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## Brodict Highland Games



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# Arran wants to go it alone in big boundary shake up

## Plan to link island with West Kilbride and Fairlie opposed

**REPORT**  
 by HUGH BOAG  
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Arran would like to go it alone in a shake up of council ward boundaries which are under review.

It is argued that Arran could be a single ward of North Ayrshire Council with three island representatives.

However, it seems this is unlikely to come about as it

would breach the statutory provision of the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland who are presently carrying out their fifth electoral review

Instead, it seems likely that Arran will stay linked to Ardrossan but with just three rather than the four councillors at present.

However, North Ayrshire wants to link Arran with West Kilbride and Fairlie arguing

they are the closest 'geographically and demographically'.

But with Councillor John Bruce not standing for re-election in 2017, there is no guarantee, whatever the final outcome, that unless Arran were to go it alone there would be a councillor resident on Arran.

Arran Community Council see the review as a rare chance to get better representation for **continued on page 2**



## Record crowds at Highland Games

Arran's own Scott Clark throws the 28lb weight for distance during the heavy events competition at Brodict Highland Games which attracted record crowds this year. Full report, results and pictures starts on page 12.

## A disappointing end to an excellent day

A fiasco at the ferry terminal on Saturday night spoiled the what had otherwise been a terrific Brodict Highland Games.

Tempers were frayed after a

breakdown had left hundreds of passengers waiting for hours at the pier

And when the pipe bands arrived they were told they had to wait in the queue meaning

they were unable to have their traditional play-off prior to the ferry departure. The situation was compounded by the amount of alcohol which had been consumed by some passengers waiting for the ferry, with the behaviour of some described as 'appalling'.

The problems started when a breakdown to the Isle of Arran ferry in the afternoon

led to a large build-up of foot passengers and cars and there were long queues for the 7.20pm sailing to Ardrossan on one of the busiest sailing days of the year.

The Caledonian Isles finally left nearly an hour late, with the remaining passengers getting away soon after on the repaired Isle of Arran.

'The fact that everyone

eventually got away safely was a very lucky outcome as the drunkenness and aggressive behaviour came very near to boiling over,' one said.

One of the games organisers added: 'It was a disappointing end to what had been an excellent day.'

'There was no communication from CalMac staff and the whole thing left a sour

taste in everyone's mouth.'

A spokesman for CalMac said they had received a report from the port manager which would be reviewed. 'We would like to apologise to passengers for the disruption caused and remind them that they may be able to claim compensation.'

Police Scotland said there were no arrests.



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Arran wants to go it alone in big boundary shake up

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the island at the local authority elections due in 2017.

And while they would like to go it alone, they are opposed to council plans to link the island with West Kilbride and Fairlie, preferring to stay with Ardrossan.

Community Council vice chairman, Bill Calderwood, said: 'Ideally we would like to see Arran as a single ward and this would fit into the existing Neighbourhood Planning Area framework.'

'If that does not happen we feel the best resolution is to stay with Ardrossan given the experience, contacts and knowledge of the existing councillors.'

'But Boundary Commission wants to reduce the number of councillors in the Ardrossan and Arran ward from four to three which could influence whether Arran would have an elected representative resident on the island.'

'The proposals are out to public consultation and we would encourage all residents with a view to make their feelings known to the Commission.'

The community council will discuss the proposals at their meeting later this month, with a final submission made to the Boundary Commission in September.

The Commission propose there should be 33 councillors in North Ayrshire, but North Ayrshire Council wants 35.

When the Commission carried out their last review in 2006, Bute with an electorate of 5,208 was given single ward

status and elected three island councillors, yet Arran with an electorate of 3,886 was made part of an Ardrossan and Arran ward with 14,057 of an electorate.

But hopes that Arran could use neighbouring Bute as an argument to be a single ward have been dashed, as under the new proposals Bute would now be linked with west Cowal on the mainland.

In their submission to the Boundary Commission, North Ayrshire Council state: 'While Arran is a single Neighbourhood Planning Area, it is accepted that legislation requires that wards comprise three or four members. The Boundary Commission has no power to change this. Accordingly, Arran will have to be included with a mainland ward. It is proposed to include it in a new North Coast South Ward comprising Arran, West Kilbride and Fairlie. Arran would still remain a neighbourhood area in its own right.'

'Arran is similar to the North Coast neighbourhood area in terms of demographics, of lifestyle, age of population, service needs, older people, health care etc. It is markedly different from the Three Towns Neighbourhood, parts of which have some of the highest levels of deprivation in Scotland. Levels in Saltcoats and Stevenson are 35.16 per cent while Ardrossan and Arran are 22.39 per cent because Arran distorts the Ardrossan figure.'

'This demonstrates the need to plan and target service delivery on a neighbourhood

basis rather than a ward one. If wards cannot be aligned to a single neighbourhood, as in the case of Arran, it is preferable that they are aligned to one with similar demographics.'

'It could be argued that Arran and Ardrossan are linked by the ferry. Geographically, Arran is closer to the North Coast neighbourhood area. Indeed, at one time, the Arran ferry ran from that ward. In any case, the ferry terminal is only 1.7km from the start of the North Coast ward of which Arran would form part.'

'Including Arran in the North Coast ward limits the number of ward splits to the towns of Ardrossan, Saltcoats and Stevenson, allowing the whole of Stevenson and the whole of Ardrossan to be retained in single wards. By way of contrast, the Commission's proposals split both Saltcoats and Ardrossan.'

The submission adds: 'Linking Arran with the North Coast ward to which it is geographically and demographically closest makes sense.'

The ward would have three councillors and have an electorate of 9,423 and would be sandwiched between Largs, Skelmorlie and the Cumbræes to the north and Ardrossan and Saltcoats North to the south. The Boundary Commission public consultation runs until October 22. Anyone with a view can write to them at Thistle House, 91 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 2HD; email lgbcsc@scottishboundaries.gov.uk or respond online at www.consultation.lgbc-scotland.gov.uk

Roads network boost but also coastal erosion concern



Coastal erosion, as seen here on the Fisherman's Walk in Brodick, was also discussed at the meeting 20\_b33roads01

North Ayrshire Council is planning significant investment on Arran's roads over the next five or six years.

Plans for the road network remain at an early stage but, if approved by councillors as part of a major review of its capital programme, it could see several million pounds invested into the island.

Chief executive, Elma Murray, and executive director, Craig Hatton, also gave a commitment that on-going consultation with the community council, local groups and residents would take place to ensure the most cost-effective and least disruptive roads proposals are put in place.

Ms Murray and Mr Hatton were on Arran to meet with Ricky McMaster, Bill Calderwood, Daniel Bowles and John Lamont of Arran Community Council to discuss

a host of issues of concern. One of these was the coastal erosion affecting Brodick, Lamalsh and much of Arran's coastline.

Mr Hatton reiterated that the council was unable to invest public money in private land, but he confirmed that he was keen to continue engaging with the community to develop schemes that could assist them in providing their own defences.

He also revealed that a Shoreline Management Plan, currently being undertaken and due to be completed by 2018, would provide a longer-term proactive approach for all coastal areas across the region.

Speaking after the meeting, Ms Murray said: 'I was delighted with the meeting and I think continued engagement with the community council

and the wider community is the way forward.'

Mr Hatton added: 'The existing road network on Arran means that the logistics of major construction work will require much consultation with businesses and residents to formulate proposals that offer the best solutions to the obvious difficulties we will face.'

He continued: 'The council has permissive powers as the Coast Protection Authority however, the responsibility for the maintenance of eroded coastal areas lies with the land owner. There are parameters that we must operate within.'

'But we have helped develop a scheme for Brodick that will be taken forward by the community and we can offer something similar in Lamalsh.'

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# Six hour rescue follows a long day at the burger stall

## Although cold and wet both men were unharmed

Members of the Arran Mountain Rescue Team had to swap burger duties for rescue duties at the end of the Brodick Highland Games.

They had just sold out 800 burgers in three hours at their stall when they got an emergency call-out to assist two Cragfast climbers high up on Cir Mhor.

In worsening conditions, 12 members of the team, including search dog, Ruby, were airlifted by the Search and Rescue Helicopter 177 from HMS Gannet at Prestwick from Glen Rosa and winched down at the highest point possible in the area. The two

climbers were located in a tricky position by team members and rescued from their location.

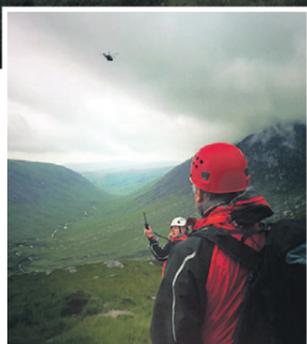
Although cold and wet, the two men aged 43 and 40, were thankfully unharmed. Both were experience climbers and were well equipped.

Rescue 177 assisted again later in the evening transferring everybody back to Glen Rosa which was a valuable help to the team after six hours in the hills.

The AMRT team would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who bought a burger at the games which will go towards their funds.



A member of the mountain rescue team is winched from the helicopter



The mountain rescue team in contact with the rescue helicopter



The burger stall did a roaring trade 20\_b33burger03

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# Creeler's hot smoked salmon gets three stars

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They were awarded three stars and now qualify for the Golden Fork awards in September after being announced in the guild's Great Taste Top 50 Foods.

To be included in this prestigious list involves an exhaustive judging process where over 10,000 entries are blind tasted by over 400 judges at 49 judging days held in six different locations. Judges described Creeler's salmon as 'vibrant and bold' with a 'moist and meaty texture'.

The hot smoked salmon which is filleted, is placed in a brine and sugar solution for a few hours before being cold smoked for seven more hours.

The temperature of the smoke is then increased which slowly roasts the salmon in the whisky-smoke filled oven. This produces a succulent and moist product that uses less salt and which has ensured that it has been included in the Guilds list for the second year running. Creelers produce a range of smoked products in Brodick and their new smokehouse at Skipness Castle on Kintyre.

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# Vintage trip back in time at local Tractor Rally

'Tractors are something you learn to appreciate with age'



Grant Irving with his rosette for winning the Working Tractor category. Grant can often be seen working at Clauchlands Farm in Lamlash 20\_33tractor06



Donald Currie Jnr atop his father's New Holland 200hp tractor 20\_33tractor01

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Words and photographs by Colin Smeeton

Rounding up the Arran Heritage Museum's summer events calendar, was the fifth annual Tractor Rally held last Sunday.

The event invited participants to bring their vintage, modern, restored or faithful workhorses to the show where they could see and exhibit the various makes and models as they advanced through the years.

Most of the 19 entries were local and there was also a display by the Ayrshire Vintage Tractors and Machinery Club.

Russell McNab, a member of the club, showed his Massey Ferguson 1 series 35hp tractor with specially adapt-

ed seat attachment, complete with mudguards and grab rail which he uses to transport his wife, dogs and friends about in.

He has many tractors in various stages of completion and his understanding wife, Isobel, said that she enjoys being taken for leisurely drives in it with their dogs.

On the more serious side of the scale, a huge 200hp monster of a machine was displayed by Donald Currie of Bellevue Farm in Shiskine.

Made in Basildon by New Holland and most recently employed harvesting barley, some of which was used by the Lochranza distillery, the behemoth features most of the mod cons of a top end luxury car as standard.

As for the cost of such a machine, Donald remained coy but said that it is what is required for the jobs that need doing. He explained that he got this one second hand and at a very good price for such a useful machine.

'Tractors are something that you learn to appreciate with age, like history,' said D G Weir, a trophy winner at the recent farmers' show with his 1957 Ferguson 35hp.

Having worked at a Ferguson dealer, he has an encyclopaedic knowledge of the products and the history, especially in relation to tractors brought to the island since 1948.

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Russell McNab elevates his wife, Isobel, and friend, Maureen McNae, on the specially adapted touring seat 20\_33tractor05



D G Weir and his restored 1957 Ferguson 35hp, a trophy winner in the Agricultural show 20\_33tractor04



The main display field as viewed from a large Valtra tractor, a demo model from sponsor, Hamilton Brothers of Bishopton 20\_33tractor02



Harris Bolton from Milngavie tests the Massey Ferguson 35X for size 20\_33TRACTOR03

post-war, most tractors bought and delivered to the island were usually in August, just prior to the agricultural show.

His most recent project, a Massey Ferguson for Linda Taylor which took the top prize was just completed at 2am on the morning of the show. 'The paint had just dried,' he said with a wry smile.

This hugely successful concluding event for the summer saw farmers, visitors and enthusiasts getting together and discussing their machines under blue skies in family-friendly surroundings.

Parents sat their children in the tractors seats accompanied by vroom-vroom sounds and, as usual, good food and drinks were provided by the burger stall and Café Rosaburn to a large crowd along with a tombola, bookstore and various stalls situated under the marquee.

The winners of the categories were: vintage/veteran class (open to all): Linda Taylor, North Corriegills with her Massey Ferguson 35. Runner-up was Tom Templeton, Ayrshire Vintage Tractor Club with his Massey Ferguson 65. In the Working Tractor (confined to Arran) category the winner was Grant Irving, Lamlash with his Massey Ferguson 6290. The runner-up was Alistair Bilsland, Brodick with his Massey Ferguson 35.

The Overall winner (Museum Trophy) was Linda Taylor of North Corriegills.



Tom Templeton, runner-up in the vintage/veteran category stands proudly next to his Massey Ferguson 65 20\_33tractor07

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# Phil is people's choice champion as AVA members enjoy summer workshops

Artist, Phil Homes, won the people's choice award at the recent Arran Visual Arts (AVA) summer exhibition in Lochranza.

His painting 'Blackwater-foot sunset' received 21 votes and was declared the winner at the end of the six day show.

He was closely followed by Norma Russell's 'Island of my dreams' with 18 votes. John Earle, Gail Ewart, Nancy McLeod, Rebecca Roberts and Heather Spriggs were all up there with more than ten votes each.

A spokesman said: 'Well done to all artists for another successful exhibition.'

Meanwhile, the July AVA workshop held at the Ranger Centre was on 'narrow boat style decoration'. This was run by the well-known, local artist, Yvonne Bailey, whose interest in this traditional art was sparked by a narrow boat holiday.

Yvonne explained how, in the 18th century, families were forced to leave the rural life to live and work on the industrial canals. They took immense pride in their narrow boats and decorated them with images of their former lives.

Accordingly, Yvonne expertly guided the novices in the use of particular brushstrokes and use of colour to paint the more popular motifs: daisies, roses and lettering influenced by the fairground, all on a dark background.

After practising, the participants progressed to the decoration of a small box.

Yvonne explained the process of developing the technique further on metal objects showing examples of her beautifully decorated horse-shoes and churns.

A spokeswoman said: 'Yvonne made this a most

enjoyable workshop on a rainy Saturday. We were all delighted with our decorated boxes, particularly the couple of narrow boat enthusiasts who had come over from Ardrossan especially to learn the technique and had not held a paintbrush since primary school.

'They are now true Arran Visual Arts converts.'

Yvonne's work can be purchased at Eco Savvy in Whiting Bay.

The next Arran Visual Arts workshop is Saturday and Sunday, August 22 and 23, and will be Portraiture Painting with Joan Lawson. Joan studied at Glasgow School of Art and taught for many years before establishing her own art school, Robinwood, in Ayr in 1993.

In this two-day workshop, Joan will be guiding participants in oil techniques to paint a completed portrait



Karen Stirland and Julie Graham inspect the fine porcelain work at the Arran Visual Arts summer exhibition in Lochranza. 20 33ava01

working from the participants' own photograph. The use of ipads as an art aid will also be covered in

this course. Phone Kathleen on 600827 to book. £25 for members, £35 for non-members. Please visit the Arran

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## Canvass forms to be reissued after mix-up

Householders across Arran were left confused and angry this week after an electoral registration form mix-up.

An error saw voters on the island sent forms which had the right addresses but the wrong names.

Now the Electoral Registration Office in Ayr is to re-issue its annual Household Enquiry Forms to households across Arran following what they say was a printer error.

A voter registration letter containing a Household Enquiry Form, is sent to all households on Arran every year, gathering the informa-

tion needed to produce the electoral register, which is a publicly available document containing the names and addresses of voters.

The form goes out addressed to 'The Occupier' at a specific address listing the names only of all voters currently registered at that same address. The purpose of the exercise is to ensure the completeness and accuracy of the electoral register.

The 2015 canvass got underway last week, with around 170,000 Household Enquiry Forms issued to households across Ayrshire and Arran.

However, a printing error resulted in incorrect voter details being sent to households.

An investigation, in conjunction with the print company, is now underway into what has happened.

Helen McPhee, Electoral Registration Officer for Ayrshire, said: 'We're very sorry this error has occurred and are actively working with the print company to investigate what's happened. Our priority is to reassure voters across Ayrshire of the integrity of both their voter information and their inclusion on the electoral register.'

'To provide the necessary reassurance, I intend to re-issue Household Enquiry Forms, with the correct information, later this week, and I thank all our registered voters for their patience and co-operation while we work to resolve this issue. In the meantime, due to the numbers of voters potentially involved, we are taking the precaution of reporting the matter to the Office of the Information Commissioner.'

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## Labour MSP Margaret McDougall steps down

Labour MSP Margaret McDougall has announced her decision to step down as local list MSP at the 2016 Scottish elections.

Margaret was a North Ayrshire councillor for 13 years representing the Kilwinning South ward before being elected to Holyrood in 2011 as the regional MSP for West Scotland.

Commenting on the MSP's

decision, Councillor Peter McNamara, leader of the Labour group on NAC said: 'On behalf of the Labour Group I would like to thank Margaret for her service to North Ayrshire. Both as a councillor and latterly as an MSP, Margaret has been a dedicated representative on behalf of her constituents for whom she has fought exceptionally hard.'

# Seven up for Shiskine at institute show



Winner of Best in Show, Mary Adams is presented with her trophy by Janet Mulholland 02\_33swi02

The well-attended Arran SWI show was held on Wednesday, August 6, at the High School in Lamlash, as reported in last week's Banner.

It was a fiercely contested event between the five institutes on the island with Shiskine taking seven trophies, Lamlash six, Corrie and Sannox took five with the smallest Kilmory taking one for its Community Tray whose theme this year was Year of Scotland's Food and Drink. The theme for the craftwork was Mary Queen of Scots.

Best in Show was awarded to Mary Adams from Lamlash for her quilted cushion and the runner-up to best in show was Jenny Harper from Shiskine for her lace collar.

Convener of the show, Mairi Duff, and honorary member, Janet Mulholland, awarded the trophies at the prizegiving ceremony along with Anne Pringle, president of Arran's SWI.

The full results were as follows: Trophy donated by the late Duchess of Monrose for best Community Tray (Class 19) - Shiskine. Trophy donated by the late Dr James Buchanan for Institute gaining most points in show - Shiskine.

Trophy donated by the late Miss. E Ferguson, Lamlash for best entry in Handcraft Sections - Mary Adams, Lamlash. The Jean Anderson Memorial Tray for runner-up to best entry in Handcraft Sections - Gillian Currie, Corrie and Sannox. Trophy donated by the late Mrs J Petrie, Lamlash, for most points gained by an Institute with 20 or fewer members - Kildonan.

Margaret Haddow Trophy for Community Handcrafts - Shiskine. The Mary W McGarrity Memorial Tro-

phy, donated by the late Mr J McGarrity, Corrie, for competitor gaining most points in Handcraft Sections - Morag Munro, Corrie and Sannox. Isle of Arran Federation Trophy for competitor gaining most points in baking section - Vivienne Haigh, Lamlash. Trophy donated by the late Mrs H Mitchell for competitor gaining most points in Class 21 - Alice Anderson and Morag Murchie (both Shiskine). Trophy donated by the late Mrs M Frew for Institute with 25 or fewer members gaining most points in Class 19 - Kilmory. Trophy donated by Arran Provisions for member gaining most points in Class 17, four items - Keyd Allan, Kildonan. Kilmory Trophy donated by the late Mrs Dale, Corriecraive for most points gained in Class 14, art - Kathleen Sowden, Lamlash. Queen's Jubilee Trophy donated by Mrs Elma Stevenson (beadwork) - Judith Baines and Katie Mowatt (both Kildo-

nan). The Rachel Trophy donated by Betty Bremner, Lamlash in memory of her sister Ray Bremner, for best knitted article in show - Elma Stevenson, Corrie and Sannox. Brenda Waddell Trophy for best knitted soft toy - Nancy Bremner, Kildonan. The Helen MacAlister Quaiach for best thrift article - Angela Cassels, Shiskine. Magazine Trophy, gluten free cake - Jenny Harper, Shiskine. Literature Prize - Elma Stevenson Corrie and Sannox. Marvin Elliott Trophy for shawl knitted in 1 or 2 ply - Morag Gardner, Lamlash. The Nan Murchie Memorial Rose Bowl - Kathleen Sowden - Lamlash. Joan Crawley Trophy, best entry embroidery - Gillian Currie. The Gardner Trophy donated by Morag Gardner - runner-up to Best in Show - Jenny Harper, Shiskine, lace collar. Best In Show, Corrie and Sannox Trophy donated by Anne Pringle - Mary Adams, Lamlash



Visitors and SWI members watch the prizegiving 02\_33swi04



Kathleen Sowden with her two trophies she won in the art category 02\_33swi05



Elma Stevenson receives her award for best knitted article in show 02\_33swi03



(l to r) Honorary member Janet Mulholland on the left, convener of the show, Mairi Duff and President, Anne Pringle, presented the trophies 02\_33swi01

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# THE ARRAN BANNER

## Independence for Arran

So Arran wants independence. No change there, some may say.

But this is not a harp back to the referendum, but a real desire to see better representation for the island.

Arran Community Council says the island should be a single ward as part of the Boundary Commission's redrawing of the map of Scotland's local authorities.

And we couldn't agree more.

At present there are four councillors who have a responsibility for Arran on North Ayrshire Council, but because only one of them - John Bruce - lives on the island, most of the work falls on his shoulders.

And with Councillor Bruce announcing he is to stand down at the next elections in 2017, there is no guarantee Arran will have a resident councillor at all.

If, under the new proposals, Arran was accepted as a single ward, the island would have three representatives shouting for its corner, but this seems an unlikely outcome.

The Boundary Commission seems to have already suggested that such a move would be outwith its statutory powers, so in all likelihood, Arran's fate will be a straight choice between the commission's preferred option - that Arran stays linked with Ardrossan - and the North Ayrshire Council proposal to link Arran with West Kilbride and Fairlie.

The second is the most worrying scenario.

The council says that Arran is closest 'geographically and demographically' to West Kilbride and Fairlie and that may be true. But fears are real that Arran would lose out big time if they were relying on councillors representing these communities, and who live on the mainland, giving anything but a cursory glance at the needs of the island.

We can see why the council wants the move, as Arran is distorting the high deprivation levels of Ardrossan, but to suggest it is a good move because at one time the Arran ferry ran from the proposed new North Coast ward. Or that the ferry terminal is only 1.7km from the start of the ward of which Arran would be part of, seems to be missing the point.

Like it or not, Arran is linked by the ferry to Ardrossan and, unless there is any chance of going it alone, in our view that is the bond that should remain.

Public consultation of the proposals is now open. So why not have your say?

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ, God forgave you.' (Ephesians 4:32)

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## Letters to the Editor



### Arran Man - right of reply

Following *The Banner* article last week 'Arran Man organisers are hit by a hefty bill' we give organiser Alan Anderson the right of reply.

Sir,  
Please allow me to address several of the points in relation to the Arran Man article last week.

First, the team behind Arran Man are very experienced in organising triathlon and other events. We pride ourselves in providing athletes with safe, but testing, races in friendly, iconic locations.

As is the case with our other events, until your article, we have had nothing but highly positive feedback about the event from athletes and locals alike. Teething problems always happen with new events; lessons are learned and improvements made for future years.

A small test event, with full risk assessments which met the needs of Triathlon Scotland and our insurers, was held at Machrie in September 2014. It was very successful - as reported in your newspaper which covered it.

After the 2014 event, I took feedback from the local police, paramedics, mountain rescue and water safety teams who advised moving the race to Lamlash due to its pre-existing emergency facilities. In late September 2014 North Ayrshire Council were approached by email and telephone for permission to use of Lamlash Green and High School for use for the races.

The council had to get approval from Arran Estates for the use of Lamlash Green. This was subsequently given and all the necessary paperwork forwarded to NAC. So, in short, North Ayrshire Council was aware of the event from nine months prior.

VisitArran was aware of the event for several months as were CalMac and also Stagecoach, from whom we hired coaches to transfer athletes.

Risk assessments are always dynamic and never finalised until the day of the event. In

the week of the event, due to the unique nature of the island's infrastructure and the authorities' realisation of the number of people coming, the authorities wished some changes, which we readily agreed to.

At no point during the event did we lack sufficient safety cover. A team of over 50 worked on the event, including eight medical staff, 12 safety kayakers and two safety ribs.

A total of 249 athletes took part in the four events, Marathon, Full Triathlon, Middle Triathlon and Team Triathlon. I have been advised this is the largest amount for any sporting event on Arran.

Alongside them, another 200, plus friends and families of the athletes, visited the island. Almost all athletes stayed on the island for one night, several for two nights or more. We have been advised that for the weekend of the Arran Man all accommodation in Lamlash, Whiting Bay and Brodick was fully occupied. Many of the athletes regularly visited the island prior to the event to train on the cycle route.

Other than fully booked accommodation and ferries, the event posed minimal disruption to the island, highlighted by Stagecoach, who confirmed to us that none of their services were disrupted on the weekend of the triathlons.

Unlike leisure cyclists, Triathlon's race regulations forbid competitors from riding in packs or bunches. It is these large groups of cyclists together who pose the main problem for traffic flow.

With regards the athlete helicoptered off the island, our medical team were the first onsite, less than 45 seconds after his crash. As stated correctly in your article, it will be the event insurance and British Triathlon Federation insurance that covers the helicopter costs.

It is hoped that Arran Man will return in summer of 2016 bigger and better - we have to wait the publication of the tide tables to confirm a suitable date. I agree that we

could have done more to inform the locals of the event.

The athletes all had a great weekend on your island and are actively spreading the word about how amazing a place it is to race around.

Over the past two years I have spent many, many hours on Arran meeting interested parties and organising the races. I have experienced nothing but enormous goodwill and a huge desire from the locals to make Arran Man a success. It was very successful and hopefully can grow to be a major part of the annual Arran sporting and social calendar.

Yours,

Alan Anderson

### Little off the mark

Sir,  
I feel that to fill the front page of *The Banner* last week with a headline and article as negative as you did, during the height of the summer season was ill-considered, negatively biased and counter intuitive to the hard work island businesses do to attract visitors to the island.

During my time consulting with the organisers of the Arran Man triathlon I have found them nothing other than diligent, co-operative and open to the expertise that islanders have to offer. On Sunday of this week I am organising a Sea Kayak Race around the Isle of Great Cumbrae.

My risk assessments will be concluded on Saturday, the day before the race, I will inform the coastguard, ambulance and RNLI about participant numbers on the morning of the race, which is the norm.

I whole-heartedly support the iron man event, the productive aspects sport plays in our society and the positive business opportunities an event like this brings to our island. On this occasion I feel that our expectations as islanders to know everything about everything may be a little off the mark.

Yours,

Calum McNicol

Calum McNicol Coaching

Brodick

### Shambles at pier

Sir,

We would like, through your columns, to express our opinions on the shambles at the pier last Saturday night following the Highland Games. The behaviour of certain individuals waiting for the 7.20pm ferry was appalling.

We are frequent visitors to Arran during the last 20 years and have never seen anything before that made us feel we needed to comment.

We understand that drinking alcohol in public places in North Ayrshire contravenes local byelaws and can incur a fine of £500 on conviction.

We saw no police presence and at least two groups of golfers were openly drinking, bottles of beer, cans of cider and hip flasks of whisky. As consumption increased civility and decency rapidly decreased.

The Highland Games marshalls, who were trying very hard to do the job the police and CalMac should have done, were threatened with aggressive and loud-mouthed behaviour.

We wonder how many drunken golfers were charged with openly drinking alcohol in public on Saturday?

Apparently stewarding of passengers at Ardrossan that morning had been well-supervised, strictly, with good humour.

Why could the CalMac staff not have done the same in Brodick, erecting some barriers, stopped queue jumping and informing the ordinary, decent folk at the back of the queue what was happening because they could not hear any announcements?

Unfortunately, occasions such as this can negate all the hard work the people from VisitArran and associated organisations do to promote visitors to the island.

Many who visited on Saturday may not come back for a return visit to this beautiful island.

Yours,

Ann Hartley  
and Steve Winnard  
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# Catch the art bus to see the Arran Open Studios

This weekend provides a unique opportunity for Arranachs and island visitors alike, to visit local artists in their natural habitat, the studio or workshop.

Arran Open Studios posters and brochures have been visible and available for some

weeks now and the brochure in particular is a valuable document for any studio visitor as it has all the studio locations and directions.

Look out as the studios' posters and the brochures will not be far away.

Paintings, prints, jewellery, sculpture, ceramics, furniture making, wood turning, candle-making, fabric, textiles and stained glass; all these are represented in one of the most ambitious Scottish Open Studios events.

A total of 34 makers this year across the island will be displaying the distinct Arran Open Studios poster at their doors or road ends. Look out for them.

Visitors can chat with the makers allowing a unique insight in the making processes.

Methods will be described, secrets might not be divulged but, it being essentially a visual event, there will be much to see. And, of course, to purchase as this is also an opportunity to not only acquire art works directly from the makers, but also to commission new pieces.

### Next venue

Today (Friday) and on Saturday and Sunday there is an Art Bus which will not only take you to the venues in given areas of the island, but it will wait for you before driving you on to the next venue.

There are approximately 11 studios per day, so take advantage of this hands-free service to take in the landscape and perhaps meet and engage with other art connoisseurs on the way.

The bus meeting the 9.45am ferry, will leave from Brodick pier at 10.55am and will return visitors back in time for



A work by artist David Samuels in his studio

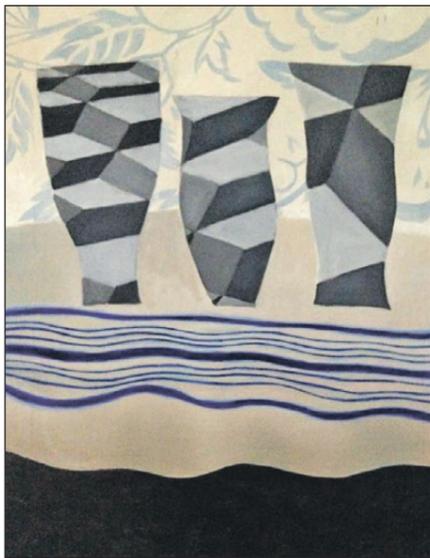
the last boat. More details can be found on the Arran Open Studios' website, the comprehensive Facebook page or in the brochure.

If you have time, drop into the Visit Arran office by the pier and look at the work in the taster exhibition to better plan your visits.

Open Studios organisers look forward to getting a chance to meet you during the weekend visits.



Look out for the Open Studios logo



A painting by artist Josephine Broekhuizen which will be on show

## Summer bridge

The results of the summer bridge competition held by the Arran Bridge Club on Monday, August 10, are as follows: 1 Anne McKelvie and Janie Maclure 63.89 per cent, 2 Liz Robertson and Jennifer McArthur 56.94 per cent, 3= Tricia Martin and David Campbell 54.17 per cent, Brenda Livingstone and Morag Gardner 54.17 per cent.

## Forest church walk planned

Arran Forest Church will be meeting at the Stepping Stones car park for a contemplative walk around Sannox at 2.30pm on Sunday, August 16. All are welcome.

## Club draw

The winners of the Lochranza and Catacol 200 club July draw were: 1st prize Gavin Barr, 2nd prize Sue Kerr.

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# SUMMER FOOD & DRINK GUIDE

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A warm welcome is always assured in the relaxing atmosphere of the bar and restaurant and large beer garden. Close to many local attractions including Brodick Castle and Arran Brewery it is easily accessible by car or on foot via the Fishermans Walk and is also dog friendly. It is open everyday from 11am to 6.30pm

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# Eco Savvy celebrates charity status by talking rubbish

Eco Savvy is delighted to announce it is now a registered charity.

In celebration, Eco Savvy is launching the first zero waste Arran week.

And during this time it hopes to provide challenges and enjoyment for families and individuals through events and competitions.

The week from Monday, September 7, begins with challenges for the home and workplace, and everyone is invited to join in.

There is a competition to win a year's supply of Ecover laundry liquid on Monday, Let's look at Laundry; you can sign up to Plastic Free Tuesday and there's Wardrobe Wednesday. On Thinking Thursday, you can join a

guided walk over the Arran community land in Whiting Bay collecting free foods and ending with a barbeque.

Foraging Friday on September 11 leads on to a free filmed event 'The Big Feast' open to all, held in Whiting Bay village hall on Saturday, August 12.

For Foraging Friday, individuals, families and businesses are invited to find and collect food which, if not eaten, could end up being wasted - items lurking in the freezer, fridges and cupboards forgotten about, or bought with good intentions, near end-of-date foods and free foods to gather responsibly when out walking. Also included will be surplus crops and gardens harvest.

Your foraged foods will be brought to Whiting Bay Hall on Saturday, August 12, where everyone is invited to

stay and join in the fun. A group of experienced, trained food handlers will lead an army (hopefully) of volunteers to skill share in jam making and preserving foods.

In addition, Eco Savvy will be cooking snacks, and providing lunch or an evening meal for VIP guests from the local community. The guests will mainly be elderly, and will be able to share a wealth of tips and information.

Other guests will be those who wish to get to know more about the charity and naturally the suppliers are invited to join in. Volunteers will also be fed throughout the day!

Surplus preserves, jams and non-perishable donations will be used as fund-raisers, but more importantly given to the Arran food bank.

The day's challenge is to use all the donated foods and waste nothing! There will be

no bins in the hall so people have to find a second use for everything.

Eco Savvy said: 'We may be based in Whiting Bay, but we are an Arran charity and here to help all around the island and make a difference where we can, so please contact us.'

'Create your own event for your group, school or village, tell us about it and we will advertise it for you on our website and through the Arran Banner.'

'If you need to pay for village hall hire to hold your event, Eco Savvy will pay the costs.'

There are three ways to take part in zero waste Arran week; online through the website [www.arranecosavvy.org.uk](http://www.arranecosavvy.org.uk), on facebook at [www.facebook.com/groups/EcoSavvy](http://www.facebook.com/groups/EcoSavvy) or pick up a leaflet at the Eco Savvy community shop.

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## New band at folk session

The Altachorvie will host a folk session today (Saturday) with a great line-up which includes the newly-formed Arran Ceilidh Trail Youth Band. This is made up of island youngsters who attended a two day workshop at Kilmory Hall in July with Lynsey Tait, a fiddle tutor and

Misha MacPherson, a singing tutor and winner of Young Traditional Singer of the Year 2014.

The youth band have learnt several new tunes for fiddle, voice, flute and guitar which they will perform. The session will also include a variety of music from talented

singers, Tim Pomeroy and Keith Robertson, Arran fiddler, Al Paul, and Angus Adamson on small pipes, Mandy Hunter on clarsach and a stint by the island's impressive Taiko Drummers a little later in the evening.

Starting at 8pm, tickets are £5 on the door and the session is in aid of Roots of Arran Community Woodland, a local island charity whose committee and conservation volunteers preserve an area of native woodland on Arran behind Brodick for the enjoyment of locals, visitors and outdoor education groups.

The group's AGM starts at 7pm for those interested in supporting the Roots of Arran Community Woodland. Pre-concert early dining can be booked at the Altachorvie on 600468 for those wishing to attend.

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# All the prizewinners at the farmers' show



**Blair Dickinson of Lamlash who won the best young sheep handler prize** 20\_b32show24

With the Farmers' Show over for another year and those who attended just about dried out, the results have now been collated.

As reported in last week's Banner, the overhead champion was Isla Yuill on her horse, Velvet. The reserve champion was a Texel sheep from the Springfield farm of R & N McMaster.

There was a decent turnout despite the atrocious weather conditions, which have been described as the worst in living memory, but the society is likely to have made a loss on the day. However, rest assured, the show will be back for its 180th year next August.

The silver cups and trophies for 2015 were awarded as follows: The James Bone Esq Memorial Cup for the Overhead Championship of the Show, I Yuill, Cairndhu, Whiting Bay; The Robert Heggie Perpetual Cup for the Reserve Overhead Championship, R & N McMaster, Springfield, West Bannan.

The Late Mary, Duchess of Montrose, Challenge Trophy for the Championship in the Cattle Section, A Currie, Birchburn, Shiskine; Perpetual Silver Cup for the best animal (male or female) in the Dairy Section, F Murchie, Tigheanfraoch, Blackwaterfoot; Perpetual Cup for Reserve Champion in Dairy Section, F Murchie, Tigheanfraoch, Blackwaterfoot.

Esso Trophy for winner of Heifer Derby, F Murchie, Tigheanfraoch, Blackwaterfoot; The Coats Challenge Cup for Milk, F Murchie, Tigheanfraoch, Blackwaterfoot. The James Douglas Perpetual Trophy for the Best Heifer Calf not over 6 months old of any dairy breed, C Murchie & Sons, Tigheanfraoch, Blackwaterfoot;

The Major Thomas Milligan R E Cup for the Championship in the Beef Section, A Currie, Birchburn, Shiskine; Silver Chalice presented by John Corrie for the Reserve Champion in the Beef Section, N & P Brown, Clachaig, Kilmory. The Lagg Challenge Cup for the Best Suckled Calf, A Currie, Birchburn, Shiskine; James Inglis Trophy for Best Cow in Milk bred in Arran, F Murchie, Tigheanfraoch, Blackwaterfoot; Perpetual Trophy for Pure Bred Traditional/Native Cattle Breeds, N & P Brown, Clachaig,

Kilmory; The WA Robertson Perpetual Trophy for the Best Stock Handler under 16 in the section confined to Arran, Leah Brown, Stanford, Shiskine.

John M. Hamilton Perpetual Trophy for the Championship in the Pony Section, I Yuill, Cairndhu, W/Bay; The Beverley Morrow Trophy for the Reserve Champion in the Pony Section, D Mutch, The Old Stables, Kings Cross; Murchie Harvey Trophy for Overall Winner in Classes 25/26/27/28/29, I Yuill, Cairndhu, W/Bay; Corriegills Arabian Stud Trophy for the Best In-Hand Horse or Pony in Classes 20/21/22/23, I Yuill, Cairndhu, W/Bay; Saddle Up Trophy for Overhead Working Hunter, I Yuill, Cairndhu, W/Bay; Arran's Cheese Shop Trophy for Reserve Champion Working Hunter, E Armitage, Loudon, W/Bay; Arran Farmer's Society Perpetual Trophy for Best Pony 13.2 Hands or under, C McAllister, Shore View, Lamlash; Kings Cross point Memorial Trophy for Child Handler with Pony 13.2 Hands or under, L Currie, Birchburn, Shiskine; Dale and Hunter Trophy for Champion Clydesdale B Lewis, Kirkend, W/Bay;

Wilson Trophy for Overhead Champion Sheep, R & N McMaster, Springfield, West Bannan; Morton Perpetual Cup for Best Male or Female Blackfaced Sheep, J K & C Bone, Glenkiln, Lamlash; John Selkirk Memorial Trophy for Reserve Champion in Blackface Sheep Section, G Tod, Balgowan, Shiskine; R J Tod Perpetual Trophy for Male Champion Blackfaced Sheep, J K & C Bone, Glenkiln, Lamlash; G & J Tod & Sons Silver Cup for Best Home Bred Male, J K & C Bone, Glenkiln, Lamlash; Perpetual Trophy for Best Home Bred Female, J K & C Bone, Glenkiln, Lamlash; F H. McLeod & Sons Trophy for Best Woolled Sheep, G Tod, Balgowan, Shiskine.

Duke of Montrose Silver Award for Best Leicester, male or female, N & P Brown, Clachaig, Kilmory; The E Ferguson Ltd Trophy for Reserve Champion in Leicester Sheep Section, H Stewart, Drumaghinier, Shiskine; Royal



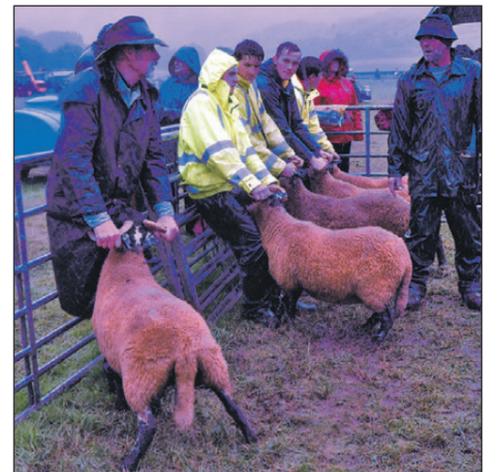
**Isla Yuill on her overhead champion horse, Velvet** 20\_b32show03



**Malcolm Wheeler, right, who has retired after 33 years as the society vet, is presented with a bogwood carving of his beloved dog by chairman, Willie Robertson** b32show01NO

Bank of Scotland Cup for Champion Texel, R & N McMaster, Springfield, West Bannan; The Donnie McDonald, Balegra, Perpetual Cup for the Reserve Champion Texel, W Currie, Bridge Farm, Balmichael; The James Craig Ltd., Perpetual Trophy for the Best of Opposite Sex to Champion, W Currie, Bridge Farm, Balmichael; A McKenzie's Cup for Champion Suffolk, R Miller, Margenaish, Kildonan; Hamilton Bros (Paisley) Cup for Reserve Champion Suffolk, R Miller, Margenaish, Kildonan.

Glenside Challenge Cup for Best Group of Three Suffolk Sheep, Male or Female, R Miller, Margenaish, Kildonan; McNiven Trophy presented by D McNiven & Son, Machrie for Champion in Other Breeds Sheep Section, N & P Brown, Clachaig, Kilmory; Robt Young & Company Trophy for Reserve Champion in Other Breeds Sheep Section, J K & C Bone, Glenkiln, Lamlash; Fleece Trophy presented by Wool Growers Ltd, J K & C Bone, Glenkiln, Lamlash; Drummond Trophy for Sheep with Most Points, R & N McMaster, Springfield, West Bannan; Perpetual Trophy presented by the Prudential Assurance Company for Tradi-



**Shepherd, Wullie Stevenson, with his prizewinning Blackface sheep** 20\_b32show19

tional Sheep Breeds, N & P Brown, Clachaig, Kilmory; Arran Gas Company Perpetual Trophy for Best Three Prime Lambs, N & P Brown, Clachaig, Kilmory; Bank of Scotland Cup for Best Pet Lamb, Ben McCarthy, Drumaghinier, Shiskine.

Perpetual Rosebowl for the Best Shorn Fleece presented by J & J Lammie, R & N McMaster, Springfield, West Bannan; Mrs P. Muir Perpetual Trophy for Best Dog, S Weir, Seaview, Corriegills; Arran Farmers' Society Trophy for Reserve Champion Dog, L Glover, Bungalow Rd, Lamlash.

Arran Fine Foods Trophy for Champion Stick, A Kerr, Auchincarn, W/Bay; George Battison Perpetual Cup presented by K. Sinclair for Best Shepherd's Crook, A Kerr, Auchincarn, W/Bay.

Archie Hamilton Agricultural Engineers Trophy for Champion Vintage Tractor, D G Weir, Bailemargaidh, Blackwaterfoot.

The James Dunlop Donald Perpetual Points Challenge Trophy for most points gained in Cattle, Sheep and Horse Sections, J K & C Bone, Glenkiln, Lamlash.

# Record crowds make Highland



The Highland dancing competition in full swing 20\_b33games01

Record crowds made the 128th Brodick Highland Games a day to remember last Saturday.

More than 4,000 spectators packed Ormidale Park for the event and many more took to the streets to watch the parade of the pipe bands to and from the park.

The ferries were packed throughout the day bringing visitors from the mainland with 300 foot passengers left stranded in Ardrossan when the 9.45am Caledonian Isles service left full. There were also extra ferries put on from Claonaig.

The sun even shone briefly in the morning and it stayed dry until the late afternoon allowing for a real party atmosphere among the crowds

watching the events. They began with the traditional Highland dancing competition and the fancy dress parade before the big men took to the main arena for the heavy events competition.

Then it was time to welcome the mass pipe bands which this year consisted of the Isle of Arran, Kilbarchan, Maybole and, for the first time, the Kintyre Schools Pipe Band who entertained the crowds throughout the day.

The kids and adult races this year were well supported and the food and drink stands did a roaring trade as the large crowd watched the heavy events competition and a second mass march of the pipe bands.



Pete Hart puts everything into his throw. 20\_b33games18



Concentration is etched on this young runner's face as she heads for the finish line. 20\_b33games10



A young girl crosses the finish line at the end of a race. 20\_b33games09



The pipe major of the Kintyre Schools Pipe Band leads the parade of the mass pipe bands around the field. 20\_b33games06

# Games a gala day to remember

One of the heavy event competitors, Brad Goldsmith, was all the way from Virginia in the USA.

The 22-year-old was taking part in his 10th and final Highland Games while on a two month visit to Scotland.

One of the most popular winners on the day was Archie McNicol who lifted The Lady Jean Fforde Cup for the 100m sprint, confined to Arran, for the seventh time in a row.

He was also awarded the McMillan Trophy for his contribution to the games over the years.

The Bob Cameron Trophy for the ladies 100m sprint, confined to Arran, was won by Liz McCarthy and the the Tom Dickie Trophy for the

880 yards, confined to Arran, was won by Chris Jenks.

The Stewart Dickie Trophy for boys was won by Lewis Markham and the girls trophy lifted by Ellie Davidson.

Scott Clark lifted the Tom Dolan Challenge Trophy in the heavy events and the William Cook & Sons Trophy for the best caber toss, both are confined to Arran.

The Rev James Currie Cup for the highest overall score in the heavy events was won by Steven King who also lifted the Rodden Middleton Rosebowl for the hammer.

More fantastic pictures and all the results are on pages 14 and 15



The entrants in the fancy dress competition. The winner was unicorn, Robyn McKinnie, from the Isle of Wight, third from left 20\_b33games02



It's the boys turn to take to the track. 20\_b33games11



Brad Goldsmith from the USA who competed in the heavy events 20\_b33games12



Ernie Weir throwing the hammer 20\_b33games19



Part of the big crowd watching the events of the day. 20\_b33games20

# Thousands enjoy the pipes



A busy stage during the Highland dancing contest. 20\_b33games22



Brad Goldsmith attempts a high bar in the 56lb weight for height contest 20\_b33games28



The Kintryre Schools Pipe Band who proved popular on the day 20\_b33games29



Scott Clark throwing the hammer. 20\_b33games17



The men's 1,500 metre race underway 20\_b33games27



One of the competitors is airborne as he takes part in the triple jump. 20\_b33games07

# and fun at Highland Games



Scott Clark successfully tosses the caber 20\_b33games36



Liz McCarthy with the Bob Cameron Trophy 20\_b34games34



Ellie Davidson with the Stewart Dickie Trophy for girls 20\_b33games33



Secretary, Sheila Gilmore, presents the McMillan Trophy to Archie McNicol 20\_b34games35



Lewis Markham with the Stewart Dickie Trophy for boys 20\_b33games32



Battling it out during the pillow fight contest 20\_b33games25



Ross Dobson takes on Megan Pettigrew on the pillow fight pole 20\_b33games30



Rosie Cooke on her camel joins the parade to the ferry as it passes the Little Rock Cafe 20\_b33games39

## Brodick Highland Games results

Heavy events. Putting the Ball (open): 1 Steven King, 2 Scott Clark, 3 Craig Nicolson. Junior Throwing the Ball: 1 Chris Bull and Megan Brown. Throwing 28lb Weight for Distance: 1 Craig Nicolson, 2 Scott Clark, 3 Pete Hart, 4 Brad Goldsmith. Throwing 56lb Weight for Distance: 1 Pete Hart, 2 Craig Nicolson, 3 Brad Goldsmith, 4 Scott Clark. Throwing the Hammer, Scots Standing Style: 1 Steven King, 2 Craig Nicolson, 3 Pete Hart, 4 Scott Clark, 5 Brad Goldsmith. Throwing Heavy Hammer Scots Standing Style: 1 Steven King, 2 Craig Nicolson, 3 Scott Clark, 4 Pete Hart, 5 Brad Goldsmith. Throwing 56lb weight for Height:

1 Equal Brad Goldsmith & Peter Hart, 3 Craig Nicolson. Tossing the Caber: 1 Steven King, 2 Pete Hart, 3 Scott Clark, 4 Brad Goldsmith. Junior Tossing the Caber 14-18yrs : 1 Chris Bull, 2 Eli Fulton, 3 Megan Brown. Special Challenge Caber: 1 Steven King. Fancy Dress: 1 Robyn McKinnie, 2 Robbie McCormack, 3 Emily Brown. 25m Boys 3 & 4: 1 Charlie Gilmore, 2 Lachlan McNicol, 3 Herbie Helliwell. 25m Girls 3 & 4: 1 Megan Erskine, 2 Evie Pettigrew, 3 Juliette Gray. 50m Boys 5 & 6: 1 Innes McNicol, 2 Andrew McKelvie, 3 James Malley. 50m Girls 5 & 6: 1 Olivia Ferguson, 2 Anna Enarobin, 3 Charlotte Gemmell. 50m Boys

7 & 8: 1 Michael Inesal, 2 Harris McNicol, 3 Cameron Bauld. 50m Girls 7 & 8: 1 Beth McCarthy, 2 Alice Harrison, 3 Maisy Keen. 75m Boys 9 & 10: 1 Sam McLeod, 2 Alister McIver, 3 Elvis Mensan, 75m Girls 9 & 10: 1 Leah Murray, 2 Sarah Smith, 3 Isla McKelvie. 100m Boys u-12: 1 Lewis Markham, 2 William Lewis, 3 Connor McMurchy. 100m Girls u-12: 1 Ellie Davidson, 2 Leah Murray, 3 Rona Thomson. 100m Boys u14: 1 Cameron Smiley, 2 Jack Swanson, 3 Alexander Orderley. 100m Girls u14: 1 Isabel Carter, 2 Mia McDowall, 3 Kerrie Grier. 100m Boys u16: 1 Daniel Martin, 2 Nicholas Simpson,

3 Chris Bull. 100m Girls u16: 1 Phoebe Lewis, 2 Lara Diamond, 3 Beth Foster. 100m Men 16+: 1 Scott Young, 2 Seamus Thomson, 3 Chris Jenks. 100m Women 16+: 1 Ellie Simpson, 2 Nicola Murray, 3 Maria Gulczynska. Pillow Fight 8-11yrs: 1 Calvin Green, 2 Amy Green. Pillow Fight 12-14yrs: 1 Ross Dobson, 2 Mia McDowall. Pillow Fight 15+: 1 Ellie Simpson, 2 Pat McKinnie. 800m Boys u14: 1 Alexander Orderley, 2 Jacob Smith, 3 James McCarthy. 800m Girls u14: 1 Cai-la Murray, 2 Leona McCutcheon, 3 Emma Donachy. 800m Boys u16: 1 Robbie Robson, 2 Daniel Murton, 3 Chris Bull. 800m Girls u16: 1 Beth Foster. 800m Men 16+: 1

Lee Wilson, 2 Fergus Thomson, 3 Cameron Wilson. 800m Women 16+: 1 Sarah Eunson, 2 Lesley Lynn, 3 Genna McMillan. Triple Jump: 1 Ellie Simpson, 2 Phoebe Wallace, 3 Lee Wilson. Lady Jean Cup, 100m Men, confined to Arran: 1 Archie McNicol, 2 Chris Jenks, 3 Ross Dobson. Bob Cameron Trophy, 100m Women, confined to Arran: 1 Elizabeth McCarthy. 200m Boys u14: 1 Alexander Orderley, 2 Lewis Martin, 3 Jacob Smith. 200m Girls u14: 1 Mia McDowall, 2 Leoni McCutcheon, 3 Kerrie Grier. 200m Boys u16: 1 Daniel Martin, 2 Chris Bull, 3 Jack Swanston. 200m Girls u16: 1 Phoebe Lewis, 2 Beth Foster.

200m Men 16+: 1 Scott Young, 2 Seamus Thomson, 3 Lee Wilson. 200m Women 16+: 1 Sarah Eunson, 2nd Eli Fulton. Tom Dickie Trophy Men 880yds confined to Arran: 1 Chris Jenks, 2 Donald Roberts. 1500m Boys u16: 1 Alexander Orderley, 2 Jacob Smith, 3 Chris Bull. 1500m Girls u16: 1 Lara Diamond, 2 Carla Mannay, 3 Leonie McCutcheon. 1500m men 16+: 1 Lee Wilson, 2 Cameron Wilson, 3 Fearghas Thomson. 1500m Women 16+: 1st Sarah Emoon, 2 Lesley Lynn, 3 Catherine Niblock. Mixed Relay: 1 North Ayrshire Athletics Club, 2 Kilmarnock Harriers. Tug-of-War: 1 Ormidale.

# More than 100 species reported on Arran in July

**Bird notes**  
by Jim Cassels  
JULY



A hawfinch photographed by Stacey Smith in her Brodick back garden.

## Rare hawfinch among the highlights

For the third month in a row the mean temperature has been two degrees colder than last year. This July was not only colder than last July it was also wetter, with 40 per cent more rain than last year. It is the wettest and coldest May/June/July sequence in recent years.

For some of our avian summer visitors like willow warbler, whitethroat, swallow and house martin which

rely on insects to raise their young, these are not ideal conditions. There have been fewer reports of fledged willow warbler and whitethroat and to date no reports of swallow or house martin raising a second brood.

The impact of the weather on familiar garden species seems to have been less marked with widespread reports of multiple broods of house sparrow, chaffinch,

robin, song thrush and black-bird. Greenfinch and great spotted woodpecker were two species where there were more reports of young birds than in recent years.

Away from gardens, species like barn owl seemed to have had a poorer season with fewer young reported while others like fulmar have had a better breeding season with more young reported.

Other successful July breeding records included: up to 50 Arctic tern at the colony on Pladda on the 9th, 11 lapwing including fledged young in Kilmory on the 13th, a family of common sandpiper at Machriewaterfoot on the 14th, a family of moorhen at Mossend Pond on the 15th, up to 30 black guillemot at the colony by King's Cave on the 16th, 17 occupied sand martin nests at Cosyden also



Young great spotted woodpecker at Shannochie  
Photo Brian Couper

ranean gull in Auchenhew also on the 22nd. This may be the same bird that was photographed at Blackwaterfoot on 28 June. At that time, over 30 of these gulls had been recorded on the adjacent mainland on the Ayrshire coast. The June record was the first Arran record of this rare vagrant since one was recorded in Catacol Bay in December

tern and nine turnstone at Sandbraes on the 28th, nine dunlin and three sanderling at Drumadoon Point on the 29th and two whimbrel in Auchenhew also on the 29th.

Finally in the June Bird Notes I wrote: 'Cuckoos, whose decreasing numbers are a cause for concern nationally, seem to be thriving on Arran. Throughout May and June there have been many widespread reports. People need no prompting to report the first cuckoo. How about reporting when you hear or see the last cuckoo this year?' My thanks go to those of you who have responded. By now, the adults will have left the UK leaving the young to be brought up by their foster parents.

The young have a distinctive white spot on the nape of the neck. The latest date that I have had so far for a young cuckoo is one on the Boguillie on July 19. 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 For more information on birding on Arran purchase the Arran Bird Atlas 2007-2012 as well as the Arran Bird Report 2014 and visit this website [www.arranbirding.co.uk](http://www.arranbirding.co.uk)



The Mediterranean gull at Blackwaterfoot which was last recorded on Arran in 1992  
Photo Linda Offord

on the 16th, a crèche of 12 eider at Drumadoon Point on the 19th, four occupied grey heron nests in Whitehouse woods on the 22nd, a family of stonechat at the top of the String also on the 22nd, two families of spotted flycatcher in Sannox on the 23rd and a single fully grown young shelduck on Cleat Shore on the 29th.

In total, 108 species were reported in July. Highlights included: a rare hawfinch photographed in a garden in Brodick on June 30, two groups of swift numbering around 20 over the String on the 4th, two Arctic skua off Newton Point on the 6th, four puffin off Pladda on the 8th, a merlin on Beinn a' Chliabhain on the 16th, three twite in Dougarie also on the 16th, 40 fishing gannet off Catacol on the 17th, a long-eared owl at the top of the String on the 21st, a pair of little grebe on Mossend pond on the 22nd and a first summer Mediter-

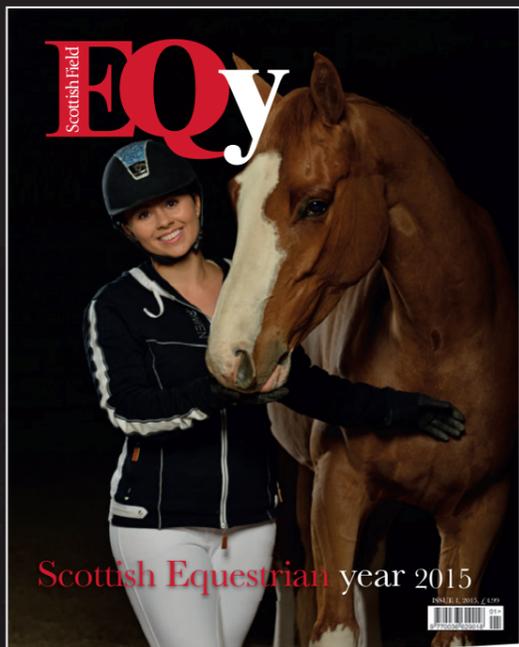
1992. July marks the end of the breeding season for some birds. These are some of the reports of birds which are already dispersing, flocking or migrating south after breeding: 190 Manx shearwater off Newton Point on the 6th, five common scoter off Cosyden on the 16th, 17 linnets in Kilpatrick on the 19th; 37 red-breasted merganser at Machriewaterfoot also on the 19th, 34 curlew at Kilpatrick Point on the 23rd, 22 redshank, two sandwich



Sanderling at Drumadoon Point. These birds are now heading south from their breeding grounds in the Arctic  
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# Pedal power raises the cash

A quadruple amputee, due to receive the UK's first double hand transplant, led a peloton of more than 50 cyclists around Arran last Saturday to raise money for charity. Corinne Hutton, 44, a mum-of-one from Renfrewshire, led the peloton to start the 90km cycle round the island, despite having lost her hands and feet to pneumonia and septicaemia in June 2013. The cycle, which is in its second year, was organised to raise awareness and funds for Finding Your Feet, a charity set up by Ms Hutton to support those who have suffered

life-changing physical trauma. Corinne said: 'It was a fantastic atmosphere and the weather was kind until the end! I am so grateful to all those who have come along and cycled and raised money to help others who find themselves in a situation similar to mine.' Anyone wishing to support the charity can do so at [www.findingyourfeet.net](http://www.findingyourfeet.net)

**Some of the cyclists who took part in the round island event**



## Advice line rings up 20 years' service

An award-winning telephone helpline which provides advice, information and support to people in Ayrshire and Arran with chest, heart and stroke illness celebrates its 20th birthday this month. Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland's Advice Line has handled 40,000 calls since it was set up in 1995, providing free, confidential advice and information to people affect-

ed by these illnesses, their families, carers and health professionals. This has included over 1,700 calls from Arran and Ayrshire alone. **Accreditation** As the first helpline in the UK to achieve accreditation with the Helpline's Partnership Quality Standard five times, the Advice Line nurses are available Monday to Friday 9.30am to 4pm to answer

any of chest, heart and stroke related questions. CHSS provides a number of other services in Arran & Ayrshire to support people with chest, heart and stroke illness. These include Communication Support Services following a stroke and affiliated heart support groups. To help fund these services, there are charity shops throughout Scotland as well

as a team of fundraisers who work tirelessly to organise events which raise money for the charity. Find out more about CHSS services and events at the charity's website where you can also find a wide range of booklets, fact sheets and videos providing specialist information. If you or any of your family members or friends would like to speak to one of the Advice Line Nurses contact 0808 801 0899 (free from mobiles and landlines) or text Nurse to 66777. Contact can also be made by email: [advice@chss.org.uk](mailto:advice@chss.org.uk) or through the CHSS website [www.chss.org.uk](http://www.chss.org.uk).

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<b>Saturday 22nd August</b> 1pm-2pm Brodick Castle 4.30-5.30 Auchrannie Resort	<b>Sunday 23rd August</b> 11.30-12 and 1-1.30 Arran Distillery, Lochranza 6pm - 7pm. Kinloch Hotel, Blackwaterfoot
<b>Tuesday 25th August</b> 7pm. Arran High School.	

## Lamlash website is a showcase

Lamlash has become the first village on the island to have its own website. When Lamlash Improvements checked the internet for information about their village they found that most of it was rather outdated, wrong or incomplete. So they decided to set up a new website to showcase all that Lamlash has to offer, with up-to-date information which is useful and important for residents and visitors. **Created** With the help of GreenMan Web Design in Lamlash, they have created a modern and user-friendly website which

is mobile-friendly and fun to use. As well as entries for all village facilities and businesses, it covers many aspects of village life from Lamlash history and the work of COAST, to walks and wildlife tours. Vice chairwoman of Lamlash Improvements, Brenda Stewart, said: 'We're so pleased with the new website and we all feel that it will be a great benefit to locals and visitors alike.' The feedback from residents has also been extremely positive, with comments like: 'The website is looking great!'; 'I've already started

using it regularly to find the phone numbers of local businesses'; 'It's so handy having all the information in one place'; 'I've bookmarked it and think it's fab!'. **Donate** Village businesses get a free entry but can donate £10 a year for an upgrade with their logo or photo, description and clickable links, and all monies raised go to support the work of Lamlash Improvements, who would like to say a big thank you to all those businesses which have already contributed. You can see it for yourself at: [www.lamlasharran.co.uk](http://www.lamlasharran.co.uk)



The Lamlash website. The advertising proceeds will support the work of Lamlash Improvements

### Ellie & Ollie

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Shop to close

Corrie Stores is to close at the end of this summer and Steven and Carole Beardsley are hoping to convert it into a house. The reason says Carole, is that they are unable to make a profit, especially since the new Co-op opened in Brodick. 'People still buy sweeties, but they don't come in for their fairy liquid anymore,' she said, choosing examples of occasional purchases against the weekly shop.

If it does close it will mean that Corrie will have no shop left for provisions. There are two craft shops and Betty Bunyan's van but short of going to Brodick, Corrie Stores has been the only place to buy provisions since Barclays store closed down some years ago.

The store is also the Post Office and there have been threats of the Post Office closing village outlets over the years, but none has actually closed since 1981 when the Sliderry Post Office shut as the shop went out of business.

No transfer

There is cause for mild celebration at Montrose House in Brodick this week. Residents and their relatives believed that some adults

with learning disabilities would be moved from a care home in Dunoon to Montrose House after it closed down. Concerns were raised that respite care would be lost to Arran residents and that new and different residents would not mix easily with existing and elderly residents.

This week, however, news from Strathclyde Social Work Department was that the decision was being reversed and that there would be no transfer from Dunoon. The planned upgrading of two rooms and a cottage for use by elderly people would still go ahead though, with no disruption to the residents' living conditions.

Last man shot

The Isle of Arran Distillery was formally opened this week with guest of honour the former Scotland rugby captain and current TV pundit, Gordon Brown.

In his speech, principal Hal Currie expressed his thanks to all who had supported the project, in particular architects. David Hutchison and Mandy Thomson. 'who have designed what we believe to be the most attractive distillery in Scotland.'

Mr Currie said he was proud to have the first legal stills on Arran for 150 years. He then introduced Lachlan MacKinnon from Essex, whose great-grandfather was the last man to be shot while escaping from excise-men on Arran and who maintains his connection with the island through a long-standing subscription to the Banner

Killer whale

The long spell of warm calm weather has increased sightings of basking sharks in the waters around Arran, however more unusually, we have been told of an unconfirmed sighting of a killer whale of Imacher Point on Tuesday evening.

Below: Children pictured during the sack race held at the Corrie Capers this year, which saw big name Whyte and Mackay whisky sponsoring the event

b33twe04



On Tuesday, the 50th anniversary of victory over Japan, the Arran Cadets marched up to the War Memorial Hospital and, after a short service from The Rev Bill MacMillan, placed a wreath in front of the memorial plaque to those who fell during the two great wars b33twe02



Two enthusiastic Vikings are pictured at the Corrie Capers as the Viking boat that many of the children helped to create burns in the background b33twe05



The Arran Festival Theatre held a fete at Strabane on Saturday, the home of Lady Jean Fforde. The event raised £980 and a cheque is being sent to the Royal British Legion. Pictured (l to r) are Iain Johnston, Lady and Sir Claud Haggart Alexander and Lady Jean. b33twe01



Brodick Slipway Project held their annual watersports and beach barbeque on Sunday under threatening skies at Brodick beach. The main attraction for the children was the Brodick Fire Brigade's 'Ormidale submarine' which is to the right of the picture b33twe03

# What's on

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## Everyday

Trout Fly Fishing  
 Brodick Castle, Garden Open  
 Arran Brewery tour  
 Lamlash 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 15th 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  
 Lamlash Bowling Club Rink Game  
 WBay Bowling Club Rink Game  
 Live music from Rikki Loney (Xfactor finalist)

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  
 Lamlash Bowling club, 2pm  
 Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2pm  
 The Douglas Hotel, 9pm

## Sunday 16th August

Family Games  
 Fun in the pool  
 AA Meeting  
 Open Session - All musicians & Singers welcome

Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm  
 Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm  
 Brodick church Hall, 5pm-6.30pm  
 Fiddlers, Brodick 2.30pm

## Monday 17th August

Over 50s Badminton  
 Badminton  
 Live music  
 Morning Fitness  
 Table Tennis  
 Badminton  
 Arran Junior Football Club  
 Circuit Training  
 Brodick Bowling Club Rink Game  
 Lamlash Bowling Club Rink Game  
 WBay Bowling Club Rink Game  
 10/10 Total Body workout  
 Citizens Advice  
 Lamlash Aerobix  
 RunArran  
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 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  
 Lamlash Bowling Club, 7pm  
 Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.30pm  
 Arran High School, Lamlash, 6.45pm  
 Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30am - 1.30pm  
 Arran High School Dance Studio, 7pm  
 Whiting Bay 5.30pm  
 Arran High School, Lamlash, 6.30pm  
 arranphysiotherapy.co.uk 5-7pm

## Tuesday 18th 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  
 Lamlash, 5.30pm  
 Brodick Astro Turf 7pm-9pm  
 Whiting Bay Hall, 7.00pm - 8.00pm  
 Brodick Castle, 2 - 3pm

## Wednesday 19th 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  
 Mixed Hockey  
 Dog Classes  
 Brodick Bowling Club Rink Game  
 Knitting & Crochet Drop In Group  
 Roundhouse Open  
 Lamlash Bowling Club Rink Game  
 Summer Ceilidh  
 WBay Bowling Club Rink Game  
 Vile Victorians Tour  
 Coffee Morning  
 Forest Landrover Safari

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

## Thursday 20th August

Morning Fitness  
 General Knowledge Quiz  
 Ladies Hockey  
 RunArran  
 RunArran  
 Blackwaterfoot, 7.30pm  
 Paintings Tour  
 Live Music  
 Cardiac Rehab  
 QuiltArran  
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 Arran Physiotherapy & Acupuncture Clinic  
 Ceilidh  
 Spinning & Weaving Demo  
 Bats & Badgers

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

## Friday 21st 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  
 Save the Children Family Ceilidh

Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am  
 Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 10.15 - 11.15am  
 Church Hall, Brodick 7pm-9pm  
 Fiddlers, Brodick, 8pm  
 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  
 Fiddlers, Brodick, 8pm  
 Arran High School, Lamlash Adults, 7pm -8.30pm  
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## TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1)

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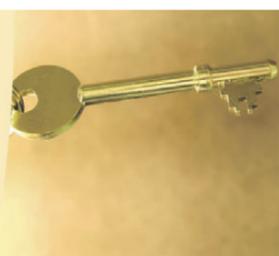
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Holy Communion, 11am.  
Rev Canon Simon Mackenzie,  
Priest-in-Charge.  
Coffee after service.  
**Wednesday 19th August**  
Holy Communion, 12.15 pm.

**ST MARGARET'S EVENT**

**Saturday 15th August**  
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**Sunday 16th August**  
Lochranza Church, 9.30am Morning Worship.  
Pirmill Church, 10.45am Morning Worship.  
Shiskine Church, 12noon Morning Worship.  
Brodick Church, 10.30am Morning Worship.  
Corrie Church, 11.30am Prayer Meeting, 12noon Morning Worship.  
There will also be a Service of Worship in Montrose House at 1.30pm.

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**Sunday 16th August**  
Morning Service 11am  
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Evening Service 6.30pm  
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**Wednesday 19th August**  
Prayer Meeting 7pm  
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(Charity Number SC014005)  
**Sunday 16th August**  
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Sunday Morning Mass 11am

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Minister: Rev Vince Jennings  
**Sunday 16th 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 16th August**  
Shiskine 11am (Church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)  
Brodick 7pm (Church behind post office)  
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**DEATH**

**CORBETT - MAY**

Peacefully at Arran War Memorial Hospital on Monday 10th August 2015. May, aged 82 years, beloved wife of John, loving mum of Agnes, John and Andy, mother - in - law of Richard, Frances and May, Granny and great granny of the family. Funeral service in Brodick Church on Tuesday 18th August at 11.30am and thereafter to Brodick New Cemetery. All welcome.

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**Golf**

**Whiting Bay Golf Club**

Wednesday, July 29, Jim Pirie Quaich. Thirty played with the early and later starters just avoiding the heavier-than-expected rain which arrived after lunch and outstayed its welcome for an hour or so. Scoring was good with the CSS falling to 62 but the round of the day was that of the eventual winner, Colin Nisbet, who prevailed by a margin of 6 shots. 1, Colin Nisbet (11)-57; 2, Gordon Drummond (10)-63; 3, David Rankin (9)-64 acb; 4, Corey Allan (7)-64.

The best scratch came from Malcolm Pennycott with 64, who for that fine effort was rewarded with in increase of 0.1 on his handicap - no justice. Magic twos were scored on the 2nd by Sandy Pringle, the 14th and 17th by David Rankin and the 17th by Danny Head.

Sunday, August 2, Nestor's Jug, Stableford. Unfortunately the weather put paid to this event. It will now be played on Sunday, August 30.

Wednesday, August 5, the Betty Black Trophy. This also succumbed to the weather. It will now be played on Wednesday, August 19 when it will also count as a round of the Summer Trophy.

Sunday, August 9, Lifeboat Open. Fourteen played on another middling February morning. Despite the recent poor weather Stewart and Struan continue to present the course in great condition. Scoring was good and the CSS dropped to 62. 1, Stuart Paterson (11)-61 and lowest gross; 2, Alan Kay (17)-64, acb; 3, Stan Rainey (10)-64; 4 Markus Kroner (10)-65. There were magic twos at the 4th from Markus Kroner and Stan Rainey and at the 11th from Markus and from

Douglas Graham. A total of £51 was raised for the RNLI. Thanks to all who competed or donated.

Fixtures: Sunday, August 16, Aitken Rosebowl and Arran Grouse qualifier. Wednesday, August 19, Betty Black Trophy (and Summer Trophy).

**Brodick Golf Club**

Thursday, August 6, Summer Cup, 22 played, CSS 65. 1, Gordon Hendry (67-5=62); 2, Greg McCrae (69-6=63); 3, Iain Sillars (79-15=64); Scratch, Ewan McKinnon 67, BIH. There were four magic twos and no number was picked, so it is a roll-over to next week. Sunday, August 9, Centenary Quaich, 18 played, CSS 65, (36 stableford points). 1, Robert McCrae, 37 pts; 2, Alastair Dobson, 36 pts, BIH.; 3 Iain Sillars, 36 pts.

The eagle-eyed among you will have noticed that the Summer Cup was, for the first time, played on Thursday. It should be noted that if the weather closes the course on a Wednesday the Summer Cup will automatically be transferred to Thursday.

The club understands that not everyone new about the change last week. It was on Facebook and the pro knew in the shop. Aspiring Summer Cup golfers should, if the weather is bad, check. Congratulations to all the winners for the first ever Summer Cup played on a Thursday.

The Centenary Quaich was played on Sunday and Bobby triumphed with Alistair and Iain close behind. Compared to the club's other competitions the Quaich is the newest - it has only been played for since 1996. The club's centenary year was 19 years ago.

**Corrie Golf Club**

Saturday, August 8, James Bunyan Memorial Cup. 1, A Napier (68-7=61); 2, S Beardsley (69-7-62). Twos; A MacDonald,



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Fixtures: Saturday, August 8.30am and 1pm.

**Lamlash Golf Club**

Wednesday, July 29, Ladies Section Medal, seven played, CSS 65, par 65. 1, Dorothy Dixon (95-31=64); 2, Kate McAdam (84-19=65); scratch, Kate McAdam, 84.

A full report and photographs from the Lamlash Open will appear in The Banner next week.

**Shiskine Golf Club**

Thursday, August 6, RNLI Stableford Open, 86 played. Gents: 1, D Duthie 29 pts, BIH; 2, J Clark, 29 pts; 3, M Ritchie, 28 pts, BIH. Ladies: 1, P Adamson, 23 pts, BIH; 2, L Murray, 23 pts, BIH; 3, M Halkett, 23pts, BIH. Juniors: 1, J McNally, 27 pts. Nearest the pins: at the 4th, J Kendrick and at the 10th, D Duthie. Great to see so many playing and raising more than £680 for the RNLI.

**Machrie Golf Club**

Tuesday, August 4, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary competition, seven played. 1, Campbell

**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.

**Arran Ladies Golf Union**

The final of the Island Championship will be held on Saturday, August 22 at 10.30am at Lamlash Golf Club. It will be between Susan Butchard and Kema Genda. Please come along and support the ladies in what promises to be a very exciting match.

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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Service for Stanley Huyton - There will be a service to celebrate the life of Stanley Huyton who passed away at Lamlash Hospital on October 31st 2014. A service will be held at the church next to the Douglas Hotel, Brodick on Saturday 22nd August at 1 pm. His family would like to invite Stanley's friends to attend and also welcome you to share refreshments at Stan's home, Brantwood Lodge after the service. We look forward to sharing this with you.

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# Family fun and frolics at the Brodick barbecue

There may not have been much sun, but the weather stayed dry and warm for the annual Brodick beach barbecue on Sunday.

### Alfresco

There was a good turnout of locals and visitors alike who enjoyed burgers and alfresco refreshments which all raised money for the Brodick Improvements Committee.

Indeed the raffle on the day alone raised £300.

There was races and games for the kids, including a sandcastle contest and children and adults putting and volleyball competitions.

It was hosted for the day in his own inimitable style by Tommy Gilmore with the musical backdrop provided by Trevor Helliwell.



Bill Calderwood on burger duty as Alison McNicol looks on



The sandcastle competition winners (l to r) Kirsty Hume, Kayleigh Easton and Lily Keir. Jenny Hume also helped but is not in the photo



Tommy Gilmore conducts the raffle



Little Ada Bryan from Ayr was having fun playing in the sand



Volleyball competition winners (l to r) Sean Higgins, Charlie Boal and Sam Tattersfield



The closely fought volleyball final underway



The older children race on the day



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# Southend stay on top with five star display at the Ewe Camp

Northend 1  
Southend 5

Northend played hosts to league leaders Southend on Monday night at the Ewe Camp stadium in wet and windy conditions.

The visitors took an early lead when Lewis Kennedy latched onto a through ball to put it beyond Michael McGuire in goals. Ryan Armstrong was next on the score-sheet after some good link up play before despatching the ball to make it 2-0.

Northend looked a lot stronger in the defence than the last time the teams met with Jean and Robbie proving to be a solid pairing at the back for the North. However, it was Southend that went into half time in the lead after a bullet header from defender Scott Hodgson from a corner made it 3-0. Fraser Gilbert also slinked his way down the left wing before putting the ball into the bottom corner to make it 4-0 and take his tally to nine for the season.

In the second half, the game was a lot tighter and Northend were seeing more of the ball but last week's hat-trick hero, John 'Messi' Ferguson, still couldn't find his previous form

to score. Danny Head went in goals to give Stevie Judge a shot outfield but he didn't last long when he ran out of goals to clear the ball and sustained a head injury from his own player's boot, which required attention on the pitch and left him with a large head bandage. Corey Allen then pulled on the goalie top for the side's third

keeper in the sticks that night.

Dave Morrison made it 5-0 and should have got another soon after but spurned a headed chance over the bar. This was nothing compared to Fraser's 'Chris Iwelumo moment' in front of goal though, where he had an open goal and time to go for a cup of tea before placing it in but somehow managed to scuff it over the bar.

Northend were finally rewarded when they were given a free-kick late on and Stu Lawson seemed to duff it but

postie Paul Hewie improvised and made a first class flick to send Corey the wrong way to complete the scoring at 5-1 to Southend.

Referee Sam Tattersfield gave the man of the match award to Ryan for another great display of passing and awareness in the midfield in tough conditions.

The Shiskine vs Brodick match was postponed.

The next games on Monday, August 17, see Lamlash vs Southend at 6.30pm and Brodick vs Northend at 7pm.



Goal! Fraser Gilbert scores past keeper Michael McGuire 20\_33footb05



Alister Innes challenged by Southend's Lewis Kennedy with Paul Hewie in support 20\_33footb04



Southend player Frazer Barr sliding towards the ball 20\_33footb03

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