliver a 'resilient coastguard service, fit for the 21st century', but opposition MPs accused him of risking public safety.

This means that in the future if you call the coastguard from Arran it is likely you will be speaking to someone in the extreme north of the country.

Many will argue that in this day and age these stations have the superior equipment and technology needed to help them guide their men to a casualty.

But without real knowledge of the area how can this system really work?

While it is good news that both Stornoway and Shetland Coastguard stations have been saved, there remains concern over those stations that are due to close and for individual job prospects.

The biggest worry will be the lack of local knowledge and how incident handovers from a day station to a 24-hour station will work if there are communication problems.

Sad as it may seem, despite this U-turn, the coastguard is just another casualty of the economic recession – and it looks as though these cuts are just the beginning of very difficult times ahead.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'The everlasting God gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.' (Isaiah 40: 29,31)

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## Letters to the Editor



### Medical care praised

Sir,  
My family and I have just returned from our annual three-week trip to Blackwaterfoot and at last we were blessed with fantastic weather which made for a wonderful golfing, tennis and beach holiday.

Sadly after our first week my mother, Do Cleat, became quite ill.

A phone call was made to the hospital at Lamlash and we were quickly put in touch with Dr Angus Campbell who said to come straight over.

Her treatment by all involved was quick and professional not to mention kind and sympathetic.

She stayed for two days before being transferred to the Western Infirmary and is steadily improving.

Many thanks from all my family to all involved at Shiskine Health Centre and Lamlash War Memorial Hospital.

Yours,  
**John Cleat**  
**Glenthorne**  
**Port Glasgow Rd**  
**Kilmacolm**

### Car nonsense

Sir,  
I write with some trepidation in response to your Road Equivalent Tariff report. But Adam Smith must be spinning in his grave.

It's beyond my ken why:

- When car use and ownership has begun to fall, Scottish politicians who are otherwise so ready to pontificate on green matters, should even consider RET subsidies to cars ferried to and from Arran

- The young, poor and old, who all own fewer cars per head, should pay towards this subsidy through their taxes

- Anyone should think it's the role of the impoverished public purse and taxpayer to subsidise the journeys of car drivers, be they based on Arran or elsewhere, to load up their vehicles with off-island goods. If the Scottish public purse is better-heeled than we're led to believe then perhaps it should return funds to taxpayers to use as they wish

- The demand from the very

thing that fills full sailings – cars – should be further subsidised to prompt the need for yet further sailings, a bigger boat or both.

There may be a case for looking again at foot passenger and freight fares.

Indeed I'm sure that Mr O'Leary at Ryanair has some lessons on widening the range of prices on offer by CalMac to better reflect supply and demand.

But I remain hopeful that Adam Smith's invisible hand will surely deliver this risible RET proposal for cars the knockout blow it deserves.

Yours,  
**Nigel Armstrong**  
**3 Largiemeanoch**  
**Whiting Bay**

### The bus now leaving...!

Sir,  
I refer to the letter in last week's Banner from Mrs Elizabeth Ross complaining that the X36 coach due to depart from Ardrossan Harbour for Glasgow at 0927 on July 5 left ahead of schedule at 0913.

This is not the case and the bus, which the lady observed, was in fact the 0750 arrival from Glasgow which was on time.

It had had to return to the nearby depot for a crew change in readiness for the scheduled departure at 0927.

The coach left on time at 0927.

We introduced this journey having being approached on many occasions by local people from Arran and erroneous comments such as those from Mrs Ross could well dissuade potential passengers from using the service.

Yours,  
**George Connell**  
**Customer services manager**  
**Stagecoach**

### Fete success

Sir,  
May I use your columns to thank all members, friends and visitors who worked tirelessly to make the Corrie Church Fete such a success.

A special thank you to all the businesses that contributed donations and prizes, we are most grateful for your support.

Once again the weather was kind to us and all had a successful and enjoyable day.

Yours,  
**Anne Pringle**  
**Session clerk**  
**Corrie Parish Church of Scotland**

### Arran Resilience funding

Sir,  
May I take this opportunity to thank the Arran community for their support of Arran Rotary's fundraising for the Arran Resilience Project, in the Co-op last Saturday.

In raising over £400, this will help us to achieve one of our goals to ensure that every emergency responder is equipped with a pocket resuscitation mask.

Arran Resilience aims to bring the local emergency services together in order that shared training can take place, and responses can be planned for more complex incidents.

We are likely to require further fundraising for this completely cost-neutral and voluntary initiative.

We will shortly be launching a website at [www.aimcare.org.uk](http://www.aimcare.org.uk) which may be of interest to your readers.

Many thanks again for this generous support.

Yours,  
**Dr David Hogg**  
**Brodick Health Centre**

### Super-fast mail

Sir,  
Do you remember the old days when we had the GPO delivering all of our mail and parcels?

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I had a letter simply addressed to Rita Salmon, Isle of Arran, Scotland from a friend in Holland.

It was through my letterbox three days after the date of posting.

And then the powers that be decided things needed changing, so the system was broken up in a similar way as British Rail among other well established and trusted companies, in the name of efficiency and economy.

But wonderful as the GPO was, it never in my experience created the miracle of the communication I received on Saturday 16 July, seven days before it was franked on 22 July. I received a letter seven days before it was posted – how good is that?

Yours,  
**Rita Salmon**  
**Bracklinn, Corrie**



Nell Gregory and Kenny Whitelaw were married on Saturday 14 May in Milton of Campsie. Nell was brought up on Arran and her husband Kenny grew up in South Africa. They honeymooned on the Island of Kos, and now live in Glasgow. They enjoy regular visits to family on Arran.

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## Dylan to help with bag pack for RDA

Dylan the Shetland pony will be on hand at Brodick Co-op from 1pm this Saturday 23 July.

He will be helping volunteers and riders with a bag packing session to raise funds for Arran Riding for the Disabled.

We have been assured by RDA chairperson Janis Heaney that this year Dylan will not be allowed to help himself to shoppers' carrots.

## Annual Arran Visual Arts exhibition

The annual summer exhibition by Arran Visual Arts group will be in Lochranza village hall from Saturday 30 July to Thursday 4 August. Opening hours are from 10.30am to 5pm, closing at 4pm on the Thursday.

The Art in Mind raffle draw will take place at 3pm on Thursday 4 August.

## Funds raised for SSPCA

The Arran branch of the Scottish Society for the Protection of Animals are delighted to report that £756 was collected on board the MV Caledonian Isles on Saturday.

Thanks are due to CalMac, the crew of the ferry, our volunteers and, of course, the passengers – local and visitor – who gave so generously.

# Fish to take to the stage in Whiting Bay concert

## Warm up band for the concert will be local group The Usual Suspects

One of the UK's top singer/songwriters will be performing on Arran next month.

Derek W Dick, better known as Fish will be on stage in Whiting Bay Hall on Wednesday 17 August.

He is currently on a six-venue concert tour in Italy, but in August is setting out on a west coast of Scotland tour, taking in concerts in Arran, Oban, Dunoon and Tobermory.

Renowned as a vocalist, lyricist and actor, he was the lead singer with top band Marillion from 1981 to 1988 before embarking on a successful solo career.

Fish has appeared on The Old Grey Whistle Test, Top of the Pops, Never Mind The Buzzcocks and numerous other television shows. He will be accompanied on stage by Frank Usher on guitar and Foss Paterson on keyboards.

Jon Hollingworth of Machrie is the leading light of local promoters Arran Events.

He told The Banner: 'In February this year, I received an email out of the blue from Fish asking me to call him to discuss his proposed High-

lands & Islands tour. He was getting frustrated trying to find a decent promoter to take on these gigs and was having difficulty getting anyone to call him back!

'I made a few phone calls as I've done a lot of sailing up the West Coast of Scotland and suggested a few venues for him – I was determined to make this happen having been a long time fan of his music and was delighted when everything fell into place and he confirmed his gig with us here on Arran for 17 August.

'He will also hopefully meet up with the team at COAST (Community of Arran Seabed Trust) on his visit, as marine conservation has become very important to him (quite apt really with a name like that) and we are delighted that members of COAST are working with us and stewarding this event.'

Whiting Bay Golf Club will be running a bar, and tickets are on-sale from the website ([www.arranevents.com](http://www.arranevents.com)) or from Brodick and Whiting Bay Post Offices and are selling fast.



Fish will be on stage in Whiting Bay. b29fish01

Warm-up band for the concert will be top local group The Usual Suspects with Jon Hollingworth on keyboards, Andy Surridge on guitar, Andy McCallum on bass and Robin Fisher on drums. And the boys may just get a chance to join Fish on stage later, but that's a big secret, so we won't mention it yet.

Jon added: 'I know I always say this, but I would urge people to buy theirs sooner rather than later – don't miss this!'

## Garden club members encouraged to enter show

The Garden Club met on a beautiful summer evening in June to enjoy their Mid-summer Social and Plant Sale.

Mr Colin Totty the Head Gardner from Brodick Castle was our guest speaker who entertained us with a fascinating insight into the specialised world of the Horticultural Show.

Colin encouraged us to support the Summer Show and gave us excellent tips on the best way to display our entries.

Mr John Sillars, President of the Arran Horticultural Society gave a vote of thanks to Colina.

The Show is on Wednesday 10 August at the Lamplash High

School. Schedules will soon be available in all Post Offices and the library.

The next Garden Club evening meeting is on Thursday 28 July at 7.30pm in the Ranger Centre, Brodick Castle.

The local florist Eleanor McCue will be giving a talk on summer flower arranging.

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**Molly McLean beat Susie Miller in a vigorous pillow fight.** 02\_b29kil07

# Kildonan Fun Week

The 25<sup>th</sup> annual Kildonan Fun Week came to a close last Saturday with the traditional mini sports day at Craighend Stadium. Races and games for the young and not-so young kept the crowd entertained all afternoon while Rory Cowan did a roar-

ing trade in tasty burgers. Davie Thomas and Ronnie Mann organised the races and kept order in the popular pillow fight, while Steve Kelly presented prizes and took down results. David Black won the road race on Monday night.



**Above:** Max Cumming won the 100 metres 13 to 15 years race. 02\_b29kil06



**Right:** Gregor Gilchrist came first in the 100 metres 11 to 12 years race. 02\_b29kil05

## WHITING BAY FUN WEEK 2011

### Friday 22nd July

#### GRAND PUTTING COMPETITION

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### Saturday 23rd July

#### FUN IN THE PARK

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### Tuesday 26th July

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### Wednesday 27th

#### BEACH SCULPTURE

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### Thursday 28th

#### MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT FAMILY QUIZ

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### Friday 29th

#### TRACTOR PULL and TUG of WAR

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### Saturday 30th

#### RAFT RACE & BBQ

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## Summer delights at Rowan Singers concert

In Lamlash's community theatre on Friday night an appreciative audience was presented with yet another example of The Rowan Singers' ability to entertain with a high quality performance.

A stirring opening was made with a spirited rendition of 'Scots Wha Hae' which set the tone of the evening.

The varied first half included songs by Ivor Novello, Rutter, Irving Berlin and Steve Zegree.

These choral pieces were interspersed with items from Isobel Thomson and harmonious Senior Moments.

The guest flautist, Kerri Caulder, delighted the audience with an excellent ren-

dition of a Mancini/Mercer medley – the high quality of her playing matched her high academic qualifications.

In the second half of the programme there was a very well presented humorous rendition as a duet of 'The Owl and the Pussycat' from Isobel Thomson and John Cruickshank.

The flautist had two appearances in this half and was especially memorable for her rendition of Aria and Chanson from Suite Antique.

The choir's varied pieces

'Tumbalalaika' and the spirituals 'Ready to Ride' and 'Were you There' led on to a lively finale of 'Cachuca' from the Gondoliers.

Thank you to Douglas, the accompanist for the choir, to the choir members who sang so well and of course to Diana, choir conductor and accompanist for visiting Kerrie Calder and to all those unseen helpers.

My sincere thanks to all for a most entertaining evening – more again, please next year!  
GMC

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Road racer Molly McLean takes a welcome drink from Lynne Kelly who had once again come all the way from Stafford to help out at the fun week. **b29roa02**



David Black, centre, won the Kildonan Fun Week road race on Monday night. **b29roa01**



Finlay Dixon and Jessica Miller had a close finish in the eight to 10-year-olds 75 metre race. **02\_b29kil04**



The pillow fight was one of the most popular events. **02\_b29kil08**



Hanging on tight in the pillow fight. **02\_b29kil09**



Ben Worthington won the under fives 30 metres race. **02\_b29kil02**



Finlay Dixon won this bout on the slippy pole. **02\_b29kil10**



First in the five to seven years 50 metres was Mhairi Thomas. **02\_b29kil03**

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Elaine and Charlie Wood. b29ela01

## New children's book by former islander

Former Blackwaterfoot residents, Elaine and Charlie Wood are happy to announce the birth of Elaine's brain-child, 'Scrapper Jack'.

This is a children's book, Elaine's first, and features 'Seven Scrapping Stories set in Swaledale'.

Elaine and Charlie lived in

Blackwaterfoot for 16 years before returning to Yorkshire in 2005.

Now Elaine has published her first book and is quick to acknowledge the encouragement and inspiration that she enjoyed at the Arran Writers meetings here on the island.

She said: 'I thoroughly en-

joyed my many years attending the Arran Writers meetings and thank everyone for their encouragement and friendship.

'We lived in Blackwaterfoot from 1989 to 2005, both active in the community, myself with the Advice Service and Arran Homes; Charlie with Deafcare and the bowling club.'

Elaine writes under the pen name of Ellen Gee and her book for young children features Scrapper Jack and his spaniels Settle and Carlisle as they collect scrap metal in Swaledale.

The book reflects issues close to Elaine's heart such as deafness and disability.

# Redesign of the Arran health service

## The service review includes the provision of all medical services, both out-of-hours and in-hours

David Price, chair of the Public Reference Group, brings Banner readers up to date on the proposed Clinical Service Redesign of the Arran health service

The Public Reference Group was set up to lead and coordinate public engagement during this project. Given that there has been a lot of behind the scenes work going on without any public information we felt it was necessary to provide an update.

The service review includes the provision of all medical services, both out-of-hours and in-hours - at hospital and in the community. Arran GPs are fully involved in this process too.

In addition, consideration will be given to the provision of support to Care Homes on the island, palliative care to patients at home, support to people with mental health issues in the out-of-hours period and midwifery services.

The review will comprise the following phases:

**July 2011 - Current ar-**

**rangements on Arran:** A detailed understanding of where we are now, what works well, what services are provided by other agencies and staff, including the identification of key operational and clinical issues.

**July/early August - Service arrangements elsewhere:** Consideration of clinical service delivery arrangements in other remote and rural locations in Scotland. Could any of these arrangements be of benefit on Arran? How do Arran services benchmark with other similar services to support review process?

**August - Care pathways:** consider development of care pathway and protocols between Arran clinical services and mainland services to support sustainable service models including partnership options.

**Late August - Clinical service models:** as a result of the above, identify a range of possible service models.

**September - Option Appraisal:** if required, carry out formal option appraisal exercise to support identification

of final arrangements.

**December - Implementation**

Staff, staff partnership and public engagement is through the Arran Operational Group and the Arran Public Reference Group which was formed to lead and coordinate public engagement

A Critical Friend function will be established to provide independent advice, support the work and encourage consideration of a full range of options.

With regard to costing, the work will be clinically driven and must be safe and sustainable, but any preferred model must also be affordable and deliverable.

The exact process of public consultation is being discussed but comment on any aspect of the above is encouraged via phone, letter or email to: jim.nichols@aarancvs.org.uk tel 600611, by post to Arran CVS, Lam-lash, or any PRG member, David Price, Jim Nicholls, Brenda Stewart, Margie Currie, Tony Wall, Janet Lacey and Fiona Brown. DP.



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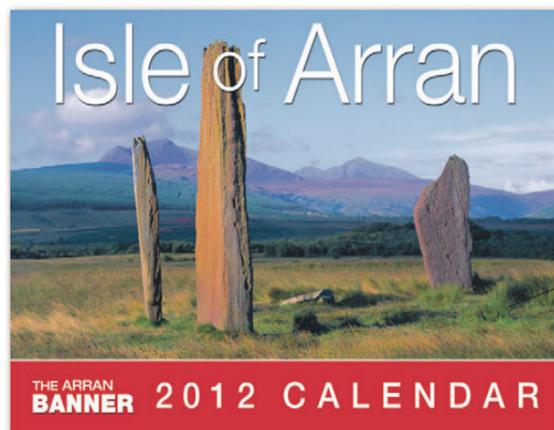
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## Ride a white swan

We have received a rather cute photograph of four young cygnets taking a ride on their mother's back in the waters of Corrie harbour.

Ian MacDonald and his wife from Larbert, Stirlingshire are regular Arran visitors and were amused to see the little swans keeping their feet dry.

Ian said: 'We had stopped earlier in Sannox for a picnic and watched the swans with six cygnets sailing past.

'Later we took this picture in Corrie of four of the cygnets now taking a ride on mother's back and have never witnessed this before.'



The four cygnets hitching a ride on mum's back.

b29swan01

# Riding club holds annual 'Showing Show'

An amazing 32 horses and ponies turned out on Sunday 10 July to compete in Arran Riding Club's annual 'showing show'.

The judge for the day was Mrs Veronica Martin BHSAI of Newmilns.

In-hand classes, with a total of six entries got proceedings underway, followed by the five under saddle classes for different heights of horses.

Jayne Faulkner's four-year-old Highland mare Erray Rose, shown in-hand, caught

the eye of the judge, not only winning her class but also going forward to take the Overall Champion, with Lauren MacAlister on her new horse, Woodbury's Joseph placed Reserve Champion.

Jayne utilised the undulating ground to best advantage in the design of her working hunter course, which required accurate riding.

In Class 11 Danielle Mutch and her lovely pony Iorsa Chantilly Lace rode the best round in the class to win the

Arran Riding Club Trophy.

A beautifully ridden clear round by Lori Young on her own pony Cleo in Class 12 allowed her to claim the Parker Animal Feed Trophy.

In the open class, four combinations rode clear rounds, and after judging the horses manners, conformation, type and freedom of movement Mrs Martin selected Janis Murchie and Actors Choice as winners of the Mr Frisky Shield.

Congratulations to all our trophy winners and to all who took part.

Sincere thanks to Mrs Martin for judging and to Caroline for stewarding throughout the day.

Thank you to Messrs A and C MacAlister for the use of the field at Shedog and to everyone who helped before, during and after the event.

### Results

Class 1: In-hand horses 4yo & under, 1 Jayne Faulkner (Erray Rose), 2 Eilidh Blair (Lacota Lightning) 3 Meagan Ashley (Benson), 4 Dawn MacAllister (Midnite Dance).

Class 2: In-hand horse 5yo & over. 1 Janis Murchie (Woody), 2 Janis Murchie (Buzz). Class 4: Under saddle 12.2hh & under. 1 Emily Armitage (Philheath Gay Georgette - owned by Tracy Warwick), 2 Danielle Mutch (Iorsa Chantilly Lace), 3 Lily Currie (Harvey). Class 5: Under saddle over 12.2 to 13.2hh. 1 Caitlin MacVicar (Tilly), 2 Lois Ashley (Tullibardine Zac). Class



Lori Young and her own pony Cleo claimed the Parker Animal Feed Trophy and Janis Murchie and Actors Choice were winners of the Mr Frisky Shield.



Jayne Faulkner and her horse Erray Rose won the Bert Keachie Shield as overall champions.

6: Under saddle over 13.2 to 15hh. 1 Hannah Bone (Lily), 2 Eilidh McNeil (Fionn Star), 3 Lori Young (Cleo), 4 Sue Tozer (Katie). Class 7: Under saddle over 15hh to 16hh. 1 Lauren MacAlister (Woodbury's Joseph), 2 Megan McAllister (Alley), 3 Erin MacAllister (Malakye-owned by Dawn MacAllister), 4 Laura Tulloch (Summer-owned by Dawn MacAllister). Class 8: Under saddle over 16hh. 1 Jenna Wood (Corrie owned by Diane Lewis), 2 Katy Thomson (Mohawk Mancha), 3 Eleanor Bone (Time), 4 Iona Augier (The Duke). Class 9: Best Rider 10yo & under. 1 Emily Armitage, 2 Lily Currie, 3 Danielle Mutch, 4 Lois Ashley. Class 10: Ridden Veteran. 1 Eilidh McNeil (Fionn Star), 2 Emily Armitage (Philheath Gay Georgette), 3 Lois Ashley (Tullibardine Zac), 4 Meagan

Ashley (Oliver). Class 11: Working/Handy Hunter (Arran Riding Club Trophy) rider 12 yo & under. 1 Danielle Mutch (Iorsa Chantilly Lace), 2 Lily Currie (Harvey), 3 Lois Ashley (Tullibardine Zac), 4 Emily Armitage (Phillsheath Gay Georgette). Class 12: Working Hunter (Parker Animal Feed Trophy) rider 14yo & under horse not exceeding 15hh. 1 Lori Young (Cleo), 2 Eilidh McNeil (Fionn Star), 3 Hannah Bone (Lily). Class 13: Working Hunter (Mr Frisky Shield) rider 15yo & over. 1 Janis Murchie (Actors Choice),

2 Jenna Wood (Corrie), 3 Jen McNeish (Morgan Spice), 4 Katy Thomson (Mohawk Mancha). Overall Champion (The Bert Keachie Shield) Jayne Faulkner (Erray Rose). Reserve Champion Lauren MacAlister (Woodbury's Joseph). Best Rider in Show (Yvonne Kerr Trophy) Lauren MacAlister. Best Turned Out (Betty Smith Memorial Trophy) Hannah Bone (Lily). Best Condition Horse/Pony Lacota Lightning (Eilidh Blair).

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# Over 300 balloons in a VW Beetle

Whiting Bay Nursery group ran a fundraising competition in order to buy more resources for the children to use and play with. They filled a VW Beetle car with balloons and charged £1 to guess how many were crammed into the vehicle. The exact number was 338

and quite a number of people were close, but no-one was spot on.

### Guesses

Esther Brown said: 'There were more than most thought, even though we had guesses from single figures to the thousands!'

'For the first prize of the RIB boat tour with Ocean Breeze there was a draw between two people who both guessed 340. A young girl from Shropshire called Rebecca Edwards was the winner.'

C Roberston from Glasgow took the prize of a £50 voucher for Eden Hotel, while Fiona Borland from Whiting Bay won the dinner for two at the Kildonan Hotel.

Freddy Bunyan from Brodick came fourth with a voucher for Arran Adventure.

Finally Anna Taylor of Kings Cross won the children's scooter which she has very kindly donated to the children of the nursery.

Esther added: 'This has been a fantastic fundraiser for us with 505 guesses all together and a staggering £571.55.'

'We would like to thank all those who have taken part and a huge thanks to the businesses that support the nursery, especially Ewan and everyone at Eden Lodge who went above and beyond the call and raised the most.'



The VW Beetle with 338 balloons inside it. b24bee01



## Janette enjoys a canalside seat

In a recent trip to Amsterdam Mrs Janette Head of Whiting Bay discovered that in The Netherlands outside seating is allocated according to age. b29mar01

## North Ayrshire Council cuts costs by saving energy

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Angus Bodie, Head of Infrastructure and Design for North Ayrshire Council said: 'We have carried out a great deal of work to reduce our carbon footprint. Our buildings are now much more energy efficient. We have also addressed other areas. Something as simple as getting our staff to drive more efficiently has saved money.'

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## Bird Notes – Stonechat

by Jim Cassels

Male Stonechats are striking robin-sized birds with black heads, white around the side of their neck, orange-red breasts and a mottled brown back, as shown in Dennis Morrison's photograph.

Females lack the male's black head, but have brown backs and an orange tinge to their chests.

Birds are frequently seen flicking their wings while perched, often doing so on the tops of low bushes. As its name suggests, birds utter a sharp loud call that sound like two stones being tapped together.

Their Gaelic name, clacharan, is appropriate. These are

not one of your skulking species of bird.

On Arran they are found in coastal scrub often gorse and also inland on heather-clad hillsides. Thick cover is required for nesting along with suitable perches from which to sing, display or use as a look out.

On Arran, the Stonechat is a resident breeder and a migrant. While some birds occupy their territories all year, both inland and on the coast, others leave Arran to spend the winter in southern Europe or North Africa. For example a bird ringed in May in Ayrshire was recovered in Spain in December.

In Scotland, Stonechat is at the northern limit of its European range and the influence of weather on its population and distribution is well documented.

Following severe winters the resident populations of Stonechat can be practically wiped out. This seems to be the case on Arran after the last two cold winters, when the number of birds being reported on Arran reduced dramatically.

However the species is a prolific breeder. The breeding season is prolonged from April to July.

Resident pairs are frequently triple brooded and migrants double brooded. From the

residual population it is anticipated that the species will re-establish itself, particularly if there is now a series of mild winters. Over this breeding season, please share any Stonechat sightings with me, particularly where you see adults carrying food or young birds on the wing.

Please send any bird notes with 'what, when, where' to me at Kilpatrick Kennels, Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot, KA27 8EY, or e mail me at james.cassels@virgin.net .

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On Arran, the Stonechat is a resident breeder and a migrant. Photo by Dennis Morrison.

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### Preyed upon?

Scientific investigations into the deaths of two golden eagles on the island earlier this year are complete.

And they are conclusive: one bird was shot the other was poisoned.

Dave Dick of the RSPB who was involved in the case said that it was a clear case of deliberate poisoning.

'I'd like to see whoever did it being brought to book,' he said. 'But sadly there is no evidence to lead us to the culprit but there is still a possibility of legal action being taken.'

### Lockout at cemetery!

The road to Sannox Cemetery has been closed to all but pedestrians.

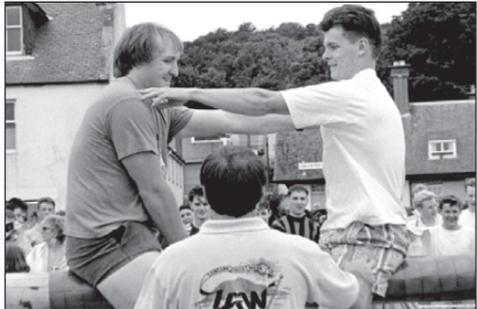
On the orders of Mr Charles Fforde the gate has been firmly padlocked and this has upset a lot of people according to the community councillor for Corrie and Sannox, Anna Logan.

She said that a number of people who visit graves on a weekly basis are rather infirm and cannot easily walk the 200 yards from the main road.



Alan Little keeps the crowds up-to-date with the goings on at Lamlash Gala.

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Euan McNee and Paul Jameson in the pillow fight.

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### Car crash

Three young ladies, one pregnant, walked from their car unhurt last Monday after it had fallen from the road onto the shore then rolled over.

The accident, which is believed to have been caused by a flat tyre, took place opposite Mother Goose in Whiting Bay at a point in the road where there is no sea wall.

### Sailing success

Lamlash brothers Iain and Graham Thomson secured their place as Clyde Cruising Club's offshore champions last weekend by coming third in the Round the Mull Race in their yacht Rhett Butler.

Covering the 100 miles from Inverkip to Crinan in 16 hours, the Thomsons have come first in two of the seven qualifying races.

### Stolen

Would the person who stole the 'Please keep your dogs on a lead' notices from Lamlash Playpark please return them.

They were put up for the protection of the children and one notice was paid for by public donation so we would like them back.

### Treasure hunt winners

Winners of Thursday's car treasure hunt at Kildonan Fun Week were Alastair and Hazel McKenzie.

The couple won a romantic dinner for two at Breadalbane Hotel. Becky Lacey won a compass as booby prize to make sure she can find her way home next time.



Les Mcllraith shows his disdain for the rubber welly-boot by trying to throw one as far as Brodick.

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Sharon Currie, the Lamlash Heather Queen, was crowned on Saturday.

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Coinciding with the Lamlash Gala Week, the Drama Club began its summer theatre show last Monday. This year they are performing two one-act plays - 'Where It's Due' and 'Stalag 69'.

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Nobody guessed correctly that Archie was at the Dyemill picnic area last week. This week he is contemplating taking up spinning as a hobby, but where do you think he was sitting?

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 Auchrannie Games Hall 3pm - 4pm  
 Auchrannie Spa Pool 4pm - 5pm  
 The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
 Arran High School, 10am  
 Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm  
 Brodick Bowling Club, 2pm  
 Whiting Bay Bowling Club 2.30pm  
 Lamlash Bowling Club 2pm  
 Sandbraes from 1pm

## SUNDAY 24th JULY

Alcoholics Anonymous  
 Alcoholics Anonymous Open Meeting  
 Family Games  
 Fun In The Pool  
 Quiz  
 Open Music Session  
 RNLI Shop Open  
 Live Music Folk / Rock / Blues  
 Whiting Bay Fun Week Bowling Shield

Church Hall, Brodick, 4.30pm  
 Church Hall, Brodick, 1pm - 3pm  
 Auchrannie Games Hall 3pm - 4pm  
 4pm to 5pm Auchrannie Spa Pool  
 PHT, Lamlash, 9pm  
 Bar Eden, 3pm - 5pm  
 Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm  
 Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
 Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2:30pm

## MONDAY 25th JULY

Over 50's Badminton  
 Badminton  
 Weight Wise  
 Ladies Netball  
 Citizens Advice  
 BreathWalk Class  
 Circuit Training  
 Table Tennis  
 Hatha Yoga  
 Summer Bridge  
 Rink Game  
 Rink Game  
 Rink Game  
 Quiz  
 Zumba Fitness  
 Coffee Morning  
 Farmers & Craft Market  
 Live Music Country and Western  
 Car Treasure Hunt

Lochranza Village Hall 2pm - 4pm  
 Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm  
 Hospital Bungalow, 5pm - 5.30pm  
 High School Sports Hall - Seniors 7.30pm - 9pm  
 Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 10am - 2pm  
 Kinneil, Lamlash 5.15pm  
 Auchrannie Gym, 6pm - 7pm  
 Corrie Hall, 6.30pm  
 Arran High School, 6pm - 7.30pm  
 High School Cafe, 6.30pm  
 Brodick Bowling Club, 6.45pm  
 Whiting Bay Bowling Club 7pm  
 Lamlash Bowling Club 7pm  
 Bar Eden, 9pm - 10.30pm  
 Arran High School, 6pm - 7pm  
 Whiting Bay Church Hall, 10.30am - 12pm  
 Kilmory Hall, 10.30am - 2pm  
 Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
 Whiting Bay, 6:30pm

## TUESDAY 26th JULY

Lochranza Swimming Club  
 Army Cadets  
 Pop Quiz  
 Alcoholics Anonymous  
 Citizens Advice  
 Youth Club  
 Rotary Club  
 Junior Hockey Club  
 Melody Movement. Ballet Class - 2½ yrs up  
 Dudes & Divas Funky Dance Class - 2½ yrs up  
 Youth Club  
 Rink Game  
 Music Session, Chalk and Cheese  
 Guided Garden Walk  
 Zumba Fitness  
 Scottish Country Dancing  
 Motocross  
 Quiz  
 Whiting Bay Drama Summer Play  
 Scottish Country Dancing  
 Zumba Fitness Class  
 Family Scavenger Hunt

Kinloch 11am - 12pm  
 Auchrannie Road, 7.30pm - 9.30pm  
 Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
 Brodick Church Hall - 2pm  
 Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 10am - 2pm  
 Kildonan Hall - 6.30pm  
 Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie 7.15pm  
 Ormidale Pavillion, 6pm-7pm  
 Auchrannie Dance Studio, 1.30pm  
 Auchrannie Dance Studio, 2pm  
 Brodick Hall, 6.30pm - 8pm  
 Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm  
 Bar Eden, 9pm - 12am  
 NTS Shop, Brodick Castle, 2pm  
 Arran High School, 6pm - 7pm  
 Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm  
 Southbank Track, 6pm (weather permitting)  
 Drift Inn, 9pm  
 Whiting Bay Hall, 8pm  
 Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm  
 Brodick Village Hall, 8pm - 9pm  
 Whiting Bay, 2pm

## WEDNESDAY 27th JULY

Hockey  
 Tae Kwondo  
 Alcoholics Anonymous  
 Arran Brass Rehearsal  
 Selt Making Class  
 Musical Mayhem Class Parents & Little Ones  
 Yoga for Every Body  
 Senior Badminton  
 Museum, Archives & Geneology Service  
 Aquafizz  
 Yogalates  
 Circuit Training  
 Rink Game  
 Coffee Morning  
 Rink Game  
 Rink Game  
 Dog Agility Classes  
 Live Music Country & Western  
 Family Ceilidh  
 Beach Sculpture Competition

Auchrannie Hall, 7pm - 8pm Games Hall  
 KA Leisure, Kids 6.30 - 7.30pm. Adults 7.30 - 8.30pm  
 Lamlash Church Hall - 7.30pm- 9pm  
 Whiting Bay Hall 7.15pm  
 Shipfield, Lamlash, 10am - 4pm  
 Auchrannie Dance Studio, 10.45am  
 10am - 11.30am  
 High School Games Hall, 8pm - 9pm  
 10.30am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 3.30pm  
 9.45am to 10.30am Auchrannie Hotel Pool  
 9.30am to 10.30am Auchrannie Studio  
 Auchrannie Games Hall, 6pm - 7pm  
 Brodick Bowling Club, 6.45pm  
 Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15am - 12pm  
 Whiting Bay Bowling Club 7pm  
 Lamlash Bowling Club 7pm  
 Sandbraes, Whiting Bay. 1pm - 2pm and 2.30pm - 3.30pm  
 Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
 Brodick Hall, 8pm - 11pm  
 Whiting Bay Beach Jetty, 4pm - 6pm

## THURSDAY 28th JULY

General Knowledge Quiz  
 Lochranza Craft Club  
 Coffee Morning  
 Table Tennis  
 Youth Club  
 Pilates  
 General Knowledge Quiz  
 Village Market  
 Zumba Fitness Class  
 Garden Club  
 Family Celidh  
 Family Quiz

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
 Hall, 2pm  
 St Molios Church 10.30am - 12pm  
 Kildonan Hall, 3pm - 5pm  
 Youth Cabin, Lamlash 7-9pm  
 Auchrannie Studio 6pm - 7pm  
 Kinloch Bar, 9pm  
 Whiting Bay Hall, 11am to 2pm  
 Whiting Bay Hall, 8pm - 9pm  
 Brodick Castle Ranger Centre, 7.30pm  
 Lochranza Village Hall, 8pm  
 Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm

## FRIDAY 29th JULY

Family Ceilidh  
 Quiz  
 Aquafizz  
 Yogalates  
 Over 21's Disco  
 Arran Youth Foundations  
 Live music with DJ  
 Coffee Morning  
 Village Market  
 Tractor Pull and Tug o' War  
 Dance with Live Music

Whiting Bay Hall, from 7.30pm  
 Whiting Bay Golf Club, 9pm  
 Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45am to 10.30am  
 Auchrannie Studio 10am - 11am  
 The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
 Behind Library, 7pm - 9pm  
 Bar Eden, 9pm - 1am  
 Corrie & Sannox Hall, from 10am  
 Kildonan Village Hall 3.30pm  
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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997**  
**THE ELECTRICITY WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT)(SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2000**  
**NOTICE OF SUBMISSION OF AN ADDENDUM TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT**

Further to the notice of an application by Ayrshire Power Ltd for consent of the Scottish Ministers to construct and operate a multi-fuel power station on a site adjacent to the existing Hunterston Terminal, Fairlie in North Ayrshire (Central Grid Reference 219227, 652428) under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989, and for a direction under Section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 that planning permission for the development be deemed to be granted. The installed capacity of the proposed generating station would be 1852 MW.

Ayrshire Power Ltd has now submitted to Scottish Ministers further information in the form of an Addendum to the Environmental Statement, which provides information on modifications to the proposed development and further environmental information in response to comments by consultees.

Copies of the Addendum and the Environmental Statement, which explains the Company's proposals in more detail are available for inspection during normal office hours at:

- North Ayrshire Council Office - Cunninghame House, Irvine, KA12 8EE
- Fairlie Library, Main Road, Fairlie, North Ayrshire, KA29 0AD
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The Environmental Statement and Addendum can also be viewed at the Scottish Government Library at GD-41, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ. A copy of the Addendum has been made available to North Ayrshire Council for public inspection.

CD copies of both the Environmental Statement and the Addendum may be obtained free of charge by emailing rxallan@globalskm.com or writing to Mr Ross Allan, SKM Enviros, 160 Dundee Street, Edinburgh, EH11 1DQ. Hard copies of the Addendum may be obtained from the same address at a charge of £25 per copy. The Environmental Statement and Addendum may also be downloaded from the Company's website [www.ayrshirepower.co.uk](http://www.ayrshirepower.co.uk)

Any representations to the Addendum should be made by email to The Scottish Government, Energy Consents Unit mailbox at [hunterston@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:hunterston@scotland.gsi.gov.uk)

or

by post to The Scottish Government, Energy Consents Unit, 4th Floor, 5 Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow G2 8LU.

- Representations should be dated and should clearly state the name (in block capitals) and full return email or postal address of those making representation
- Representations must identify the proposal and specify the grounds for representation
- Representations must be received not later than close of business on Monday 29th August 2011.
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## The Scottish Government

### Crofting Commission Appointment of Members

The Crofting Commission is a public body established by the Crofters (Scotland) Act 1993 (as amended) and based in Inverness, whose general functions are regulating and reorganising crofting, promoting the interests of crofting, keeping under review matters relating to crofting and any other functions conferred on them by Act of Parliament.

Applications are invited for 3 or more persons to serve a five-year term as a member of the Crofting Commission commencing 1 April 2012, alongside up to 6 elected members. Members will commit to a minimum of 4 days per month and will receive remuneration of £7,440 per annum. The appointments carry reasonable expenses (including travel and subsistence costs and childcare and carer expenses) associated with Board work. On occasion substantial travel may be required as Commission meetings are held throughout the crofting areas of the Highlands and Islands.

In particular, applications are invited from Gaelic speakers and representatives of the interests of landlords of crofts.

One of the Members appointed must demonstrate the ability to communicate in Gaelic, and one must demonstrate the ability to represent the interests of landlords of crofts. This could be the same person. For the avoidance of doubt, it is stressed that applications from persons with neither of these abilities are also invited.

The Members' role at Board meetings and on other occasions involves:

- Ensuring that Ministerial policies and priorities are reflected in Board decisions and the overall strategic direction of the Crofting Commission.
  - Ensuring that the Crofting Commission has policies in place to deliver fair, reasonable and transparent decisions on regulatory matters affecting crofters and their landlords.
  - Deciding on difficult regulatory casework and develop procedures for delegation of casework.
  - Ensuring compliance with all statutory requirements relevant to the business of the Crofting Commission.
  - Ensuring appropriate standards of corporate governance in the work of the Board and the organisation as a whole, including observance of collective responsibility for Board decisions.
- You will be required to demonstrate:
- Knowledge and understanding of crofting tenure and issues.
  - Knowledge, and practice if possible, of the principles of public life and the requirements of effective corporate governance.
  - Highly effective communication skills, including the ability to work as part of a team, used internally and externally to carry out the functions of the Commission.
  - Ability to work effectively on strategic and specific policies and priority setting within a regulatory framework; and to take decisions accordingly, with sound analytical and problem solving skills.
  - Commitment to delivery of National Outcomes promoting the occupation and use of land and shared management of communal resources.
  - Ability to operate in a politically sensitive environment.

Closing date for applications is Tuesday 9 August 2011.

For an application pack and full details on this and other public appointments please visit the dedicated public appointments website: [www.appointed-for-scotland.org](http://www.appointed-for-scotland.org)

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Brodict 7pm

**SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

(in full communion with the Church of England)  
St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.  
**Sunday 24 July**  
Holy Communion, 11am.  
Rev'd Adrian Fallows, Glencoe.  
Coffee and after service.

**Wednesday 27 July**

Holy Communion, 12.15 pm.  
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(SCO15072)

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**Sunday 24 July**

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Lamlash 11.30am  
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**ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND (continuing)****Sunday 24 July**

Morning Service 11am  
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**Sunday 24 July**

Brodict Church 10.30am  
Corrie Church, 12pm  
Lochranza, 9.30am  
Pirnmill, 10.45am  
Shiskine Church, 12pm.  
A Service of Worship will also be held in Montrose House at 1.30pm

**BANNER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

(SCO14005)

**Sunday 24 July**

Worship will be conducted by Rev Elizabeth Watson, at 10.30am. Crèche facilities will be available in the Church Hall. All welcome. Tea and coffee will be served in the Hall immediately after the service. There will be an opportunity to look at Traidcraft goods. Please stay and enjoy more fellowship

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Ormidale Sports Pavilion  
Brodict  
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Home Fellowship Group meets on Wednesdays at 7.30 pm  
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**DEATH**

**NICHOLS - JEANIE** (nee McKINNIE)  
Peacefully at Crosshouse Hospital on Friday 15th July 2011, Jeanie, aged 84 years, loving Mum, Gran and Great Gran of the family. Funeral Service in Brodict Church on Monday 25th July at 11.30am and thereafter to Brodict New Cemetery to which all relatives and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Montrose House.

**ENGAGEMENT****ALLISON - PAUL**

Craig, son of Duncan, grandson of the late Helen and Jim Allison of Blackwaterfoot, and Hettie Paul of Brasted in Kent announce their engagement. Both are currently working in Brazil, and the wedding will take place in December in Brasted.

**Lamlash Golf Club**

Ladies section: The final of the Glenkiln Rose Bowl (bronze championship) was played on Monday 11 July at Lamlash Golf Club.

The weather was perfect for evening golf and the two finalists were last year's winner Rachel Wren and first time finalist June Richardson. June had a great start and was two up after two holes, the third was halved then Rachel settled down and won the next three holes. June's accuracy in driving was excellent, managing to hit the marker off the tee at the sixth hole only to go off at right angles. By the turn Rachel was one up then two up by the 13th. June however was ready for the challenge and fought back and with a brilliant putt at the 18th halved the match to send them up the 19th. Even a runaway trolley and a scattering of her new clubs by Rachel's caddie did not put her off playing the perfect hole to win the match and retain the trophy for a second time. Well done ladies a very exciting game.

**Lamlash Golf Club**

Thursday 14 July, Summer Cup 35 played CSS 64. 1 Bob Hastings 78 - 17 = 61, 2 Drew Wales 68 - 7 = 61, 3 Andy Smith 76 - 15 = 61, 4 Alan Smith 72 - 10 = 62, 5 Colin Richardson 78 - 15 = 63. Best scratch Neil Young 67, bih over Stuart Cameron. Twos Stuart Cameron at 9th, Neil Young at 13th, Todd Jameson at 13th, David Ross at 16th. Seniors Medal CSS 60 1 Ian Grant 77 - 20 = 57, 2 Edward I. Cannon 76 - 17 = 59, 3 Hamish McArthur 80 - 18 = 62. Twos Drew Crawford and E I Cannon at 16th.

Saturday 16 July. Frank Crum Qualifier - foursomes 1 Craig MacEachen and Euan Evans 68 - 6.5 = 61.5, 2 Andy Barclay and Sam Handley 69 - 6 = 63, 3 Adam Burke and Alan Smith 77 - 13.5 = 63.5 No twos. Sunday 17 July, Family Fun Day Texas Scramble. 1 Cameron Govan, Drew Wales, Lee Girbow and Alison Young 54 - 7.7 = 46.3, 2 Mark Wren, Rachel Wren, Andy Smith and Gregor MacFarlane 61 - 10.9 = 50.1, 3 Andy, Clair, Jean and Steven Barclay 61 - 10.5 = 50.5.

Fixtures: Thursday 21 July, Summer Cup, make up own groups. Sunday 24 July Summer Stableford. Monday 25 July, Island Mixed fours, make up own fours, see starter for times.

**Whiting Bay Golf Club**

Results: Wednesday 13

July. Glorious summer weather saw 31 play in the latest round of the Summer Trophy. First was Rob Stewart (22)57, second Kevin Jackson (11)60 bih and third Bob Hastings (17)60. Magic twos were recorded by Graeme Crichton, Eddie Hope, Brian Francis, Kevin Jackson and Nicol Auld.

Sunday 17 July. Better weather than had been forecast greeted the 25 who played for the Raymond Curtis Salver. The winner was Neil McKechnie (9)60, narrowly beating Graeme Mack (7)61 who came second and Peter Towndrow (8)62, third. Magic twos were recorded by six players; Graeme Mack, Peter Towndrow, Neil McKechnie, Ronnie Mann, Nicol Auld and Steven Young. Thanks to the Curtis family for their kindness in donating the prizes.

**Brodict Golf Club**

Wednesday 13 July, Summer Cup, 46 played, CSS 65. 1 G McCrae (6)60, 2 D Robertson (15)61, 3 I Sillars (13)64. Scratch G McCrae 66. There were only six twos, from T Raeside, D Robertson, J Armit, N Hume, E McKinnon and B Jenkins.

Sunday 17 July, Sweep and AGA Foursomes Qualifier (stableford) 17 played, CSS 67.

1 I MacDonald (8)36, 2 J McKean (11)34 BIH, 3 J Armit (5)34 BIH from I McDermid and T Raeside.

Monday 18 July, Club Championship Matchplay last 16. Thunder and lightning and accompanying monsoon delayed the start, but eventually the sun came out and games were played to conclusion. E McKinnon beat D McKinnie, M Keir beat A Dobson,

J Duncan beat K McMillan, J Armit beat RI Macmillan, I MacDonald beat D Hendry, G Robertson beat M Dobson, T Raeside beat G Hendry and R McCrae beat J McKean.

Fixtures: Saturday 23 July, Club Championship Finals Day, tee offs: juniors 2pm, ladies 3pm and gents 4pm. Following the finals, there will be a BBQ at the Clubhouse from 6.30pm. Come along and watch the golf, and enjoy good grub and the company afterwards. All members and their guests welcome.

Sunday 24 July, Brandon, open draws at 8.30am and 1pm.

Juniors: Friday 15 July MacGillivray Rosebowl; six played. 1 Adam McNicol 46 pts, 2 Cameron McKelvie 39 pts, 3 Harry McFarlane 33 pts.

Brodict Ladies: Tuesday 19 July Ladies Wright trophy Stableford, 23 played. 1 Ann Hart (29) 41pts, 2 Trish Martin (27) 33pts, 3 Brenda Livingstone (9) 32pts.

**Lochranza Golf Course**

Summer Greensome Competition; latest scores. Monday 11



**Rachel Wren with the Glenkiln Rose Bowl.** b29rac01

July, Maureen Cumming/Archie Cumming 17pts, Fiona Crawford/David Henderson 15pts. Wednesday 13 July, Steph Hill\*/Douglas Coulter 7pts, Alan Mitchell/Ian Buchanan 20pts. Sunday 17 July, Bill Scott/Robert Cumming\* 12pts, Archie Cumming/Len McMillan\* 22pts.

This Competition, which runs till the end of August, has so far attracted a total of 20 men, six ladies and two juniors. It is the first regular event on Lochranza's new nine hole layout. Visitors can take part by invitation.

**Machrie Bay Golf Club**

Tuesday 12 July, Lady Mary/Peter Sutton. 1 Ken McKinley 63, 2 Alice Anderson 64, 3 Ron Woods 66. Best scratch Ken McKinley 75. Fixtures: Tuesday 26 July, Lady Mary/Peter Sutton tee-off 12.30/5.30pm.

**Shiskine Golf Club**

Sunday 3 July, Victory Shield, 36 played. First Class: 1 J McNicol 46-6=40, 2 A Miller 46-5=41 bih, 3 A Howie 48-7=41 bih. Scratch M Ker 43. Second Class: 1 B Green 49-14=35, 2 A Chalmers 51-11=40, 3 C McGlone 50-8=42 bih.

There were magic twos from B Green, A Chalmers, M Ker, I Davidson and A Gallacher x2. Congratulations Bert on a superb round - we are Green with envy!

Saturday 16 July, Charlie Sym Rosebowl, 11 played. 1 K McKinlay 25pts, 2 H Bannatyne 24pts, 3 D Johnston 23pts BIH. Magic twos from K McKinlay, W Kelso & H Bannatyne x2.

Sunday 17 July, Gents 12 Hole

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## Whiting Bay golf academy a big success

Whiting Bay Golf Club was delighted to welcome 16 participants to its first Golf Academy earlier this month, led by seasoned PGA professional Bill Lockie.

This coaching programme was fully booked and, despite the weather on the second day, feedback was very positive.

Club Captain Ronnie Mann commented: 'The Club has had a long association with Bill and it's great that we are able to offer his expertise to all Arran's golfers here at Whiting Bay via the Golf Academy.

Based on the success of the Academy, the Club is now considering further similar events for the future.'

The Golf Academy programme ran over two days. Monday 4 July was one of Arran's glorious days.

The participants were a mix of members and visitors, old and young and of varied golfing experience. All had the benefit of a day of Bill's coaching on their long game. He advised every player on improvements and tips to help their game.

After lunch everyone took to the course with Bill to practice what they had learnt. That evening new caterers John and Louise provided an excellent buffet in the Clubhouse, during which Bill gave a fascinating talk on mental strategies for coping with pressure on the course.

On Tuesday 5 July, the rain came in, but everyone turned out again for Bill's brilliant coaching on their short game.

A lot of time was spent on 'reading' the greens, the line



Participants in Whiting Bay's golf academy, with coach Bill Lockie rear right.

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of ball travel and where the ball would break. Next came pitching with different clubs, followed after lunch by working with partners in mini-competitions, pitching and putting.

Bill closed the programme by reviewing with individuals

what they had gleaned from his coaching, and everyone agreed that they would like more! Lady Captain Lynn Walker proposed a vote of thanks to Bill for his time and great coaching.

As part of Whiting Bay Golf Club's efforts to encourage

golf amongst Arran's younger residents, Junior coaching will be available at the club each Friday during the summer holidays, led by qualified juniors' coach John Simmons.

Sessions start at 11am and are open to all in the P1 to P7 age range.

## Southend slot six past Bay FC new boys

Southend cruised to a relatively comfortable victory by six goals to nil against an improving Bay FC team on Monday night.

The almost waterlogged pitch at Lamlash Recreation Park held up well on a wet and windy evening.

Southend's goals came from Euan Ingram

2, Corey Allan 2, Nicky Emsley and an Elliott Smith penalty.

Southend are league champions for the third season in a row, and will be presented with the 2011 Arran Football League trophy after the match against Shiskine at Sandbraes next Monday night.



Nicky Emsley heading Southend's first goal from a corner. 02\_b29soc01



The ladies of Arran's netball team secured a momentous victory over a visiting Dalry team last month. The home team won 21-29 in their first ever match at Arran High School on Saturday 4 June.

## Summer Bridge

The results of the tournament on Monday 18 July were as follows:

N/S 1 Jan Beattie and Janette McBride, 2 Tricia Martin and Douglas Hamilton, 3 Morag Gardner and BJ Livingstone.

E/W 1 Eendy McNiven and Roddie Thompson, 2 Maggie Gee and Alec Gee, 3 Margaret McGill and Nancy McLenachan.

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