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**179th Arran Show** Full coverage inside



# Arran Man organisers are hit by a hefty bill

## Questions asked if event should be allowed again

The organisers of a triathlon event held on Arran have been heavily criticised.

The Arran Man event brought more than 170 athletes pouring on to the island in mid June. But the preparations for the event were woefully lacking, resulting in the organisers being hit with bill for thousands of pounds.

Now questions are being asked as to whether the event should be allowed to be staged on the island again.

The event involved an iron and half iron distance triathlons and a marathon. Centred in Lamlash, the competitors completely took over the village green and were seen around the island as the full iron event involved a 2.4 mile swim, a 111 mile bike ride and a 26.2 mile run.

But it has emerged it came close to being cancelled as a satisfactory risk assessment had not been completed hours before the event was due to start, with the major concern being the safety of the athletes taking part in the swimming leg of the event.

**REPORT**  
 by HUGH BOAG  
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And the emergency services found out almost by accident that the event was happening just 72 hours before it was due to take place.

The normal protocol would be the submission of an application to North Ayrshire council to hold an event who, after consultation with agencies such as the police, fire and ambulance service, would authorise the event. But Arran Man did not follow this protocol.

**'Beggars belief'**

At Arran Community Council last week, Whiting Bay representative Peter Randell said it 'beggars belief' the way the event was organised. Having previously organised a marathon himself, he said he was 'appalled' a risk assessment was not agreed until the day of the event. 'Arran could have come unstuck had their been an accident,' he said.

The event only went ahead

after organisers, the Glasgow Triathlon Club, agreed to pay for the cost of additional police officers, who had to be brought from the mainland. They also had to pay for an additional ambulance and Lamlash firefighters.

Members heard that it was a commercial event and that organisers had been hit by a 'hefty bill' as a result. An injured athlete also had to be airlifted by helicopter to hospital on the mainland and it was understood the organisers insurance would have had to foot the bill.

It was also asked what was the benefit for Arran with Shiskine representative Neil Arthur, saying: 'Is Arran the place to have it given that there has been two serious cycling accidents recently and a fatality at the Witches Bridge.' Lochranza representative Hazel Gardiner added: 'It takes up the whole of the island infrastructure.'

However, some members felt that it had been useful in bringing business to hotels on the island and income for the

## Isla is crowned champion



Young Isla Yuill sits proudly on Velvet after being named overhead champion at the 179th Arran Farmers' Society Show. It may have been washout Wednesday but for the society it was a case of 'the show must go on' and given the conditions a remarkable day it turned out to be. Full report starts on page 11.

Isla Yuill on overhead champion Velvet  
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local shops, particularly for food and drink supplies.

Chairman Ricky McMaster said: 'If the event returns, I would hope it will not be run the way it was the last time.'

The council was read a re-

port from the island's police sergeant Allan Dodds, in which he stated: 'There were several learning outcomes for the organiser, should he undertake the event again next year. Early consultation with

local groups is of paramount importance and this has been reinforced.'

The Banner put the concerns to Arran Man organisers but they had failed to respond at the time of going to press.



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## Tractor rally at museum

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Following judging, a prize will be presented to the best presented vehicle, and all entrants will receive a rosette.

Enquiries in advance to Tom Macleod on 302185.

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Elaine C Smith receives her surprise birthday cake at the fun day 20\_32museum01

# A birthday to re: Elaine as she go

## Burdz Eye View of Arran for actress

Actress and comedian, Elaine C Smith, had a birthday to remember on Arran last weekend.

For she didn't just get one birthday cake - she got three!

And she had good reason to enjoy it as her one woman show at Brodick Hall on Saturday night was not only completely sold out, but she went down a storm with the audience. Cue birthday cake number one, presented to her on stage by her husband and led to a rousing chorus of Happy Birthday sung by the entire audience.

Number two came at the Arran Heritage Museum after Elaine drew in the crowds when she performed the opening ceremony of the children's fun day on Sun-

day. The third came courtesy of the Auchrannie, but we won't say what age she was!

Elaine was on the island last weekend as part of her TV show, Elaine C Smith's Burdz Eye View, in which she visits Scottish holiday destinations with her stand-up show meeting people at the various locations along the way.

The fun day, which was held under a large marquee in the museum's manicured gardens, featured events for all ages and tastes included drawing classes, traditional games, face painting, cake decorating, a tombola and a model railway display among many other activities.

The spinning and weaving classes and the chocolate fountain were a massive hit

with visitors as were the Arran pipe band who enthused the crowd and had many, including Elaine, doing a wee jig.

Cafe Rosaburn provided the usual fantastic fayre for those who wished for something more substantial than the delicious burgers that were on offer and they even managed to create a birthday cake for Elaine.

She was also treated to her second impromptu rendition of Happy Birthday from the enthusiastic crowd and she seemed genuinely thrilled to be there. So much so, that she was seen picking up a few souvenirs and tablet from the gift shop on her way out.

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Alison Barr who taught the children how to spin on sticks 20\_32museum08



Museum representatives l to r, John Sillars, John Lauder, Tom Macleod and Jean Glen with Elaine 20\_32museum04



Sticky fingers at the cake decorating stall 20\_32museum03



Elaine performing on stage during her show in Brodick Hall 20\_b32museum09

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Cil Paul who taught the Celtic art class with the concert backdrop being worked on in the foreground 20\_32feis05



Grant MacFarlane teaching (l to r) Donald Currie, James Reid and Lucy Walsh the accordion 20\_32feis03

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Ewan MacDonald teaching the g



Children from the other classes w the concert 20\_b32concert01



The audience joined in the action



# Rousing concert brings down curtain on successful Fèis

Another successful Fèis Arainn finished with the traditional concert in the community theatre on Friday afternoon.

A packed hall watched performances by more than 60 children who had taken part in the Gaelic workshops which had been held at Arran High School all week as part of the 16th festival.

There were workshops in Gaelic sing-

ing, Gaelic drama and Celtic art and seven different traditional instruments were taught - accordion, clarsach (harp), drums, fiddle, guitar, pipes, or chanter for beginners, and whistle.

And they all came together to perform in the final concert which ended with the rousing Fèis song, which the audience were encouraged to join in.

Organiser, Aileen McLaughlin, thanked all the tutors who gave their time to teach the various classes and she, in turn, was presented with a bouquet of flowers.

The tutors this year were: Dougie Beck, Mairi Macinnes, Sarah MacNeil, Grant MacFarlane, Struan Thorpe, Steve Fivey, Deirdre Beck, Ewan MacDonald and Cil Paul.



uitar 20\_32feis07



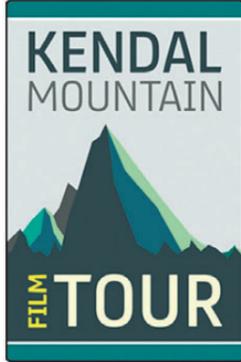
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# Sixty children take part in Gaelic festival



The Gaelic singers led by Mairi Macinnes 20\_b32concert12



Above: All the children take part in the Fèis song finale 20\_b32concert10



Right: The accordionists on stage. 20\_b32concert07



The drummers led by Steve Fivey 20\_b32concert08



Struan Thorpe leads the recorder performers 20\_b32concert06



The poachers are hauled before the landowners in the drama performance 20\_b32concert04

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# Emergency yellow sign is put to wider community use

A big yellow sign has been promoting events on Arran over the past couple of weeks. It has been seen advertising the Highland Games and Farmers' Show and before

that the cricket fun day and the Whiting Bay Golf Open. But what is it and where has it come from some residents have been asking? The solar-powered Varia-

ble Message Sign has been donated by Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution (SHEPD) to the island's police force and roads department for use during adverse

weather and emergency situations. But, as the sign will often need to be used during the winter months when the sun won't be shining, it can also be powered by a diesel generator.

However, to make sure that it is not lying idle when not needed for emergencies, it is being made available to community groups and non-profit organisations to use to advertise their events.

This is being organised through North Ayrshire Council in Lamlash and while at present there is no charge for the service, given that the system needs to be towed by an appropriate vehicle and is a two person job to set up, this may have to be considered somewhere down the line.

Mo Bates, SHEPD's Community Liaison Manager explained that the sign had been donated as part of the company's community fund, set up after the storms of 2013. She said: 'When bad weather hits the island, it can sometimes



The big yellow sign which is now available to community groups. 20\_b31sign01

mean that roads need to be closed by the emergency services due to flooding or when trees have come down across the carriageway. A mobile sign such as this is a great way of improving the safety of road-users on the island by informing them of potentially dangerous situations, and it can also save time and prevent frustration by alerting drivers to any roads that are closed before they set off on that particular route.' Any group wishing to use it should contact the council office in Lamlash.

## Get your hands on a signed Manchester City jersey

A Manchester City top signed by many of the club's top players is up for grabs on Arran.

It follows the recent visit of



The signed Manchester City top. b32shirt01NO

Grant Downie, Head of Performance Academy at Manchester City Football Club to the Primary 6/7 class of Lamlash Primary School.

He gave an interesting talk about what it is like to work in elite sport and showed an exclusive clip of Jenny Beattie, the Scotland football international player, talking about her training regime and diet.

The pupils enjoyed the visit and asked plenty of questions about Grant's work with other clubs like Middlesbrough and Glasgow Rangers. He kindly brought

goodies including a signed Manchester City FC first team top for season 2014-2015.

The school is now raffling off the top over the summer to raise funds with tickets at £5 each. The draw will take place on Tuesday, August 25, and the top will be delivered thereafter to the winner.

Tickets are available from The Ship House (Jimmy's), Lamlash and The Harbour Shop, Blackwaterfoot. They will also be available from the Primary School once the new term starts on August 17.

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The awards have been designed to highlight the talents, dedication and efforts of local athletes, coaches, volunteers and sporting officials and will culminate in an exciting Awards Ceremony at the Menzies Hotel in Irvine on Friday, October 23, 2015.

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There are twelve different categories in which to nominate the individual, group or club that you believe deserves to be celebrated as a North Ayrshire Community Sports champion.

The categories are:

- Community Coach of the Year
- Young Coach of the Year
- Talent Coach of the Year
- Sports Personality
- Junior Sports Personality
- Disability Sport
- Technical Official of the Year
- Dedication to Sport
- Volunteer of the Year
- Young Volunteer of the Year
- Club of the Year
- School of the Year

The nominations are planned to close on Sunday, August 23, 2015 so please don't delay, nominate today!

Details of the awards can be found at [www.northayrshiresportsawards.co.uk](http://www.northayrshiresportsawards.co.uk)

Nominations will require to be supported by evidence of the nominee's achievements, dedication etc dependent on the individual category requirements.

**Gary Higgon, Chairman of KA Leisure, said:** "We fully appreciate the importance of sport within the community and are proud to support the 2015 North Ayrshire Sport Awards. This is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the dedication and commitment of our inspirational athletes, coaches and volunteers who play an invaluable role in the development of sport across North Ayrshire.

"KA Leisure is dedicated to wide ranging involvement in local sports programmes and initiatives and in addition to these awards we are looking forward to our very own special event next month, the North Ayrshire Community Games, to be held again at the KA Campus St Matthew's, Saltcoats on September 12, 2015. The Games provides a range of exciting opportunities get involved in sport, including come and try sessions, sporting displays, family activities and competitions."

# THE ARRAN BANNER

## Safety has to come first

When organisations far and wide are looking for a venue to stage a walking or cycling event, the cry often goes up: 'Let's go to the Arran'.

And the island has always been open and welcoming to these events which are often held to raise money for charity.

But there has to be concern when a commercial event like Arran Man thinks it can come to the island to stage a public event yet fail abjectly to follow the rules and regulations everyone else has to obey to ensure public safety.

For the emergency services to learn almost by accident that a major event was about to be staged on the island, as one community councillor put it, 'beggars belief' and for a risk assessment not to be completed before competitors arrived reflects very badly on the organisers.

It is not as if they don't have wide experience of this type of event, having organised the 3 Pistes Cycle Challenge, the Loch IoMan Triathlons and the Dunoon Full Moon Supportive already this year.

The organisers of this event are not alone when they appeared to think they could pick and choose which sections of the rule book they would take seriously. Others appear to be trying the same thing.

So it is not surprising that questions are now being asked as to what stage, and at what size, a cycle or walk becomes an 'official event'.

No one is suggesting that a couple of cyclists should need official permission if they pick Arran for their charity challenge.

But increasingly in the summer months, large running and cycling groups are coming over for their events and clearly these may have to be looked at and consideration given to whether they require official permission.

For large events, the protocol is simple. An application is made to North Ayrshire council to hold an event. The local authority then take the lead and contact other partner agencies, such as Police Scotland, the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and the Scottish Ambulance Service. Once all agencies are in agreement, the event is authorised.

This did not happen with the Arran Man event and if they want to come back next year, they need to up their game. For safety always has to come first.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The Lord is good to all; He has compassion on all He has made.' (Psalms 145: 8-9)

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## Letters to the Editor

### Pot of gold

Sir,  
I visited the island on Friday, July 31 with three friends and we caught the 11am bus from Brodick to Lochranza. With horror I realised 30 minutes into our walk uphill that I had lost my bum-bag containing money, bank card, ferry/bus tickets and medications.

I hastily ran back down retracing my steps and would like to thank the kind staff at the distillery for allowing me to phone the bus company and the helpful person I spoke to at the bus depot. As a regular visitor to this beautiful island, I had every faith that my bag and I would be reunited and this was not misplaced when it was found and handed intact to the bus driver. Thanks to the good samaritan for your honesty. On my return to Brodick in the evening - wet and weary - I was delighted and relieved to find it waiting for me at the terminal building. There really was a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow! My friends and I will soon be back to such a welcoming wonderful place.

Yours,  
**Lesley Duncan**  
Troon

### Horses off green

Sir,  
There is a lot said about dog poo and rightly so, but what about horse poo, as there are often big piles of it on Lamlash Green. I am a horse rider, but I don't think that people should ride their horses on the green where families and children play, leaving hoof prints in the grass as well as piles of poo on it.

Also horse poo is often to be seen on the footpath between the high school and the White House woods where many people walk daily including families with prams and young children. Please couldn't they ride their horses by way of the road that runs through the White House woods instead of on this path? Could cyclists also please

use a bell when approaching people walking on paths and tracks? I don't think that cyclists will have any idea what a fright they can give a walker when they suddenly pass them, just a wee tink on a bell would warn walkers that a bicycle is approaching. Also the cyclist could well be in danger of being knocked off their bicycle should the walker step into their oncoming path.

Yours,  
**Julia Le Masurier**  
Lamlash

### Holiday poem

Sir,  
My first holiday on Arran, a lifetime hope accomplished raised in Glasgow I looked out to Arran hundreds of times from Troon beach watching the ferry to Brodick as if another planet sun has shone herons red squirrels swallows oyster catchers wagtails visited my view sunset sunrise pink with promise day and night 322 bus with views to cherish drivers all but one so kind church fete reveals laughter home baking and community ecco savvy shop humble vision of future progress young man in hotel gifts me with wee cake and candle 65 thrilled to be alive on Arran!

Yours,  
**Christina Quarrell**  
Kings Park  
Glasgow

### Hunters' shame

Sir,  
Cecil - the Lion King. Not a Disney cartoon character; not a drag lion for an Andrew Lloyd Webber musical. No, a real, live lion - king of the jungle and one who viewed all he surveyed with guarded respect.

Shame his hunters didn't afford him the same courtesy. Much has been reported in the general press this last week regarding Cecil's demise.

Personally I find the whole episode particularly upsetting

- not least as my late Golden Retriever, Angus, was a Cecil look-a-like.

Yours,  
**Yvonne Macfarlane**  
Lamlash

### Cake sale success

Sir,  
I would like to thank everyone who came and supported the coffee morning I held at

my gran's house in Lamlash in aid of the Ayrshire Hospital for the care and support they gave to my grandfather, Neil, Mitchell in the final week of his life.

And a big thank you to all the friends of my gran (Carol) who bought lots of lovely cakes. We raised the fantastic sum of £800.

Yours,  
**Thomas Ullman (8)**  
Lamlash

## Fun week final round up



The Basking Sharks team, Nina Buchanan, CJ and Bailey Mack with their winning entry Gone Golfing at the Whiting Bay beach sculpture competition



Fun week bowling competition winners, Robert Crawford, David Hendry, Andy McCrindle and Charlie Weir with Bay Queen, Erin Macpherson



Bay Queen, Erin Macpherson, with bowling competition lollipop winners, Eilidh and Ben Hutton, Kirsty Lewis and Jane Marriot

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## Best of Kendal tour at Corrie

The Arran Mountain Festival is hosting the Kendal Mountain Festival 'Best of Kendal' Tour again this year.

A selection of inspiring outdoor films will be screened on Wednesday, August 12, at Corrie and Sannox Village Hall.

Kendal is the world's best known Mountain Film Festival. On show on Arran will be a specially selected mix of dynamic, high-octane, award-winning films featuring diverse adventure sports such as climbing, kayaking, paragliding, highlining and mountain biking, interspersed with some slower paced, more thoughtful clips for good measure.

Amongst others, the evening will feature professional Scottish street trials rider Danny MacAskill's legendary short, The Ridge, which sees him taking a death-defying mountain bike ride along the spectacular Cuillin ridge on his home, the Isle of Skye.

Organisers say it is an evening not to be missed, for outdoor enthusiasts and armchair adventurers alike.

The dates for next year's Arran Mountain Festival are 13 to 16 May 2016.

# Arran Asia to close its doors

Arran Asia, the exotic shop that captures the spirit and essence of the Far East, is to finally close its doors after 16 years of trading in Brodick.

Owner, Marie Gray, has said that the time feels right for her to concentrate on her other work commitments to maintain that healthy work and life balance.

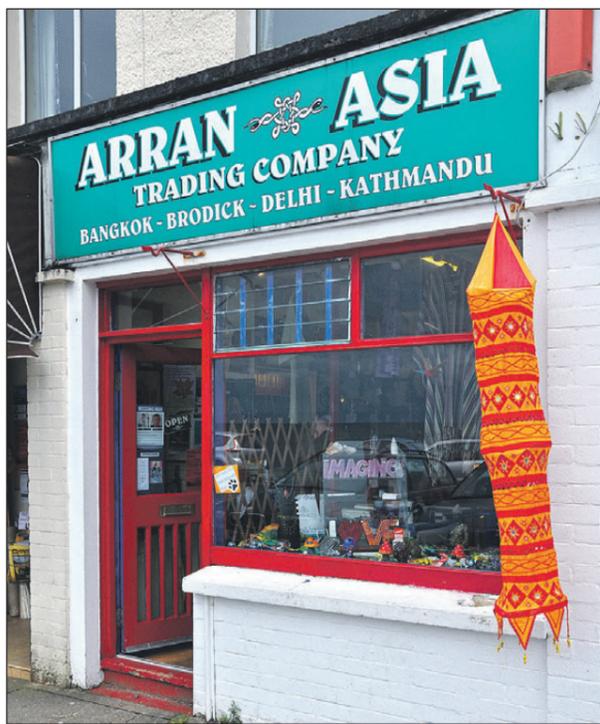
Marie also teaches at Corrie Primary School which takes up a fair amount of her time.

Originally based in the Douglas Centre, Marie and her then partner started the company in 1999, making regular trips to Asia to source their products while also raising their son, who is now a teenager.

In October 2007 she took over the running of the shop herself and has been successfully running it ever since.

The summer season holiday has seen a busy period for the shop, but as Marie said: 'You know when the time is right. It is with mixed emotions that I am going to concentrate my efforts elsewhere, but I will continue running the Arran Asia online store.'

The shop will be closing some time around September, with a closing down sale starting today (Saturday).



The Arran Asia shop which is closing. 20\_b32asia01NO

## Exhibition is art taster

An Arran Open Studios (AOS) 'taster' exhibition has opened in the meeting room of the Tourist Board offices at Brodick pier.

Organised by Ann Hume of AOS, single works by many of the artists will be displayed in a mini open studios group-exhibition. The idea is to give potential visitors the chance to see the kind of work that is on offer and where it will be found. The exhibition runs from August 4 to 19 for the week leading up to and during the open studios weekend.

See next week's Banner for more details.

## Plea over stolen ringo

A plea has been made after the reported theft of a two man ringo from Lamlash pier. The blue ringo, worth £200, was reported stolen to the police last Friday. It was attached to a yellow and black tow rope around 15 metres long.

Owner Bruce Dickson said: 'We spoke to someone else who had their oars stolen. If anyone sees it or has come across it on eBay please contact me on 07740 171474.'

## Ilo Ilo on show at Corrie film club night

August at Corrie Film Club is a film full of sweetness, humour and humanity from Singapore, a debut film directed by Anthony Chen and based on his own childhood.

Set in Singapore during the Asian fi-

ancial crisis, the 2013 film Ilo Ilo (cert 12) chronicles the day-to-day drama of the Lim Family – troublesome Jiale and his stressed parents, Heck and Leng.

Touching and beautiful, the film takes us on a life-affirming journey through

strife, love and loss. See this film in Corrie and Sannox Village Hall tomorrow (Sunday) at 8pm.

Apologies to those who came to Ida last month. This film will be shown in November.

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## Friday's Child thinks Arran Rocks.

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'Arran Rocks' is the latest brand to hit the shelves of Friday's Child. A fun take on some of Arran's 'wee gems' presented in the form of kids t-shirts (with more items to follow for the adults soon).

'Goatfell' and 'Corrie Seal-fie' are the initial designs which feature on these brightly coloured t-shirts in ages 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 and 9-11. Not typically Scottish as you would expect, without tartan or haggis, but anyone who knows and loves Arran will appreciate the humour. Putting a twist on familiar landmarks or local jokes and making them into art-work will be what the brand represents. All designed and hand drawn on the island they are the perfect holiday souvenir, but also something for local youngsters to be proud wearing.



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# Campers' rubbish was thrown about 'quite deliberately' at Drumadoon

A Shiskine couple have slammed a group of campers who left a huge mess behind them after a party on the shore at Drumadoon on the west coast of the island.

Marilyn and Ron Woods from Shiskine discovered the mess while out walking last Sunday and were so appalled that they went back

on Monday morning and cleared it up themselves.

Among the general mess, they collected 20 beer cans, several plastic bottles, glass bottles, batteries, used toilet paper, wipes, chocolate wrappers, discarded fishing lines, a pan, a burner, a plate and more.

Marilyn took the photos

here but said: 'It is difficult to capture the extent of the mess as it was scattered over a wide area.'

'The so-called campers had also obviously hacked down a gorse bush to create a fire. The cans and bottles in particular had been deliberately thrown all over the place into rock pools and all over the surrounding area.'

'I can't understand the mentality of people who do this wanton destruction and despoiling of the environment. It would have been bad enough if they had bagged up their rubbish and left it for someone else to shift, but they had clearly just thrown everything about quite deliberately to create maximum mess.'

'If the offenders are still here and read this report perhaps they may feel ashamed, she added.'



A pair of scissors, empty bottles and litter just left at a makeshift bench



The remains of the camp fire with discarded beer cans in a rock pool



A supermarket bag and various wrappers were dumped in the undergrowth

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## Pipers will give rousing send-off to sponsored walk for Arran

A charity set up in the name of a tragic youngster called Arran, will this week hold the inaugural sponsored walk round the island to raised money in his memory.

The Smile of Arran Trust sponsored 100km walk, which starts today (Saturday), is the first of an annual event for the charity in commemoration of Arran Tosh who died of a brain tumour on June 7 last year. He was just 13.

And the walkers will be given a rousing send off by pipers during the Brodick Highland Games.

The charity has been set up in his memory by his parents Alison and Steve Tosh from Sudbury in Suffolk.

Dad Steve said: 'The purpose of the walk is to continue to generate awareness of our brain tumours and brain cancer charity including the affects that it can have on individuals and families. The walk was an idea that Anne Everitt, a family friend, had thought of doing herself. However, it very quickly grew into a group fundraiser.'

'There are five main walkers who will be joined through-

out the week with family and friends. With the help of Arran Tourist Information, I was put in touch with Sheila Gilmour of VisitArran. Sheila has been very supportive in helping us plan our walk and has arranged for us to leave from the Highland Games site while the bagpipes play us on our way.'

The charity has three purposes, specifically to provide grants for brain tumour and brain cancer research and grants to organisations that provide support to individuals and families dealing with a brain tumour or brain cancer.

However, its primary focus is to provide grants to individuals and families who are affected

by a brain tumour or brain cancer, which is why it is partnering with CLIC Sargent to facilitate the grants process.

If you would like to donate to the walk, there is a donations page on the Go Fund Me website, at <http://www.gofundme.com/z65dcu5d>



Arran Tosh was just 13 when he died

The 179th Arran Farmers' Show

# Washout Wednesday can't dampen spirits at the show



At least the rain had the decency to go off for the judging of the champions - but not for long

**Spectators shelter under their umbrellas as they watch the Isle of Arran Pipe Band**

This year's farmers show could have been 'washout Wednesday'. But thanks to the resilience and perseverance of all those involved and those hardy souls who turned up on the day a remarkably decent show went ahead.

Days of rain had left the show field at Glenkiln Farm already sodden and heavy rain first thing in the morning led to even heavier rain as the day went on.

At least it had the decency to go off for the judging of the champions - but not for long.

Those who had come prepared fared better than those who had not, but for many, it did not spoil the enjoyment of the day. The new walkways helped but the car park staff had a busy time digging cars out of what quickly became a quagmire.

The number of entries for the 179th staging of the Arran Farmers' Society Show was down with fewer sheep and cattle. Indeed there were only three dairy cattle on show from the farm of C Murchie & Sons, Tigheanfraoch, Shiskine, however the quality of the livestock

on show was to be commended. Overhead champion for 2015 was Isla Yuill of Cairndhu, Whiting Bay on her horse Velvet. She also won every class she could have entered in the horse events. Reserve champion was a Texel ewe of R & N McMaster of Springfield, West Bannan. Third place was awarded to Alastair Currie of Birchburn, Shiskine with his Simmental with calf at foot, which had earlier been named beef champion.

Other winners on the day included the champion Blackface

which belonged to J K & C Bone, Glenkiln, Lamlash. The Border Leicester winner was N & P Brown of Clachaig, Kilmory while the Clydesdale class was won by Bethany Lewis with Rosie.

During the day, Scotland's top equestrian display team performed twice in the main ring where the pipe band also played. However the Highland Dancing and the vintage tractor parade had to be cancelled. As always the dog show attracted a healthy entry.

In his speech before the prize-

giving, chairman Willie Robertson thanked everyone involved in the society for their hard work in making the day such a success.

And he thanked the crowds for persevering despite the persistent rain.

Many people took the opportunity to shelter from the rain by going along to the Arran Women's Institute annual handicraft show in the high school, featured on page 14

For the full results from both the Arran Farmers' Show and the SWI Show, see next week's Banner.

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# The 179th Arran Farmers Show



Jessica Miller with her dad Robert with their prizewinning Suffolk sheep. 20\_b32show05



Finlay Murchie with his champion dairy cow 20\_b32show01



Euan Bone and Wullie Stevenson ram b32show07



Leah Brown with her champion dairy calf who was also named best junior handler 20\_b32show18



Nicky Brown with her prize winning Border Leicester with Karolinn Rissanen from Finland 20\_b32show04



Stuart McMaster with the reserve



Alastair Currie with his beef champion Simmental 20\_b32show21



Three youngsters take shelter to watch the Riders of the Storm show 20\_b32show26



The equestrian stunt team, Riders of the Storm, exhilarating show to appreciate



with their champion Blackface



Lizanne McConnell concentrates on her showjumping round 20\_b32show12



Ben McCarthy who won the pet lamb class with Ginger with his mum 20\_b32show17



champion Texel. 20\_b32show08



Bethany Lewis won the Clydesdale class with Rosie 20\_b32show02



Overall winner of the dog show Keira with proud owner Sarah Weir 20\_b32show30



Cameron Bone with his Valais Blacknose which was runner-up in the other breeds class 20\_b32show22



s of the Storm, performing their crowds 20\_b32show29



Lily Currie wins in the horse showing ring 20\_b32show14



Little Emma Henderson showing her pet lamb which finished third 20\_b32show16

# Arran SWI handicraft show enjoys another successful day



Delicious cakes and preserves are inspected by an admiring group of ladies

20\_32wri07



Four individual items representing Pride of Scotland, won by Keyd Allan

20\_32wri03



Elma Stevenson shows her winning best knitted article

20\_32wri02



The Mary Queen of Scots doll which finish runner up to best in show, submitted by Shiskine institute

20\_32wri01



Morag Munro, representing Corrie and Sannox Institute, displaying some of her many entries

20\_32wri04

If the wet weather hit the farmers show, it did not stop a big turnout at the Isle of Arran Scottish Women's Institute (SWI) federation's annual Handicraft Show on Wednesday.

Indeed, convener Mairi Duff said: 'Due to the atrocious weather and with this being an indoor venue, attendance has been especially good this year.'

'It has been nice and steady

throughout the day.'

The show was held in the community theatre in Arran high school, with a huge amount of entries in more than 21 classes from all of the five institutes across the island.

### Theme

This year's theme was 'Mary Queen of Scots', and for the food it was 'Year of Scotland's Food and Drink'.

Anne Pringle, president of the Isle of Arran SWI, said

she thought that there had been a slight decrease in this year's knitting entries, but this was more than made up for by the large amount of cake entries this year.

The event culminated in the prize-giving, where the winners were presented by honorary member Janet Mulholland, with the best in show prize going to Mary Adams from the Lamash institute for her quilted cushion.



The floral arrangement entries that were made using fresh flowers

20\_32wri08



Morag Gardner, representing Lamash, shows us her incredibly detailed and fine shawl which won the Marvin Elliot trophy

20\_32wri06



Nancy Bremner, who won the best knitted toy category

20\_32wri05

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# George's nostalgic trip back to Arran in search of hostel



An ex-soldier took a trip down memory lane when he returned to Arran for the first time since he was posted to the island in the late 60s.

George Main, who now lives in Motherwell, was in a work party sent to build a youth hostel in the grounds of Brodick Castle.

The photographs, which he reckons were taken around 1967/68, shows what looks like the construction of a

**The construction of the hostel is well underway**



**Soldiers at work in the castle grounds**

## Men can get in the pink too

The Arran Lassies Pink Event race for life will once again be held at Dunn Fion on Sunday, August 30 at 11am. Last year's event was a great success which raised over £2,000 for Cancer Research UK.

The event is again a 5K fun run/jog/walk along the forestry track, but the difference this year is that men and boys are being encouraged to join in on the fun.

To get a registration and sponsor form please contact Debbie at [debbanjack@aol.com](mailto:debbanjack@aol.com) or Lorraine at [hewie74@hotmail.com](mailto:hewie74@hotmail.com). It is only £10 to enter, under 13 years is £5 and under 5 years is free.

All money raised will be going to Cancer Research UK.

The closing date for entries is Monday, August 17.



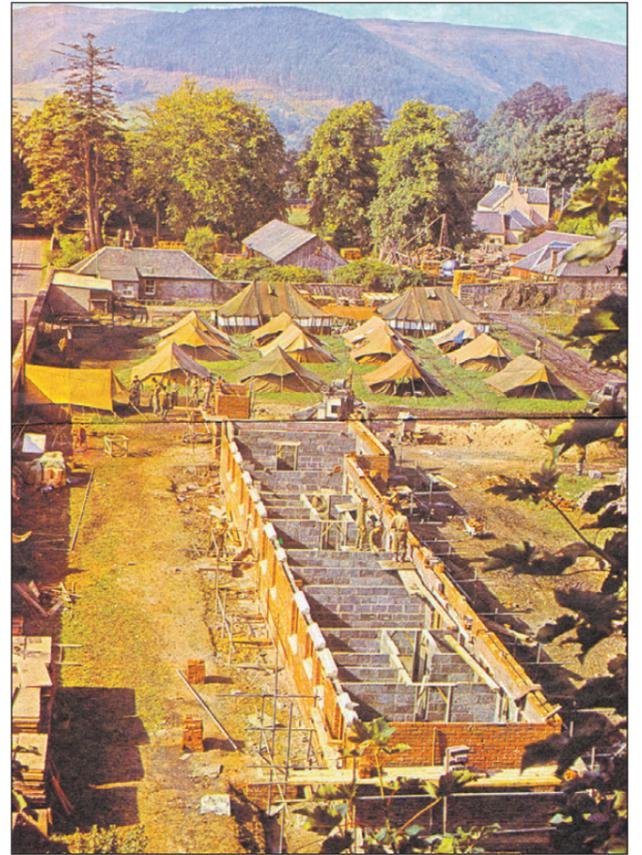
**The participants in last year's event.**

large hostel in the lower walled garden where the present Shore Lodge now stands. Two others show the soldiers at work on the hostel and in the castle grounds.

He was posted here with the 32 Field Squadron of the Royal Engineers based in Rippon, Yorkshire.

He told The Banner: 'At the time, the army did a lot of what would now be called community projects like the one on Arran. It was pure nostalgia which brought me back to see if it was still there, but it seems it is long gone. But I enjoyed the trip.'

\*If any readers can provide any information about the hostel, please get in touch with The Banner.



**A photograph of the hostel under construction in what looks like the lower walled garden of Brodick Castle**

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# You can help make Arran well-watched

## Bird notes

by Jim Cassels

Earlier in the summer, I met on the ferry an experienced birdwatcher who was about to visit Arran for the first time. With his copy of the Arran Bird Atlas 2007-2012 as well as the Arran Bird Report 2014, he was well prepared for his visit.

He was greatly impressed by these publications and expressed the view that the island must be well-watched.

My view was that the island was not well-watched and indeed was under-reported and under-recorded. He expressed surprise. This prompted me to look in more detail at the Arran bird records.

The first annual report that I wrote was for 2006 and it was based on around 2,000 records. This total has increased each year. In 2014, I received over 9,500 records. So the island is certainly being better recorded.

In recent years, all the Arran data that I have received has been loaded onto Bird Track. This is an excellent system for storing and sharing bird

records. If you are not already familiar with Bird Track, I would encourage you to have a look at their website at <http://www.bto.org/volunteer-surveys/birdtrack/about>

I used Bird Track to interrogate the 2014 data.

Looking at the number of records for each of the 160 birds reported in 2014, 96 of them had fewer than 50 records and only five had more than 200 records, namely oystercatcher, swallow, robin, chaffinch and blackbird. Some species are better recorded than others.

In addition, some birds that would be considered to be common can be over-looked and consequently under-recorded like carrion crow with only 54 records in 2014.

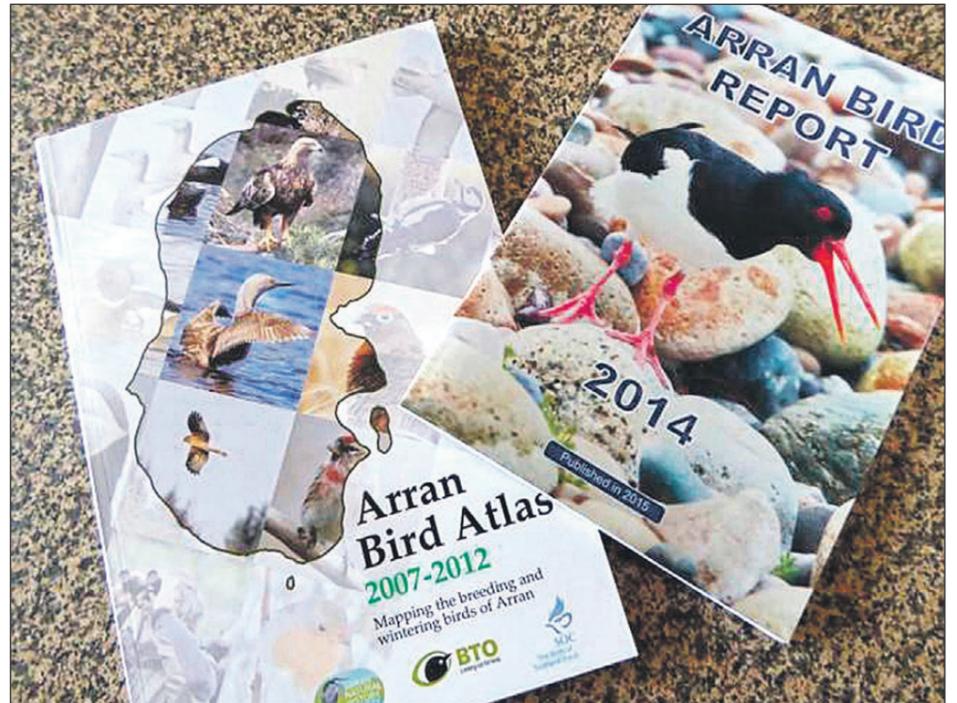
Also, some areas are better watched than others. Of the 160 birds reported in 2014, 84 were reported from more than 20 sites. Of these, 34 were reported from more than 50 sites and one was report-

ed from more than 100 sites, chaffinch.

Site can be an imprecise word, so I looked at the data and related it to measured areas on ordinance survey maps. Arran can be divided into squares of 10 kilometres and further subdivided into squares of one kilometre.

Looking at the Arran one kilometre squares (there are over 400 of these) 45 per cent of them had no bird records at all and a further 30 per cent had less than 10 records. So one quarter of the squares on Arran is accounting for the vast majority of the Arran records, with 7 per cent of these squares each having more than 100 records.

Why is this? I think there are a number of reasons. Some areas do have more birds. Areas like Machrie that have a range of habitats have a wider variety of birds than



The Arran Bird Atlas and the Arran Bird Report

areas with a more uniform habitat like Glen Iorsa. It is not only about areas having different habitats, there is the human factor as well. It is not just that some areas closer to settlements are watched by more people than remoter areas, it is more than that. It is to do with the influence of a very small number of keen birdwatchers. Where they are watching and regularly recording, that's where most of the species are recorded.

Other areas that have equally good habitats, but are not being watched as regularly, are being under-recorded.

I have been delighted by the support that I have had from

people with an interest in birds who increasingly share their sightings with me. Birding on Arran is interesting at any time of the year, but if there is to be an improvement on the coverage of the island, we need more people not just enjoying the birds around their garden, but getting out there and enjoying all of Arran with its special places and special birds. If you decide to get out there and enjoy Arran's birds please share your sightings with me by email, letter, a scrap of paper - you can even put them on Bird Track using your smart phone and I can access them.

By sharing, you are contrib-

uting to the information on changing bird distribution, increasing our knowledge on the arrival and departure of migrating birds and helping to improve our understanding of environmental change ... as well as having fun.

As for the experienced visiting birdwatcher, he got back to me after his first Arran visit. Over the long weekend, he had recorded over 80 species. He shared 'what, when and where' with me, had a number of memorable moments, thoroughly enjoyed his time on Arran, and vowed he would be back.

But he had only met one other person bird watching. A well-watched island?

Enjoy your birding. Please send any bird notes with 'what, when, where' to me at Kilpatrick Kennels, Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot, KA27 8EY, or e mail me at [jim@arranbirding.co.uk](mailto:jim@arranbirding.co.uk)

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The Banner, of course, is very dependant on the many contributors who, over the years have written articles, on the advertisers because that is what pays the ever-increasing bills, and on the hundreds of letter writers who give the surest response that we might be doing something right, even when, perhaps mostly when, they are criticising us.

And, of course, the readers who vote with their feet by buying The Banner, with 3,500 plus sold, meaning over 10,000 readers every week. We hope to reach 20,000 although, in truth, I don't believe anybody can see that far ahead!

**Distillery opening**

Everybody who goes to the official opening of the distillery at Lochranza next Thursday will be able to enjoy a free dram. It will not,

however, be Arran whisky - it's far to early for that - nor will it be in the company of Rab C Nesbitt. For Rab (Gregor Fisher) is moving house that day and is unable to be at the opening as planned.

It was originally intending to have a celebrity to mark the official commencement of whisky production on Arran, but it now looks as if it will not be so. Hal Currie of the Distillery told us that a celebrity was unlikely: 'We haven't been going all out to get someone. We want to have it informal, more of a family atmosphere.'

Hal is anticipating there will be more than 300 people attending. Everyone who wants to come will be welcomed at 12noon and there will be a dram for all.

**Highland Games**

The 109th Highland Games were held on Saturday, August 5, at the Ormidale Park in splendid conditions. Despite that fact that the extra sailings provided by Caledonian MacBrayne were well patronised, the attendance this year was slightly down on last year. The only complaint was that it was too hot! When did we last have this complaint?



**The Arran Pipe band plays at the Brodick Highland Games as children play on the Pinder's circus amusements in the background. This was to be the last time that Pinder's circus visited Arran** b32twe01



**The Brodick WRI ladies who won the Community Tray, often considered the top Institute award at the WRI show are (l to r) Margaret Green, Elizabeth Cooper, Margaret Kelso, Elspeth Macrae and Jan Kelso. Also at this event, but not pictured, were the Corrie ladies who won the Community Handcraft Trophy for the very first time.** b32twe05



**Rory Gilmore as Rob Roy and his cousin, Claire Johnston, as Minnie Mouse, first equal in the fancy dress at Saturday's Highland Games that, due to the heat, saw many people dressing down, rather than up** b32twe03



**Above: Juliette Clutton, great-niece of James Brown of Corriecravie, leads one of his Ayrshire calves in the Young Stockhandler's Class at the Arran Farmers' Society 159th annual show. The show saw a reduction in the number of horses at this year's show due to a infectious type of whooping cough** b32twe02



**Right: The Banner staff celebrating their 1,000th edition are (l to r) Howard Driver, Jenni Turnbull, Deanna Millar and John Millar** b32twe04

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# What's on

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## Everyday

Trout Fly Fishing  
 Brodick Castle, Garden Open  
 Arran Brewery  
 Arran Brewery Tour  
 Lamash Tennis Courts/Putting Green  
 Arran Heritage Museum

Loch Garbad, Bank & Boat Fishing  
 9am-Dusk  
 Mon - Sat: 10am - 5pm, Sun: 12.30 - 5pm  
 2pm (limited spaces call for availability)  
 Open all day  
 Rosaburn, Brodick, 10.30am to 4.30pm

## Saturday 8th August

Army Cadets  
 Over 21s Disco  
 Family Games  
 Fun in the Pool  
 Live Music  
 Brodick Bowling Club Rink Game  
 Brodick Market  
 Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club Rink Game  
 Lamash Bowling Club Rink Game  
 WBay Bowling Club Rink Game  
 Brodick Highland Games

Auchrannie Road 11am - 1 pm.  
 Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
 Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm  
 Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4-5pm  
 Fiddlers, Brodick from 8pm  
 Brodick Bowling Club, 2pm  
 Auchrannie Road, Brodick, 10-4.30pm  
 Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 1.45pm  
 Lamash Bowling Club, 2pm  
 Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2pm  
 Ormidale Pavilion, from 11am

## Sunday 9th August

Family Games  
 Fun in the Pool  
 AA Meeting  
 Open Session - All musicians & Singers welcome  
 Kiskcadale Sheild  
 Tractor Rally

Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm  
 Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm  
 Brodick Church Hall, 5pm-6.30pm  
 Fiddlers, Brodick 2.30pm  
 Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2pm  
 Arran Heritage Museum, Brodick, from 1.30pm

## Monday 10th August

Over 50s Badminton  
 Badminton  
 Live music  
 Morning Fitness  
 Table Tennis  
 Badminton  
 Arran Junior Football Club  
 Circuit Training  
 Brodick Bowling Club Rink Game  
 Lamash Bowling Club Rink Game  
 WBay Bowling Club Rink Game  
 10/10 Total Body workout  
 Citizens Advice  
 Lamash Aerobix  
 RunArran  
 Summer Bridge  
 Coffee Morning  
 Arran Physiotherapy & Acupuncture Clinic

Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm  
 Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm  
 Fiddlers, Brodick from 8pm  
 Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am  
 Corrie Hall, 6.30pm  
 Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm  
 Ormidale Park, 6-7.30pm  
 Auchrannie Gym, 6-7pm  
 Brodick Bowling Club, 6.45pm  
 Lamash Bowling Club, 7pm  
 Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.30pm  
 Arran High School, Lamash, 6.45pm  
 Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30am - 1.30pm  
 Arran High School Dance Studio, 7pm  
 Whiting Bay 5.30pm  
 Arran High School, Lamash, 6.30pm  
 Whiting Bay & Kildonan Church Hall, 10.30am - 12 noon  
 arranphysiotherapy.co.uk 5-8pm

## Tuesday 11th August

Pop Quiz  
 Alcoholics Anonymous  
 Youth Club  
 Rotary Club  
 Healthy Outdoors  
 Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club Rink Game  
 RunArran  
 Open Cricket Session  
 Dog Obedience Class  
 Garden Walk

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
 Brodick Church Hall, 2pm  
 Kildonan Hall, 7pm  
 Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 7.15pm  
 NTS Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm  
 Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 1.45pm  
 Lamash, 5.30pm  
 Brodick Astro Turf 7pm-9pm  
 Whiting Bay Hall, 7.00pm - 8.00pm  
 Brodick Castle, 2 - 3pm

## Wednesday 12th August

Rock & Pop Bingo  
 Tae Kwondo  
 Alcoholics Anonymous  
 Arran Brass Rehearsal  
 Yoga  
 Hydrofit  
 Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy Service  
 RunArran  
 Yoga-Arran  
 Live Music  
 Drift Inn Quiz  
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 Dog Classes  
 Brodick Bowling Club Rink Game  
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 Lamash Bowling Club Rink Game  
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 WBay Bowling Club Rink Game  
 Vile Victorians Tour  
 Coffee Morning  
 Three Beinns Mountain Walk

Ormidale Hotel 9.30pm  
 Arran High School Kids-6.30-7.30pm Adults-7.30-8.30pm  
 Lamash Church Hall, 7.30pm  
 Brodick Church Hall, 7-9pm  
 Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am-10.30am  
 Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am  
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 Brodick, 5.30pm  
 Kinneil, Lamash, 7-8.30pm  
 Fiddlers, Brodick from 8pm  
 Lamash, 9pm  
 Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7.30-9pm  
 Whiting Bay Hall, 1pm  
 Brodick Bowling Club, 6.45pm  
 Brodick Library, 4pm - 6pm  
 Brodick Castle, 11am - 3pm  
 Lamash Bowling Club, 7pm  
 Brodick Hall, 8pm - 11pm  
 Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.30pm  
 Brodick Castle, 2-3.30pm  
 Lamash Church Hall, 10.15am - 12noon  
 Brodick Rangers Centre, 9.30 - 5pm

## Thursday 13th August

Morning Fitness  
 General Knowledge Quiz  
 Ladies Hockey  
 RunArran  
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 Paintings Tour  
 Live Music  
 Cardiac Rehab  
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 Adoration Concert  
 Spinning & Weaving Demo  
 Pond Dip

Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am  
 Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
 Ormidale Pavilion, 7.30-8.30pm  
 Brodick, 6pm  
 Blackwaterfoot, 7.30pm  
 Brodick Castle, 2pm - 3.30pm  
 Fiddlers, Brodick from 8pm  
 Auchrannie Leisure Club, 2-3.30pm  
 Lamash Fire Station, 2-4.30pm  
 Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club, 5.30pm  
 arranphysiotherapy.co.uk, 5pm - 8pm  
 Lochranza Hall, 7.30pm  
 Brodick Hall, 7pm  
 Arran Heritage Museum, Brodick, 11am - 4pm  
 Brodick Rangers Centre, 2 - 3.30pm

## Friday 14th August

Yoga  
 Hydrofit  
 Arran Youth Foundations  
 Live Music  
 Lochranza Kids Badminton  
 Lochranza Adults Badminton  
 Quiz  
 Family fun night  
 Brodick Market  
 AA Meeting  
 Live music  
 Tae Kwondo

Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am  
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 Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm  
 Lochranza Hall, 8pm  
 Whiting Bay Golf Club, 8pm  
 Brodick Golf Club 4.45pm  
 Auchrannie Road, Brodick, 10-4.30pm  
 Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm  
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[pam@taste-of-arran.co.uk](mailto:pam@taste-of-arran.co.uk)

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(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Church)  
St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.  
**Sunday 9th August**  
Holy Communion, 11.00am.  
Mr John Roberts.  
Coffee after service.  
**Wednesday 12th August**  
Holy Communion, 12.15 pm.  
Saturday 15th August  
St Margaret's Event starts at 2.00pm.  
Cream teas, bookstall, comedy sketch, etc.  
Finishes with evensong at 4.30 pm.  
ALL WELCOME

#### CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Parishes of North Arran Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirmill and Shiskine Independent but working together  
Minister:  
Rev Angus Adamson,  
Parish assistant:  
Mrs Jean Hunter:  
Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times to which all are invited.  
**Sunday 9th August**  
Lochranza Church, 9.30am Morning Worship.  
Pirmill Church, 10.45am Morning Worship.  
Shiskine Church, 12noon Morning Worship.  
Brodick Church, 10.30am Morning worship including Celebration of the Lord's Supper.  
Corrie Church, 11.30am Prayer Meeting, 12 noon Morning worship including Celebration of the Lord's Supper.  
There will also be a Service of Worship including Celebration of the Lord's Supper in Montrose House at 1.30pm.

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**Sunday 9th August**  
Kilmory 10am  
Lamlash 11.30 am  
Rev. Lily McKinnon  
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#### ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)  
**Sunday 9th August**  
Morning Service 11am  
Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick  
Evening Service 6.30pm  
5 Glen Road, Brodick  
**Wednesday 12th August**  
Prayer Meeting 7pm  
5 Glen Road, Brodick

#### WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(Charity Number SC014005)  
**Sunday 9th August**  
Worship will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson at 10.30am.  
The Sunday School begins again and we look forward to welcoming our young people back.  
Tea and coffee will be served in the Transept immediately after the service - please stay and enjoy more fellowship.  
All most welcome.

#### HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Vigil Mass: Saturday 7.30pm  
Sunday Morning Mass 11am

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Minister: Rev Vince Jennings  
**Sunday 9th August**  
11am Morning worship in the Ormidale Sports Pavilion, Brodick  
Tea and Coffee after the service.  
Wednesday at 7.30pm Home Fellowship Group for Bible Study and Prayer.  
Contact phone no 600222  
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#### ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

**Sunday 9th August**  
Shiskine 11am (Church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)  
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Rev Benjamin von Rensberg

#### RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS, QUAKERS

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

### DEATH

**MACGREGOR - JAMES**  
Jim, husband of Margaret, passed away peacefully at home on Sunday 2nd August, aged 90. The funeral will be held at Masonhill Crematorium in Ayr on Tuesday 11th August at 1.15pm

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

**EDDIE CANNON SNR** - Nancy & family would like to thank David Hendry and associates, the medical staff that attended Eddies passing, the Rev Lily McKinnon for the service, Jim Henderson and John for catering at Lamlash Golf Club. Also Ardrossan family for beautiful flowers and everyone else for cards and messages, thank you.

**BANNER ANNOUNCEMENTS BANNER**

### Obituary:

# Mr E. I. Cannon

10 September 1935 to 15 July 2015

Torrey Cannon, Cannon Ball or Tipper as he was often affectionately called

Sometimes one's passing affects an entire community, even beyond the shores of Arran, and this is one of those occasions.

For someone who spent so much time participating and assisting golf on this island, especially at Corrie and Lamlash Golf Clubs, it was fitting that Eddie Cannon was laid to rest in Sannox, close by his third home, Corrie Golf Club, on the final day of the British Open Championship.

It is also fitting that his obituary is published on the weekend of the Lamlash Open, which he sponsored for many years and was a large contributor to the smooth running of the open events.

In his late teens and early 20s, Eddie was in the merchant navy, serving as the crew's caterer, travelling to all parts of the world, via the Suez Canal including Australia and New Zealand, only to be disturbed by two years of national service.

On one of his visits home to the family in 1961, when he was around 26 he met a young girl, Nancy, who was to become his wife in 1966.

Returning to the merchant navy, his service was interrupted when he was operated on for an ulcer barring him from returning to sea for a period of five years, which accidentally changed his direction in life - pleasing Nancy greatly.



Eddie Cannon

Driving lorries, replaced his passion and love of the sea, and, the ships, which sailed the world from the Clyde.

He began his driving career assisting his Aunt Grace Cannon, progressed to Middleton's, Curries Transport, Arran Haulage and finally with the council. One of his haulage jobs was transporting the stone used for the monument in front of Hamilton Terrace.

Socially, he became a Lamlash worthy, featuring as goalkeeper for the Lamlash football team and a regular at the Whitehouse. Eddie and Nancy provided accommodation for many folks at their home to boost their income and, on one occasion, were host to Slade who appeared in Lamlash Hall, just before the band became famous.

#### Lamlash Open

Eddie, until he became unfit to play, was always part of the last game of the day, collecting all of the markers for the sponsored holes, which he was still overseeing last year.

In 1997 with around 160 entrants, Iain Murchie was in the clubhouse, anticipating being the Open winner, following a superb result. Everyone was in with the threesome of Eddie, Joe and Miller just to return cards, finishing the last few holes in the dusk. On the Saturday, Eddie had returned a score of 64 net so nobody was expecting anyone to better Iain's score for 36 holes.

However, Eddie was nine shots less on the Sunday recording a net 55 for a 36-hole total of 119 beating Iain by two shots.

Eddie's loyalty to Lamlash covered more years than one

would care to recall and he was honoured with life membership.

He was Captain in 1979 and 80, then Club Champion in 1985, a second spell as Captain 1997 and 98, with a third spell 2002 and 04 and thereafter serving on the committee as the Greens Convenor until his unexpected passing.

Eddie won the Arran Golfers Association - Island Championship in 1985 beating Stephen Bunyan 2+1 at Corrie Golf Club.

He was also an official of the AGA from 1992 and six years later appointed as the President, a position he fulfilled until 2007 covering a period of 15 years.

In his later years, he was a quiet family man, a change from his earlier days, who went about his business in a most unassuming manner, sometimes with a wry smile and a twinkle in his eye, as he delivered a well-aimed story, spoken in a manner which had folks believing his words were authentic.

Over many years, the apprentice greenkeepers at Lamlash gained a growing respect for Eddie, and expressed thanks for his encouragement, advice and general assistance when required, both at work and in private.

One of his most endearing qualities was dependability; another was his love of harmless gossip. If one required village news to be spread, you just had to tell Eddie a secret.

He was, without doubt, a character, who created his own style and left many memories and who will be missed by many.

**Jim Henderson**



Eddie on the left is the Herald in the Heather Queen entourage circa 1948

### GRADUATION



Recently graduated from the University of Dundee with a BA (Hons) Social Work is Irene Reid, daughter of Molly and the late Jim Reid of Brodick.  
Congratulations from all the family



### Whiting Bay Golf Club

Saturday, August 1, Ladies Open, 42 played. There was a time when we thought our Open would need to be suspended or even cancelled due to the sheer amount of rain that fell in a short space of time. It was a day of two halves with those going out after 1.30pm playing in particularly wet conditions.

On what was already a saturated course from the rain that fell the day before, after just one particularly bad shower some of our greens were almost deemed unplayable. Golfing ladies are made of strong stuff and are used to the vagaries of Arran weather - for that we are thankful and that our Open got played and was a great success once again. Special acknowledgement goes to some of the Shiskine ladies who not only started at the worst point of weather but got into difficulty with a broken buggy. Well done for persevering and getting to the end.

We would like to thank Stuart and Struan for maintaining the course and all the hard work they do in making it present so well; Mary and Ian for welcoming our players and getting everything ready at the start to the day; Corey, John and Brook for helping with scorecards and providing excellent and very

welcome hot drinks and rolls. Let's not forget Dawn for baking some much appreciated cakes; Richard Fletcher for doing the course set up, and Howard Wood for growing the flowers for the clubhouse. and the organising team, Lesley Wood, Susan Butchard, Jean Davidson, Gege Kroner and Lynn Walker for helping to pull it all together. Finally to all the players who came along and supported the event both by turning up and also for contributing to all the prizes and raffle. Many people won hole prizes; Susan Butchard, Brenda Rankin, Beth Paterson, Catherine Garrett, Rona Lockie, Dorothy Gibb, Kate McAdam, Elizabeth Kelso, Margaret Roxborough. The challenging conditions saw the CSS rise to 66. The main prizes were won by: 1 Lynn Walker 37pts, reduction in handicap to 18, 2 Jackie Nisbet 36pts, 3 Beth Paterson 35pts, 4 Flora Jean Mack 32 pts.

### Brodick Golf Club

Monday, July 20, Summer Cup, 46 played. 1 Kenny McMillan 77-12=65 BIH, 2 Terry Raeside, 75-10=65, BIH, 3 Greg McCrae 71-6=65. Scratch Ewan McKinnon 65.

There were six magic twos, the golden two was at the 14th and Nicol Hume won the pot. Sunday, August 2, The Brandon Monthly Medal, 18 played, CSS 65. 1 Ian McDermid 81-16=65 BIH, 2 Gordon Hendry 70-5=65, 3 Terry Raeside 76-10=66. There were six twos.

The Summer Cup was played for this summer in



Whiting Bay Ladies Open winner Lynn Walker with runner-up, Jackie Nisbet, on the left and third place, Beth Paterson, on the right

good conditions. Well done Kenny, who remarked it is always a surprise to win with a 65, but the scoring has not been good apart from one or two notable exceptions - it is just one more thing we can blame on the weather. The Monthly Medal was played on Sunday in very wet conditions after the rain on Saturday. However it was good to see Ian top the prize list and win the 2nd class Brandon, also congratulations to Gordon having the best scratch and winning the 1st class Brandon.

Fixture: The Brodick Senior Open is being played on Thursday, August 13. If you are 55 and over on that date you can enter, £15 entry which includes £5 sweep. There are two age group sweeps 55 to 64 and 65 to infinity. Entries to the Pro or to the Steward on 302349.

### Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday, July 30, Summer Stableford. 1 Stuart Campbell 40pts, 2 Dougie Macfarlane 36pts, 3 Iain Murchie 34pts, 4 Paul Jameson 33pts BIH over Scott Macfarlane. Magic twos Dougie Macfarlane @15th, Stuart Campbell @13th, Paul Jameson @16th, Neil Young @16th. Best scratch Dougie Macfarlane 36pts.

Sunday, August 2, Hamilton Bowl (bogey), CSS +1 to bogey. 1 Paul Jameson

+1 to bogey, 2 Alan Short -1 to bogey. Best scratch Paul Jameson -7 to bogey BIH over Ian Bremner. Overall Hamilton Bowl winner Paul Jameson -1 and +1 = level to bogey. Runner-up Ian Bremner -5 and -2 = -7 to Bogey.

Fixtures: Friday, August 7 Dan Crawford Salver and Lamlash Open practice day, see starter for times. Saturday, August 8 and Sunday, August 9, Lamlash Open.

There are only a few tee times now available, to enter phone 600196 or 600296.

Match Secretary Alan Smith will be 69 today (Saturday) and is hoping his score beats his age! Good luck to all taking part and hopefully the weather will be kind.

### Corrie Golf Club

Wednesday, July 29, Medal. 1 B Lewis, 64-9=55, 2 R Burke, 68-10=58, 3 M Macdonald, 74-15=59. Best Scratch B Lewis. The magic twos pot was finally won by J Innes and A Napier.

Saturday, August 1, Summer Cup. 1 J Broomhead, 67-

9=58, BIH, 2 J McConnachie 64-6=58, 3 M Macdonald 76-14=62 BIH. Best Scratch J McConnachie 64.

Fixture: Saturday, August 8, James Bunyan Memorial Cup. Ballots 8.30am and 1pm.

### Machrie Golf Club

Tuesday, July 28, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary, four played. 1 P Betley 73-15=58, 2 B Sherwood 82-12=70.

### Shiskine Golf Club

Saturday, July 25, Gents Open, 79 played. 1st Class: 1 Paddy Campbell, 27pts, 2 Gordon Lockhart 26pts, 3 Andrew Calder 25pts. 2nd Class: 1 John Moffat, 27pts, BIH, overall winner, 2 Brian Dickson 27pts, 3 Campbell Laing 26pts. Magic twos John Moffat, Barry Millar, David Brown, Evan Bryce-land, Campbell Laing, Colin Brown, Phil Bryce-land, Martyn Ker, Billy Paton, Liam Harvey and Gordon Lockhart x2. Please pick up your prizes from Pro Shop on 860226.

### Arran Golfers Association

Arran Golfers Association Champion of Champions 2015 at Shiskine Golf Club.

1st round Friday, August 14, 5.30pm, semi-finals Monday, August 17, 5.30pm, final Friday, August 21, 5.30pm. Draw: Lamlash v Champion, Shiskine v Brodick, Corrie v Lochranza, Whiting Bay v Machrie. New draw on completion of each round.

## Bridge results

The results of the Arran Bridge Club competition held at Lamlash on Monday, August 3 were as follows: N/S 1 T Martin and D Campbell, 2 I and C Macmillan, 3 J Baraclough and E McNiven. E/W 1 B Livingstone and M Gardner, 2 J McArthur and Liz Robertson, 3 E Jones and E McKella.



The Bryce-land's at the 9th green at Shiskine



Some of the helpers that ensured a smooth Shiskine Gents Open



Golfers enjoying the stunning views at Shiskine during the Open

## New trophy won at Brodick Bowling Club

The highlight of the month at Brodick Bowling Club was the inaugural George Watson Trophy game on Saturday, July 25. George was a highly respected member of the club for many years. In his will he left the club a sum of money which the members decided should be used to create a competition in his memory. The result is a lovely carved bowler figure, standing on a bowl, created by local sculptor, Marvin Elliot.

On a mainly sunny day with enough breeze to keep away the midgies, a progressive pairs competition was played. Runners-up were John Kerr and Lavinia Hendry, but the first holders of the trophy are John Lauder and Charles Hendry.

Club games have been well attended in

July, with a number of new members gaining in confidence and ability. Despite the less than ideal weather, most rink games were played, with again some high scoring:

July 1 Colin Haggerty, Charlie Weir and Andy McCrindle +15; July 4 Tony Wooden and Jim Neville +12; July 8 Robert Crawford and Ernie Stanger +17, July 11 Charlie Weir, Vera Ransome and Lavinia Hendry +8; July 13 John Kerr, Robert Crawford and Colin Haggerty +12; July 15 Charles Hendry, Iain Hendry and Colin Young +15; July 18 Jim Gourlay and Andy McCrindle +16; July 22 Tony Wooden, Colin Haggerty and Lavinia Hendry +18; July 29 Colin Haggerty, John McConnachie and Lavinia Hendry +10.

# Arran cricket fun day now a highlight of island calendar



Team Cavemen were experts with the bat 20\_32cricket01



The Little Dazzlers team who lifted the winners trophy 20\_32cricket08



The Coastal Cowboys team 20\_32cricket03



North Ayrshire Council's New Nightmare team 20\_32cricket04



The Madagascar Penguins enjoy themselves 20\_32cricket05



Team Noah's Shipwreck who took second place 20\_32cricket06

## Northend pick up first points as Brodick go joint top of the table

### Northend 4 Shiskine 2

Northend got their first points of the season with a fine 4-2 win over Shiskine. The game was played in challenging, windy conditions which seemed to favour the home team.

Northend's Andy McNamara was missing, so to put some muscle up front, John Ferguson was appointed to the position. He didn't disappoint when he opened his goal tally with a sublime overhead kick. John is usually more infamous for his own goal tally in the defence, but obviously he has been played out of position all these years as he scored another two on the night to complete a stunning hat-trick that left his manager speechless.

It could have been more had he not had a penalty saved as well from the Shiskine stand-in goalkeeper. Leon Wallace was the other Northend scorer on the night. Centre back, Matthew Clark, got on the scoresheet for Shiskine and John Murchie made his return from suspension to grab the other goal.

Northend's defence was the difference on the night with Jean Demaneux and Robbie McNamara playing alongside each other and marshalling the rest of the team to great effect.

Shiskine's Jordan Crawford was shown a red card after picking up a yellow in the first half for a mistimed tackle and then getting another for dissent shown to the referee. The youngster will now miss the next game against Brodick.

Unsurprisingly, the man of the match award went to John for his display up top. Shiskine captain John Murchie described Ferguson's performance as 'Messi-esk'.

### Brodick 4 Lamlash 1

Brodick beat Lamlash on Monday to go joint top of the table again with a 4-1 scoreline. The game was played at Whiting Bay as Brodick's pitch was deemed unplayable due to being waterlogged. Brodick looked the better team from the off with Matt Dobson, Tony McDowell and Babbies MacNeil bossing the central midfield with some lovely link up play.

It was Babbies that opened the scoring with a powerful strike within the first 10 minutes. Soon after the score was doubled when Babbies was in the action again, this time turning provider for Archie McNicol who put the ball into Bob Simpson's bottom corner.

Within half an hour it was three when Archie instinctively turned and blasted the ball into the net from 30 yards out to take his goal tally up to 20 for the season. James Todd had Lamlash's first real chance at the close of the first half with a powerful strike from the edge of the area, but Gregor Adamson pulled off a trademark save in the Brodick goal.

With the wind favouring Brodick in the second half it looked like they were favourites to run away with the game. However, Lamlash dug deep and had some good spells of play through Johnny Sloss and Danny Currie on the wings. They were finally rewarded when the ball fell to James and he powered it by Gregor to make it 3-1.

A good battle was forming in the middle of the park between Babbies and Barry Smith with some crunching tackles. It looked like it might boil over at one stage but thankfully

Babbies realised he wasn't still at school, so didn't feel the need to wind up the headteacher anymore. Iain 'Ugg' McDonald, known for changing teams more often than Kenny Miller, was back in his native blue jersey for Brodick and he delivered an inviting corner which was met by Babbies to round off the scoring despite almost being cleared off the line by Johnny.

Referee, Danny Head, gave the man of the match award to Tony McDowell for another dominating performance in the middle of the park and playing a part in most of the goals.

Next Monday's fixtures are Shiskine vs Brodick at 6.30pm and Northend vs Southend 7pm.

**Top Goalscorers** (All Competitions) - Archie McNicol (Brodick) 20; Lewis Kennedy (Southend) 12; David Morrison (Southend) 10; Donald Park (Southend) 9; Fraser Gilbert (Southend) 8; Iain Keen (Brodick) 6; Danny Head (Southend) 6; Tony McDowell (Brodick) 5; Ryan Armstrong (Southend) 5; James Todd (Lamlash) 5; Grant Adamson (Lamlash) 5; Johnny Sloss (Lamlash) 5

### League table

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Southend	9	8	0	1	47	6	24
Brodick	9	8	0	1	50	10	24
Lamlash	10	4	1	5	32	21	13
Shiskine	10	2	1	7	19	54	7
Northend	10	1	0	9	12	69	3

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## It's just not cricket, but fun day was a splashing success

### Visitors were kept well hydrated in the beer tent

Conditions may not have been perfect for the annual fancy dress Sannox Cricket Fun Day which took place last Saturday, but everyone taking part seemed to have a good time.

There were big crowds to watch the action on a sodden Ormidale Park.

#### Migrating

The nine (at last count) teams, whose names regularly changed and whose members were constantly migrating to rivals, were very well turned out to compete for the contested cup - which appeared to be an old trophy cup with a sticky label roughly attached to its side.

Team Cavemen, adept with the bat, competed fiercely while Noah's Shipwreck girls dressed in their fluffy tigers and zebra suits seemed to be well suited to the grass playing fields, as were the Coast-

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by COLIN SMEETON  
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al Cowboys who bizarrely included a princess in their posse.

The Bolivian Cucemelos provided spontaneous on-field dancing while the Sazles Vintage Warriors were the most enthusiastic and verbal of supporters.

After the first few matches, torrential rain and hail failed to dampen the spirits of the crowds who merely took refuge in the beer tent (with the Coastal Cowboys) until the blue sky appeared again.

The Madagascar Penguins who seemed undaunted by the rainy weather, took a gentle stroll around the field, one behind the other in single file.

Play eventually continued on a very wet pitch which

added to the comedic value with people slipping and sliding in their fancy dress as they scored their runs.

Visitors were kept well hydrated in the beer tent and there were burgers a-plenty catering for the herbivores and carnivores that roamed the fields.

The commentary was provided by Eric Dunn, scoring by Martin McCartney, burgers by Tim Pomeroy and Harvey Kemp and the referee was Peter McMullen.

#### Winners

Overall winners were the Little D L's aka Little Dazzlers and with Noah's Shipwreck ladies coming in second place.

Over £600 was raised at the fun event which is proving to become a highlight of the Arran summer calendar.

\*More pictures on page 23



Batman makes contact on the sodden field 20\_32cricket11



Players have a splashing time on the pitch 20\_32cricket12



A penguin wicket keeper at the ready as a leopard bats 20\_32cricket14



Jana Simurdoua is bowled out 20\_32cricket13

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