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Community left without phones for three weeks

‘Is this the Third World Service we must accept just because we live on an island?’

REPORT
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One of Arran's smallest communities has been left without a working phoneline for three weeks because of a lightning strike at the end of June.

The houses at Glenloig just off the String Road had their phones cut off on June 28 when the connection box caught fire.

Elizabeth Ross of Glenloig Farmhouse said: ‘A local BT engineer called some days later to replace the box and tell us that the wires along the road were all fused together.

‘So we appreciate that it is a big job, outside the competence of the local engineer. ‘Having sent several emails on July 4, 6 and 11 with no response, I eventually got a reply 14 days after the event.’

BT informed Mrs Ross that as the job ‘requires a ferry and an overnight stay to get it fixed’ and because engineers ‘are dealing with lots of cable breakdown faults’ they were

unable to tell her when the problem would be fixed. Mrs Ross added: ‘Is this the Third World service we must accept just because we live on an island?’

A spokesman for BT told The Banner last Friday that ‘it was quickly identified that the main cable was badly damaged, requiring a precision testing officer (PTO) along with main cable jointers to attend’.

He said: ‘The Isle of Arran has been particularly badly hit by lightning strikes over the past two weeks.

Fault volumes
‘Neither PTOs nor jointers are stationed on the island as they have to cover large areas, therefore we do have to ferry them in which can take time to get them all available at the same time, especially at a time like now when fault volumes are exceptionally high across the whole of the UK, thanks to the extreme summer weather. ‘I can confirm that we have had a PTO and jointers onsite today but regrettably they were



Louise is crowned Lamlash Heather Queen

The 2012 Heather Queen Louise Shankland addressed her subjects from the stage on Lamlash front green last Saturday. Queen Louise had just been crowned by the outgoing Heather Queen Hannah Bone in front of a large and enthusiastic crowd. See page 10 and 11 for more photos. 02_b29hea06

not able to clear the fault. We now require traffic lights and a gully cleaner to do so.

‘These kind of faults can be very complex to resolve as the

lightning travels up the cable and blows out connections and joints. It can be a very lengthy process to resolve.’

On Tuesday Mrs Ross added:

‘We have contacted our councillor John Bruce, who is doing all he can, but it is like wading through treacle.

‘An engineer was due to

come today but has now been postponed until Thursday, which will be three weeks to the day since the lightning strike.’

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Lamlash Splash fully subscribed

The Lamlash Splash is now fully subscribed.

This extreme swimming event will take place on Saturday 15 September, and all places have now been filled.

Ann Hart, one of the organisers, told the Banner: 'All 40 places have been filled. We are unable to take any more because of safety factors.'

Fifteen places had been reserved and filled by local swimmers.

The open water 1.3 miles swim from Holy Isle to Lamlash pier has become particularly popular in the 10 years that it has been running. Last year's winner, Raymond Olsson of Glasgow finished in just under 25 minutes.

Ann added that training had become especially difficult recently. 'The jellyfish in the bay have been horrendous this year,' she said.

Art in Mind collection on the high seas



Sarah Hay and Jan MacGregor collecting for Art in Mind on the ferry

On Saturday 14 July members of Arran Art in Mind took to the sea, safely in the hands of CalMac, and are grateful for the care given by the crew, especially those of the Purser's office.

Expectations exceeded
Group member Sarah Hay said: 'We had a great day, and would like to say a huge thank you to locals and visitors for their kindness and generosity on the day.'

'We raised £750, a sum exceeding our expectations and which will be put to good use.'

'Art in Mind is a small, but vital part of the Arran Community, helping those on the island going through mental health problems, and offers people the opportunity to express their sometimes hidden creativity, gain in confidence and most importantly – just have a bit of fun and friendship.'

'Thank you again to Caledonian MacBrayne, the crew, Rorie Rutherford, Nancy McLeod, Colin Guthrie and Jan MacGregor, and all who gave so generously, from all at Art in Mind.'

Library book amnesty!

Calling all children and young people.

If you have any overdue library books – even if it's been years – they can be returned to Arran Library or the mobile library during July and August.

North Ayrshire Council promise that no questions will be asked!

Whiting Bay raft race at Sandbraes

The conclusion to outdoor activities for Whiting Bay Fun Week will once again be the crazy raft race.

It has become established as one of the most entertaining spectacles on the island.

This year the race will be held on the beach at Sandbraes Park on Saturday 28 July at 1pm. This is to avoid the traffic congestion in the village centre when unloading and loading craft.

As with previous years, the rules are simple.

Vessels must be powered by crew effort alone, contain no parts from other seagoing vessels (including proper oars or paddles), and all crew members must wear a lifejacket.

'From what I have read subsequently, it is too late to be the breeding season so I wonder if anyone knows why we found five inside a few square metres?'

Adders are the only venomous snakes native to Britain.

A Forestry Commission spokesman said: 'They will only use their venom as a last means of defence, usually if caught or trodden on.'

'With proper treatment, an adder bite will normally only result in nausea, swelling and bruising.'

It is over 20 years since anyone has died in Britain from an adder bite.

Snakes alive – it's an Indiana Jones moment for John



John Crie of Victoria Lodge, Blackwaterfoot was out walking last Saturday and had an close encounter with several adders.

He said: 'I think this has to be unusual. I have walked in Scotland for 40-plus years and only ever seen a dead adder.'

Superbly camouflaged
'On Saturday 14 July, about half a mile past the boat house at Loch Iorsa, I, with a friend, had moved uphill slightly from the waterlogged path.'

'We were within three feet of standing on a coiled up female adder basking in balmy sunshine on a patch of short grass amongst heather.'

'We took a couple of steps

back; stood admiring it for a good while; but only then realised there were another two adders, both male, superbly camouflaged just three feet away from the female.'

'The males slipped away as we stepped back - in the other direction - amazed by our luck in seeing these and feeling slightly spooked! We strode off but only for a few yards before an even closer encounter with another male and female also three feet apart.'

'What started as a feeling of privilege seeing the animals was turning into a bit of an Indiana Jones moment and neither of us was striding anywhere after that, gingerly picking our steps back to the road and wishing we weren't wearing shorts!!'

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Busy week for lifeboat crew

Callouts for two medivacs, a capsized and a stolen dinghy

At 9pm on Sunday 15 July the Arran lifeboat crew were asked to investigate a rubber dinghy apparently drifting off the moorings in Lamlash Bay with two people on board.

On arriving at the station the Lifeboat Operations Manager Geoff Norris met a couple who had returned to the pier to find their dinghy missing and wondered if that was the one involved in the incident.

Clyde Coastguard requested the lifeboat to launch and bring the vessel and occupants ashore.

On arrival at the dinghy it was confirmed it was the missing one and the two youths were brought ashore to the waiting police officers.

At 3.35 pm on Tuesday 3 July Arran lifeboat was tasked along with Helimed 5 to a walker at Laggan who had been stung by a bee and was suffering the effects of Anaphylactic shock.

Arran lifeboat The Boys Brigade launched and arrived on scene as the helicopter was landing.

The casualty had self-medicated himself and was well on the way to recovery. Having been assessed as not needing

any further immediate treatment he was transferred by lifeboat back to Lochranza.

On Wednesday 11 July the Arran lifeboat was asked to launch again to evacuate a lady from Holy Isle who had fallen while walking and broken her wrist. The crew quickly arrived and stabilized her wrist to travel then brought her back to Lamlash to a waiting ambulance.

The lifeboat launched again on Monday evening 16 July.

Lifeboat Operations Manager Geoff Norris said: 'Three crew members were in the vicinity of Lamlash pier when they spotted a dinghy capsized with two people

in the water, wearing lifejackets, off the Drift Inn garden. They launched the lifeboat at 7.41pm.'

The Coastguard team was also tasked, but the lifeboat brought the dinghy and casualties who were unhurt, back to shore.'

Helmsman Mark Nelson commented: 'It's all in a days work helping people and what we spend our time training for.'

You can meet the lifeboat crew and see them train at their open day next Sunday, July 22, from 11am to 4pm. There will be teas, coffees, and face painting, as well as demonstrations.



Arran lifeboat The Boys Brigade in Lamlash Bay with Mark Nelson at the helm. 02_b29lif01

Whiting Bay restaurant's five-star recognition

A Whiting Bay bistro has been awarded a five star Certificate of Excellence by the global online reviewer TripAdvisor.

Coast Whiting Bay is the only restaurant on Arran to receive five stars after customers who had previously enjoyed the impeccable service and wonderful food posted their positive reviews on the website.

Coast owners Russell Lee and Mark Currie said the award wouldn't have been possible without the hard work of their staff and contributions from their many customers.

Proud

Russell stated: 'We're really proud to have received this award.'

'It rewards us and our staff for all the hard work and commitment invested in the restaurant over the past two-and-a-half years.'

'We look forward to continuing to provide our customers with great food and fantastic service in the coming years both here in Whiting Bay and also in our other outlet at Home Farm, Brodick, and hopefully another few awards along the way.'

TripAdvisor is the world's leading travel site and the Certificate of Excellence is only awarded to the 'best establishments'.



Coast's owners Mark Currie, left, Russell Lee, right, and chef Dot Wisniewska are all very proud of their five-star award. 01_b29bay01

Ferry's 'abandon ship' call

Ferry passengers were surprised last Monday night when told to abandon ship.

On the 7.20pm sailing of MV Caledonian Isles from Brodick the crew began an emergency exercise - but it was made quite clear to the passengers that they would not really have to take to the lifeboats.

The exercise involved all the services being closed for 20 minutes. The crew now plans to revert back to the early Sunday sailing for the exercise, because it has been lightly used.

Biomass power plant meeting

Following increasing concerns about the proposal for a biomass heat and power plant at Dyemill, a public meeting has been arranged in Arran High School next Tuesday 24 July at 7.30pm.

Meeting organisers and local residents Steve Evans and

Maureen Smith said: 'We wish to raise public awareness and to discuss any concerns regarding this development which could affect health, environment and tourism.'

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Julie Nelson – a reflection on her life

Thoughts for Julie by Marc A Head

I came to Arran 41 years ago to stay with my cousin, the late Irene Masia of Whiting Bay and her two children.

I thought a short visit to the country would be a nice change; Irene told me one of her friends would be on the ferry.

Brian Nelson introduced himself and an hour later I met his wife Julie.

Irene and I stayed in the Mother Goose flat at the shore end of Montrose Terrace, and the cupboard in our hall held a 'magic door' that led to one of the Nelson kids' bedrooms; so began my life on Arran – four adults, seven kids, five cats and two dogs.

Over the following years there was a pickle of McNicols, a scatter of McGoverns and a hundred other hoors and comic singers that came and went.

In the midst of this chaos was Julie Nelson making sure that the weans were fed and clothed, that the visiting itinerant hippies had a space to lie down, that Brian had enough for a Guinness and that somehow we didn't notice that we were all utterly skint. Julie continuously demonstrated the Glasgow truism that the amount of money and laughs you have are inversely proportional.

We buried Brian in 1978 and Julie raised the five kids on her own; she was still organising and ensuring their well-being from her bed, three days before she died.

Better, and more qualified folks than me, will tell you of the amazing assistance that Julie gave to Whiting Bay Hall and the astonishing contribution she made to drama on Arran, but that pales to a smidgeon when compared to the wonderful impact she had on the people she befriended and loved.

I'm delighted to say that Julie never became rich and consequently kept on laughing to the very end; I'm sorry that I will now have to pay for my haircuts, but more than that, on a personal level I will miss my friend Julie very much – on a general level I know that I will be only one of a great many.

Goodbye Julie and thanks from us all. MH.



Julie Nelson b29jul02



Lord McConnell, Elizabeth McConnell, Lizanne Dixon, Anne McConnell, Alison Davidson and Mary Jack in the main entrance to the Palace of Westminster. b29jack01

Special McConnell event in London

Members of the McConnell family made the trip from Arran to London for a very special event in the House of Lords on 7 July.

It was the christening of baby Clara Bridget Anthea Harris, the granddaughter of Lord McConnell of Glen-scorrodale.

Lord McConnell, known on the island as just Jack, had arranged for this christening of his daughter Hannah's child to be in The Chapel of St Mary Undercroft, Palace

of Westminster. Jack's sister Anne of Whiting Bay said: 'We had morning teas and refreshments – Pimms and champagne – on the Lords terrace afterwards.

'Lizanne (daughter) and I

went for three nights and did the touristy bit.

'Mum and the rest arrived on Friday evening.

'The last time Mum was in London she was 14! It was a tremendous trip for her to

make 62 years later.'

Hannah is the daughter of Jack and Bridget McConnell.

Lord McConnell was brought up and educated on the island before entering a career in politics.



Hannah and Jack Harris with baby Clara and son Freddie in the chapel of St Mary Undercroft. b29jack02



Elizabeth McConnell visiting Buckingham Palace. Anne said that her new family nickname is queen Elizabeth the third!

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Summer reading challenge for children

Brodick Library will be joining with 16 other libraries across North Ayrshire in supporting a special summer reading challenge for children.

Children and young people taking part in the challenge aim to read six books during the summer school holidays.

Participants have the chance of winning prizes and will be awarded with a medal and certificate for successfully completing the challenge.

NAC spokesman for Communities and Culture, Councillor Alan Hill, said: 'Encouraging young people to read introduces them to a whole new world of enjoyment and lifelong learning.'

Award ceremonies will take place at every North Ayrshire Libraries Branch when the challenge is completed.

Find out more about the Summer Reading Challenge at www.ers.north-ayrshire.gov.uk

Dan Crawford Salver for RNLI

The Dan Crawford Salver will be competed for next Saturday 28 July at Lamlash Golf Club.

It will be a gents open stroke play competition and all money raised will be donated to Lamlash Lifeboat Station. Contact starter for tee times on 600196.

Summer Bridge

The results of the Summer Bridge tournament on 16 July were:

N/S 1 Morag Gardner and Brenda Livingstone, 2 Jean Murchie and Evelyn Sillars, 3 Jan Beattie and Janette McBride.

E/W 1 Margaret and Douglas Bruce, 2 Winifred McCallum and Alan Dick, 3 John Dick and Jimmy Gordon.



The Northern Lights, caught by Glen Sloss in the early hours of Sunday morning.

Northern Lights snapped above the island

'It's a dream come true to photograph this phenomenon'

Glen Sloss of Sannox had a dream come true on Sunday morning.

At around 2am he snapped some amazing images of the Aurora Borealis or Northern Lights in the skies above Arran. It is unusual to see the phenomenon so far south.

Glen said: 'After a no-show by the Aurora on Saturday night, I thought I'd chance my luck on Sunday night.'

'Conditions were perfect with no moon and crisp clear skies. My location of choice was North Sannox, a brilliant spot to watch the Aurora Borealis rising high into the sky.'

'Kitted out with my tripod and Sony Nex 5 camera I started snapping away and I was very pleased with the re-

sults. This picture was taken with an exposure time of 20 seconds, ISO set at 1600, and f/3.5 using the standard 18-55mm lens which came with the camera.

'It's been a dream come true

to be able to photograph this phenomenon. I can't wait for the next geomagnetic storm!

'I'll be uploading more photos onto my website fajja.co.uk in a couple of days'

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Arran jazz concert for Alzheimer Scotland

On Friday 3 August a fabulous jazz concert with Arran performers is being held in the Community Theatre, Lamlash in aid of Alzheimer Scotland.

We probably all know at least one person who is suffering from dementia or caring for someone who suffers.

Indeed, in Scotland around 80,000 people have a form of dementia and 7,000 more are diagnosed every year. It is more common in older people but it can affect those in their 40s and 50s and approximately 2,500 people in Scotland with dementia are under the age of 65.

With our population living longer, dementia is likely to have an even more significant impact on all of our lives

Rather than be depressed about these statistics, we can do something. More is being discovered all the time so the more raising of awareness that takes place about the condition and the more money raised for research can all help experts find out more about this debilitating and upsetting illness.



Jazz singer Joni Keen

Taking part in the jazz concert will be Edinburgh Fringe sell out performers, Joni Keen and the Stevenson Trio who were also invited to perform live on Radio Scotland, Arran's own singing group 'Aint Misbehavin' and Whiting Bay harpists, Dagda's Daughters.

The evening will be compered by Stuart Gough.

This will be a great night's entertainment as well as raising money for a very worthwhile cause. Please come and support it. See advert for details.



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University of York researcher Pascal Dubois and local fisherman Charlie Weir aboard his licensed creeling vessel The Kimberley. b29coa01

Positive impact on marine life in Lamlash Bay

In last week's Banner we reported on the on-going research into the positive impact of the No Take Zone (NTZ) within Lamlash Bay.

This is being carried out by York University PhD researcher Leigh Howarth,

assisted by students Pascal Dubois and Lowri Evans.

For their studies, they are being aided by local creeler Charlie Weir, and community group COAST is assessing lobster and crab sizes between 19 and 27 July.

A second such survey is planned for August.

This research will improve understanding of how marine life is recovering within the NTZ and will include tagging the lobsters to track their movements.

An Opportunity not to be Wasted!



Arran residents urged to sign up to local Zero Waste Volunteer Project. North Ayrshire Council's Zero Waste Volunteer Co-ordinator will be attending a number of events on the island to let people know about the role they can play in improving recycling and reducing household waste, by becoming a volunteer.

Zero Waste Scotland has been established by the Scottish Government to help individuals, businesses and communities to reduce waste, recycle more and use resources sustainably. With ambitious targets set by the Government of 70 per cent recycling and composting and aims to reduce waste to landfill to 5 per cent by 2025 we need householders and communities across Scotland to all play their part.

We are looking for Zero Waste Volunteers in Arran to promote the message of waste prevention and reduction locally.

So, if you want to meet new people; understand what's happening in your community; learn new skills for future employment whilst doing something meaningful with your spare time then please get in touch. All we ask is that you have an interest in the environment and helping your local community.

Volunteers can specialise in their own areas of interest and are free to commit as much or little time as they like.

However, we ask for a minimum commitment of two hours a month. All expenses will be covered.

Representatives from North Ayrshire Council Waste Services and the Zero Waste volunteers will be at a number of events in Arran during the next two weeks:

- Thursday 26 July: Brodick Cooperative, 11am to 3pm
- Wednesday 1 August: Lamlash Horticultural Show, 9.30am to 5pm
- Thursday 2 August: Brodick Library, 10am to 1pm
- Saturday 4 August: Brodick Highland Games, 11am to 5pm
- Monday 6 August: Corrie & Sannox Village Hall, Corrie Film Club Presents Wastelands, 8pm Free Entry for all.

For further information about the Zero Waste Volunteer Programme and to register your interest, please contact Claire Owens, Volunteer Co-ordinator for North Ayrshire Council on 07826954455 or 01294 541508 or zerowaste@north-ayrshire.gov.uk



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Joanne and Christophe in concert

Joanne McIver and Christophe Sauniere will be giving a concert in Whiting Bay Hall on Friday 27 July.

Joanne grew up on Arran and started learning the highland bagpipes at the age of six. She performed with the Arran Pipe band for 12 years. During this time she also learned the flute and studied classical music at Glasgow University, specialising in performance and composition.

After moving to France in 1996 she started writing pipe tunes which she subsequently published as a book of over 80 original compositions. She has recorded five CDs all of her own music including both instrumentals and songs, greatly inspired by her childhood on Arran.

As a duo with her husband Christophe Sauniere, Joanne has performed all over France as well as in Switzerland, Italy, Belgium, and of course Scotland and England.

Joanne plays the highland pipes regularly at the British Embassies in Paris and Algiers. She has recorded songs, pipes and whistles for



Joanne and Christophe. b29harp01

many French Celtic artists as well as film music.

Christophe is a most eclectic and active musician. Whilst

playing the harp with the principal French symphonic orchestras he was also the drummer as well as bass player in various rock bands. His thirst for discovery led him to Scotland where he settled for five years and became the main harpist with the Royal Scottish National Orchestra. He rediscovered his Celtic roots and started working with bagpiper Joanne McIver, with whom he tours throughout Europe. Working as a studio musician for many jazz, classical and world music projects, he was hired to play the harp for the recording of an impressive list of soundtracks, including The English Patient, Titanic, Alien IV, and Star Wars – Episode 1. Christophe's harp playing appears on 60 recordings.

Next week Joanne and Christophe will be here on holiday and appearing in concert in Whiting Bay Hall. All profits will go to Hall funds.

Council to nurture sporting excellence

Arran's brightest young athletes will be given council support to help them realise their sporting ambitions.

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The local authority is also inviting local businesses to be partners in the programme and provide athletes with sponsorship.

Young people seeking funding from the fund

must be resident in North Ayrshire or, if they are studying, have been living in North Ayrshire.

Successful applicants will join the council and its partners in promoting events and activities across North Ayrshire.

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Kildonan Fun Week

Kildonan Fun Week came to a climax on Saturday afternoon with the traditional mini sports day and dance.

This year the sports were held on the beach for the first time, due to uncertainty whether the field at Craigend stadium would be cut for silage in time.

The car treasure hunt on Thursday was won by the team of Linda Murchie and Lesley Jameson.

On Saturday, the egg-tossing contest was won by Gregor Gilchrist and Finlay McLean. Junior mixed tug o'war winners were Team Gavin Dickson and senior mixed winners Team Jenny Dickson.

Zac Allan won the junior sack race and Holly Walker won the senior sack race.

Lucas Allan and Holly Walker won the three-legged race. The beach shot put competition was won by Maisy Townsend and Lucas Allan.

Winners of the hobby horse races were Olivia Pitcairn, Gavin Dickson and Lucas Allan.

Kildonan Fun Week has been running for 26 years and continues to entertain a loyal band of holiday home owners, with locals joining in at most of the events, particularly the road race and car treasure hunt.



Heave ho! The junior tug o'war. 02_b29fun01



Fun in the three-legged race. 02_b29fun03



Jenny Dickson's team winning the senior mixed tug o'war. 02_b29fun02



They're off in the three-legged race 02_b29fun04



Alec Miller, Willie McNish and Steve Kelly kept the records and dished out the prizes. 02_b29fun07



Youngster Gavin Dickson and Ewan Kirk struggled manfully to complete the junior three-legged race. 02_b29fun05

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Haven for curmudgeons?

The funfair that has graced the grassy area behind the Co-op Welcome Convenience Store in Brodick is not coming this year.

For the last three years Mr and Mrs Stirling have brought over a selection of fairground rides to entertain the holidaymakers, and to make a profit for themselves.

There has been a degree of opposition to this attraction from local residents on the grounds of excessive noise and perceived inappropriateness on a holiday island such as Arran.

After discussions at Community Council meetings and with NAC, the operators agreed to limit the fairground to just five rides for three weeks in the height of summer last year.

Now Mrs Stirling tells the Banner that they will not be coming back; at least not this year. She says that the ground behind the Co-op store is too waterlogged to site the vehicles and rides.

What with no proper Shiskine Valley Sports and no Lam-lash Gala Week this year, might the island be seen as a haven for curmudgeons?

In the next weeks we will be in the grips of the height of the midge season. Unusually mild, wet weather has seen an explosion in the midge population this year, and those pesky little creatures will be making a nuisance of themselves at just about every kind of outdoor activity.

Figures indicate that midges are now at four times the level of last year. Former Brodick Castle gardener Nigel Price, now at Crarae Gardens in Argyll, has captured 4.5 million of the creatures in midge traps in two months, a huge increase on last year.

The very attraction of Arran for the holidaymaker lies in the great outdoors, so how can we help our visitors to overcome this drawback to their holiday pleasure, let alone cope with the pests ourselves?

A midge bite can result in anything from a small red spot to a really irritating rash that lasts for hours.

Statistics show that tall men and overweight women are more likely to get bitten. So crouching down or losing weight might help. But more realistically, avoid damp shady areas, wear light coloured clothing, don't go outside in the early morning or evening if possible, wear a midge net, invest in a gas midge machine, or use an effective repellent. It is perhaps ironic that one of the best repellents is a skin beauty lotion used widely by forestry workers and the British Army.

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



Answers sought to biomass questions

Sir,
With reference to your report in Arran Banner No 1863 I would like to advise that this planning application can be viewed on NAC web site www.eplanning.north-ayrshire.gov.uk – and entering application no. 12/00282/PP followed by search.

There are 36 documents, including viewpoint photographs from Bungalow Road and Holy Isle.

What is difficult to imagine is that the chimney from this plant will be the equivalent of the height of a seven-storey building.

Having perused the documents, many topics fail, in my opinion, to be addressed in sufficient detail - what the emissions from this chimney will be, what the particulate matter will consist of, where will the matter land, is there a health risk?

Vehicle movement must also be considered, how much more pollutant will there be on a daily basis?

How much noise will be created from wood chipping?

Will there be light pollution?

What happens to the ash residue? In fact, bearing in mind how Arran was affected by Chernobyl, would it be safe to burn the wood?

The site is close to two dairy farms – could the food chain be affected?

Will it affect Arran cheese, Arran milk, Arran ale, Arran whisky?

What effect on island businesses?

These are just a few of the questions that come to mind.

This is not merely a local issue affecting those closest to the site; this is an island issue.

Please bear in mind Arran High School is only one mile from the proposed site and children from all over the island are educated there.

For the sake of your children, grandchildren and generations to come, please view the application, and attend the next Arran Community Council meeting on 31 July,

when Mr Tickell of Northern Energy Developments Ltd will, hopefully, be able to answer all your questions.

Yours,
Liz Kennedy
Whiting Bay

Serious scrutiny on biomass

Sir,
The Banner report 14 July on Arran Biomass plant proposal highlights the need for serious scrutiny of this project.

The application data appears to be fundamentally flawed, table 5 emissions parameters details emissions volume at 15.23 cubic metres (actual) per hour but fluestack parameters show volume will be 54,850 cubic metres per hour.

PM and NOX pollution rates also appear to substantially underestimate the reality. PM pollution is very hazardous with no safe limit.

Mr Tickell refers to the 'very strict limits on particulates' but their data indicates the PM pollution will equate to the exhaust emissions from diesel vehicles travelling 24 million km per day around Arran, will be many times higher than the Scottish emissions standard and far higher than alternative combustion systems, much higher than equivalent fossil fuel and 16 times higher than a typical biomass power plant.

The detailed pollution abatement technology appears unsuitable for removal of the most hazardous content.

NEDL have a number of applications approved over the years but where are the operational sites detailing actual emissions impact, efficiency and quality of CHP?

Burning wet wood will increase emissions and waste energy. The 60,000 litres of water created each day will be contaminated by toxins in the combustion gases; where will the toxic and acidic water impact?

Mr Tickell claims 'the new access road will offer additional routes for walking and cycling' but their application details 'access by foot and cycle is inappropriate' on the road. Will HGV traffic de-

livering feedstock impact on public access to the forest?

The claim that the Scottish Government supports biomass energy requires clarification. The support is for high efficiency heating but not for production of electricity which is considered a waste of resources. Biomass data indicates all available timber in Scotland for 2012-16 is already allocated to current industries.

Noise is a serious concern, from the drone of the condenser blast fans to the whine of the turbine, chippers and steam discharge.

Arran is known to be very peaceful, noise travels far and future tree felling around this elevated site will impact on acoustics.

This proposal will produce a small quantity of power with a high pollution burden and we are very aware there are clean alternatives. Arran enjoys a very special environment but it is fragile and can be easily destroyed.

When we owned the Royal Hotel in Whiting Bay, guests warned us they were unlikely to return to Arran if a combustion power plant became operational, they placed great value on the clean air and tranquillity.

Hoping common sense prevails.

Yours,
Brian and Brenda Wilson
Woodhall Spa
Lincs

Look at the biomass application

Sir,
There seems to be a lot of debate about the proposed Biomass plant for Arran.

Most of the people I have spoken to about it are voicing concerns about the impact it will have on our lives here. Many are asking what it is, or how safe will it be, together with fears about the noise, pollution, or detrimental effect it could have on our tourist industry.

I would like to have the answers to all of these questions, so that I can make an informed decision whether or not I should be supporting or objecting to this proposal.

So, for anyone else on the island that feels the same, I would suggest that they look at the application, which can be viewed on the NAC website, and then make a point of attending the next Community Council meeting on Tuesday 31 July, when there will be a representative of the Northern Energy Developments Ltd., who can hopefully answer all our questions.

Yours,
Heather Macleod
Whiting Bay

Decision on biomass plant

Sir,
On 31 July Arran Community Council will decide whether to support or oppose the planning application for the biomass plant on the Heights on the felled area of land high above the road between Lam-lash and Whiting Bay.

As a long serving Community Counsellor I was present at several presentations and discussion about this plant a few years ago and shared the favourable attitude of my then colleagues on the CC.

Our view was that the plant would be well out of the villages, screened from view, purchase and burn the poorest quality wood, employ locals, reduce the wear on our roads, and generate carbon neutral electricity while meeting the highest emission requirements.

There was also the opportunity for a horticultural use of the excess heat freely given. The CC has always been in favour of widening Arran's economic base so our tourist industry has never been seen as a bar to small, appropriate, industrial development.

Of course nothing comes without some cost or compromise but few Arran people would now regret having a distillery and a brewery.

At the CC meeting in June many people attended for the biomass discussion who may have made up their minds against the plant or had serious misgivings.

That number has multiplied considerably so that we may face a situation where a sat-

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isfactory answer to these misgivings may not change attitudes. The Scottish Government intends a large increase in forestry and there will be many other places where plants of this sort, which contribute to the base load and are therefore complementary to wind power, may be appropriate as part of the overall mix of sustainable power generation.

If met with immediate, obdurate objection throughout Scotland the resulting 'mix' is all the more likely to include nuclear. Some favour nuclear but 80,000 people in Japan wonder if they will need to wait 1,000 years to return to their homes near Fukushima.

The Community Council's attitude is only one factor in the decision making process and is far from decisive but all individuals are free to support or object as they see fit. Northern Energy and the Forestry will be represented at the CC meeting on 31 July. What we hope for is an informed discussion and open minds.

Yours,
John Inglis
Chairman
Arran Community Council

Positive response on biomass

Sir,
The project described on page 6 of the Banner of 14 July deserves to get a positive response from all on Arran for a number of reasons. Firstly, Arran should be more self sufficient on many fronts – energy being high up the list. With a wood fired electricity generating plant, as proposed, the island would no longer be entirely dependent on the grid connection to the mainland which I understand is barely able to meet present demand (please correct me if I'm wrong!). This mainland link would then be a back-up facility and an import/export link for any spikes in demand or surplus generation.

Secondly, forestry is a major Arran industry and should be much more extensive than it is. Arran forest product is logs and the economics would be much improved if more of the tree could be used than the trunk. The plant described would use trimmings and brash and this co-product would be produced, presumably, at the same time

as logging and improve the economics of the operation. There has been research into just how much logging residue should be left for soil improvement and I don't know current thinking but there's a balance in there somewhere. Thirdly, this is carbon neutral. I know many can't get past the fact that burning wood produces CO2 but this CO2 has been absorbed by the trees in their 30/40 years growth and will be converted over the next 30/40 years by the next crop so there is no net additional CO2, unlike burning fossil fuels. Fourthly, there are other associated possibilities such as the horticultural ones mentioned – the heat and CO2 produced would produce great tomatoes for Arran Provisions tomato chutneys etc. Go for it Arran and shape up for life without fossil fuel dependency!

Yours,
Frank Cowie
Falkirk

Opposing biomass plant

Sir,
I write with an opposing view of the proposed biomass

plant.

Yes, wood is a 'renewable' resource but it is not 'green'.

It produces more pollution than a coal-fired power station. Do your readers know that the dioxins and furans produced are not biodegradable.

They do not dissolve, they bind to fat in wildlife, animals and humans. What then the future of our dairy and shellfish industry around Lamlash and Whiting Bay?

Duncan Mulholland was quoted in the Banner as saying the proposal for Lamlash will be only 20 percent efficient: for every five trees burned only one will be used for electricity.

I note that the proposal talks about heating homes but so does every other proposal recently approved in Scotland yet none of them yet achieve this worthy ideal which tells me the technology does not yet exist or it is too expensive.

And what of the noise from the chipping operation required or the constant plume of polluting smoke? How will visitors view that: the lifeblood of our economy?

Can I urge people to attend

the Arran Community Council Meeting on 31 July to find out more. Also there is more information on our Facebook page: No to Arran Biomass?

Yours,
Kate Armstrong
Dippen

Lamlash biomass meeting

Sir,
We wish, through the Arran Banner, to inform the general public of an informal meeting to discuss the proposed establishment and operation of a wood-fired heat and power plant which is to be sited above Lamlash on the Heights.

We wish to raise public awareness and to discuss any concerns regarding this development, which could affect the health, environment and tourism of the Arran community.

All interested parties are invited to attend and enter into discussion, making their concerns known. In addition it would allow those present to work and support an ongoing awareness campaign.

The meeting will be held in Arran High School on Tuesday 24 July at 7.30pm

Information regarding this proposed development is available online at – North Ayrshire Council Planning website, Case number:

12/00282/PP
Concerns and objections can also be lodged online as well as by letter or email to: -

Mr John Michel, North Ayrshire Council Planning Dept.
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Yours,
Steve Evans
Maureen Smith
Lamlash

Raft race reminder

Sir,
Just a wee reminder for our non-facebook friends that the Whiting Bay Raft Race is scheduled to take place on Saturday 28 July at the end of the Whiting Bay Fun Week. This year the race will be held on the beach at Sandbraes Park (to avoid the traffic congestion when loading and unloading rafts).

As with previous years, the rules are simple: vessels must be powered by crew effort alone, contain no parts from other seagoing vehicles (including proper oars and paddles), and all crew members must wear a lifejacket.

The competition is open to everyone and entry is £10 per team.

Looking forward to a good turnout (and some sunshine?)
Yours,
Andy McCallum
Whiting Bay

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Hamish Campbell, the Highway Code Man, won the fancy dress competition. 02_b29hea08



Three of the amazing Oompa Loompas, Alan Little, Tracy Gibson and Yvonne Currie. 02_b29hea10

Visual Arts exhibition

The 2012 Summer Art Exhibition of Arran Visual Arts will be held in Lochranza and Catacol Village Hall.

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Louise is the 2012 Lamlash Heather Queen

Lamlash Heather Queen 2012 was a resounding success last Saturday.

The traditional annual event, established in 1950, has always been one of the highlights of the Lamlash summer.

But like all such events it falls to the same folk each year to organise it and for one reason or another, there was no Heather Queen in 2011.

After a break of a year, Tracy Gibson, granddaughter of the original founder Jean Marriot, has worked hard to resurrect the Heather Queen, and last Saturday it all paid off.

The grand parade marched along from the Clocktower in Lamlash to the front green, led by the Isle of Arran Pipe Band, with the Queen and her entourage carried on a

tractor-drawn float. They were escorted by a motley crew of Oompa Loompas, the amazing orange-coloured



2012 Heather Queen Louise Shankland. 02_b29hea01

characters who made chocolate in Willy Wonka's chocolate factory, plus a couple of

blue-skinned Smurfs. Young piper Ossian Gold led the procession from the float to the stage where page Dylan Smith confidently read out the proclamation.

The 2010 Heather Queen, Hannah Bone, carried out the crowning ceremony for new Queen Louise Shankland who then made a speech telling of her pleasure and commitment to carrying out her duties throughout the coming year.

Handmaidens were Nadia Stevenson and Madison Mayhew. Among the many attractions during the afternoon were Sarah Cowan and her talented dancing and skateboarding dogs.

Young Hamish Campbell of Lamlash won the fancy dress competition dressed as a Highway Code Man.



The parade from the Clocktower. 02_b29hea02



Piper Ossian Gold leading the 'royal' party. 02_b29hea04



A young pirate in the fancy dress competition. 02_b29hea07



Two Smurfs, Olivia Bunyan and Laura MacVicar. 02_b29hea09



2010 Heather Queen Hannah Bone crowning 2012 Queen Louise Shankland. 02_b29hea05

WHITING BAY FUN WEEK 2012

Friday 20th July @ Putting Green Village Centre 10am - 7pm

GRAND PUTTING COMPETITION

Friday 20th July @ Putting Green Village Centre 5.30pm

BAY IN BLOOM CELEBRATION

Saturday 21st July @ Putting Green 1pm to Sandbraes Park

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FUN DAY IN THE PARK

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Isle of Arran Pipe Band

CROWNING of the BAY QUEEN 2pm

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Sunday 22nd July @ Whiting Bay Bowling Club 2.30pm

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FUN WEEK SHIELD

Monday 23rd July @ Village Centre Car Park 6.30pm

CAR TREASURE HUNT

Tuesday 24th July @ Boat Slip (opposite Primary School) 10am

C.O.A.S.T. led ROCK POOL SCRAMBLE

Wednesday 25th July @ Putting Green Hut 2pm

SCAVENGER HUNT

Thursday 26th July @ Whiting Bay Jetty 10.30am

BEACH SCULPTURE COMPETITION

Thursday 26th July @ Whiting Bay Village Hall 7pm

FUN FAMILY QUIZ

Friday 27th July @ Sandbraes Bridge (sign posted from Park) 4pm

GRAND DUCK RACE

Saturday 28th July RAFT RACE 1pm

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Sunday 22nd July
CHILDRENS FUN DAY
From 1.30pm

Storytelling, Face Painting, Kids Tombola, Barbeque, Traditional Games, Horseshoe Throwing, Soft Play Area, Model Railway, Spinning and Weaving, Chocolate Fountain, Ice Your own Cup Cake, Isle of Arran Pipe Band and other musical entertainment with Lots More...

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Youngsters take top awards at 2012 Arran Riding Club Show

Sunday 8 July saw 27 horses and ponies competing in the Showing Show.

Judging this year was in the capable hands of Mrs Fiona Malcolm and her daughter Nicola, both very experienced and highly regarded eventers.

In-hand classes started proceedings, with a guest ap-



Best rider in show Lily Currie on Harvey. b29rid01

pearance from Dan, one of the ponies from Arran RDA, who had simply come to see what was going on. However, having been persuaded to join in, Dan picked up the red rosette in his class!

The five under saddle classes for different heights of horses was then judged, before the judges had the difficult task of selecting their Champion and Reserve.

The honour of overall champion was given, deservedly, to Taylor Smith with her lovely pony Bingham's Pageboy, with reserve spot going to Danielle Mutch and Cadlan Valley Double Kiss.

Danni and her pony also lifted the Arran Riding Club Trophy in their working hunter class, having ridden an almost perfect round. Hannah Bone riding her own pony Lily won the junior work-

ing hunter class claiming the Parker Animal Feed Trophy. In the open class the Mr Frisky Shield was awarded to Katy Thomson and Mohawk Mancha.

The Yvonne Kerr Trophy for Best Rider in Show was awarded to our youngest rider, Lily Currie, who impressed the judges with her trot and canter. Whilst a very proud Emily Armitage with Iorsa Chantilly Lace was awarded Best Turned Out, and young Lois Ashley's pony, Tarran, was judged to be Best Condition.

Congratulations to all trophy winners and to all who took part, especially those who were taking part in their very first show. Sincere thanks to Fiona and Nicola for judging, to Messrs A & 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 Eilidh Blair (Lacota Lightning), 2 Eleanor Bone (Kissme), 3 Mirin Ashley (Kippin), 4 Hollie Adamson (Prince).
 Class 2 In-hand horse 5yo & over - 1



Overall champion Taylor Smith on Bingham's Pageboy, left, with reserve champion Danielle Mutch on Cadlan Valley Double Kiss and judges Nicola and Fiona Malcolm. b29rid04

Arran RDA (Dan), 2 Eilidh Blair (Woody - owned by Janis Murchie), 3 Cathy McNeil (Cairns Viking).
 Class 4 Under saddle 12.2hh & under - 1 Danielle Mutch (Cadlan Valley Double Kiss), 2 Emily Armitage (Iorsa Chantilly Lace), 3 Lois Ashley (Tarran), 4 Lily Currie (Harvey).
 Class 5 Under saddle over 12.2 to 13.2hh - 1 Bethany Walsh (Rosie), 2 Katelyn MacVicar (Tilly).

Class 6 Under saddle over 13.2 to 15hh - 1 Taylor Smith (Bingham's Pageboy), 2 Lori Young (Cleo), 3 Hannah Bone (Lily), 4 Ellie Miller (Pearl).

Class 7 Under saddle over 15hh to 16hh - 1 Megan McAllister (Ally), 2 Lauren MacAlister (Woodbury's Joseph), 3 Taylor Smith (Fine & Dandy), 4 Vicki Yuill (Velvet).

Class 8 Under saddle over 16hh - 1 Katy Thomson (Mohawk Mancha), 2 Eleanor Bone (Time), 3 Ealana Swinton-Boyle (GCD Zertaris), 4 Jenna Wood (Corrie owned by Diane Lewis).

Class 9 Best Rider 10yo & under - 1 Lucy Walsh (Rosie), 2 Lily Currie, 3 Lois Ashley, 4 Emily Armitage.

Class 10 Ridden Veteran - 1 Taylor Smith (Bingham's Pageboy), 2 Lois Ashley (Tarran), 3 Eilidh McNeil (Fionn Star), 4 eq Lily Currie (Harvey) & Bethany Walsh (Rosie).

Class 11 Working/Handy Hunter (Arran Riding Club Trophy) rider 12 yo & under - 1 Danielle Mutch (Cadlan Valley Double

Kiss), 2 Lois Ashley (Tarran), 3 Bethany Walsh (Rosie), 4 Lily Currie (Harvey).

Class 12 Working Hunter (Parker Animal Feed Trophy) rider 14yo & under horse not exceeding 15hh - 1 Hannah Bone (Lily), 2 Eilidh McNeil (Fionn Star), 3 Gemma Bennett (Bonnie).

Class 13 Working Hunter (Mr Frisky Shield) rider 15yo & over - 1 Katy Thomson (Mohawk Mancha), 2 Jenna Wood (Corrie), 3 Lauren MacAlister (Woodbury's Joseph), 4 eq Jen McNeish (Time - owned by Eleanor Bone) & Taylor Smith (Fine & Dandy).

Overall Champion (The Bert Keachie Shield) - Taylor Smith (Bingham's Pageboy),

Reserve Champion - Danielle Mutch (Cadlan Valley Double Kiss).

Best Rider in Show (Yvonne Kerr Trophy) - Lily Currie.

Best Turned Out (Betty Smith Memorial Trophy) - Emily Armitage (Iorsa Chantilly Lace), **Best Condition Horse/Pony** - Lois Ashley (Tarran).



Eilidh McNeil on Fionn Star. b29rid03

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This is the one annual island event guaranteed to provide children with an afternoon of fun and games, while being entertained and educated at

the same time, so don't miss it.

The whole afternoon is geared to provide fun, and it is free for children up to the age of 12 if accompanied by an adult.

For the very young, there will be a soft play area and traditional games. Treats in store include an ice-your-own-cup-cake stand, a choco-

late fountain and a barbecue.

A treasure hunt and other games are planned, and in addition there will be storytelling sessions, kids tombola, horseshoe throwing, and demonstrations of spinning and weaving. The Isle of Arran Pipe Band will be in attendance, and other musicians will entertain throughout the afternoon.

There is plenty for the grown-ups to do too, with many new and upgraded indoor and outdoor displays to see.

Finally of course the famed Café Rosaburn will be selling burgers, teas and coffee and cakes all afternoon.

What more could you want other than perfect weather to make it all happen.



Soft play area on Children's Day at Rosaburn 02_b29her01



Demonstrating how to have traditional fun with a diablo at the museum. 02_b29her02



Tayer-Leigh Wrigley with Olympic Torch bearer John Donald on the MV Caledonian Isles. b29tor01NO

Olympic ferry crossing

One lucky little girl got a surprise chance to hold the Olympic Torch while travelling on the ferry to visit her grandmother who lives on Arran.

Tayer-Leigh Wrigley, the granddaughter of Donna Bainbridge who owns Orwin House B&B in Brodick, met John Donald, an Olympic Torch bearer on the MV Caledonian Isles.

Donna said: 'After reading the story in The Banner about the children going to see the Olympic torch in Kilmarnock, I thought I would tell you my story.'

'I had gone to meet my son and his family at Ardrossan as it was the first time they had visited!'

'We saw John Donald on the boat and I asked him if it was possible for my granddaughter Tayer-Leigh who will be four in August to have a picture taken holding the torch.'

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Saturday, July 18, 1992

Radio1 fun in the sun

On Monday Arran saw the largest gathering of people since the Centenary Show of Arran Farmers Society in 1932 as people converged on Lamlash for the Radio1 Roadshow.

Not only did a huge crowd turn up – officials estimate around 5,500 – but also there was no trouble.

The whole day was hosted by a rising star, Arran girl Jakki Brambles, whose parents have lived in Shiskine for some years.

People danced in the streets of Lamlash as pop group Wet Wet Wet performed on the stage.

The audience, particularly the youngsters at the front loved it and seemed disappointed when it all ended before 2pm.

Next visitor

Princess Anne 1986;; The Princess of Wales 1989; Jakki Brambles and Wet Wet Wet 1992...and Arran may have an even more illustrious visitor next year.

For now we hear that the Dalai Lama will probably

visit the island. Visiting the Samye Ling Centre at Eskadalmuir in the spring he has requested that he come to Holy Isle and will certainly visit Arran.

Sale still uncertain

A cattle sale was held in Brodick on Thursday, the first since auctioneers A and J Wilson said they were to stop their regular sales and hold them only when sufficient beasts had been forwarded.

Once fortnightly, it was seven weeks since the last sale so the numbers should have been high.

But according to auctioneer Robbie Wilson there still wasn't as many as expected.

Bus hopes fade

Meeting are continuing in an effort to bring an eleventh hour change to Arran's bus war.

The current position is that Western Scottish has been awarded the subsidised contract from October 1.

From August 1 to September 30 the position is still unclear.

Mystery dance

Mystery surrounds a dance supposed to be in Brodick Hall last Monday.

A man phoned last Thursday asking us to put it in the What's On.

He did not give his name and we put it in, in good faith as a charity dance in aid of ArCaS.

But it has transpired that ArCaS knew nothing about the dance and no money has been forthcoming.



Radio1's Arran girl Jakki Brambles with her mum and dad. b29twe01



Nearly 6,000 people converged on Lamlash for the Radio1 Roadshow. b29twe03



Karen Jenkins of Nags joins in the fun. b29twe04



Tourist officer Charles Currie, left, was thrilled by the success of the Radio1 Roadshow. b29twe02

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 Arran Brewery Tour 2pm
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 Brodick Castle, Garden Open Daily 9am-Dusk
 Arran Heritage Museum Rosaburn, Brodick 10.30am-4.30pm
 Lamlash Tennis Courts Lamlash 10am – 6pm
 Scripture Union Sandbraes Park (Whiting Bay Church if wet) 11a.m. daily

Saturday 21st July

Over 21s Disco Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
 Karate
 Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am-12.30pm
 Family Games
 Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
 Arran Dancers (4yrs & up)
 Teddy Bears Picnic Arran High School, 10am
 Kids Family Quiz Playbarn, Auchrannie, 2pm-3pm
 Open rinks Playbarn, Auchrannie, 5pm-6pm
 Rink Game Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm
 Rink Game Brodick Bowling Club, 2pm
 Rink Game Lamlash Bowling Club, 2pm
 Rink Games Whiting Bay Bowling Club 2pm
 Junior Badminton Club Auchrannie Sports Hall 1-3pm Ages 5-16
 Whiting Bay Golf Open Whiting Bay Golf Course
 Live Music Whiting Bay Hall, 8.30pm-1am
 Whiting Bay fun week All afternoon (see advert page 11 for details)
 Brodick Golf championship Brodick Golf Club from 2pm
 Annual Summer Fete Brodick Church, 2pm
 Shiskine Gents Golf Open Shiskine Golf Course, from 9am

Sunday 22nd July

Alcoholics Anonymous Church Hall, Brodick, 4.30pm
 New Al-Anon Meeting Brodick Church Hall, 4.30 – 6 p.m.
 Family Games Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
 Fun in the pool Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm
 Teddy Bears Picnic Playbarn, Auchrannie, 2pm-3pm
 Live Music Ormidale, 8.30pm
 Open Mic Session Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 2pm-5pm
 Sunday folk Session Ormidale, 9pm
 Al-Anon Meeting Brodick Church Hall, 4.30pm – 6.30pm
 Whiting Bay Golf Open Whiting Bay Golf Course
 Childrens fun day Arran heritage museum from 1.30pm
 Bowling Club Fun Week Shield Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2.30pm
 Lifeboat Open Day Lamlash, 11am - 4pm

Monday 23rd July

Over 50s Badminton Lochranza Village Hall, 2pm-4pm
 Badminton Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
 Weight Wise Hospital Bungalow, 5pm –5.30pm
 Ladies Netball High School sports hall – seniors, 7.30-9pm
 Citizens Advise Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30-1.30pm
 Breathe Walk class Kinneil, Lamlash, 5.15pm
 Table Tennis Corrie Hall, 6.30pm
 Come Dance with me – LeRoc modern Jive Whiting Bay Hall, 7.30pm
 Arran junior Football Ormidale Park, 6pm-7pm
 Quiz Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 8.30pm
 Badminton Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm
 Summer Bridge Arran High School, 6.30 for 6.45pm
 Rink Games Brodick Bowling Club, 6.45pm
 Rink Game Lamlash Bowling Club 7pm
 Rink Games Whiting Bay Bowling Club 7pm
 Outside Boot Camp Whiting Bay Park 6am
 Boot Camp Outside Kinloch Hotel, 6.30pm – 7.30pm
 Coffee morning Whiting Bay church, 10.30-12noon
 Whiting Bay Car treasure hunt Village car park, 6.30pm
 Farmers Market Kilmory Hall, 10.30am-2pm

Tuesday 24th July

Army Cadets Auchrannie Road, 7.30pm-9.30pm
 Pop Quiz Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
 Alcoholics Anonymous Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
 Youth Club Kildonan Hall, 7pm
 Rotary Club Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 7.15pm
 Melody Movement, Ballet Class 2 ½ yrs up
 Auchrannie Dance Studio, 2pm
 Dudes & Divas Funky Dance Class 2 ½ yrs up Auchrannie Dance Studio, 2pm

Youth Club
 Zumba Fitness Class
 Weight Watchers
 Rink Games
 Junior Hockey Club 8yrs up
 Summer Serenade
 Whiting Bay Drama Club Summer Play
 Forgetful Princess
 Secrets Tour
 Country Dancing
 Rock pool scramble

Wednesday 25th July

Hockey Auchrannie Games Hall, 6.30-7.30pm
 Tae Kwondo Arran high School – kids, 6.30-7.30pm, Adults, 7.30-8.30pm
 Alcoholics Anonymous Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30-9.30pm
 Arran Brass Rehearsal Whiting Bay Hall, 7.15pm
 Senior Badminton Arran High School, 8-9pm
 Yogalates Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am
 Aquafizz Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am
 Music Mayhem Class Parents & little ones Auchrannie Dance Studio 10.45am
 Kids Games Playbarn, Auchrannie, 5-6pm
 AYF Film Making Club Brodick church Hall, 4.30-6.30pm
 Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy Services 10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30
 Arran Absolute Beginners Runners 5.30pm, Auchrannie Spa Car Park.
 Arran Advance Beginners Runners 6pm Auchrannie Spa Car Park
 Junior Tennis Shiskine Tennis Club, 4.30-6pm
 Rink Games Brodick Bowling Club, 6.45pm
 Coffee Morning Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15-12noon
 Rink Game Lamlash Bowling Club 7pm
 Rink Games Whiting Bay Bowling Club 7pm
 Northend Football Training Lochranza, 7pm
 Outside Boot Camp Whiting Bay Park 6am
 Boot Camp Outside Kinloch Hotel, 6.30pm – 7.30pm
 Dog Agility Class W/Bay Park, Beginners/Kids 1-2pm. Been before 2.30-3.30pm
 Vile Victorians Brodick Castle, 2-3.30pm
 Summer Family Ceilidh Brodick Hall, 8pm
 Family scavengers hunt Whiting bay putting green, 2pm
 Through the glens Rangers Centre, 10am-5pm
 Lochranza Extravaganza Village Hall, 12-4pm
 Grand Family Ceilidh Whiting Bay hall, 7.30-10.30pm
 Lochranza ceilidh Lochranza hall, 8pm

Thursday 26th July

General Knowledge Quiz Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
 Lochranza Craft Club Hall, 2pm
 Youth Club Youth Cabin, Lamlash, 7-9pm
 General knowledge Quiz Kinloch Bar, 9pm
 Zumba Fitness Club Arran high School, 6.30-7.30pm
 Live Country/Folk music Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay 8.30-10.30pm
 Cricket Practice Sannox Oval, 6pm
 Senior Tennis Shiskine Tennis Club, 6pm
 Village Market Whiting Bay Hall, 11-2pm
 Beach Sculpture competition Whiting Bay Beach, 10.30am
 Family Fun Quiz Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
 Unseen Brodick Brodick Castle, 11.30am
 Arran Flora Rangers centre, 7.30pm
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Friday 27th July

Aqua Fizz Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am
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 Arran Youth Foundations Church Hall, Brodick 7pm-9pm
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 Lochranza Kids Badminton Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm
 Lochranza Adults Badminton Lochranza Hall, 8pm
 Disco Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
 Kildonan Craft market Kildonan Hall 11am-3.30pm
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The Crofting Commission is seeking people from throughout the crofting counties to serve on a new Panel of Assessors.

Are you interested and engaged in crofting? Would you like to serve your community on crofting matters? If so, you could be just the person the Crofting Commission is seeking for the new Panel of Assessors.

Assessors act as the link between communities and the Commission, to assist us in regulating crofting more effectively. They are appointed to cover particular areas.

This involves;

- Contributing to locally held meetings and hearings
- Assisting with queries on regulatory cases, for example assignation and decrofting
- Disseminating information on matters of interest to crofting in the local area.

The appointments will be for a 5 year period, commencing in October 2012. Training will be provided to help Assessors carry out their roles.

Existing Assessors can apply for selection and we would also welcome applications from under-represented groups, such as young people, to increase the diversity of the panel.

The appointment is not paid but the Commission will reimburse reasonable travel and subsistence expenses and compensate for any loss of earnings incurred.

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008 REGULATION 20(1)

Format : Application No; Address; Proposed Development
12/00351/PP; 4 Ashdale Way, Whiting Bay, Brodick, Isle Of Arran; Erection of single storey side extension, formation of 3 no. dormers to front and 3 no. dormers and balcony to rear of dwelling house.

Elma Murray
Chief Executive
Cunninghame House
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GRADUATION



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

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(in full communion with the Church of England)
St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.

Sunday 22nd July

Holy Communion, 11.00 am.
Mr John Roberts.
Coffee after service.

Wednesday 25th July

Holy Communion, 12.15 pm.
ALL WELCOME

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Parishes of North Arran:
Brodict, 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 - Families,
Young People and Children
Welcome

Sunday 22nd July

Brodict Church 10.30am,
Corrie Church, 12noon,
Lochranza Church, 9.30am,
Pirmill Church, 10.45am,
Shiskine Church, 12noon
A service of worship will also
be held in Montrose House at
1.30pm

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Kilmory linked with Lamlash
"A faith to proclaim ~ a
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Sunday 22nd July

Rev. Gillean Maclean
Kilmory 10am
Lamlash 11.30am
In both churches:
All welcome, including
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Scottish Charity SC015072

HOLY CROSS**CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Vigil Mass 7.30pm
Sunday Morning Masses 9.30
and 11am

WHITING BAY AND**KILDONAN****CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

(Scottish Charity SC014005)

Sunday 22nd July

Family Worship will be
conducted by Rev Elizabeth
Watson, at 10.30am.
Crèche facilities will be
available in the Church Hall.
Tea and coffee will be served
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ARRANBAPTIST CHURCH**Sunday 22nd July**

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11am Morning worship
Tea/Coffee after the service
Home Fellowship Group meets
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Services as follows
Shiskine 11am (Church on road
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Machrie)

Brodict 7pm (Church behind
Post Office)

Both services will be taken by
the Rev Bill Beattie
All Welcome

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)

Sunday 22nd July

Morning Service 11am
Trust Housing Lounge, Glen
Estate, Brodict
Evening Service 6-30pm
5 Glen Road, Brodict
Prayer Meeting
Wednesday 25th 7pm
All welcome

DEATHS**HENRY**

Kevin Henry, formerly of
Arran and now of Salisbury,
died in Torquay last Friday
13 July aged 43, after a short
illness. He is succeeded by
his two daughters, Freya 18
and Sophie 16.

MILLIGAN - HELEN

Peacefully, after a short
illness, at home in Brodict on
Monday, 16th July, surrounded
by all her family. Eileen,
aged 75 years, beloved wife
of Alan, mother to Martin,
Lorraine, Janette and Joanne,
Mother-in-law, Grandmother
and Great Grandmother to
the family. Funeral service in
Brodict church on Monday
23rd July at 11.30am to which
all relatives and friends are
respectfully invited. Interment
private. Family flowers only
please.

STRANG - MARY

Died peacefully at Arran
War Memorial hospital on
Monday 16th July 2012.
Mary aged 92 years, wife of
Colin. Funeral private.

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**Brodict Golf Club**

Results: Wed 11 July Summer
Cup 44 played CSS 65. 1 B
Jenkins (7) 59, 2 D Roxburgh
(6) 63, 3 K McMillan (12)
64 bih. Scratch B Jenkins 66.
There were 13 twos; Bruce
Jenkins got three.

Sun 15 July Sweep & AGA
Foursomes Qualifier 22
played CSS 64. 1 R McCrae
41 points, 2 L Keir 40 points,
3 D Robertson 39 points.
There were seven twos; Terry
Raeside got two.

Fixtures: Sat 21 July Club
Championship Gents and La-
dies finals followed by bar-
becue. Please come and give
your support.

Sun 22 July Brandon, Sun

IN MEMORY**In Memory of Ian Binnie**

Much loved and missed
husband to Barbara, dad to
Shelley, Serena and Sheona,
grandfather to Jessica and
Jack. Passed away July
26th 2007. Now at peace in
Sannox cemetery. Miss you
every day.

**THANK YOU****Fraser and Colleen Davidson**

Would like to thank Miss Elizabeth
Watson, Jim Arnold, all staff at The
Douglas Hotel, Arran Pipe Band,
Dave Ingham and all those family
and friends who helped to make
our day so special.

ENGAGEMENT

John and Alison Dick are delighted to
announce the engagement of their daughter
Jacqui to Jamie Gordon of Azviemore.

29 July John Gemmell Shield
Three Club Competition.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Results: Wed 4 July. 28
played in the Cancer Relief
competition, raising money
for local cancer charity AR-
CAS. Scoring was excellent
with the winning score only
one away from the course
record. CSS - 62. 1 Malcolm
Pennycott (0)59, 2 John Sim-
mons (11)60 bih, 3 Gordon
Provan (9)60, 4 Graeme
Crichton (12)61. Malcolm
won scratch with 59 and there
were magic twos from D
Head, N Auld, T Armstrong
and three from M Pennycott.

Sun 8 July 19 played in the
Whiting Bay Improvements
Trophy. CSS 62, 1 Markus
Kroner (11)61, 2 Nicol Auld
(2)64, 3 Graeme Crichton
(11)65 bih. Nicol Auld won
scratch with 66 and there
were no magic twos.

Wed 11 July. A good turn-
out of 35 played in the lat-
est round of the Summer
Trophy. CSS-63. 1 Ronnie
Mann (12)57, 2 Jamie McK-
echnie (9)58, 3 Nicol Auld
(2)62 bih, 4 Kevin Jackson
(9)62. Nicol won scratch
with 64. Magic twos from M
Pennycott, K Jackson, A Ma-
cLeod and J Simmons.

Sun 15 July. 45 played for
the Raymond Curtis Salver,
raising a total of £118 for
the Glasgow Renal Unit.
CSS-63. 1 Peter Town-
drow (0)59, 2 John Tay-
lor (16)60, 3 Sandy Kerr
(22)61, 4 Ronnie Mann
(11)63 bih. Nicol Auld won
scratch with 68 and there
were magic twos from S Kel-
so, T Young, S Young, A Ma-
cLeod, P Towndrow, N Auld
and S Kerr.

Fixtures: Sat 21/Sun 22
July, Whiting Bay Open.
Mon 23 July Whiting Bay
Junior Open. Wed 25 July,

Jim Pirie Quaich. Thurs 26
July, Visitors v Locals at 5pm
- 5.45pm plus barbecue.

Whiting Bay Ladies Golf

Results: Sun 15 July. A great
turnout of 11 ladies played on
Sunday in support of the Ray-
mond Curtis Salver. Delighted
to report Susan Butchard was
second with a net 70(14). Do-
reen Mains won first place
with a 67(13) and also won
scratch with an 80. Well done
Doreen and thanks to all the
ladies. If you haven't already
booked a tee time for our la-
dies Greensome Open on 28
July please contact Susan on
600555.

Shiskine Golf Club

Results: Charlie Sym Rose-
bowl 14 July. 30 played. 1st
class 1 D Tod 28 points, 2 A
Liddell 27pts, 3 M Ker 26 pts.
2nd class 1 A Malcolm 25 pts,
2 D Allison 24 pts, 3 M Hesp
21 pts.

12-hole Medal 15 July 19
played. 1st class 1 J Faulkner
46-4=42 bih, 2 J Morrison 50-
6=44, 3 A Liddell 52-7=45.
2nd class 1 M Hesp 53-11=42,
2C Rutterford 55-10=45, 3 S
Houston 56-8=48. Magic two
J Faulkner.

Fixtures: Sat 21 July Gents
Open Competition, Thurs 26
July Ladies Greensome Open
Competition.

Lamlash Ladies

Results: Wednesday 11 July,
Medal 6 and Charity Can-
cer, 12 played. CSS 66. 1
June Richardson 92-28=64,
2 Jackie Winship 97-29=68,
3 Mary Adams 101-32=69,
scratch Ann MacVicar 87.

Lamlash Gents

Results: Thursday 5 July Sum-
mer Cup CSS 64 (34 played).
1 Dougie Macfarlane 64-
2=62, 2 Euan Evans 66-3=63,
3 Iain Murchie 66-3=63.
Twos I Murchie, B Hastings,
R McGunnigle, P Jameson.

Seniors Medal, CSS 62. 1
Jim Gibson 78-17=61, 2 I
Heron 82-18=64. Twos Ian
Heron. Fri 6 July. Lamlash
Junior Open CSS 61. 1 Scott
Macfarlane 45 points, 2 Jack
Adair 39 points, 3 Michael
Macfarlane 36 points. Best
Scratch Scott Macfarlane
80. Twos Euan Docherty. Sat
7 July Tom Graham Open
CSS 63. 1 Lee Girbow 65-
4=61bih, 2 Todd Jameson 66-
5=61, 3 Euan Evans 65-3=62.
Best scratch Lee Girbow 65.
Twos E Evans, N MacIntyre

2. Sun 8 July Jamieson Cup
CSS 64. 1 Alan Winship
71-13=58, 2 Todd Jameson
64-5=59, 3 Blair McGun-
nigle 65-5=60. Best Scratch
Todd Jameson 64. Twos L
Dutton, A Gibson, T Jame-
son, I Murchie, I Bremner 2.
Thurs 12 July Summer Cup
CSS 65. 1 Drew Wales 67-
6=61, 2 Neil Young 67-4=63,
3 Crawford Duncan 76-
13=63, 4 Norrie MacIntyre
73-8=65, 5 Dougie Macfar-
lane 67-2=65. Twos D Wales,
D Macfarlane, N MacIntyre,
EJ Cannon.

Seniors Medal CSS 62. 1
Jim McDowall 73-12=61, 2
E I Cannon 85-18=67. Twos
Ken Barclay. Sat 14 July
Frank Crum 14 played. 1 A.
Barclay & S. Handley 70-
6=64, 2 I Bremner & S Cree
74-8.5=65.5. Twos I Brem-
ner & S Cree, L Girbow & E
Evans 2. Sun 15 July Scratch
Cup CSS 66. 1 Robbie Mc-
Gunnigle 74-8=66, 2 Billy
O'Connor 87-20=67, 3 Euan
Evans 70-3=67. Twos I Mur-
chie, D Wales, N Stewart.

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Brodick stretch their lead at top of football league

Brodick consolidated their position at the top of the Arran Football League with a 4-3 win over second placed Southend at Ormidale Park on Monday night.

Physical

In a fast-paced and often physical encounter the Brodick scorers were Iain Keen with two and Archie McNicol and John Drummond with one apiece. Nick Emsley with

two and Lewis Kennedy were the Southend scorers.

Shiskine and Northend shared the points in an eight-goal match at Sandbraes Park.

Goals came from Bryan McCallum 2 and Brian Lewis and Iain Logan one each for Northend. Shiskine scorers were Jordan Crawford and John Murchie, with Joe Fawcett netting twice.

At Lamlash Recreation Park, Bay FC and Lamlash drew three goals each. Ben Tattersfield with two and Jean Christophe scored for Bay FC while Grant Adamson and Euan Evans (2) were the Lamlash goalscorers.

Brodick top the league on 24 points and a goal difference of +36, with Southend second on 18 points and goal difference of +37.

Top scorer and candidate for the 2012 golden boot is Brodick's Archie McNicol with 22 goals. Joint second are Elliott Smith and Nick Emsley, both of Southend, each with 14 goals.

Meeting

There is a meeting in the Ormidale Hotel on Tuesday 24 July at 7pm. Each team must be represented to make the draw for the cup.



Gavin Dunn of Brodick challenges Elliott Smith of Southend in Monday night's top of the table clash.
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Batting collapse again for makeshift Sannox

A makeshift Sannox side entertained old friends Gargunnock last Saturday enabling the visitors to complete their tour at Carradale the next day.

But once again, their batting performance did not match their sharp bowling and fielding.

Acting captain and extremely hard-working groundsman Chris Marriott won the toss and elected to field.

Some accurate bowling and keen fielding restricted Gar-

gunnock to 125 for six with two wickets each for Dunn and Kemp, one apiece for Marriott and Pettigrew (a Prestwick ringer), and only the luckless Peter McMullen not taking any wickets. The Sannox batting was once again disappointing to say the least with six batsmen scoring one.

Impressive

Debutant Danny Head utilised his impressive golf swing in a quickfire 21 and guest Derek Pettigrew ran

out of partners in his unbeaten 47. Sannox were all out for 93 continuing a very low scoring trend.

The home side is extremely grateful to Derek Pettigrew, Danny Head, Matt Harding, Ian Staples and Colin Ribbeck for turning out and enabling

the fixture to take place.

As readers will probably gather, playing numbers are down this year and the club is keen for any prospective players to get in touch or come along to practice at 6pm on Thursdays at Ormidale Park, Brodick.



Sannox and Gargunnock players at the Sannox cricket pavilion before the match last Saturday.
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Sheena secures eighth Club Championship

Sheena Murchie won her eighth Lamlash Ladies Golf Club Championship on Monday 9 July.

The final took place between Sheena and Jean Barclay and the evening started dull and dry, but quickly deteriorated to constant rain and of course the dreaded midges came out in force.

These conditions however did not deter the two ladies from playing a very high standard of golf resulting in a very tight game, with no more than two holes separating the score at any time.

A brave crowd of spectators saw Sheena triumph at the 16th with a fantastic tee shot that hit the pin and closing out the game.

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