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# HRH has landed!

## Princess was invited to mark the 175th anniversary of the Arran Farmers Show

The Princess Royal attended the Arran Farmers Show at Glenkiln on Wednesday to help celebrate a major farming milestone on the island.

Princess Anne was invited to visit this year's show to mark the 175th anniversary of the Arran Farmers Society.

The organisation's first agricultural show was held on the island in 1835.

Since then the show has become an integral part of the Arran farmers calendar.

Society chairman Kenneth Bone said it was an honour to have a royal visitor at these landmark celebrations.

**REPORT**  
by JENNIFER LYON  
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The Princess was last here 25 years ago when the island's Farmers Society celebrated its 150th year.

'It doesn't seem like 25 years since Her Royal Highness last visited the show in 1986,' he told the crowds.

'It is an honour to have her here and to see all of you here to help us celebrate our 175th anniversary.'

Her Royal Highness Princess Anne flew into the fields of Glenkiln Farm just before

1.55pm - The Banner knew it was her as the radios of the Special Branch Police Officers could clearly be heard saying: 'HRH has landed!'

Royal well-wishers had eagerly been anticipating this visit for many weeks and they certainly weren't disappointed. Her Royal Highness walked around the show field and met with local farmers and admired their livestock before presenting the trophies to the days biggest winners.

For our special four page Arran Farmers Show pull out report, see pages 9, 10, 11 and 12.



Colin Currie of Bridgend Farm and Her Royal Highness, Princess Anne admire the sheep at Wednesday's Farmers Show. 01\_b31afs04

## Two rescued from sinking yacht in Lochranza Bay

Two people had to be rescued from their sinking yacht in the early hours of Sunday morning after the vessel ran aground in Lochranza Bay.

The Sahona was moored in the bay overnight and at about 6am it had apparently dragged its anchor, run aground and was taking in water.

### Pumping

Local Coastguard leader, David McKinnon, said: 'We arrived on the scene to discover the yacht was very close to sinking. 'We managed to tow it over to the pontoon

and the fire brigade was called to try and keep her afloat by pumping the water out.'

At around 10.30am the Coastguard used a local boat owned by Ray Evans' to move the Sahona to a safer berth at Lochranza pier.

For the rest of the day a pump borrowed from Lochranza Campsite was used to remove the rest of the water.

'We revisited the boat on Monday to complete our safety checks,' said David. 'All the water had been removed and we deemed her safe to return to her home harbour in Troon.'



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## Police Files: Homophobic behaviour

A 20-year-old Whiting Bay man was arrested under the Criminal Justice and Licensing Scotland Act for homophobic behaviour in the centre of the village on Sunday.

He appeared at Kilmarnock Sheriff Court the next day.

## Drugs

A 20-year-old Lamlash man was arrested on Shore Road on Monday after he was found to be in possession of drugs.

## Assault

A 20-year-old man has been arrested for the serious assault outside the Ormidale Hotel, which was mentioned in last week's Banner.

## Boat adrift

A small white dinghy was reported to have come ashore near the Rosa Burn, Brodick on Sunday morning.

The local Coastguard team were called and on arrival they established that the vessel had no one on board and had been drifting around the bay for some time.

The vessel was secured by the team and can be reclaimed by calling Clyde Coastguard Operations Room.

## Low on fuel

Arran Lifeboat was called out to assist six people onboard a RIB on Sunday when they reported that they were running low on fuel.

The Manyana had been on passage from Northern Ireland to Ardrossan but only had enough fuel to make it to Pladda Island.

The lifeboat took the casualties to Lamlash to re-fuel.

## Medical evacuation

The local Coastguard team would like to remind members of the public that Sandbraes Park in Whiting Bay is a designated helicopter landing site.

This means that when the team are tasked with co-ordinating an Air Ambulance helicopter transfer to the mainland, the field must be cleared as quickly as possible.

# New Marine Project Officer

## 'When I saw the job advertised it looked like the perfect post for me'

Arran's new Marine Project Officer Andrew Binnie is beginning to find his feet.

Andrew was appointed to this new position within COAST (Community of Arran Seabed Trust) on 4 July.

Originally from Glasgow, he has been coming to the island on family holidays since 1965. Andrew said: 'I have been to Arran numerous times, and when I saw the job advertised it looked like the perfect post for me.'

Andrew has managed projects for a wide range of community and environmental organisations including the Isle of Eigg Heritage Trust.

Among his priorities will be to coordinate the campaign and plan for the establishment of a Marine Protected Area (MPA) which includes the country's first No Take Zone in Lamlash Bay.

Andrew is looking forward to liaising and working with MSc marine science research students, with COAST having already established close links with York University, Heriot-Watt in Edinburgh and the University Marine Biological Station in Millport.

### Meetings

The next step is to arrange community meetings on the island to discuss proposals to create an MPA around the south coast of Arran.

Andrew added: 'I want to engage local businesses and communities to make an MPA work for the good of the island. COAST is a very progressive organisation and I am looking forward to working here.'

COAST has secured provisional funding for three years for this post through the Esme Fairbairn Foundation and the Underwood Trust.



Andrew Binnie, Arran's new Marine Project Officer.

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## Now this is taking camping to extremes!

At first glance it seems that these unfortunate campers were caught short by the rising tide in Brodick Bay on Monday morning – but in actual fact this tent appears to have been abandoned by the owners.

Ian Small, who spotted it early in the morning, said that it is another example of the damage wild camping is doing to the island.

'People go to the supermarkets on the mainland, buy a cheap tent and head over here for the weekend,' he said.

'Then when they are done, they just leave it and all of their rubbish for someone else to tidy up.'

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## Nationwide funding to boost local mountain rescue team

The Arran Mountain Rescue Team may soon benefit from a cash boost designed to offset the cost of buying expensive rescue equipment.

Danny Alexander, the chief secretary to the treasury, set out £200,000 additional funding for mountain rescue teams across the UK on Monday.

This is the first time the Government has given direct funding to mountain rescue services and will contribute to the cost of procuring mountain rescue equipment this year.

This is the first of four years of funding set aside in the Spending Review, with at least £200,000 available in each year.

Funding will be available to 75 teams performing mountain or cave rescue activity across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

## MP attacks energy price rise

Arran's MP has severely criticised the decision of Scottish and Southern Electricity to increase electricity prices by 11 per cent from September 14 this year.

Scottish and Southern Electricity are the third of the major energy companies to increase their prices in recent weeks following announcements by Scottish Power and British Gas.

Katy Clark MP told The Banner: 'This price rise will be met with dismay from Scottish and Southern Energy customers on Arran.'

'At a time when households across the UK are facing real financial difficulties an increase of £171 on the average annual dual fuel bill is one which many will struggle to afford.'

She added: 'Action needs to be taken now to ensure that prices remain affordable and that people are not forced into making a decision not to heat their homes properly.'



Brodick Castle was invaded by a band of marauding Vikings at the weekend. 01\_b31vik01

## Arran falls to Viking horde

The ancient stronghold of Brodick Castle was under siege last weekend by a horde of marauding and murdering Vikings!

The castle walls were no match for the historical re-enactment group the Swords of Dalriada who returned to the island after a number of previous successful visits.

The group set up the camp of an invading Viking force on Friday night just as it would have been when they invaded Arran in the 8th century.

Visitors to the castle were able to see a historically accurate re-enactment by the group, and there were various other stalls and activities based around the lives of the invaders.

These demonstrated everything from bow making and arrow-fletching to the ancient craft of falconry. Viking costumes, combat and cooking were also on display too.

Fred Ralston, founder of the re-enactment group, said: 'Our group focuses on bringing the conflicts that shaped Scotland to life.'

'The time periods we cover include; the Scottish Wars of Independence, the Viking invasions, Iron Age Caledonia and the Jacobite rebellion.'

'We do both living history and battle re-enactment. This means that not only do we recreate battles, we also demonstrate what life was like throughout Scotland's history.'

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# Tarbert filling station closes

Arran motorists travelling on the long and winding roads of the Kintyre peninsula are being warned to make sure their tanks are full enough to reach Lochgilphead.

This comes after the closure of the filling station in Tarbert was announced this week.

One local motorist said: 'Living in Lochranza with family in Kilcreggan, we often take off by the northend ferry for the 90 mile trip and if fuel is not available in Tarbert, 10 miles from Claonaig, it means a 24 mile run to Lochgilphead before we can top up.'

He added: 'Needless to say

we should never allow ourselves to be entirely dependent on buying fuel in Tarbert but if there is any doubt about what's left in the tank, then it could mean 30 mile return trip to Brodick before setting off on a journey northwards.'

The closure of the Kintyre Filling Station has left motorists and mariners high and dry. The filling station's owners, John and Jeanette Hunt, have put the business up for sale and are hopeful a buyer will be found who can make it work.

But Mr Hunt said that in the meantime it will remain closed.

## Pirmill bridge repairs completed

Work to repair the damaged road bridge in the centre of Pirmill has been completed, according to a council spokesman.

The bridge was damaged late last year after flash flooding swept away the footbridge next to it.

The work is being carried out on behalf of North Ayrshire

Council. A spokesman said: 'The work currently being carried out at Pirmill include the replacement of the bridge pier and repair work on the abutments. This work should be completed this week.'

### Disappointed

However, villagers are still disappointed at the council's refusal to replace the foot-

bridge, which was completely destroyed by the floods.

Pirmill's community councillor, Liz Evans, said that a survey had been done to show the local authority how many vehicles use the road bridge in a week. The large number recorded proved that a footbridge is necessary for pedestrian safety, she said.

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## Corrie Film Club has a double bill for August

This month Corrie Film Club offers two very different and interesting short films.

The first is 'An Occurrence at Owl Creek' (1962 Certificate 12, 25 minutes) by French director Robert Enrico that won both an Academy Award and the Cannes Film Festival Grand Prix Award.

This fascinating film is adapted from the short story by Ambrose Bierce and tells a great tale with a chilling twist about a man accused of trying to sabotage a bridge during the American Civil War.

Showing alongside it is, appropriately, 'Mid - August Lunch' (2008 Certificate U, 75 minutes) by Italian director Gianni Di Gregorio.

This charming, beautifully played and affectionately directed film delves into the richness, vitality, humour and strengths of the elderly and presents us with a fascinating and comical look at the relationship between a mother and son.

Everyone is welcome at Corrie and Sannox Hall next Sunday 14 August (syllabus holders note change of date) at 8pm.

Bring a bottle to share if you wish.

Entrance by small donation to Corrie and Sannox Village Hall.

# Impressive summer show from arts group

Arran Visual Arts celebrated the opening night of their ninth summer exhibition in Lochranza Village Hall last Friday night.

Over the past decade the scale of the exhibition and the quality of the exhibits has increased dramatically, and the bright hall is perfect for displaying the wonderful paintings, etchings, drawings, textiles, woodwork and photography.

Formally opening the exhibition this year was internationally acclaimed sculptor Tim Pomeroy who lives and works in Lamlash.

Speaking to the invited guests he said it was magnificent to see such a fantastic range and diversity of local talent on show.

'Art is just like life,' he said. 'There is no better or worse art - just lots of different ways of seeing the world.'

'We all have something to say whether it is through writing, poetry or painting. But all are valid and that's the one thing I stand by.'

Jan McGregor, chairman of the AVA, said that they now had around 130 members and most are displaying work in the exhibition.

Tim added: 'I think Arran probably has more artists per head than any other place and



Local sculptor Tim Pomeroy with the AVA chairman Jan McGregor and her grandson Dylan Lawrence. 01\_b31ava01

I think we all know that the island has a history of attracting arty types.'

He added: 'But it's not hard to see why as Arran is a wonderful place for artists to draw inspiration from.'

## Enjoy a spectacular walk with expert guides

An opportunity to join experts guides for a spectacular coastal walk on Arran has arisen later on this month.

On August 17, the Kings Cave Walk will take visitors around the beautiful surroundings of the island's coastline to find out more about the history of the area from the Bronze Age roundhouses to the Christian invaders.

This circular walk winds its way through the shore, woodland and moorland habitats with the chance of seeing wildlife such as otters and birds of prey.

Kate Sampson, National Trust for Scotland Ranger at Brodick Castle said: 'This breathtaking experience will allow visitors to take in the spectacular surroundings of a walk steeped in history.'

'On top of this walkers will have the chance to see red throated divers and basking sharks.'

Booking for the event is essential which begins at 11am and runs until 2.30pm.

## Summer Bridge results

The results of the tournament on Monday 1 August were: N/S 1 Liz Robertson and Eendy McNiven, 2 Pat Adamson and Elizabeth McConnell, 3 Isobel McArthur and John Barraclough.

E/W 1 Maggie and Alec Gee, 2 Jan Beattie and Janette McBride, 3 Margaret and Douglas Bruce.

## 200 club winners

The winners of the Lochranza and Catacol Village Hall 200 Club July draw were: first prize - David Henderson and second prize Simon Smith.

## Council can help with product recall advice

Any local resident concerned about items which are subject to a product recall can contact North Ayrshire Trading Standards for advice.

This follows recent reports that the manufacturers of BEKO fridge freezers have issued a product recall on some models of frost free fridge freezers which may have faulty defrost timers.

While many companies may carry out free modifications or provide a replace-

ment, North Ayrshire Trading Standards can provide advice to local people on how to contact the manufacturer and offer further assistance on consumer rights regarding purchases.

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# Whiting Bay raft racers make a splash

What a sight there was to see in Whiting Bay on Saturday afternoon as the annual raft race took place under clear blue skies.

Eight teams had placed their 'ocean-going bogies' at the water's edge and the race started in old-fashioned grand prix style.

At a signal from commentator Ian Cook, the racers dashed down the beach and scrambled on to their rafts.

The vessels came in all shapes and sizes; a number were made by binding plastic barrels together and one even had a lovely red sail (unfortunately it failed to complete the

race after capsizing half way across).

One team, the Edinburgh Hawks, a family holidaying in Lamlash, had only heard about the race that morning and had set to creating a raft just two hours before the off.

They may have finished in last place but their raft certainly held together for the whole race.

Unlike last year when there were two winners, this year there was one winning raft only.

Cool Runnings – Alan McLeod, Adam Kelso, Sam Marriott and George Stewart – raced ahead at the beginning and finished a few minutes in front to their nearest rivals.

Finishing in second place were SSMJ – Sandy Pringle, Steven McGovern, Mark West and Jamie McPherson.

And third this year were previous winners Tom McNeish and Dougie Bruce and their crew.



Winners of the Whiting Bay Raft Race this year were Cool Runnings – Sam Marriott, Adam Kelso, George Stewart and Alan McLeod. 01\_b31bay01



A grand prix start as the racers run down the beach and scramble into their rafts. 01\_b31bay05

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Previous winners Dougie Bruce and Tom McNeish finished third this year. 01\_b31bay03



Cool Runnings pictured finishing the race in record time. 01\_b31bay02



Finishing second this year were SSMJ – Steven McGovern, Sandy Pringle, Jamie McPherson and Mark West. 01\_b31bay04

## Brodick Church fete and auction success

The organisers of the annual Brodick Church Fete and Auction would like to thank everyone involved in helping to raise the magnificent sum of £4,078 at the fete and £1,046 at the auction last week.

This money goes towards the continual upkeep of the church.

Like all events of this kind, they depend on valued volunteers and all the magnificent support of businesses', individual contributors and everyone who comes along to support these events.

The winners at the fete were: Garden Train flower container - John Page Lamlash, Treasure Hunt - Betty Sillars Brodick, Quiz - Kenneth Lindsay Glasgow.

The answers to the quiz were: 1 Mackintosh, 2 Millais, 3 Gainsborough, 4 Lowry, 5 Goya, 6 Hornell, 7 Turner, 8 Constable, 9 Sargent, 10 Knight, 11 Reynolds, 12 Landseer, 13 Picasso, 14 Vermeer, 15 Monet, 16 Renoir, 17 Her- ring, 18 Watteau, 19 Spencer, 20 Degas.

## Vintage tractors head for Heritage Museum

The island's first-ever restored tractor rally will be taking place next Sunday (August 7) at the Arran Heritage Museum.

This is an open invitation for all to bring along their vintage tractors on the day, from 1.30pm, when a trophy will be given to the best presented vehicle – and all entrants will receive a rosette.

This new event takes place alongside the second and last visit of the year from Ian Wade who will be demonstrating his blacksmith skills in the museum forge.

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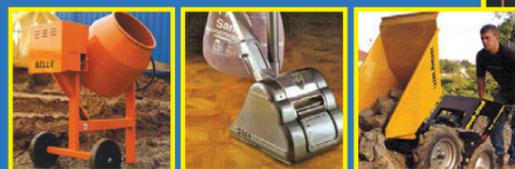
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The closing concert of the weeklong Féis Arainn has long been regarded as a highlight of the event. 01\_b31fe01

## Arran community is awarded baby friendly accreditation

NHS Ayrshire and Arran has been awarded UNICEF Baby Friendly stage two accreditation for the community.

This means that new mums and pregnant women on the island get the best support when it comes to breastfeeding, thanks to our health visiting teams.

Health visitors in Ayrshire and Arran launched a campaign to ensure that new mums receive the ongoing care and support needed to breastfeed their babies, after they bring

their new baby home from hospital.

Donna McKee, clinical nurse manager community and early years, said: 'Following a lot of hard work on the part of the Baby Friendly team, and an intensive two-day assessment, I am delighted that we have been awarded stage two accreditation for the community.'

### Achievement

'This is a great achievement for our staff, and shows their hard work and commitment to

constantly improve the care received by families. The assessors were impressed with the knowledge and skills shown and were confident our staff can fully support breastfeeding mothers and babies.'

Ayrshire Central Hospital became the first large maternity hospital in Scotland to receive UNICEF Baby Friendly status in February 1999.

Since then, the region's maternity services have been re-accredited with the award on four occasions.

# Youngsters show promise at Féis Arainn

Talented young musicians from all across the island showed real promise as bidding musical stars after taking part in the annual Féis Arainn last week.

The celebration of Scotland's Gaelic culture was once again a resounding success thanks to the organisation of Aileen McLaughlin.

Children from Arran and further afield were given the opportunity to learn how to play a variety of traditional musical instruments including the accordion, fiddle, clarsach, guitar, drums and pipes.

'We have had a superb bunch of kids taking part this year,' said organiser Aileen McLaughlin at the closing concert on Friday afternoon.

'Every single one of these

youngsters has been a joy to work with and I can safely say that there is a great deal of musical talent on show this afternoon.'

She added: 'We sincerely hope that all of them will continue to learn and improve and we look forward to welcoming them back next year.'

Over the years Féis Arainn has been the starting point for many of Scotland's young musical stars including local girl Gillian Frame who attended the first Féis in 1993 and went on to form her very own successful band, Back of the Moon.

Part of the nationwide Gaelic body, Féisean nan Gaidheal, the aim of the event is to increase the children's awareness of the Gaelic language

and culture.

Tutors this year included talented young piper Craig Muirhead, clarsach player Claire Hastings, well-known drummer Dave Cantwell, accordionist Ian Muir, guitarist Jim Hunter and fiddler Patricia Mullen.

Arran's very own wonderful traditional folk Mairi McInnes was also tutoring this year.

At the end of the closing concert on Friday afternoon Aileen McLaughlin made special mention of the funding that they receive from North Ayrshire Council.

'Without it', she said, 'the event could not take place.'

'And in these times when money is very tight, we are even more grateful to you all.'

## Arran news from the archives of The Oban Times

As part of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *The Oban Times* we have been looking back at Arran news reports from as far back as 1861.

### Arran Cattle Show - August 1885

The annual show, under the auspices of the Farmers' Society, was held at Lagg on Tuesday, 11th inst. The wintry nature of the weather during the two previous days caused no small anxiety to those who were interested in the success of the show.

Tuesday morning was gloomy and windy, with occasional showers of rain; but towards mid-day they cleared, and the sun shone brightly all the afternoon.

The number of entries was about the highest in the history of the society; and notwithstanding the threatening appearance of the morning, a large number of spectators turned out from all parts of the island - both natives and visitors.

The following are the principal prize takers: I. Competition limited to members paying under £60. Ayrshire bulls - M McAllister, Torbeg; D Hamilton, Whiting Bay. Ayrshire cows - D Hamilton, Whiting Bay; Mrs Currie, Feorline. Horses - draught mare for breeding - D McDonald Bannan. Draught gelding - D Cook, Slidery. Sheep - blackfaced shearing tup - John McKenzie, Mal-

colm Hamilton. Pen of three blackfaced ewes - John Currie, Malcolm Hamilton.

II - Competition open to all members. Cattle - Ayrshire bulls - M McAllister, Torbeg; M C Speirs, Clachaig. Ayrshire cows - John Speirs, Mrs Currie. Highland bulls - J Craig, Dougarie. Highland cows - J Wallace, Whiting Bay. Horses - Draught brood mare - M C Speirs, Charles Cook. Sheep - Blackfaced - James Allan, James Tod. Cheese - J McAulay, Alex Henderson, Clachaig. Salt butter - Miss McNicol, Charles Cook. Fresh butter - Mrs N Cook, Alex Henderson. Cock and three hens - P Davidson, Glencloy. Pigeons - P Davidson. Collie dogs - Mrs Davidson, H Hamilton.

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# Mystery of Abington Fund is finally solved

For several years a number of voluntary island groups have received an annual donation from the Abington Fund.

This was gratefully received and helped to ensure the continuity of many of these groups.

But no-one really knew where it came from.

This year the covering letter from Dave Gormley, Scottish Community Foundation said:

'I am delighted to enclose a cheque for .... which has been granted to your organisation by the Betty and Roy Ure Trust (formerly Abington Fund).

Barbara I'Anson, of Whiting Bay and District Improvements Association, received one of these letters.

She said: 'I was very moved to find out that this fund was from the late Betty and Roy

Ure, both of whom were highly regarded and respected, especially in this village, and I was privileged to have known them both; Betty very well for many years.

**Contribution**

'It is with sadness that we do not have the opportunity to thank them personally for all the years of support and the difference their contribution has made to the village.'

Betty and Roy lived at Kings Cross.

Roy died in February 1981, and only after Betty recently passed away has some light been cast on this generous community gift.

Barbara outlined a host of improvements carried out around Whiting Bay and added: 'I think Roy and Betty would have been pleased with our efforts.'



The Whiting Bay Men's team - Steven McGovern, Sandy Pringle, Dave Hackett and anchorman Paul MacArthur. 01\_b31tug02

## Tests of strength pull in the punters

As part of Whiting Bay's first ever entire week of fun, a Tractor Pull and Tug o' War was held in Sandbraes Park on Friday night.

The Whiting Bay Ladies beat Trailer Trash Ladies to win the women's tug of war and Team Arran beat Whiting Bay Boys to win the junior tug of war.

The gent's Tug of War final was a fiercely contested extremely close match between the County carpets team of Euan Ingram, Sandy and Adam Kelso and anchorman Tim Wilkinson, and The Whiting Bay Men team of Stevie McGovern Sandy Pringle, Dave Hackett and anchorman Paul MacArthur.

There were lots of mixed teams in for the Tractor Pull with Harry's Heros winning with a time of 14.2 seconds ahead of Whiting Bay men (obviously exhausted from the Tug of War) time of 17.9 and the County Carpets team (even more exhausted) time of 19.5 seconds.

Whiting Bay Ladies man-

aged to pull the Tractor over 15 metres in a time of 39.7 seconds.

The combined children's team managed to consistently improve their time over 10 metres to 10.5 seconds.

● Thursday's Music and Entertainment Quiz was a great success with Whiting Bay Village Hall full of eager contestants spread across 14 teams.

The atmosphere was of excited anticipation as Ian Cook and Jon Hollingworth delivered both verbal and audio questions ranging from the ridiculously easy to difficult and spread over five decades.

Results: 1 Unusually Suspicious - Trixi, Andy and Louise McCallum, 2 Dutch Courage and 3 Trailer Trash.

Well done to you all and to all those who came along for a great night.

Special thanks go to Jon Hollingworth who managed to set up this quiz for us despite all his other commitments.



The Whiting Bay Ladies were victorious in the women's Tug o' War competition. 01\_b31tug01

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# THE ARRAN BANNER

## Busiest week of the year so far

My, oh my, hasn't the island been busy.

The thousands of visitors who have descended on to the island this week have come as a welcome surprise.

This summer did not get off to a good start.

May and June were almost a complete write off weather wise and the island's businesses suffered badly from a huge fall in visitor numbers.

But a reasonably warm July has led to a sultry August, and with the new month has come plenty of new visitors.

I'm not sure whether it simply feels busier than normal because of the relatively quiet May and June that we had or whether or not the island is actually busier than normal.

Some say that the crowds can be attributed to the visit of Her Royal Highness Princess Anne to the Arran Farmers Show on Wednesday.

Certainly the ferries did seem to be very busy on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning as eager Royal spotters made their way to the island.

Despite the rather dull weather at the beginning of the week, the island was greeted on Wednesday morning by clear blue skies and sunshine, which undoubtedly helped the visitor numbers too.

Tomorrow the Highland Games take place in Brodick, Arran's other big show, and this will serve as another great boost to the island's economy as we make the slow descent towards winter.

In the past few weeks the pages of The Banner seem to have been littered with reports of our local emergency services being called out to assist stricken tourists.

The Mountain Rescue, Coastguard, Lifeboat and Fire Services have all had a busy time of it lately.

Because of course, as soon as the visitor numbers increase, so too do the number of incidents.

Some of these can be very serious and can take up hours of these worthy volunteers' time.

We must remember the hard work and dedication that these people put in to their chosen emergency services – some are even members of more than one!

They are all volunteers – every single one of them is fulfilling a much-needed role for nothing more than a pat on the back.

And I'm sure many of the visitors that find themselves stranded on a boat with no fuel, stuck up a mountain with a sprained ankle or in a flooded campsite don't realise that.

So since a pat on the back may be all they get, we say thank you to them all on the island's behalf.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus said, "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no-one than this that he lay down his life for his friends." (John 15: 12-13)

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## Letters to the Editor



### Astonished

Sir,

As a regular visitor to Arran over the past 10 years, I am, like Ian Small, astonished at the committee decision not to allow The Douglas Hotel to have a cocktail bar on the field.

I well remember the recent shambolic condition of The Douglas Hotel that greeted visitors to the island just off the boat. It was not a good advertisement for Arran.

Now that a company has come in and invested in the hotel it is up to Arran to do everything it can to support the business and ensure it thrives.

Banning a reasonable and legitimate promotion of the hotel strikes me as old fashioned and small minded and should be overturned, in fact welcomed, as an innovative and supportive idea for the Arran economy.

Yours,  
**Peter Gordon**  
Dunollie  
Old Pier Road  
Whiting Bay

### Smally is right

Sir,

On the front page of last week's Banner there was a reference to the Douglas Hotel being denied the opportunity to sell cocktails at the Highland Games, to which I comment as follows.

The Douglas has had an extraordinary facelift after many years of partial neglect.

This development must be the best seen on Arran since The Douglas was first built!

Also this work seems to have been completed without the customary begging bowl for public funding – another plus.

The Douglas is a credit to the island as it stands out as a gateway to Brodick and the whole of Arran.

The first place to be seen by the Highland Games crowds discharging from the ferry will be the Douglas and it's surroundings.

The decision by the games committee seems very harsh and reminds me of an old song that goes something like: 'Be your name Timothy, Sean,

Pascal or Pat.

'There will be a welcome on the mat.'

I think Ian Small will be proved correct, if it is not too late.

Yours,  
**Sandy Mutch**  
Burnside Road  
Brodick

### Problem with the drinkies

Sir,

I've written little ditty with regard to the Highland Games petty decision to disallow a cocktail bar at the games.

Yours,  
**Name and address supplied**  
*'The Highland Games', Arran's big show,*

*This year however, I doubt that we'll go.*

*A rumour we heard, a new 'cocktail bar'*

*And so we have travelled from near and afar.*

*A change from tradition we were so delighted,*

*Manhattans, Gin Slings, we're very excited.*

*Pina Colodas will get us quite frisky,*

*Can't say the same for warm beer or whisky.*

*But lo and behold we've heard the bad news*

*The Highland committee has outdated views.*

*They've vetoed the idea and got in a tizz*

*At the prospects of 'Daiquiris' or even 'Gin Fizz'.*

*So there's a problem now with drinkies we fear*

*We all loathe whisky and are bored stiff with beer.*

*And so folks we will not be going to the show,*

*To the Douglas Hotel with our money we'll go.*

*And there we will eat, drink and be merry*

*Roll down the hill, straight on to the ferry.*

*And maybe next year if we decide to come back*

*The games committee will have been given the sack.*

### Slow lumbering ferry

Sir,

The Banner editorial last week must rank as one of your most depressing reports.

You attempt to vindicate a system that is supposed to be representational but in fact fails on every count.

Not least among your piece is the condescension and reported comments, some of which defy a response.

One of the most absurd is the statement that 'we have the best ferry service we've ever had'.

In 1890 the Duchess of Hamilton did the Brodick to Ardrossan run in 40 minutes and in fact a traveller in 1890 could leave Brodick at 7.30am and be in Glasgow for 9am.

Even today people in Whiting Bay still remember their fathers running for the 'death boat'.

In comparison the present day CalMac does not provide a good service.

The fact is that we don't have a 'real' ferry. We have a slow moving, floating restaurant that is committed to maximising its takings from the day trippers.

The island's communication links should not depend on the deliberations of a mysterious and non-elected ferry committee whose minutes and agenda are as secret as a Government 'D' notice or dictated by some 'dead' hand of a distant administrator.

Instead, our statutory representative, the Arran Community Council, must, with immediate effect, accept their full responsibility as laid down in the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 and represent our views to the ferry operator.

The failure to represent the views of Arran's residents to CalMac is an abrogation of duty and passing that responsibility to a non-elected ferry committee is not acceptable.

To secure out future and not become a fading tourist market or some latter day Brig O'Doon, the days of a slow lumbering vessel that takes 15 minutes longer than the paddle steamer of 120 years ago must come to an end.

Now is the time for lateral thinking!

Yours,  
**Ian McCallum**  
Whiting Bay

### Whiting Bay concert

Sir,

What a pity that George MacIlwham's accident has resulted in the cancellation of this year's 'Summer Serenade' in Corrie.

It has provided musical de-

lights to both locals and visitors for a number of years, and, like Jean Bowden, we all wish George a speedy recovery, and look forward to the resumption of it next summer.

Music is not absent from the Arran scene this summer, however, as some of Arran's best singers are gathering in Whiting Bay Church on Wednesday 17 August to give a concert for Church funds.

The small groups, Ain't Misbehavin' and Vivace (both have won cups at recent Arran Music Festivals) will be there, as will a number of fine soloists from both the Rowan Singers and the Lochranza Choir, and possibly some instrumental solos too.

This concert was not set up to replace Summer Serenade, or indeed to compete, but simply to provide another musical evening in the summer, in a different venue, hopefully for the enjoyment of locals and visitors too.

An additional attraction will be that there will be something nice to eat at the interval!

Just come along to Whiting Bay Church on Wednesday evening, August 17 for an evening of good music.

Yours,  
Douglas Hamilton  
Glenburn  
Lamlash

### Happy retirement!

Sir,

The Shiskine Hall committee would like to publicly thank Donald and Ray Galbraith for their wonderful support to the hall over the years.

Donald has provided the Galliburgers and Haggis for all our fundraising BBQs and Burns Suppers and very generously donated all the burgers for this year's Shiskine Valley Sports Day stall.

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Yours,  
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# Princess Royal at the Show



The Princess chatted for quite some time with young farrier, Sarah Brown whose grandmother lives in Lochranza. 01\_b31afs27



Neil Henderson of Kilpatrick Farm meets Princess Anne. 01\_b31afs15



John McBride chats to the Princess as she presents the trophies to the major prizewinners. 01\_b31afs30



Before the prizegiving Her Royal Highness cooled down with a mouthful of Arran Ice Cream. 01\_b31afs31



Arran Farmers Society chairman, Kenneth Bone, had the noble task of escorting the Princess through the show exhibits. 01\_b31afs18



George Tod of Balgowan Farm, Shiskine with Princess Anne. 01\_b31afs19

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# The 175th Arran



Her Royal Highness was presented with a bouquet by little Jessica Reid of Clauchlands Farm, Lamlash.

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Local carriage driver, Janis Murchie, meets Princess Anne.

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Peter McDonald of Balegra Farm, Bannan is introduced to Her Royal Highness.

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Enjoying the equestrian display team 'Les Amis d'Onno'.

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Young farmers Willie Robertson and Niall McMaster chat with Her Royal Highness.

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Strathclyde Police had two mounted officers at this year's show, which proved to be a real crowd pleaser.

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Dawn McAllister and Sue Tozer keep an eye on the horse showing show.

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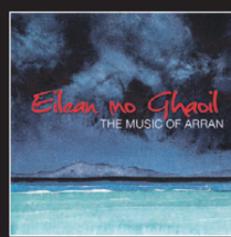
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# Farmers Society Show

Stuart Reid from Clauchlands Farm, Lamalsh with his Holstein heifer.

Overhead Reserve champion went to the overhead beef champion, Alastair Currie of Birchburn, Shiskine.

Despite the showers on Tuesday night, the sun managed to dry out the field enough for the thousands of spectators to make the most of the field at Glenkiln with kind permission of the Bone family.

The high number of visitors was maintained throughout the day thanks not only to the Royal visit but also to a plethora of entertainment laid on by the show committee.

Top billing was given to the equestrian display team 'Les Amis d'Onno' who wowed the crowds with their daring exploits.

Their five magnificent Friesian horses, two Andalusians and Norwegian Fjord pony are the stars of the family troupe.

The training of the horses is undertaken by the troupe who also make the costumes, props and artistic material associated with the shows. The troupe is made up of the Martin family, that includes mother Sue Martin daughter Bethany and son Jacob as well as guest performers from the south of England and the Borders of Scotland.

There were huge cheers for Her Royal Highness when she left the show filed at 3.45pm in what proved to be a wonderful event to mark a great milestone.

For the full results from the show please see next week's Banner.



The Overhead Reserve Champion for 2011 was Alastair Currie of Birchburn Far, Shiskine with his bull. 01\_b31afs09



The Deputy Lord Lieutenant, Alastair Grassie of Shiskine, with Jill Hargan. 01\_b31afa06



Young James Reid of Clauchlands Farm emulated his dad's success when his Holstein calf was named champion. 01\_b31afs08

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# Sun shines on Royal visitor



Overhead horse and pony champion was Katy Thomson of Lamash with her horse Mohawk Mancha which is owned by mum Sarah. 01\_b31afs29



Colin Hutton and his red Massey Ferguson was overhead champion in the vintage tractor section. The machine was first registered to John McAllister of Bellvue, Sliderry in the 1960s. 01\_b31afs01



The 2011 Overhead Champion and winner of the James Bone Memorial Cup was Stuart Reid of Clauchlands Farm, Lamash with his Holstein heifer. 01\_b31afs10



Stewart Lambie of Brodick explains the shepherd's crooks to Princess Anne. 01\_b31afs26



The equestrian display team 'Les Amis d'Onno' wowed the crowds with their daring exploits. 01\_b31afs07



Genevieve Pilgreen helping to present ewes for Richard and Niall McMaster of Springfield Farm, Bannan. 01\_b31afs12



Brodick youngsters, Ross Dobson and Tenzin and Yeshe Gautier get to grips with a huge Massey Ferguson tractor. 01\_b31afs13



Cil Paul in the traditional handcrafts tent. 01\_b31afs05



Former farmer Willie Kelso of Shiskine chats to the Princess. 01\_b31afs21



## VIKING DAY IN CORRIE

### Saturday 13th August

11am Shield & sword painting for children Corrie Hall.  
Tea tent for refreshments

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# Where's Archie?

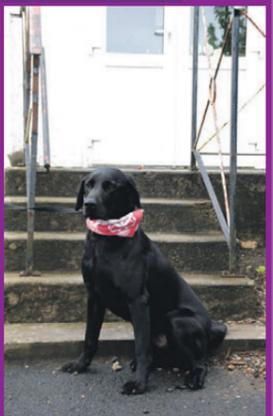


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Last week Archie was in the car park near Machrie, contemplating a nice walk to the King's Cave. First to correctly guess this week was Sylvia Money who happens to live nearby in Machrie. This week he is sitting at the bottom of the steps, but where do they lead to?



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# Riding Club enjoy fancy dress night

There was much fun and hilarity for the junior committee members of the Arran Riding Club as they held a fun night last Friday at Glenkiln in aid of the Leukaemia Care.

There was an outstanding turnout for the fancy dress competition and it was evident that all taking part had put an enormous amount of effort into their costumes and

overall display. The very difficult task of judging fell to Jane McKinnie who awarded first place to Eilidh McNeil riding piper dressed as a bumblebee on flowers.

Second place went to Eilidh Blair riding Raffles dressed as the fallen angels.

Gemma Bennett riding Bonnie who was dressed as an Indian was awarded third place and joint fourth place went to Hannah Bone riding Lilly and Lori Young riding Chleo who were dressed as Andy Pandy and Looby loo.

## Pancake Race

The competitors then took part in the Bending race, Walk-trot-canter and run race, Flag race, tattie race, pancake race and the sack race.

After some very tight competition and lots of giggling the reserve Champion went to Hazel Ramage riding Fran and champion went to Hannah Bone riding Lilly.

A very good night was had by all and many thanks to all the competitors and families who supported what is a very worthwhile cause.

Donations are still more than welcome - please contact Janis or Clair.



## Holidaying families battle it out on the tennis court

Each year a number of families come to the island to battle it out on the tennis courts to take home a coveted trophy.

And Wednesday 6 July this year was no different as the annual Reynier-McDavid tennis tournament took place at Shiskine Golf and Tennis Club.

Unlike last year, this year's tournament was held in glorious sunshine.

The competition pairings are drawn on the day from the entry and the couples are an adult/junior combination.

The winners this year were Angus Taylor and Susan Faint and the losing finalists - holding their jam-based prizes - were Mhairi Taylor (Angus' sister) and Euan Darroch (who was particularly pleased with his prize).

## The grand re-floating of the daft-to-go-on raft-a-long!



One of the most memorable entries in the Shiskine Raft Race was an old Reliant Robin. 02\_b31ra01

The mighty Shiskine Raft Race has been reinstated after a five-year absence from the island's summer calendar of events.

Rafts will be launched from 1pm at Blackwaterfoot Beach on Sunday 14 August.

All vessels will have to sail from the golf course along to the quay at the Kinloch.

The winners this year will receive the Lucy Ford and the Lost Souls Trophy in memory of all those friends that can no longer be with us. Each team should consist of four men/women and it will cost £20 per team to enter.

All rafts must be hand-made - boats, canoes etc will not be allowed - and everyone must wear a life jacket.

A junior race for youngsters aged 13 and under will be launching from the Kinloch up the burn.

There will be prizes for the best fancy dress and best raft as well as the race winners. The race will be followed by an afternoon of family fun in the Kinloch Hotel gardens.

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## Knockout Cup first round

Shiskine and Brodick have gone through to the second round of the football Knockout Cup after wins in the first round on Monday night.

### Drew

Shiskine drew 2-2 with Bay FC after 90 minutes at the Harbour Field in Blackwaterfoot.

However, extra time proved to work in the home team's

favour and Shiskine won the match 5-4. On the other side of the island, Brodick beat Lamlash 7-2 to go through.

The semi-finals of the cup

(August 8).

Shiskine play Northend and Brodick take on Southend.

The football league has now finished; the final table is printed below.



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## Family events at Brodick Castle, and Country Park

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# Red Squirrels

## Nature Notes by Reuben Brown

Every season is red squirrel season here on Arran, so in this month's Nature Notes we're going to play a game about red squirrels - two truths and a lie.

Here's the first of three statements, one of which is a lie - see if you can spot it. 'Squirrels have been known to use bits of wood as boats, holding their bushy tails in the air as sails.' Sounds implausible!

Statement number two: 'Rabbits took the name 'bunny' only a few hundred years ago. Before this, 'bun' was used for squirrels.'

The final statement: 'Before the advent of toothbrushes, early Scots used the tails of red squirrels as multi-purpose oral hygiene tools which could be used as both brush (the fluffy bit) and floss (the stringy middle bit).'

Did you spot the impostor? Let's start with one of the two truths.

Squirrels were called 'bun' until the 1500s when the name was transferred to rabbits. This was a colloquial name, which across Scotland is accompanied by names like skuggie and squagg.

The true scientific name for squirrels is *Sciurus vulgaris*, which comes from the Greek

words for 'shadow' and 'tail': the squirrel is a shadowtail.

If you feel overwhelmed by all the facts in the previous paragraph then you might be relieved to know that the second 'truth' is actually debatable.

There are accounts dating back to Roman times of squirrels using bits of wood as rafts, and a few other historic accounts since.

I've a feeling that this is simply a fable as even an internet search - usually a reliable means of confirming half-truths as fact - didn't suggest that this story is true.

Still, if it's good enough for Beatrix Potter (see *The Tale of Squirrel Nutkin*) then it must be worth repeating.

What is true is that squirrels are decent swimmers, but they're reluctant to use their aquatic skills.

Red squirrels can be seen all year round on the island, as they don't hibernate during the winter.

There's a squirrel feeder up at the Ranger Centre in Brodick Country Park and this

is a good place to see them, although any well-stocked bird table (or any bit of woodland) is likely to produce a sighting.

The early morning seems to be the time that they are most active, so don't set the alarm too late if you want a squaggie watching session.

At this time of year, any female Arran squirrels that are still strong after the spring breeding season may be giving birth to a second litter of young.

Don't get your hopes up of seeing the little ones yet though - they'll be bald, deaf, blind, and well hidden away - they won't become independent for another couple of months.

Most people will know that the reason Arran's such a good place to see red squirrels is that there are no grey squirrels to out-compete them.

Grey squirrels - which were introduced from America in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries - are already the dominant species on the mainland and great efforts



**There is a squirrel feeder up at the Ranger Centre in Brodick Country Park and this is a great place to see them up close**

are going into researching ways to control their spread.

Some have suggested that the best way would be to get grey squirrels established as a dinner time favourite; they

apparently taste better than rabbit.

Before I go, I'd better mention that lie.

Archaeological evidence suggests that sticks were the

tool of choice for prehistoric people wanting to relieve the pains of their gum disease.

The idea of squirrel tails being used as floss is not even debatable!



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# Fun in the sun at Whiting Bay



The crowds on Whiting Bay beach, all busily building beach sculptures on Wednesday evening. 02\_b31scu02

## Scavenger hunt

Both sunny weather and family fun continued last Tuesday as 13 families and two individual children joined the Scavenger Hunt on Whiting Bay beach.

Competitors had to use puzzle-solving and search skills to complete their tasks and, after a hectic two hours, all teams had completed their mission.

The end result was a tidier beach and lots of smiling faces. After careful scrutiny, the judges announced the following results: Family winner, Team Eastwood; child winner, Jess; perfect white stone, The Hot Rods; best rainbow, Team Eastwood; longest grass, Trailer Trash; best object, The Mack family; second best object, Trailer Trash; third best object, Hot Rods.

All children - and some adults - were given sweets and pens, so there were no losers.

It was another triumph for the Fun Week and an event to be succeeded next year.

## Beach sculpture

There were over 30 entries for the beach sculpture competition on Whiting Bay beach last Wednesday evening.

It has been a popular addition to the Fun Week in recent years, and with a low tide and high sun, the beach was packed with sandy sculptures of all shapes and sizes. After two hours of back-breaking efforts, a stop was called by commentator Ian Cook.

### £50 vouchers

Renowned local sculptor Tim Pomeroy was once again the judge, and took his job very seriously, giving each ex-

hibit a serious course of looking at. The three categories of adults, families and children were sponsored, the first two each winning £50 vouchers for the Arran Art Gallery and the children getting goodies from Bay News.

Winners in the children's section were Abby, Holly, Victoria and Jonathon, all here on holiday from Kilsyth and Edinburgh.

Their two entries were an ice cream cone and an Arran rockpool. The rockpool came complete with starfish, prawns, crabs and jellyfish.



Abby, Holly, Victoria and Jonathon with their winning beach sculpture, an Arran rockpool. 02\_b31scu01

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## SATURDAY 6th AUGUST

Karate  
Family Games  
Fun In The Pool  
Over 21's Disco  
Arran Dancers (4 years and up)  
Rink Game  
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Rink Game  
Brodict Highland Games

Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am - 12.30pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall 3pm - 4pm  
Auchrannie Spa Pool 4pm - 5pm  
The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
Arran High School, 10am  
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm  
Brodict Bowling Club, 2pm  
Whiting Bay Bowling Club 2.30pm  
Lamlash Bowling Club 2pm  
Ormidale Park, from 1pm

## SUNDAY 7th AUGUST

Alcoholics Anonymous  
Quiz  
Open Music Session  
RNLI Shop Open  
Live Music Folk / Rock / Blues  
Horse-shoeing Demonstration & Vintage Tractor Rally  
Family Games  
Fun In The Pool  
Shurig Shield Open Rinks Competition  
Secret Garden Gallery Opening  
Exhibition of Arran Paintings by William Lees  
Brodict Improvements Family BBQ

Church Hall, Brodict, 4.30pm  
PHT, Lamlash, 9pm  
Bar Eden, 3pm - 5pm  
Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm  
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
Heritage Museum, From 1.30pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall 3pm - 4pm  
4pm to 5pm Auchrannie Spa Pool  
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2.30pm  
Castlekirk Arthouse, Lochranza, 2pm - 7pm  
Corrie Hall, 10am - 6pm  
Brodict Beach, 2pm

## MONDAY 8th AUGUST

Over 50's Badminton  
Badminton  
Weight Wise  
Ladies Netball  
Citizens Advice  
BreathWalk Class  
Table Tennis  
Hatha Yoga  
Summer Bridge  
Rink Game  
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Rink Game  
Quiz  
Zumba Fitness  
Coffee Morning  
Kilmory Farmer's & Craft Market  
Exhibition of Arran Paintings by William Lees

Lochranza Village Hall 2pm - 4pm  
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm  
Hospital Bungalow, 5pm - 5.30pm  
High School Sports Hall - Seniors 7.30pm - 9pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 10am - 2pm  
Kinneil, Lamlash 5.15pm  
Corrie Hall, 6.30pm  
Arran High School, 6pm - 7.30pm  
High School Cafe, 6.30pm  
Brodict 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  
Corrie Hall, 10am - 6pm



## TUESDAY 9th AUGUST

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  
Exhibition of Arran Paintings by William Lees

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

## WEDNESDAY 10th AUGUST

Hockey  
Tae Kwon Do  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
Arran Brass Rehearsal  
Selt Making Class  
Musical Mayhem Class Parents & Little Ones  
Yoga for Every Body  
Senior Badminton  
Museum, Archives & Geneology Service  
Yogalates  
Rink Game  
Coffee Morning  
Rink Game  
Rink Game  
Dog Agility Classes  
Live Music Coutry & Western  
Family Ceilidh  
Exhibition of Arran Paintings by William Lees

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 - 11.30am  
High School Games Hall, 8pm - 9pm  
10.30am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 3.30pm  
9.30am to 10.30am Auchrannie Studio  
Brodict Bowling Club, 6.45pm  
Lamlash Curch 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  
Brodict Hall, 8pm - 11pm  
Corrie Hall, 10am - 6pm

## THURSDAY 11th AUGUST

General Knowledge Quiz  
Lochranza Craft Club  
Coffee Morning  
Table Tennis  
Youth Club  
General Knowledge Quiz  
Village Market  
Zumba Fitness Class  
Family Ceilidh  
Concert & CD Launch  
Exhibition of Arran Paintings by William Lees

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
Hall, 2pm  
St Molios Church 10.30am - 12pm  
Kildonan Hall, 3pm - 5pm  
Youth Cabin, Lamlash 7-9pm  
Kinloch Bar, 9pm  
Whiting Bay Hall, 11am to 2pm  
Whiting Bay Hall, 8pm - 9pm  
Lochranza Hall, 8pm  
Brodict Hall, 7.30pm  
Corrie Hall, 10am - 6pm

## FRIDAY 12th AUGUST

Family Ceilidh  
Quiz  
AquaFizz  
Yogalates  
Rock Disco  
Arran Youth Foundations  
Live music with DJ  
Kildonan Market  
Exhibition of Arran Paintings by William Lees

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  
Village Hall, 11am - 3.30pm  
Corrie Hall, 10am - 6pm

## SATURDAY 13th AUGUST

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The Hirsell, Lamlash, 10am - 4pm  
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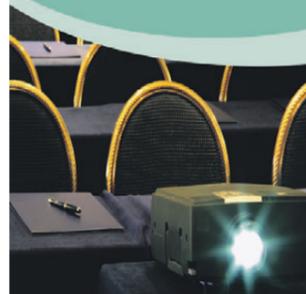
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## Golf

#### Brodick Golf Club

Ladies: Saturday 23 July, Club Championship 23 July, Gwen McNicol beat Elizabeth Sinclair 4 & 3. Bronze championship: Heather Raeside beat Kay Kitson 4 & 2.

Monday 26 July, SLGA Brooch, 20 played, CSS 67. 1 Heather Raeside (26)62, 2 Susan Harvey (27)66, 3 Brenda Livingstone (9)67. Scratch Brenda 76.

Gents: Wednesday 27 July, Summer Cup, 50 played, CSS 64. 1 B Smith (14)63, 2 A McNicol (8)64, 3 J Harvey (16)64. Scratch G McCrae 70.

There were only 5 twos, from S Morrison, E Thompson, G Hendry, J Armit and A McNicol

Sunday 31 July, Captain v Vice Captain for the John Gemmill Shield was won by the Captain's team, though team selection criteria was shrouded in mystery. Format was a three club competition, individual sweep winners were: 1 Lenny Hartley 32pts (10 points for the first nine was pretty poor, but he got the hang of it eventually!) 2 Iain MacDonald 32pts (a brave attempt to lead his team from the front) and 3 John McKean 32pts.

There were three twos, from L Hartley, J McKean and J Armit (lucky to get his twos money, as his card wasn't entered in the computer).

Fixtures: Friday 5 August, in the evening the sunflower judging will take place at the clubhouse. Sunday 7 August, Centenary Quai. Tee off times from 8.30am and 1pm. Draw at 12noon on Saturday 6 August. Sunday 14 August, Brandon.

#### Whiting Bay Golf Club

Ladies: Saturday 30 July, Ladies Open. The fine weather held on Saturday for the 70 ladies that took part in the Ladies Greensome Open. With a light breeze to keep the midges away and enough sunshine to keep us warm and dry there were already some super scores to chase by midday!

As always with the fair fortnight, our prizegiving was a great success with a full clubhouse and everyone enjoying the event. As the evening progressed a few songs were sung and at the end of the night a lovely rendition of 'Hi Ho, Hi Ho it's off to work we go' was sung as our regular holiday visitors led the last group out of the clubhouse and in to the dark...(only you know who you were...the secret is safe with us).  
1 Elaine Adair and Gill Foggo 55, 2

June Richardson and Sheri Walker 56, 3 Shona and Sally Weir 59.5. Scratch Doreen Mains and Sian Gordon 74 and least number of putts went to Pat McDonald and Christine Maxton with 29!

A huge thanks to all our sponsors who contributed prizes to our event - as always much appreciated and very well received by all our winners.

Gents: Wednesday 27 July, a super turnout of 50 players played for the Jim Pirie Quai. Scoring was tight with the top four scores only being separated by a countback and the CSS stayed at 63. 1 Danny Head (6)62 BIH, 2 John Dick (12)62 BIH, 3 Gus MacLeod (10)62 BIH, 4 Colin Nisbet (11)62. Nicol Auld won scratch with 65 and there were seven magic twos.

Sunday 31 July, 24 played in drizzly conditions for a new trophy presented to the club by the Rankin family who have supported and been associated with the club for many years. Nestor Rankin is a former captain of the club and presented the new trophy to Nicol Auld who had a fine total of 38 Stableford points, 2 Malcolm Pennycott with 37 points, 3 John Rankin with 36 points, 4 Neil McKechnie with 33 points. The CSS was 34 points, reflecting the tricky conditions. Many thanks to the Rankin family for their support.

Fixtures: Sunday 7 August, Lifeboat Competition. Wednesday 10 August, McNicol Cup. Sunday 14 August, Bogey Competition.

#### Lamlash Golf Club

Monday 25 July, the Island Mixed Fours competition was held at Lamlash Golf Club, 37 couples took part. The trophy was presented by Carly Fallon great granddaughter of Hugh and Rona Henderson in whose memory the trophy was donated. 1 Aileen Latona and Andy Pattison 75-14=61, 2 Marion Porter and Bob Tait 80-18=62 BIH,  
3 Alice Anderson and Colin Muir 76-14=62. Scratch Clair and Andy Barclay 72.

Ladies: Wednesday 27 July, Stroke Five and Flag, 15 played, CSS 64. 1 Gay MacKay 85-23=62, 2 Rachel Wren 88-24=64, scratch Gay MacKay 85.

Thursday 28 July, Summer Cup and Medal Shield, 32 played, CSS 66. 1 Alan Winship 79-13=66, 2 John O'Sullivan 84-18=66, 3 Euan Evans 69-3=66, 4 Colin Richardson 81-14=67, 5 Kenneth Glen 74-7=67. Best Scratch Dougie Macfarlane 68.

There were twos from Colin Richardson and Adam Burke. Seniors Medal, CSS 60.

1 Jimmy Gordon 69-8=61, 2 Jim McDowall 72-11=61, 3 Ian Reid 76-15=61.

Saturday 30 July, Dan Crawford



**Nestor Rankin presents Nicol Auld with Nester's Jug on Sunday. Nicol is the first winner of this new prize.**

Salver (Lifeboat), CSS 64, 29 played. 1 Drew Wales 67-6=61, 2 Lee Girbow 68-4=64, 3 Paul Jameson 75-11=64. Best Scratch Drew Wales 67. Twos Alan Smith, Robbie Glen, Iain Murchie and Drew Wales.

Sunday 31 July, Hastings Cup, CSS 66. 1 Kenneth Glen 71-7=64, 2 Lee Girbow 71-4=67. Best Scratch K Glen 71. Overall Winner Lee Girbow 134 better second round over runner-up Euan Evans 134.

Fixtures: Thursday 4 August, Summer Cup. Friday 5 August, Open Stableford - Practice Round for Lamlash Open. Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 August, Lamlash Open, late entries accepted while space remains but places are limited. Prizegiving at approximately 9pm followed by A.Little Disco on both nights.

#### Arran Golfers Association Champion of Champions 2011

This years Competition takes place at Brodick Golf Club with the first round matches on Friday 12 August from 5.30pm.

Draw: Corrie v Machrie, Shiskine v Lamlash, Lochranza v Champion, Brodick v Whiting Bay. New draw on completion of each round.

Semi Finals on Monday 15 August at 5.30pm and final on Friday 19 August at 5.30pm.

#### Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday 26 July, Lady Mary/Peter Sutton. 1 Alice Anderson 62, 2 Steph Hill 65, 3 Brian Sherwood 66. Scratch Brian Sherwood 74. Twos Alastair Macdonald.

Fixtures: Tuesday 10 August, Lady Mary/Peter Sutton, 12.30/5.30pm tee-off.

#### Corrie Golf Club

Wednesday 27 July, 12 played, CSS 62. 1 A Burke 73-17=56, 2 H B McKinnon 72-11=61, 3 M Elliott 78-15=63. Best scratch H B McKinnon 72, J McGovern 72.

Saturday 30 July, second round of the Fairs Cup, 20 played, CSS 60. 1 A Napier 62-6=56, 2 H B McKinnon 69-11=58 BIH, 3 R Logan 63-5=58. Winner of the Cup was R Logan 117 net. Runner-up was D Crawford 127 net. Congratulations to the following: D Logan winning the Crawford Cup, runner-up Adam Burke. R Logan winning the Fairs Cup, runner-up A Crawford. J Smith winning Commemorative Shield. R Logan winner of the Rose Bowl.

Best of luck to Euan McKinnon on Friday 5 August in the semi-final of the Ayrshire Championship. Fixtures: Saturday 6 August, Summer Cup, 8.30am, 1pm and 1.45pm. Saturday 13 August, J Bunyan Cup, 18 holes stroke play, max handicap 24. Open to members of all island clubs, 8.30am, 1pm and 1.45pm.

#### Lochranza Golf Course

Sunday 24 July, Summer Greensome Competition. Alastair Innes/Ian Buchanan 16pts, Jack Ewing/Betty Buchanan 6pts.

Tuesday 26 July, Alan Mitchell/Ian Buchanan 14pts, Sandy Rhymas/Betty Buchanan 14pts. With one month to



**Craig Buchanan of Gled-doch Golf Club, Glasgow was the winner of this year's Whiting Bay Open golf competition.**

go the top six positions are as follows: 1 Buchanan 182pts from 12 games, A Cumming 169 pts from 6 games, M Cumming 76pts from 4 games, J Hartley 57pts from 3 games, A Mitchell 57pts from 4 games, A Innes 51pts from 3 games.

Monday 1 August, Junior five-hole Stroke Play Competition, leading scores: 1 Ben Innes (12)27, 2 Alastair Innes (9)29, 3 R Traill (15)30, 4 Charley Weir (12)38.

#### Shiskine Golf Club

Gents: Saturday 23 July, Shiskine held its new format Gents Open in glorious sunny conditions. The new format was individual stableford points winners for both first and second class and also pairs stableford winners. There were prizes at each hole and the wonderful raffle rounded off a most successful day.

Results: First class individual - Alan Macdonald, and first class pairs - Alan Macdonald and Rab Robertson. Second class individual - Dave Johnston and second class pairs - Dave Johnston and Alan Bannatyne. Congratulations to you all and sincere thanks to our generous sponsors for the prizes and raffle donations.

Ladies: Thursday 28 July, Ladies Open, 128 played in the Greensome Format tournament.

There was a stiff breeze coming from the west most of the day - one of the regular challenges at Shiskine, but there was no rain despite the sky looking threatening at times during the day.

Results: (Handicaps added together and divided by 2) 1 (best net score) Jen Maxwell and Beth Gordon 39.5, 2 Claire Buchanan and Moira Ritchie 41.5 BIH, 3 Place Carol Simpson and E Rankin 41.5. Scratch 50 Christine Maxton and Liz Lees. Least Putts Jane Thompson and Patricia McKinnon 17, Centurions Mary Jo Tod and Viv Parks 42. The raffle total was £640, which will go to Guide Dogs for the Blind, a fantastic amount and very many thanks to everyone for their generosity.



**Carly Fallon presenting the trophy to the winners of the Island Mixed Fours competition, Aileen Latona and Andy Pattison. b31lam01NO**

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# Sport

Arran's Weekly Newspaper

# Cricket Jim, but not as we know it!

## Sannox win 2011 Argyll league

Arran's cricketers have won the 2011 Argyll League after the poor weather on Sunday resulted in the cancellation of the Carradale – Oban match.

Despite the weather the Sannox cricketers travelled to Dunadd Fort in Argyll to play what was already a critical league match against Mid Argyll Cricket Club.

The Argyll rain was consistently coming in horizontally from the south west but a decision was made to play and Sannox, winning the toss, put the hosts into bat on a wicket best not described.

Lachlan Jones opened off a shortened run up from the Dunadd Fort or the 'deep-end.' A combination of accuracy and variable pace saw Bobul at number two bowled for one.

Fox at number three stayed only long enough to get very wet as opposed to drenched for his two before a skidding Jones delivery had him plumb.

Raju at number four looked threatening and knocked a useful four before skipper Brookes bowled him.

Brookes also bowled Turner at number five for a rosy duck.

Lister was also bowled by Pomeroy and Hemming, the mid-Argyll skipper, came in at number eight to rescue an 'untidy situation'.

And untidy it was with cricket sweaters lengthening on account of their weight of water, with one umpire's trousers so wet and almost embarrassingly transparent, with cricket shoes filled with water and squelching through the long outfield.

Marriott saw quickly to Hemming, Beckett senior and Gordon Lyburn at number one carried their bats.

Lyburn was 18 not out and his innings undoubtedly made any kind of match possible. Mid Argyll turned around at 45 for 7.

It was the short straws that

saw any Sannox men reluctantly agree to umpire in worsening conditions.

At this point in the match it was agreed that even rugby players might have called off.

But West Coast cricket is made of sterner or more intense stuff and Kemp and Brookes opened for the visitors to settle the matter as quickly as possible.

At end of play, Sannox stood in a very strong position in the league and on the drive back to Claonaig heard that the Carradale Oban match had been cancelled.

This means that Oban can no longer beat Sannox meaning that Arran's team have won the Argyll league.

Sannox would like to thank all of its supporters and friends and all well-wishers and would continue to invite all cricketing enthusiasts to watch home matches (next one at Sannox Oval this Sunday against Torrance).



The Sannox Cricket team celebrate on the Claonaig ferry after hearing they had topped the Argyll League.



Whiting Bay golfer John Pennycott is pictured second from the left with his Scotland team mates.

## Brodick Bowling Club results

Recent results from Brodick Bowling Club are as follows.

Wednesday 6 July: Charlie Weir and Peter Lee (+19).

Saturday 9 July: John Lauder and Fiona Brown (+12).

Monday 11 July: Charlie Weir and Tony Wooden (+14).

Wednesday 13 July: Tony Wooden and Charlie Weir (+8).

Saturday 16 July: Peter Lee and Neil Thomson (+3).

Wednesday 20 July: Charlie Weir, Ann Hollingworth and Lavinia Hendry (+7).

Saturday 23 July: Tony Wooden and Colin Haggarty (+6).

Monday 25 July: Tony Wooden and Lavinia Hendry (+8).

Wednesday 27 July: Johnnie Corbett (+9).

Saturday 30 July: Colin Haggarty and Lavinia Hendry (+24).

## Arran golfer competes in the World Cup

Disabled golf teams from around the world have just concluded an inaugural 72-hole, World Cup and included on Scotland's team was one of Arran's top golfers.

John Pennycott of Whiting Bay was one of the 12-man Scotland squad that competed in the Ryder Cup style tournament at the Westerwood Golf Resort in Cumbernauld.

### Comprehensive

Stevie Cunningham, the vice chairman of Scottish Disability Golf, the event organisers, said: 'No other disabled group has organised such an intensive or comprehensive package of golf. We didn't give the players any practice rounds, just launched them into the mix and got them

playing competitively.'

The teams were Scotland, Celtic, England and a World squad and they played a Ryder Cup format over 72 holes, finishing off with singles, based on a stableford scoring system.

### Maintain

England took an early lead after the first couple of days and managed to maintain that into the early session matches of the final day.

Scotland rallied however, taking most of the points available and it went down to the last match of the last day to decide the winning team.

England won that match with Scotland coming a very close second, followed by the World and Celtic squads.

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