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Gold medal approval for cheese and strawberries

Alastair serves up tasty treats to Sir Chris Hoy

Free Arran holidays for Britain's Olympic heroes

Some of Team GB's 65 Olympic medal winners may be making their way to Arran for a free holiday.

Auchrannie Resort in Brodick is inviting all of Team GB's medallists to enjoy some rest and relaxation here on the island. All 29 gold, 17 silver and 19 bronze British medallists have been personally contacted and invited to enjoy a complimentary break at Auchrannie Resort in celebration of their outstanding achievements.

Athletes were contacted via Twitter and through their national sporting bodies.

Gordon Hay, Auchrannie IT Project Manager, said: 'We already have three of Team GB's gold medallists wishing to pay us a visit in the coming weeks.'

'We have offered them all a two-night break to sample Arran and its hospitality.'

Richard Small, General Manager, said: 'We wanted to make some small gesture to demonstrate how proud we are of all our Olympic athletes; especially those who have put in world class performances to achieve medal success.'

'Arran would be the perfect post-games getaway for those athletes wanting to wind down after two weeks of intense pressure and competition.'

Linda Johnston, Group Director added: 'Auchrannie and the Isle of Arran offer the perfect spot for rest and relaxation and we wanted to offer all Team GB medallists the opportunity to do just that after the hard work and dedication they have put into their sport to ensure Olympic success.'

REPORT
 by **HOWARD DRIVER**
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Alastair Dobson of Arran Dairies and Taste of Arran served up Scottish raspberries and strawberries every morning to Team GB gold medallist Sir Chris Hoy at the London 2012 Olympics.

Alastair said: 'Sir Chris called in every day for his raspberries and strawberries and came back for Arran cheese for his elevenses.'

'I was asked to be a Scottish Food Ambassador and was on duty for five days, from 8am to 8pm in the athletes village food area, working with the contract caterers. The athletes would chill out and seemed to love our food.'

Other athletes who enjoyed Arran food products included Team GB diver Jack Laugher who commented: 'I have recently tasted the Isle of Arran flavoured cheese for the first time at the Olympics.'

'It is being supplied in a dining hall and it is just sensational. This is definitely by far the best cheese I have tasted in my life.'

USA Olympic swimmer Dana Volmer said: 'I found an amazing place to eat inside the village. Finally got my raspberries and cheese I've been craving!'

Alastair added: 'On a personal note, it was great to showcase Arran products. I am really hopeful this will



Sir Chris Hoy enjoying a taste of Scotland with Alastair Dobson in the Olympic village.

stand Arran in good stead for the Commonwealth Games at Glasgow 2014. 'Then we will have a great

opportunity to influence athletes, their families and supporters to visit our island.'

"The athletes would chill out and seemed to love our food. Alastair Dobson."

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Large black cat sighted near Brodick

Martin O'Hanlon of Ayr made a day trip to the island last Wednesday with his daughter.

They took advantage of the lovely weather and enjoyed the forestry walk from Auchrannie to Lamdash.

But on the way they had quite a surprise.

Martin told the Banner: 'We were heading over the back of Brodick from Glencloy and stopped at the bench midway at 2pm for a rest.

'Then at the side of the track, about 100 metres ahead we

saw this large black cat-like creature. It was quite a size of a beast, bigger than a Labrador, jet black with a squat head, long tail and pointed ears laid back.

'We both saw it clearly through my binoculars. It was not unduly concerned at our presence and after a couple of minutes it just loped off. It was definitely too big to be a wildcat.'

Other recent possible 'big cat' sightings have also been around Brodick; in Glen Shurig and at Cnoc na Dail.

Two mountain rescues by helicopter

On Saturday evening 4 August the Arran Mountain Rescue Team was called out to an injured man who had fallen in the Loch na Davie area of north Arran.

After locating him, the group he was with, and assessing his injuries, the casualty was airlifted by Royal Navy Sea King Search and Rescue helicopter 177.

The remainder of the group were walked off the hill.

The conditions underfoot were said to be poor and progress was slow but steady.

Fourteen members attended the incident with a total of 70 man-hours.

Last Sunday 12 August the AMR team and a local doctor were called to assist a mountain biker with suspected spinal injuries in Glen Rosa.

Due to the nature of his injuries he was airlifted by a helicopter of Emergency Medical Retrieval Service who were close at hand due to carrying out a patient transfer. Seven team members were involved with a total of seven man-hours.



Kayaker Andy MacNamara towing the cocker spaniel back to the shore. b33dog01

Harris the Spaniel rescued by Lamdash kayaker

Last Friday 10 August, Chris Breslin was walking his dog Harris along Shore Road, Lamdash.

Harris spotted some birds in the water and dashed out to chase them, as most dogs would do.

Unfortunately, Harris, a five-year-old chocolate brown cocker spaniel, decided to keep going as the birds got further and further from shore.

Chris's wife Elaine told the Banner: 'I was sitting on the balcony at Auchrannie when Chris rang.

'He was breathless and running up and down the beach shouting at Harris, but he was determined to catch those birds and was by now a long way from the shore.'

Luckily a man was paddling his kayak in the bay and came to the rescue. He attached a rope to the dog's collar and helped him back to the shore and to a grateful owner.

The Breslins with their two children Helena and Lewis were staying at Prospect Hill

Studio, on holiday from Barhead in Glasgow.

Elaine added: 'My family would like to thank the kind guy called Andy from the Arran Outdoor Activity Centre in Lamdash who rescued our dog on Friday. He swam too far out chasing birds, and got into difficulty.

'Andy kayaked out to our dog and managed to secure a rope to him and brought him back to shore safely.

'We want to thank Andy for saving our dog's life.'

Two men arrested

At 7pm last Saturday 11 August a 19-year-old Shiskine man was arrested for failing to quit a licensed premises, resisting arrest and police assault in an incident at the Co-op Welcome Convenience Store on Shore Road, Brodick. In the same incident, a 19-year-old Dalry man was charged with alleged breach of the peace, obstruction and resisting arrest. Both men were detained in custody and appeared at Kilmarnock Sheriff Court on Monday 13 August. They were released on bail.

Youth injured

Following a road traffic crash in Shore Road, Lamdash last Friday 10 August, a 16-year-old Lamdash youth who was a passenger in the car was removed to hospital for treatment.

Bike stolen

Between 4pm and 11pm last Saturday 11 August a special edition Chris Boardman bicycle was stolen from the bike shed at Auchrannie. Police are appealing for any information.

Arran ferry saves jet skiers

Arran's second summer ferry, MV Isle of Arran, went to the rescue of two stricken jet skiers last Friday 10 August.

The vessel was bound for Ardrossan when the Officer On Watch spotted the jet skiers waving for assistance.

After contacting Clyde Coastguard and being cleared to assist, Master of the ship, Captain Stephen Ross, informed the passengers of the situation as the vessel altered course. A rescue craft was launched from the ferry at 4.33pm and took the jet skis, which had run out of fuel, in tow. The jet skis, rescue craft and ferry arrived safely in Ardrossan harbour.

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Arran Dairies celebrates as Great Taste 2012 products announced

Two of Arran Dairies' flagship products will be proudly displaying a Great Taste 2012 logo after being judged by a panel of 350 of the nation's most discerning food experts over 45 days.

This week the Guild of Fine Foods awarded a Gold Star to Arran Dairies' semi-skimmed

milk and to their traditional dairy ice cream.

The scheme, run by the Guild of Fine Food, has been described as the epicurean equivalent of the Booker Prize and in 2012 a total of 8,807 different food and drink products were entered.

The family owned and oper-

ated local dairy has been pasteurising milk and cream from Arran's farms since 1978 and diversified into ice cream production 12 years ago. The Brodick based dairy employs 16 local people and all are delighted with the accolade. Managing director Alastair Dobson said: 'Our traditional

ice cream is the base of every ice cream flavour we make, so it's wonderful for it to have been recognised by this award.'

'What is really special though is the award for our unhomogenised local milk. The judges were impressed by the naturalness and the fla-

vour of Arran milk and we're delighted that they think it tastes so much better than other brands.

'We deliver milk around the island almost every day - even to the deepest south-end, so getting the judging samples to Somerset wasn't too much of a problem!'

Busy weekend for Arran's ferries

The spell of settled summer weather last weekend gave a vital boost to Arran's tourist trade.

After a summer of falling passenger numbers, CalMac announced that the weekend sailings had been particularly busy.

Company regional manager Robbie Brown said: 'On the three days of Friday, Saturday and Sunday we carried 7,710 passengers and 1,200 cars on the Ardrossan to Brodick crossing.'

It is believed that around 200 passengers were left behind at Ardrossan after the 9.45am sailing of MV Caledonian Isles on Saturday, but were accommodated on the next 10.40am sailing of MV Isle of Arran.

Calor Gas supplies not hit by terminal closure

The closure of the major on-shore Calor Gas depot near Aberdeen will not affect supplies of LPG.

That was the reassurance given to the many islanders who use LPG by Arran's MSP Kenneth Gibson this week.

The gas terminal will be closing for three weeks from August 25, but a Calor Scotland spokesman said: 'We would like to reassure all our customers that they have nothing to worry about.'

'We have contingency plans in operation and there will be no impact on prices or availability of supplies of LPG.'

Sherlock Holmes murder mystery at Brodick Castle



June McLean, Christine McKerrell and Chris Mills at the Victorian House Party. 02_b33cas02

Last Sunday was the traditional Victorian Day at Brodick Castle, and this year it was the scene of a Sherlock Holmes murder hunt.

Visitors got a taste of yesteryear at the family-themed Victorian House Party as Castle staff entered into the spirit, dressed in authentic period costume, and a dramatic murder mystery unravelled.

Famed art critic and house guest Sir Acton Uppe was found dead in the castle, and one of the Country Park rangers, in the guise of super sleuth Sherlock Holmes, complete in cape and deerstalker set about solving the case. Master of the house, Lord Grimble Sumpbucket (Aelyn Dinwoodie), declared that the body of the deceased had to be removed to the meatlocker as the warm weather would soon take its toll. Visiting children were excited to take part in the hunt for the guilty party, and just about all the houseguests had a motive. As well as this whodunit fun, there were Victorian Olympic games on the lawn, crafts for young and old, and a display of birds of prey.



Lord Grimble Sumpbucket, right, with Victorian houseguests and staff. 02_b33cas01

Reward for return of stolen bike

A full suspension Chris Boardman bike, said to be worth in the region of £1,400, was stolen from Auchrannie bike shed last Saturday night.

The owner, David Holland, said that the black and white coloured bike had been locked, but the padlock was also missing. He is offering a reward for its safe return. Phone 07716605280.

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Rare chance to see McLellan plays

Young thespians hone their skills for festival

As the McLellan Arts Festival draws ever closer, some thespians, young (and not so young) are honing their skills in order to perform two delightful and contrasting plays.

The first play, *Sweet Largie Bay* is a lively performance of one of McLellan's best works which won a Scottish Arts Council prize in 1956.

It is both touching and humorous using a fictitious Corrie family to trace the changes from Arran's mainly agricultural and crofting economy to one based more on tourism. This is a chance to see a rarely performed gem of Scottish writing. In contrast, the one act comedy, *Jeddart Justice* is set in the feuding Border country of the 17th century.

Jeddart - or Jedburgh - Justice is condemnation without

a hearing. In this uproarious comedy a young man is asked to choose between the gallows or marrying a lass 'wi a muckle moo'.

You just have to come along and see what he decides and the hilarious consequences of his decision.

The young people in this production have already won acclaim on Arran - Donald McEachern for his spellbinding performance as Galileo in the Arran High production of 'We Will Rock You' and his sister, Catherine along with Katharine O'Donnelly for their outstanding performances in the recent production of 'The Wizard of Oz'. The other actors are the seasoned and talented, Ailsa McNicol, Campbell Seaton and John Sillars. With such talent he evening will be a treat. See advert for details.



The young people starring in *Jeddart Justice* - Donald and Catherine McEachern with Katharine O'Donnelly.



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The replica Viking ship is set on fire on Saturday night. 02_b33cor01

Viking fun and fireworks at Corrie Uphellya



Norse warriors on the longship set sail up the coast towards Sannox. 02_b33cor02



The invading Vikings engage islanders in battle on the Sannox shore. 02_b33cor03

Arran was invaded by a marauding band of Vikings last weekend.

It was all part of the traditional Viking weekend entertainments that the villages of Corrie and Sannox hold every August.

A few years ago, this Viking weekend was spawned out of the existing Corrie Capers week-long fun that originated in 1982.

On this 30th anniversary, the beer garden at Corrie Hotel hosted an afternoon of Viking games. Then at 8.30pm on Saturday the crowd gathered around the small replica boat as it was hauled along from the hotel to Sannox beach, led by a piper and escorted by warriors. At the same time, the full-size Viking boat was being crewed offshore as the villagers began to row up the coast towards Sannox. The fierce Norse sailors engaged battle with islanders on the Sannox shore as the replica longship was placed on the bonfire and set alight.

As flames lapped around the longship, a magnificent display of fireworks from the sandspit lit up the night sky.

Sleeping Warrior whisky helps footpaths

Isle of Arran Distillers Ltd and The National Trust for Scotland (NTS) have been shortlisted for an Arts and Business Scotland award in recognition of their collaborative restoration project. The businesses have worked closely together in the past year to raise money for the preservation of footpaths on Goatfell. In September 2011 Arran Distillery launched 6,000 bottles of a limited edition whisky called Sleeping Warrior, which depicted the mountainous north of Arran, including the island's highest peak Goatfell, on its packaging. For every bottle sold one pound was then donated to the NTS to enable them to carry out

vital preservation work on the local landscape. Shortlisted for the Cultural Branding Award, the partnership between the Lochranza distillery and NTS has not only benefited the local community, but used local culture in an innovative way to support the marketing activity of both businesses. Euan Mitchell, managing director of Isle of Arran Distillers, said: 'Our partnership with the NTS has achieved some really tangible results and the Sleeping Warrior whisky sold out very quickly.'

'Some great restoration work has taken place with the money raised and I hope that the partnership will be recognised for making a positive change.'

David McKinnon, Corporate Business Development Manager for the NTS, commented: 'The National Trust for Scotland cares for some of Scotland's most spectacular landscapes, from Goatfell and Glencoe to Ben Lomond and Ben Lawers. Repairing and protecting mountain paths is essential to conserving these beautiful places.'

'This partnership with the Isle of Arran Distillers has helped the Trust protect Goatfell from erosion for everyone to enjoy.'

The winners will be announced at the 2012 Arts & Business Scotland Awards black tie dinner for 400 guests in the Assembly Rooms, Edinburgh on Wednesday 24 October.

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Fun and farce at Whiting Bay's summer play

The Whiting Bay summer play has become something of an island tradition.

And this year's production lives up to the club's established reputation of providing family entertainment and a good laugh without taxing the imagination too much.

'The Haunted Through Lounge and Recessed Dining Nook at Farndale Castle' is the fifth McGillivray and Zerlin farce that the company has performed, and this one is true to type.

In essence, it is just over an hour of thoroughly enjoyable

nonsense where everything on stage goes wrong, but the audience soon realise that it is meant to go wrong.

Harmony

The choreography is mistimed, cues are missed, props are in the wrong place, sound effects come in too late, but it

all works perfectly. This type of performance is much harder to carry off than a 'normal' kind of play, but the cast work together in harmony as a team.

The action takes place in the forbidding surroundings of Farndale Castle with Helen

Macfarlane playing madcap Lady Madge Graves and Allan Nicol and Zoe McGovern being the young lovers forced to stay in the castle after their car breaks down.

Regular member Karen Curzon is a minister appearing for a sinister midnight séance

while Gill Gregory is a most unconventional doctor.

Cameo

Jennifer Webster makes a cameo appearance as Mrs Slaughter and Linzi Nicol doubles as a statuesque beautician and a solicitor.

These are all very believable characterisations, but the star of the show is newcomer Valerie Brown who first appears as a West Country old yokel, then shines as a stark, staring mad maid, Crematia, with an amazing Transylvanian accent. Her séance scene is an absolute gem of timing and special effects.

At the curtain call, Linzi gave the closing speech and made a moving reference to former long-term cast member Julie Nelson who sadly lost her battle with cancer in June.

This play has two more weeks to run, so get down to Whiting Bay Hall on Tuesday night for some slick entertainment and a jolly good laugh.



Zoe McGovern, Allan Nicol and Helen Macfarlane look on in shock as Valerie Brown's mad maid invokes a séance. 02_b33play01



Beautician Linzi Nicol gives Zoe McGovern some vigorous facial treatment. 02_b33play02

Winners recognised at 126th Brodick Highland Games

The 126th Brodick Highland Games took place in the Ormidale Park on Saturday and 3,200 people packed into the field to enjoy the day's events.

As always a great number of people competed in the games and enjoyed a day of sport in the field.

The track events are always well received by the spectators and it was great to see so many local athletes taking part again this year.

Clearly the competitors had been influenced by the success of Team GB at the Lon-

don Olympics and there was clear determination from everyone to be the first to cross that finish line.

The real crowd pleaser however continues to be the Heavy Events, which once again attracted entries from some of Scotland's strongest men.

Local competitors Scott Clark, Ernest Weir, Jamie McKinnon and Ian Small all put in super performances throughout the day.

Scott Clark won the Tom Dolan Challenge Cup for the 14th time and for the tenth

time in a row, a feat he completed just 10 days after his 40th birthday.

The trophy winners were as follows: William Cook and Sons Cup – Scott Clark. Tom Dolan Challenge Cup – Scott Clark. Tom Dickie Trophy – Nick Emsley. Lady Jean Fforde Cup – Archie McNicol. Bob Cameron Trophy – Jennifer Emsley. Rodden Middleton Rosebowl – Stephen King. Stewart Dickie Trophy, boys – Carrick Maley, girls – Phoebe Lewis. The MacMillan Trophy – Scott Clark.

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Jock is the People's Choice at art exhibition

'Jock' by Jane Nichol was the People's Choice at the recent Lochranza exhibition of Arran Visual Arts.

All the visitors to the week-long exhibition have the opportunity to vote for their favourite exhibit, and Jane's sketch won with 24 votes.

Other results were Clouds on Ridge by Jim McIntosh, 19 votes, Jo's Choice by John Earle 15, A Dram or Two by John Earle 12, The Moor by Ronnie McNeice 9, Holy Isle at Dusk by Tracy Gibson 8, Down the String by Angela Elliott-Walker 7, Rhino in Love by Susie Thompson 7, West Coast Sky by Norma Russell 7, Sparrow Hawk by Jane Nichol 7, Kings Cross Beeches by Phil Holmes 7.



Jane Nichol with 'Jock'. b33ava01

Residents celebrate incredible weight loss

A number of Arran residents are celebrating their losses this week, after shedding an astonishing 165 stones between them since the start of this year.

Members of the local Weight Watchers meetings run by Dawn McKinnon have lost just over a tonne in weight since the end of January.

'I am so proud of my Members,' said Dawn. 'They are proof that you can lose weight and keep it off and still enjoy life, including tempting times like summer holidays, birthdays and celebrations.'

'At a time when scarcely a week goes by without the national press running another 'obesity epidemic' story, it's great to see local people winning their weight loss challenge.'

Carol-Anne Fotheringham who attends Dawn's group and has lost 33lbs so far, said: 'There's no magic trick or short cut to gaining a healthier, slimmer shape.'

'What makes all the difference is the motivation and good advice I get from Dawn and the support and encouragement we all give each other in the meeting.'

Another member, Debbie

Turner has lost 40lbs so far. She said: 'Its brilliant. We've been waiting for years to have this opportunity on Arran.'

'I joined at the start, and have been to all the weekly meetings. Dawn helps keep us motivated and the feeling of losing weight and continuing to do so is great.'

'There's a great community spirit with all the members and we keep each other going.'

Dawn runs her Weight Watchers meetings on Tuesdays at 7pm in Shiskine and Fridays at 5.30pm in Brodick.

Come along

She added: 'Lots of people will now be thinking about trying to shed the extra pounds they've gained, so why not come along and see for yourself how the ProPoints Plan could work for you.'

'You've nothing to lose but your unwanted pounds, and you could soon be celebrating your successful weight loss, just like our other members are today!'

To find out more about the Weight Watchers meetings at Shiskine and Brodick, call Dawn McKinnon on 07780443938.

Arran Open Studios a success

The visitors' feet have not yet cooled on the thresholds of Arran Open studios but the event has already been claimed a success by organiser Josephine Broekhuizen.

There has been a real buzz in the air as people from both on and off island have made the tour around the artists' studios.

'Already we have learned things,' said Josephine on closing her own studio after a busy four days and 131 visitors.

'We have learned that visitors ask artists for recommendations for other studios to visit. We have

learned that it helps if your studio is part of a cluster and that visitors can take in two or three in an area. We have also learned that it is important to place posters strategically so that they have maximum impact. It is important to indicate how far off the main road a studio is.'

'It's great that many artists seem to have sold artworks; some more than others, and most participating artists say they have benefited from the exposure and have enjoyed the exercise.'

'Many visitors, coming from all over the country as well as interested and curious

islanders, have indicated that they will return next year having really enjoyed the experience. It feels, even at this early stage, as if it has been a great success. It is difficult at the moment to estimate numbers who did the art trail but it must have been in its hundreds and we hope that supporting businesses benefited from the extra

trade. Several visitors new to the island expressed gratitude that recommendations were made in the brochure for tea-rooms and cafés close by any given artists. 'I'm delighted'

Questionnaires filled in by visitors will give more information. Organisers Josephine and Sarah Cook gave it a resounding thumbs-up.

Summer bridge

The results of the tournament on Monday 13 August were: N/S 1 Morag Gardner and Brenda Livingstone, 2 Helen Boyd and Liz Paul, 3 Tricia Martin and Janette McBride.

E/W 1 Jimmy Gordon and John Dick, 2 Margaret and Douglas Bruce, 3 Alec and Maggie Gee.

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Aren't Arran's roads great?

For years we have carried letters, stories and photos depicting the awful state of the island roads.

A North Ayrshire Council roads chief even admitted at a Community Council meeting in Brodick last year that we had the worst roads in Scotland.

Now a sustained phase of road repairs at various locations round the island finally seems to be making a significant difference.

Of course they aren't perfect by any means and there are still areas, particularly in the northwest of the island, that are pretty dreadful, but some of the busiest stretches of roads are so much better now.

The work on the southern side of the Boguille is a great improvement, and the road between Lamlash Golf Club and Brodick hill is approaching a conclusion. OK, so there have been traffic lights, hold-ups and convoy driving 'to protect the workforce', and the temporary ramps are quite a jolt, but when a particular stretch is completed it is truly a joy to drive along. But let's hope that it doesn't just encourage folk to drive faster. And also hope that this is just the beginning of bringing our roads into the 21st century.



In last week's leader column we reported that the Olympic Games had been a much bigger success than most people had expected. Then the closing ceremony on Saturday night was a spectacle the like of which has rarely been seen anywhere in the world.

We also noted that there had been very little evidence of economic benefits from the Olympics, either in London or here on the island. That may be about to change. On this week's front page we have two stories that should warm your heart. Auchrannie Resort has had the imagination to contact all 65 of Team GB's medal winning athletes to offer them a free holiday here on Arran. And some appear to be taking them up on that offer.

Then Brodick's Alastair Dobson reports on his voluntary stint in the athletes' Olympic village at London 2012, serving up Arran cheese, strawberries and raspberries to gold medal heroes like Sir Chris Hoy and getting such a positive response to Scottish food. Knowing Alastair's entrepreneurial skills, we expect there to be a significant benefit to many Arran products from this astute exercise.

He is already planning for a major Arran presence at the Commonwealth Games in two year's time at Glasgow 2014. Maybe now is the time for Arran businesses to start making serious plans to sell the Arran factor to a whole new field of 10,000 athletes.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Love does no harm to its neighbour. Therefore love is the fulfilment of the law.' (Romans 13:10)

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Letters to the Editor



Wake up call for community council

Sir,
Those of us present at last month's Community Council meeting in Brodick Hall to ask questions of the applicant regarding the proposed Biomass plant witnessed a style of democracy from the chair which did little to enhance the reputation of the CC nor to resolve any of the major burning questions.

Fergus Tickell of NED Ltd was afforded 20 minutes to state his case as were the representatives of the Forestry Commission. The packed hall of 90+ locals and visitors were afforded a mere 45 minutes, clearly insufficient time to voice all their questions and concerns.

This is one of the biggest issues to come before the CC in recent years; we can only be impressed by the significance of other business on their agenda which curtailed debate on this proposal.

An exit poll was conducted and of the 81 people from the floor who responded, the following figures were obtained:

15percent satisfied with answers from meeting, 83percent not satisfied with answers from meeting, 89percent in favour of a public meeting, 98percent in favour of an Environmental Impact Study.

Obviously the communities on Arran need the opportunity to fully discuss this proposal, and they need to be confident that their CC will wake up and represent the views of the majority and take the appropriate action.

Arran is watching and waiting.

Yours,
Ian Cook
Whiting Bay

Why biomass plant here?

Sir,
I am inexperienced in planning regulation, emission rates, community council workings etc and have found

it hard to know how to engage in this debate about the proposed biomass plant.

Why must it go here? My young family is reliant on tourist industry income; we enjoy the wild life around us and value very highly the clean quiet environment we live in.

I left the Whiting Bay meeting on Monday feeling I should do something, but what?

I am definitely not against biomass, but this proposal has too many negatives.

Firstly the location; why so close to us all? Smoke, ash and noise will travel.

Secondly, this is inefficient. Let's get behind green energy but only if it is being moved by people who are thinking about the environment around us and want the greatest efficiency possible. Otherwise, what are their motives?

This is not a done deal; the only way to stop this is if Arran shouts loud enough and people like me come out of the woodwork. I think we are going to need all the help we can blinking well get.

It is not some hippy dippy, green activists' campaign, if I love where I live (and I do) then should I maybe take that bit more time to engage in this?

I am glad I had time to go on Monday and I will help.

I urge you to express your opinions in some way, at some point, before it is too late.

Yours,
Esther Brown
Curlew
Smiddy Brae

Concerns not addressed

Sir,
The Community Council meeting last Tuesday included representation from the Forestry, the Biomass Plant applicant and the presence of NAC planning officers.

Unfortunately, the chairperson brought the meeting to an unsatisfactorily abrupt close with many very serious concerns not addressed. Following this an exit poll was held and 89percent asked for

a public meeting to be held. Whiting Bay Improvements responded to this by holding an open EGM on Monday 6 August.

From this meeting it was agreed to take forward the concerns and gather island-wide opinion to work towards an island-wide response to this planning application which has massive implications for Arran.

It is important that everyone is aware of these implications. For this reason please support and respond to Douglas Templeton who was elected by those present at the EGM to take forward these concerns with a group to be known as Arran Energy Action Group and prepare for a full and open public meeting.

Yours,
Barbara I'Anson
Whiting Bay & Districts
Improvements Association

Biomass questions not answered

Sir,
I was disappointed to hear that the many questions regarding the proposed establishment and operation of a wood fired combined heat and power plant in the Dyemill area were not answered at last weeks Community Council meeting.

The name of the proposal is misleading in itself, since the heat is not going to be utilised to heat local homes or businesses, but released into the atmosphere.

My understanding is that burning wood is an inefficient way of producing electricity, in fact only 20percent efficient.

I, like many other residents, find it hard to heat my home in the winter. I also value highly the clean air I and my friends, neighbours, children and grandchildren are able to breathe.

I appreciate having a ready supply of wood for my wood-burning stove, and should I chose to convert to biomass central heating in the future, would like to think there will be an adequate supply still

available locally. If any of these issues are of concern to your readers, wherever they live on Arran, I urge them to take notice of this planning application and take some action before it is too late. I hope that there will be a full consultation process with the residents of Arran, or at least a public meeting, with adequate time for questions to be answered.

If this proposed power plant is allowed to go ahead, it could affect us all, our health, economy, clean environment and our future.

Yours,
Jan MacGregor
Whiting Bay

Biomass meeting unsatisfactory

Extracts from a letter sent to Arran Community Council and North Ayrshire Council
Sir,

I attended the Arran Community Council meeting on 31 July in Brodick Hall and found it most unsatisfactory.

We were told that the Community Council had the power to make a decision about the Biomass plant at the end of the meeting - to approve, disapprove or defer decision. Why then was the meeting curtailed at 9pm leaving many questions unanswered and why was no airtime given to anyone who was against the plant?

How could the Community Council make an informed decision when only one side of the argument was put across?

While Mr Tickell assured us that his company would receive no government grants it seems that combined heat and power plants receive a renewable heat incentive (worth in this case £1.6 million per annum) regardless of whether the heat is used or not. Power only plants are receive £1.2 million

Perhaps that explains why the extremely low output of the plant (24percent effective) is of little consequence to Mr Tickell.

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I would also like to question the term 'renewable' in this context. While a tree takes 20 to 30 years to grow, and it can be burnt in a matter of minutes.

While he showed a willingness to discuss issues with us I feel that many of his answers were lacking and inadequate.

I ask that the huge numbers of unresolved issues are properly researched and that this enterprising businessman is not given free rein to trample the views of the people of Arran.

Yours,
Alice Maxwell
Caretaker for Southend of Holy Isle.



Litterbin at North Sannox.

Litter bins a blot on landscape

Sir,
We have just returned home from a glorious week in Arran – the weather was so good we stayed an extra day – and were delighted to see the island looking busy and thriving.

We have been coming to Arran every year for many years, and always look forward to our visits immensely. This year the flowers, wildlife, and views were particularly spectacular.

What a shame, therefore, that we found, all round the island, litterbins that were often full and overflowing, like the one pictured at the picnic area at North Sannox.

Are financial cutbacks to blame for this small but important blot on the landscape?

Yours,
Chris and Jane Jones
Ross-shire.

Intriguing places

Sir,
Trudging through thick heather, waist high bracken, or deep bog is certainly demotivating when one tries to follow lesser-known paths such as that to Loch na Leirg mentioned last week.

Even for a determined and experienced 'Arranite', they remind me of the strength sapping properties red Kryptonite had on superman. Nevertheless we continue to revisit currently obscured routes, revealing a variety of real Arran gems, rarely seen by the casual visitor. For example, there are beautiful cascades of waterfalls, culminating in two large falls, if you make your way up Benlister burn behind Lamlash.

As a child I have fond memories of picnicking alongside these while looking at the stunning views over the bay.

For the hardened walker a detour at the top will reveal the remains of a pole erected by the armed services long ago and it's position (GPS NR979314) provides further grand views.

By the way, does anyone know the history behind this landmark? There are many more places to explore, such as the mys-

terious Cup and Ring carvings in sandstone (GPS NS002363) located within easy, and this time, accessible reach for the vast majority. However a lack of signage, way marker posts and some annual effort to maintain even the most basic of paths is a lost opportunity for Arran to fully exploit and show off it's myriad of beautiful and often intriguing places.

Yours,
David Lang
Cordon,
Lamlash.

Soaked at Farmers' Show

Sir,
In common with many others at the Farmers' Show on Wednesday 1 August, Rotary members who came to work on a fund-raising stall at Glenkiln were soaked to the skin!

Funds raised were just £85 on the day which was such a shame as usually the Club manages to raise far more but our hearts went out to Rotarian Ken Bone on whose land the event took place and to the many, many people with animals and products on show who endured the rain, mud and the clear up who must have been bitterly disappointed.

Only three days later and the sun shone brilliantly on the Highland games in Brodick where this time Rotary took £580 from their efforts and enjoyed the friendliness of those adults and children who were so generous in their support.

A great result and many thanks for all the support.

What a difference the weather makes, as I am sure Andy Murray would agree. What a week it turned out to be one way and another.

Yours,
Gillian Bussell
Murray Crescent
Lamlash

Backing up Jamie

Sir,
I am writing to back up the information in Jamie Sutherland's letter to the editor 4 August, The Queen's Island Visit.

I myself have not read the information board at the Distillery, but absolutely agree with Jamie, and know without doubt that The Queen, then Princess Elizabeth, did not spend her honeymoon on the Royal Yacht Britannia in Lochranza Bay.

As Jamie points out, Britannia was not built until 1952.

Whoever told Jamie that his info is wrong is obviously without any knowledge of the Royal Family, and maybe someone with a bit of knowl-

edge should have checked this out. It would be only fitting in the Diamond Jubilee year if this wrong information was corrected tout suite.

Yours,
Yvonne Brothers
Criffel
Lamlash

Supermarket for 21st century

Sir,
As your readers are aware, Arran is a wonderful place to live and work, but some things could well do with attention.

There is one thing that is well overdue for fixing and that is the Co-op supermarket on Shore Road, Brodick.

When, oh when will Arran get a supermarket that it deserves? A supermarket that is cool in summer and warm in winter, where shelves are always full, where staff are happy to help, and where fridges and freezers always work.

Please give us a supermarket fit for the 21st century that we all deserve.

Yours,
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Lucy, Jack and Penny Morgan, budding entrepreneurs.

Painting pebbles for community funds

Three Bearsden youngsters turned their hands to fundraising for an Arran community group while here on holiday.

Last Monday Alison Morgan posted two lovely pictures of hand decorated Arran Pebbles onto Whiting Bay Improvements facebook page.

The pictures showed a sign saying 'lovely keepsake £1 each, all money to Whiting Bay Improvements'.

By Friday Penny Morgan wrote that they had made £65.

Improvements chairman Barbara I'Anson said: 'We were delighted and went

along to meet the Morgan family and buy our lovely pebbles.

'Budding entrepreneurs Penny (12), Jack (11) and Lucy (8) of The Riggs, Whiting Bay on holiday from Bearsden, Glasgow, turned their hands to painting and decorating local beach stones and selling them at their front gate.

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2012 Isle of Arran Horticultural Show

The Summer Show of the Isle of Arran Horticultural Society was held last Wednesday 8 August in Arran High School.

Society president John Sillars felt that the Olympic Games on television were partly responsible for a smaller than usual turnout of visitors.

The quantity and standard of exhibits was also perhaps lower than in recent years.

Long-time grower and exhibitor Eric Gregory of Whit-

ing Bay said: 'The weather is 100percent the cause of poorer exhibits. Everyone's gardens have been affected by the wet and cold weather this year.'

The Horticultural Society was originally a department of Arran Farmers' Society from 1834, but broke away and was formally constituted in its present form in 1908. It continues to give gardeners the opportunity to share the results of their gardening skills with the wider com-

munity. Presenting the prizes this year was former island resident Lord McConnell of Glenscorrodale.

John Sillars joked that he was still just known as 'Jack' here, and that he had passed up an invitation to play golf at Shiskine to be at the show.

After handing out the trophies, Jack commented: 'I can well remember entering in the Best Miniature Garden class as an eight-year-old boy here!'

He also commended the members for their efforts in keeping the Show going, particularly in a difficult year.

Trophies awarded: Bank of

Scotland Cup for best vase of Sweet Peas, Malcolm Wheeler.

Silver vase presented by the late Mrs Blain for best six roses, Malcolm Wheeler.

Dippen Lodge Challenge Cup for best exhibit of Hydrangeas, Margaret Murchie.

John Sillars Cup for best Dahlias, Margaret Murchie.

Millennium Cup for most first prizes in Horticultural Sections, Laura Currie.

Archie Craig Memorial Trophy for best cut flowers, Lesley van Bogerijen.

Lady Jean Fforde Cup for best pot plant, Sonia Harding.

Roy Ure Tray for best pot Fuchsia, Malcolm Wheeler.

Allen McKay Memorial Quaiich for best exhibit in Decorative Section, Lesley van Bogerijen.

Rhoda Henderson Memorial Cup for best wicker basket of cut flowers, May Crawford.

MacAndrew Cup for best exhibit in Vegetable Section, Laura Currie.

Orr Watt Cup for most points in Vegetable Section, John O'Sullivan.

Anne Middleton Trophy for best potatoes, John O'Sullivan.

Charles Revell Trophy for best collection of vegetables, John O'Sullivan.

NVS Medal for best dish in vegetable section, Laura Currie.

Mrs F C Henderson Trophy for most points in baking section, Johann McHarg.

Chris Hall Rosebowl for best handcraft, Sonia Harding.

John Cumming Cup for most meritorious exhibit in children's section, Heather Snowdon.

M F Murchie Cup for best miniature garden, Gemma Totty.

J F Turton Trophy for best photograph, Margo Wheeler.



Eric Gregory with three long parsnips. 01_b33hort07

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Some of the trophy winners with Lord McConnell who presented the prizes on Wednesday. 02_b33hort08



Malcolm Wheeler's prizewinning sweet peas. 02_b33hort02



Linda Trickett won first prize in class 127 with her trug of vegetables. 02_b33hort04



Lesley van Bogerijen won the Archie Craig Cup with this display of cut flowers. 02_b33hort03



John O'Sullivan won the Charles Revell Trophy for Best Collection of Vegetables. 02_b33hort05

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Last week Archie was sitting on the bridge at Lagg with the hotel and former Wishing Well restaurant behind him. First correct answers came from Euan from Prestwick, John from Macclesfield and Colin in Wetherby. This week he is feeling agricultural, but where would you find that green tractor? 02_b33arc02

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time, again for the public vote. The pet with the most votes will then be crowned The Arran Banner Pet Idol 2012! For rules and terms and conditions, visit www.arranbanner.co.uk/petidol.

Until we announce the voting deadline in a future issue, you can keep voting for a pet on this page via text and using coupons printed every week for the duration of the competition.

Entries for this competition close at 12 noon on Thursday, 23 August, 2012. See page 16 for entry details.

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Holly
Border Terrier Cambuslang

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Tom
Tortoise Lamlash

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Ghillie
Working Cocker Spaniel Brodick

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Sheepdog Lamlash

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Harvey & Flora
Border Terriers Edinburgh

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Tiger
Norwegian Forest Lamlash

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Bonnie
Westie Lamlash

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Basil
Working Cocker Spaniel Whiting Bay

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Jackapoo Brodick

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Cocker Spaniel Shiskine

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Abi & Clyde
Rough Collies Brodick

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Springer Spaniel Kilmarnock

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Snowy
Giant Dwarf Rabbit Lamlash

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Hissy
Cat Corrie

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Sage
Westie Shiskine

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Pippin
Cat Brodick

Vote for this week's finalist!

How to vote

Readers can vote for their favourite pet by text or by post, using the coupon provided on this page. You can vote for as many pets as many times as you like until we announce the closing date to register your votes. Just make sure you quote the number stated on the pet's photograph when voting.

By text:

To vote by text, text the word **ABPET** followed by a space then the three digit number stated on the top left hand side of the pet's photograph to **88010**.

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Learn about Arran's unique geology

The Arran Heritage Museum has a specially designed exhibition room which attempts to explain the island's unique place in geology.

Its special rock formations attract students of geology from all over the world.

During August, professional geologist Mike Daniels, who came to live on the island four years ago, will be giving a short 20 minute talk each Wednesday at 11am and again at 2pm in the geology room.

Using the purpose-designed graphics, rock samples and other exhibits in the room he will explain how over the last 600 million years our island evolved with so many different types and formations of rocks.

There is no additional cost for these talks, but participants will be treated to an absorbing session after which even the least scientifically-minded will have grasped some fundamental understanding of how our planet has taken the shape which we live in today.



Bats are one of the most endangered species in the UK so all bat species are protected by law. Picture by the National Trust for Scotland/Laurie Campbell.

Nature Notes - bats

By Brodick Country Park Rangers

Bats are the only mammals that can truly fly.

There are 18 species of bat found in Britain, nine of these are found in Scotland. There are over 1,100 species of bats found worldwide and they account for around 20 per cent of all mammal species.

Bats are one of the most endangered species in the UK so all bat species are protected by law.

We know that there are definitely five species found on Arran, these are the common pipistrelle, soprano pipistrelle, noctule, daubenton's, natterer's and brown long-eared bat but Arran is very under surveyed so it would not be surprising if there were more.

Around this time of year young bats are often found on the ground as they learn to fly. If you find a grounded bat please call us on 302462 and one of the rangers will come and collect it.

Mating takes place during September and October and then bats begin to hibernate. Bats require hibernation sites that are humid, cool and undisturbed so that bats can

drop their temperature to save energy. They can emerge in March on warmer nights and are fully active in April. Soon after pregnant females start to gather together in warm, safe places to have their babies. These are called maternity roosts, females often return to the same summer roost year after year so it is important that these places are protected.

Female bats are pregnant for between six and nine weeks and then usually give birth to one young called a pup during June.

The pup is born without fur and their eyes are still closed. The young bats are suckled by their mothers for four to five weeks until they are old enough to fly.

They then begin to venture out from the roost to forage for food.

Once they are fully independent all bats disperse from the roost and may move to mating roosts.

The NTS rangers now have a facebook page to keep you up to date with what they are up to! Visit them at www.facebook.com/arranrangerservice.

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Fiddle Club offers greater range of children's classes

Partnership goes from strength to strength

Last year the Arran Fiddle Club formed a pioneering partnership with Arran's schools to offer fiddle tuition to the island's children both in and out of school.

Around 50 children took part in the club's activities

over the year ranging from young beginners to children studying fiddle as part of their standard and higher grade music qualifications.

This year the club is building on that success to offer an even greater range of classes,

including a new intake of beginners and a traditional music band project.

As part of the activities leading up to Christmas there will be a Halloween party and Christmas concert.

Later in the year the Club is looking at running an event on conjunction with the Arran Folk Festival.

To launch this year's activities there will be an enrolment evening on 21 August in Arran High School for parents and carers.

This is a chance to enrol children, to meet other parents and find out a bit more about the clubs activities. Places are limited. Please contact Alistair Paul on 302881.

ARRAN FIDDLE CLUB

Children's Classes start 28th August
Enrolment evening 21st August 4.45pm

Arran High School

Please phone Alistair on 302881 to book a place

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Arran Active Outdoor Shop

Have you been into Arran Active's new shop in the Old Courthouse at Cladach?
I must admit I hadn't been in until recently but I was amazed at how much outdoor clothing and gear they have in stock now. I couldn't resist trying on a North Face jacket and a Craghoppers fleece. And as for footwear, I was spoilt

for choice: Merrell, Scarpa, Brasher, Hi-Tec – everything you need for Arran's hills. Who needs to go to the mainland when we have all this on our doorstep? The service is second to none and the prices are great too, especially now with their summer sale. You name it, Andrew and Juliette have got it!

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Friday's Child

When I have a birthday present or wedding gift to buy, these days the first place I always go to is Friday's Child in Brodick. Forming part of the Home Farm Visitor Centre, I walk into Friday's Child every time with real excitement about what I'll find this time. Stocking fun and funky goods for the

home as well as quirky gifts, cards and the most gorgeous baby clothes – there is just so much to choose from. When I was in the other day I almost wished I were going back to school this week just so I could buy one of their funky schoolbags and some cool stationary. And I am reliably informed that they are the only stockists of Almond Magnum ice-lollies on the island!

Café Thyme and Simon Thorborn Pottery

Old Byre Showroom

Since Lorna Mansfield and her husband Hamza Gunaydi re-opened the newly refurbished Old Byre Showroom at Machrie in June, it has quickly become one of my favourite places to spend an afternoon. I could spend hours in the shop, which

stocks some of the finest quality clothing I have ever purchased and the homemade Turkish pides in Café Thyme are absolutely delicious – so far I think we've tried every filling on the menu. Simon Thorborn's pottery is a superb addition to the site too as he provides hours of entertainment for youngsters who can paint their own pottery while the adults peruse his wares.

Why not log on to Lorna's website – www.oldbyre.co.uk - and shop from the comfort of your own home!



Pots and Pieces

ceramic painting studio

Come along to Arran's 'paint your own' pottery workshop. Set free your creativity with friends or unwind with the kids. Feet and Hand Prints for babies and young children. Birthday Parties, hen parties up to 12 people.

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Pots and Pieces

Looking for a night out with a difference, the girls and I decided to spend an evening at Becky's ceramic painting studio in Brodick decorating our own pottery. Whilst sipping cups of fizzy wine, we were able to select a piece from a huge range of pottery to paint with our own designs. I felt like we were back at school again and it was so much fun picking the colours and

swirling the paint on to my lovely little teacup and saucer. As well as doing girly nights with complimentary bottle of fizzy wine, Becky is now doing children's parties as well. At the parties the birthday boy or girl will be given a free plate which all their friends will be asked to decorate as a keepsake of the occasion. What a lovely way to spend a morning, afternoon or evening!

THE ROCK POOL

COME AND SEE WHAT YOU CAN FIND IN OUR TREASURE TROVE!

Treat yourself to a proper coffee and enjoy the view too!

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The Rockpool

Corrie's delightful gift shop, The Rock Pool, is fast becoming one of my favourites on the island. Ailsa McNicol and Margo McLellan have a long tradition of selling their jewellery and mirrors on Arran and the shop is the perfect place for them to showcase their incredible talents.

They also sell many other local products such as lovely soaps from the Farmer's Wife, Katie Lees stylish and contemporary jewellery and many other uniquely Arran-crafted pieces. The shop itself sits in a lovely spot on the Corrie shore, where you can browse inside or sit out, have a coffee and write your postcards whilst admiring the stunning views.

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The Tearoom, Corrie Golf Club

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Open seven days a week for breakfast, lunches and homebaking, we found it a super place for a bite to eat after a walk along Sannox beach. There are ice creams that you can take away and The Banner is on sale too. Free WiFi as well, what more could we ask for!

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2pm
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Saturday 18th August

Over 21s Disco
Karate
Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am-12.30pm
Family Games
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Arran Dancers (4yrs & up)
Teddy Bears Picnic
Kids Family Quiz
Open rinks
Rink Game
Rink Game
Rink Game
Junior Badminton Club
Greece night
Raft Race
Open Day

Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Arran High School, 10am
Playbarn, Auchrannie, 2pm-3pm
Playbarn, Auchrannie, 5pm-6pm
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm
Brodict Bowling Club, 2pm
Lamlash Bowling Club, 2pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club 2pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall 1-3pm Ages 5-16
The Gorsebush, Lamlash
Blackwaterfoot beach 2pm
Lamlash, Green keeper shed, 10-2pm

Sunday 19th August

Alcoholics Anonymous
New Al-Anon Meeting
Family Games
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Fun in the pool
Teddy Bears Picnic
Live Music
Open Mic Session
Sunday folk session
Corrie film club
Each evening sees its close

Church Hall, Brodict, 4.30pm
Brodict Church Hall, 4.30 - 6 p.m.
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm
Playbarn, Auchrannie, 2pm-3pm
Ormidale, 8.30pm
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 2pm-5pm
Ormidale, 9pm
Corrie village hall, 8pm
Arran Heritage Museum, 1pm, 2pm & 3pm

Monday 20th August

Over 50s Badminton
Badminton
Weight Wise
Ladies Netball
High School sports hall - seniors, 7.30-9pm
Citizens Advice
Breathe Walk class
Table Tennis
Come Dance with me - LeRoc modern Jive
Arran junior Football
Quiz
Badminton
Summer Bridge
Rink Games
Rink Game
Rink Games
Outside Boot Camp
Boot Camp
Coffee morning
Farmers Market
Volleyball Club

Lochranza Village Hall, 2pm-4pm
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Hospital Bungalow, 5pm -5.30pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30-1.30pm
Kinneil, Lamlash, 5.15pm
Corrie Hall, 6.30pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7.30pm
Ormidale Park, 6pm-7pm
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 8.30pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm
Arran High School, 6.30 for 6.45pm
Brodict Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Lamlash Bowling Club 7pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club 7pm
Whiting Bay Park 6am
Outside Kinloch Hotel, 6.30pm - 7.30pm
Whiting Bay church, 10.30-12noon
Kilmory Hall, 10.30am-2pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 6pm

Tuesday 21st August

Army Cadets
Pop Quiz
Alcoholics Anonymous
Youth Club
Rotary Club
Melody Movement, Ballet Class 2 ½ yrs up
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 2pm
Dudes & Divas Funky Dance Class 2 ½ yrs up
Youth Club
Zumba Fitness Class
Weight Watchers
Rink Games
Junior Hockey Club 8yrs up
Guided Garden Walk
Whiting Bay Drama Club Summer Play
Forgetful Princess
Secrets Tour
Fiddle Class enrolment

Auchrannie Road, 7.30pm-9.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Brodict Church Hall, 2pm
Kildonan Hall, 7pm
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 7.15pm

Auchrannie Dance Studio, 2pm
Brodict Hall, 6.30pm-8pm
Arran High School, 6.30-7.30pm
St Molios, Church Hall, 7pm
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm
Ormidale Park, 6-7pm
Brodict Castle, 2.00pm
Whiting Bay Hall Doors Open 7.30 pm.
Brodict Castle, 1.30-2.30pm
Brodict Castle, 2-2.30pm
Arran high school, 4.45pm

Wednesday 22nd August

Hockey
Tae Kwon Do
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Brass Rehearsal
Whiting Bay Hall, 7.15pm
Senior Badminton
Yogalates
AquaFizz
Music Mayhem Class Parents & little ones
Kids Games
AYF Film Making Club
Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy Services
Arran Absolute Beginners Runners
Arran Advance Beginners Runners
Junior Tennis
Rink Games
Bridge Drive
Rink Game
Rink Games
Northend Football Training
Outside Boot Camp
Boot Camp
Dog Agility Class
Vile Victorians
Summer Family Ceilidh
Coffee Morning
Arran's unique Geology Talk
Landrover Safari

Auchrannie Games Hall, 6.30-7.30pm
Arran high School - kids, 6.30-7.30pm, Adults, 7.30-8.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30-9.30pm

Arran High School, 8-9pm
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am
Auchrannie Dance Studio 10.45am
Playbarn, Auchrannie, 5-6pm
Brodict church Hall, 4.30-6.30pm
10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30
5.30pm, Auchrannie Spa Car Park.
6pm Auchrannie Spa Car Park
Shiskine Tennis Club, 4.30-6pm
Brodict Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Lamlash Golf Club, 7pm
Lamlash Bowling Club 7pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club 7pm
Lochranza, 7pm
Whiting Bay Park 6am
Outside Kinloch Hotel, 6.30pm - 7.30pm
W/Bay Park, Beginners/Kids 1-2pm. Been before 2.30-3.30pm
Brodict Castle, 2-3.30pm
Brodict Hall, 8pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15 - 12noon
Arran Heritage museum, Rosaburn 11am and 2pm
Brodict Castle, 11-2pm

Thursday 23rd August

General Knowledge Quiz
Lochranza Craft Club
Youth Club
General knowledge Quiz
Zumba Fitness Club
Live Country/Folk music
Cricket Practice
Senior Tennis
Village Market
Unseen Brodict
Family Ceilidh
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Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Hall, 2pm
Youth Cabin, Lamlash, 7-9pm
Kinloch Bar, 9pm
Arran high School, 6.30-7.30pm
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay 8.30-10.30pm
Sannox Oval, 6pm
Shiskine Tennis Club, 6pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 11-2pm
Brodict Castle, 11.30am
Lochranza Hall 8pm
Brodict Rangers Centre, 2-3.30pm

Friday 24th August

Aqua Fizz
Yogalates
Arran Youth Foundations
Weight Watchers
Lochranza Kids Badminton
Lochranza Adults Badminton
Disco
Outside Boot Camp
Unseen Brodict
Champion of Champions Final

Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am
Auchrannie Studio, 10am-11am
Church Hall, Brodict 7pm-9pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 5.30pm
Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm
Lochranza Hall, 8pm
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Whiting Bay Park 6am
Brodict Castle, 11.30am
Corrie Golf Club, 5.30pm



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COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

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Breed of pet (optional).....
Owner's name:
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Tel:
Email:
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Calling all pet lovers! The Arran Banner are giving you the chance to make your furry loved one famous. We'll soon be printing photographs of your most loveable pets for a number of weeks. This time, it will be up to you, our readers, to vote every week for who you think should win the title of The Arran Banner Pet Idol 2012, £100 cash plus a goody bag for your pet.

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Golf trophy winners: from left, John Lowe, Alastair Stoddart, Jock Brown.

Memorial golf competition winners

The annual John Lowe, Willie McNeil and Walter Gillan Memorial Quaichs competition took place on Friday 10 August at Brodick Golf Club over 36 holes, with warm and sunny conditions.

The following were the winners:
John Lowe Memorial Quaich, Alastair Stod-

dart (Royal Dornoch).

Willie McNeil Memorial Quaich, Jock Brown (Hamilton).

Walter Gillan Memorial Quaich, John Lowe (Hamilton).

Mrs Nan Lowe was unable to present this year's prizes due to illness.



Lamlash Ladies Golf

Wednesday August 8, over a dozen ladies took advantage of the fantastic weather for the Medal competition. Anne McVicar came first with a 79 net 63, also getting her the scratch prize. Second was Alison Spearman with a 91 net 65. No magic twos, so we have quite a pot building. Please note that the postponed Josie Sanderson Stableford Competition (open to all Arran golf ladies) is now set for Wednesday 29 August at 5pm, just call 600330 to secure a slot.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Ladies: Wednesday 8 August - Seven ladies took part in the McNicola. First place was dictated by the better

inward half and went to Jean Davidson with a 70 (24). Second place went to Jackie Nisbet 70 (22). Scratch went to Jackie with a 92. Sunday 12 August - 10 players took part in our monthly medal, including an invitation to the Lamlash ladies some of whom joined us. It was a fiercely contested competition as the scores at the top of the leader board were very close!

First place went to Elizabeth Rankin with a 60 (27) - 2nd place to Susan Butchard with a 61 (14). Susan also took scratch with a 75. There were no magic twos, but Sheena Murchie is worth a special mention for getting on the green with her second shot at the 10th (something she hasn't done before - or indeed many of us!) - and sinking her putt for a 3. Well done to everyone who came along - a thoroughly enjoyable day. Lets do more!

Gents: Wednesday 8 August, 31 played for the McNicola Cup. Scoring was surprisingly high with the CSS rising to 65. The winner was Alan Kay (20)63, 2nd Wolfi Kroner

(14)64, 3rd Jamie MacPherson (5)65 bih, 4th Nicol Auld (2)65bih. Malcolm Penny-cott won scratch with 65 and there were magic twos from Wolfi Kroner, Jamie Stewart, Jamie MacPherson, Sid Ailen and Nicol Auld. Sunday 12 August, 22 played in the rearranged Betty Black Cup, in much better conditions this time. CSS-63. 1 Ronnie Mann (11)62bih, 2 Jamie Stewart (6)62, 3 Douglas Graham (13)63bih, 4 John Rankin (6)63bih. There were magic twos by Jamie Stewart, M Foster, Kevin Jackson and Andy Martin.

Fixtures: Sunday 19 August, Aitken Rosebowl Foursomes and Arran Grouse Qualifier. (One draw for partners at 10am) Wednesday 22 August Summer Trophy, Saturday 25 August AGA Ken Western Greensome, 9am and 1pm. Sunday 26 August Captain's Prize, one draw at 11am.

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WEDNESDAY, 22nd August:

Holy Communion, 12.15 pm. ALL WELCOME

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

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Sunday 19th August:

Brodick Church, 10.30am, Corrie Church, 12noon, Lochranza Church, 9.30am, Pirmill, 10.45am, Shiskine, 12noon.

A Service of Worship will also be held in Montrose House at 1.30pm.

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Sunday 19th August 2012

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Sunday 19th August

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Evening Service 6.30pm 5 Glen Road, Brodick

Prayer Meeting

Wednesday 22nd 7pm

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Meeting for Worship Sunday 19th Aug at 11 in Brodick Library, Brodick. Enquiries to Jenny 302779

DEATHS

SHEILA REES

Born 30 September 1925 died 11 August 2012

Sheila passed away peacefully in Tyneholme Nursing Home, Pencaitland having lived on Arran since 1990. The funeral will take place on Monday 20 August at 11.30 at Lamlash Hospital Chapel, followed by burial at Lamlash Cemetery. Donations, if wished by those who knew her, in lieu of flowers, to UNICEF a charity she supported for many years. She will be very sadly missed by all her family and friends, both on Arran and beyond.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

JOY ELLIOTT - Edwin and family wish to thank all those good people who were friends of Joy during her years back on Arran. Thanks also to those who cared for her while at Glen Estate and then at Cooriedoon. We are very grateful to Jean Hunter and all who were with joy at Brodick Church for the Service. A total of £200 will be donated in Joy's Memory to The Arran Lifeboat. The sun shone that day and Joy is now at peace. Thank you all. Edwin Elliott.



Harry Ross

Obituary

Harry Ross 1928 – 2012

Harry Ross was born in Govan on November 2, 1928 where his father worked in the shipyards.

He had a long career with photographic and printing companies Ilford and Dupont UK, rising to sales training manager. In 1977 he moved with wife Sheena, son Ken and daughter Liz to Cambridgeshire with his job. Harry was a qualified amateur football referee and became an Honorary Member of the Huntingdonshire Referee's Association.

After being widowed, he met Linda Pyle and when coming to his neice's wedding in Ayr, Harry brought Linda over to Arran where he had holidayed in the 1950s.

It was Linda's first time on the island, and after one more visit, they decided on impulse to stay and bought a house in Margnaeglish, Lamlash in 1995.

In July 1998 the couple were married in Lamlash Church.

Harry threw himself into a whole host of activities on the island. He joined the Ar-

ran Pipe Band as a drummer and became a member of the golf club and bowls club.

Always a keen singer, perhaps even a crooner, he joined the Arran Chorus and the Rowan Singers, and in February 2003 Harry recorded Unforgettable, a CD of 19 Frank Sinatra songs.

All the proceeds went to the local ArCaS cancer charity. For several years Harry was the unofficial music correspondent of the Banner and would happily report on events ranging from chamber music to opera.

He had an abiding love of jazz and ballroom dancing and even made regular trips to Troon once a week for afternoons of ballroom dancing.

In 2005 Harry and Linda moved to Ashdale Way in Whiting Bay, and the couple continued to enjoy regular trips all over Scotland in their motorhome.

Harry Ross had a twinkle in his eye and was renowned as an outgoing character.

He will be missed by many.



Golf

Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday 1 Aug Summer Cup 23 played CSS 66, 1 L Hartley (17) 63, 2 G McCrae (6) 70, 3 L Keir (13) 65. Scratch G McCrae 70. There were three twos.

Sunday 5 Aug Centenary Quach, 1 J McKean 43 pts, 2 B Smith 39 pts(bih), 3 F Sillars 39 pts. There were six twos. Wednesday 8 Aug Summer Cup 41 played CSS 65, 1 R McCrae (6) 63, 2 I Macmillan (13) 64, 3 J McKean (10) 65. Scratch R McCrae 69. There were three twos. Sunday 12 August Brandon, 1 B Smith (12) 64(bih), 2 I McDermid (13) 64(bih), 3 R McCrae (6) 64. Scratch R McCrae 70. There were seven twos; Gordon Hendry got 2. 1st Class Brandon B Smith 2nd Class Brandon I McDermid.

Fixtures: Sunday 19 August Captain's Prize Open, draws 8.30am and 1pm.

Sun 26 Aug Royal Bank Shield (4 ball better ball), draw Sat 25 Aug 12noon.

Corrie Golf Club

Saturday 11 August, 22 played in the James Bunyan memorial trophy, CSS 61. 1 C Pattenden 68-10-58, 2 D Logan 68-8=60 BIH, 3 D Hayes 65-5=60 BIH. Best scratch D Hayes 65. Congratulations to Chris Pattenden on winning trophy. Magic twos from S Beardsley, A Smith, A McDonald, C Pattenden, D Hayes and D Logan.

Sponsored holes: 1 D Hayes, 2 A Napier, 3 and 4 B Rooney, 5 D Logan, 6 A Napier, 7 A McDonald, 8 E Cannon, 9 J McConnachie.

Fixtures: Friday 17 August, first round of the AGA Champion of Champions, start 5.30pm. Monday 20 August, semi final of AGA Champion of Champions and Friday 24 August is the final.

Saturday 18 August, first round Whisky Cup at 8.30am and 1.30pm. Please note all cards to be signed after playing. Also course to be played in se-

quence of holes 1 to 9 and 10 to 18.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday 7 August, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary. 1 Brian Sherwood 67, 2 Sandy Murray 69, 3 Alastair MacDonald 71. Scratch Sandy Murray 74. Twos Brian Sherwood. Fixtures: Tuesday 21 August, final day of the Peter Sutton/Lady Mary tee off 12.30/5.30pm.

Arran Golfers Association

Fixtures: Champion of Champions 2012 at Corrie Golf Club. Semi-finals Monday 20 August at 5.30pm. Final Friday 24 August at 5.30pm. Ken Western Greensome at Whiting Bay Golf Club on Saturday 25 August at 9am and 1pm.

Shiskine Golf Club

Wednesday 8 August, 18 Hole Medal. 1 D Duthie 68-7=61, 2 C Allison 68-6=62, 3 J Morrison 72-9=63. Scratch D Duthie 68 BIH.

Thursday 9 August, Ladies Captains Prize and Vets Trophy. Silver: 1 J Turnbull 48-7=41 and best scratch 48, 2 J Smith 53-11=42. Bronze:

1 P Johnston 58-15=43, 2 M Tod 65-21=44. Jenni Turnbull wins Captains Prize, Vets Trophy and Scratch Trophy.

Saturday 11 August, Gents Captains Prize and Vets Trophy. First Class: 1 D Duthie 47-4=43 BIH and best scratch 47 BIH, 2 M Dale 48-5=43, 3 C Allison 47-3=44 BIH. Second Class: 1 J Simpson 53-9=44, 2 B Green 56-11=45 BIH, 3 A Boys 59-14=45 BIH. David Duthie wins Captains Prize & Vets Trophy.

Sunday 12 August, Victory Shield. First Class: 1 C Allison 46-3=43, 2 M Richie 54-10=44. W MacCallum wins Kay Maxwell Tophy in July with a 42. D Pilkington wins the Victory Shield also played in July with a 39.

Fixtures: Sunday 19 August, Allan Maxwell Trophy (teams of four). Wednesday 22 August, 12 Hole Medal (Gents). Thursday 23 August, 12 Hole Medal (Ladies).

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Claire Robertson as Snow White with her team of six dwarves, known as Disnae Matter. 02_b33crk02

Six-a-side cricket fun day in Brodick

The annual Sannox Cricket Club not-too-serious six-a-side fun day was held in the Ormidale Park last Saturday.

Eight teams competed in a round robin in two groups of four, with the respective winners playing each other in the final.

Imaginative

Most imaginative fancy dress teams were six Sumo Wrestlers and Snow White and her six dwarves, but the Mighty Brodick football team beat Lamlash Pirates in

the final match to lift the 2012 trophy.

Eric Dunn of Sannox Cricket Club said: 'After gathering in the bills and doing the sums, Saturday's Cricket Fun Day raised around £400 for Sannox Cricket Club funds.

'Whilst this is slightly disappointing, I hope that all there at the event had fun which was the point of the day.

'Thanks to all helpers, donors, spectators and players - especially those in fancy dress!'

Brodict and Shiskine go to semi-finals

Brodict and Shiskine football teams both won their cup ties on Monday to go through to the semi finals.

Brodict beat Bay FC 7 - 1 and Shiskine edged a seven-goal thriller against Lamlash by 4 goals to 3.

Now Shiskine will face Northend in the first semi at 7pm on Friday (today) 17 August at Sandbraes. Brodict play Southend at 3pm on Saturday.

Volleyball club started

A new volleyball club for adults and high school pupils will be meeting at the Auchrannie Gym hall on Monday night.

Starting at 6pm, the club will enjoy coaching as well as playing some games.

All levels are welcome to come along and join in.

Innes wins 2012 Tom Sorbie race

The 17th annual Tom Sorbie Memorial Yacht race took place on Saturday 11 August after being cancelled in July.

Six yachts entered with their crews having a wide and diverse variety of experience. The race is designed to be fun and to encourage experienced skippers to take beginners and novices on board to give them a taster of keel boat racing. The winds from the east were force 3 - 6 with variable sea states, providing a quick and exciting race.

The course was from Lochranza Bay to Skipness Point, to a marker laid in Catacol Bay and back to Lochranza to the finish, with multi-fluctuating winds and directions in the bay. This tested experienced and novice crews to the full with an exciting finished for 'first over the line honours' between Neoinean and Ogun who pipped the post. Norman Swain presented the prizes at the Lochranza Hotel. Overall winner for the Sorbie Bell Trophy this year was Innes Murchie in Neoinean with the Filtec

Line Honours Trophy going to John Ford in Ogun. Thanks to Liz Evans, Race Officer, Stuart and Jane Nichol, Iain Kerr and son for safety boat cover, George and Fiona Stewart, Lochranza Hotel, all those who helped on the day and all businesses who so generously sponsored the event.



Jenna Thomson and her Sumo Wrestlers team 02_b33crk01



Winners of all six classes. From left, Luke Furze, John Ford, Pip Siddle, John Graham, Edward O'Donnolly, Iain McLean.

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