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## Quick response by council staff prevents damage

# Floods held at bay

Fast action by council staff prevented serious flood damage as Arran was battered by more than an inch of rain on Saturday.

A number of homes in Corrie were at risk, as was Whiting Bay Primary School.

Flooding did affect the garages of two residential properties in Whiting Bay.

But as the rain poured relentlessly throughout Saturday – bringing most sport and leisure activities on the island to a halt – prompt action by roads department staff prevented serious damage from occurring.

In Corrie, a burn had burst its banks, causing water to flood into gardens of houses below.

Work by roads department staff Johnny Kelso and Jimmy McMaster to divert the excess water prevented the houses from being affected.

The roads foreman and operative were also on hand in Whiting Bay where heavy runoff from the hills and blocked drains put the primary school at risk from flooding.

'Again action was taken to clear debris and re-direct the flow of water,' North Ayrshire

Council's island officer Gus MacLeod told The Arran Banner.

'If that had not been done, there would have been risk of flooding to the school itself.'

Heavy surface water was a problem for motorists on roads around the island. On the Ross Road near Lamlash, a section of the road was destroyed by force of water. It has been coned off pending repair work.

The inch of water that fell in 24 hours in most of West of Scotland was the equivalent to an average total for ten days.

Mr MacLeod said his staff had responded to calls made to the council's property services' hotline.

'The flooding was not the worst we have seen on the island, but it was real enough for those whose property was threatened.

'The council has a responsibility to the public to alleviate any danger posed by runoff from roads, but even if we are not directly obliged to help we will do what we can to divert water in the short term.'

In Whiting Bay, overflow from a ditch aggravated by a



Water pours onto Shore Road at Whiting Bay as council workers clear a blockage. b34fl004

blocked culvert had led to two house garages being flooded.

Clearance work by the roads department staff eased the problem.

One householder, who did not want named, said: 'We ended up with three inches of water in our garage, and the roads department staff did a sterling job trying to help.'

'They were out there for ages in that rain, and we are grateful for their help.'

Iain Dixon (55), from Norfolk, said the flooding he witnessed in Whiting Bay was the worst he had seen in visiting the island annually for the past 30 years.

He provided the Banner with pictures of water flooding from

the grounds of the village primary school.

The Shore Road at that point was under four inches of water, as was a waterfront car park.

Leisure events were a wash-out. Football's Arran cup final between Southend and Shiskine at Whiting Bay was cancelled after more than an hour's deliberation by players over whether the game should go ahead.

Tom Tracey, owner of Arran Adventures, said all his outdoor activities had to be cancelled, including gorge walking — 'the water was too powerful, we have to err on the side of caution' — and a power boat trip around Ailsa Craig — 'high winds and poor visibility'.



Road damage at Ross Road. b34fl005

He said only a few bikes went out for hire, instead of around 50 on a usual day during a summer weekend.

## Man charged with sex offences

A man has been charged with serious sexual offences against young girls on Arran.

David Watson, 47, faces one charge of lewd and libidinous behaviour allegedly committed against one youngster when she was aged between five and 11.

He is further accused of two indecency offences against another girl when she was between nine and 11.

The alleged incidents are said to have happened at three addresses on Arran between 1994 and 1999.

Watson, of Brodick, Arran, denied the offences at Kilmarnock Sheriff Court and was bailed for trial at a later date.

## Motorists urged to take care

Visitors to the Arran are being urged by police to take extra care driving on island roads.

The call follows an accident involving tourists on the String Road last Saturday night when a car occupied by two adults and two children ended up in a ditch on extremely wet road conditions. No one was injured.

Sergeant Bob McKay, of Arran Police, said: 'We would ask visitors to bear in mind that they are driving on unfamiliar roads and to take even more care than usual when the weather is bad. There is also the possibility of suddenly coming across slow-moving, agricultural vehicles.'



The Arran cup final is called off. b34ball2



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# New and former MSP row over lower ferry fare plan

TWO leading Arran politicians have locked horns over the renewed prospect of much lower ferry fares for travellers to and from the island.

The SNP-led Scottish Executive last week announced that it would be introducing a pilot scheme in the Western Isles where travellers would pay dramatically-reduced charges using a road equivalent tariff (RET) whereby ferry fares are set on the basis of the cost of travelling an equivalent distance by road.

If eventually introduced across the country, it could have a huge positive impact for tourism, economy and attracting people to live in more remote areas.

However, former Labour Arran MSP Allan Wilson last week insisted to The Arran Banner there was no need for a pilot scheme.

Mr Wilson, the Cunninghame North MSP until the election in May, also demanded: 'Why won't the SNP cut ferry fares now by 40 per cent to boost island economies and cut commuting costs for islanders, as Labour proposed, while they undertake their latest study?'

Now, in a letter to the Banner this week, the SNP MSP Ken-



Kenneth Gibson



Allan Wilson

neth Gibson, who ousted his rival by just 48 votes to win a seat which gave overall power to his party, has hit back.

He writes: 'One has to admire the cheek of my predecessor. In last week's paper, he demands that the SNP cut fares now by 40 per cent. Why not 50 per cent or even 60 per cent? And why not for vehicles or island visitors?'

'No one was fooled last May when Labour promised, as a



Ferry travellers could find journeys are dramatically cheaper if a pilot scheme for a road equivalent tariff is successful and is extended. b34ferry1

back-of-the-envelope, pre-election bribe, to reduce fares for islanders as part of a desperate, unsuccessful attempt to hang on to seats with large island electorates. After all, they have been in power at Westminster for ten years and were in Holyrood for eight. They had plenty of time to bring in fare reductions. Instead fares went up year on year, including this one. So why the urgency from them now? The new SNP government has not waited eight years to act?

'Unlike Labour's proposals, SNP plans for RET will reduce fares to what it would cost to travel the equivalent distance by road. Figures of up to 85 per cent reduction on some routes have been mooted and all travellers and their vehicles will be included.'

This week, Mr Wilson said: 'Far from Labour's proposals being 'back of an envelope' they were in fact costed and ready to implement. They were based on the Air Island Discount Scheme already introduced by Labour and Lib Dems for discounted islander air travel.'

'They would cost around £4m in subsidy to the ferry operator and would build on the already very successful free ferry discount scheme for disabled islanders and those over 60.'

'It was also Labour's intention to introduce freight

discounts of around 20 per cent but to develop a scheme that would ensure the benefits went to island producers and not solely the ferry operators or haulage companies.

'That scheme too has been shelved by the Nationalists. It true therefore to claim that every islander will be paying an SNP surcharge of 40 per cent every time they leave the island.'

'Everyone knows that RET would cost hundreds of millions of pounds to implement — money the Nationalists don't have.'

'The answer is simple — introduce Labour's 40 per cent discount this year as a first step and if the Nationalists want to introduce RET later let them get on with it.'

• See letters, page eight

## Police files

### Theft from car

Police are appealing for witnesses or information following attempted theft of a car broken into outside Sannox Bay Hotel, Sannox, between last Saturday and Monday.

An item was stolen from the car.

### Alleged assault and possession of offensive weapon

A 26-year-old Irvine man was arrested and charged with assault, breach of the peace and possession of an offensive weapon outside Aldersyde Hotel, Shore Road, Lamlash, at 10.45pm last Sunday.

He was held in custody and appeared the following day at Kilmarnock Sheriff Court.

A 27-year-old Cumbernauld man was arrested and charged with breach of the peace outside the hotel at around 1.40am the same day.

### Girl 'assaulted'

A 13-year-old Whiting Bay girl has been reported for an alleged assault on another 13-year-old girl in the village near to Shore Road at around 6pm on Monday, say police.

### Room 'vandalised'

A 22-year-old man and a 17-year-old girl, both from Largs, have been charged with breach of the peace and vandalism following damage to a room at Corrie Hotel, Corrie, late on Monday night.

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# Kilmory wins long battle to have graveyard extended

The new Kilmory Parish Church graveyard will finally be opened on Sunday after nine years of campaigning for it to be extended.

Kilmory resident Edna Picken was one of the main agitators who had been demanding the council to enlarge the area for many years.

Edna said: 'We started campaigning for the extension about nine years ago when they ran out of room. I got fed up writing to the council and listening to excuses from a certain person on the island.'

'I nearly got to the point where I told my family that if anything happened to me they should just bury me at Lenamhor.'

Kilmory community councillor Alistair Yates said the whole affair was uncalled for: 'It took far too long for them to do anything about it. It was a joke.'

'The council blamed the church and then the church blamed the council. It all should have been sorted out much sooner.'

A spokesman for North Ayrshire Council cemeteries service said: 'Negotiations for the extension to the cemetery at Kilmory began as the existing cemetery approached capacity in 1997.'

'The council were able to approve a decision on the final location for the site just over two years ago.'

As there was very little space left in the existing burial ground one body had to be interred in Lamdash cemetery.

But now an extra piece of land to the right of the church has been designated to be part of the Kilmory cemetery.

Edna said: 'I am so pleased that it has finally come to fruition. People have the right to be buried in their local cemetery and that right was denied to at least one person. It was entirely wrong.'

A public service of dedication of the new burial ground shall take place on Sunday at 4pm.



Members of the Kilmory Church congregation, Hazel and Sarah Thomas, Terry and Norma Muston, Eleanor McKinnon and Janet Mulholland are pleased the burial ground has finally been extended. b31ehu1

## Licencees charged

Two licencees in Arran were charged last Friday evening following a police crackdown on licensed premises around the island.

Pub and hotel operators throughout the island have been warned that further action will be taken to ensure that they meet the terms of their licences.

A police sergeant and two constables from Ayrshire division carried out the inspection of premises last Friday evening into the early hours of Saturday.

Their visit resulted in one Brodick licencee being charged under section 76 of the Licensing Act 1976 for allowing a drunk person to be in the bar.

And another licence owner was reported for obstructing the police officers from carrying out their duty.

The police officers reported a number of other offences, including a visitor to the island purchasing alcohol for an under-age person.

Sergeant Bob MacKay, of Arran Police, told the Arran Banner this week: 'The police licensing officers highlighted a number of issues to the licencees on the island with regards to their responsibilities in respect of meeting the terms of their licences, and further enforcement work will be carried out in the near future.'

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## Top musicians set for Whiting Bay ceilidh

Whiting Bay Hall is to host a ceilidh and concert on Saturday 1 September featuring some of Scotland's top young traditional musicians.

The ceilidh is the highlight of the Feis Arainn, a weekend of teaching for 8-18 year olds with the Arran Fiddle Club.

A mixture of local and mainland kids are expected for the workshops, which the organisers describe as a unique opportunity to receive expert tuition in traditional music.

All the musicians playing and teaching are graduates of the prestigious Royal Scottish Academy of Music and drama in Glasgow.

Calum MacCrimmon, on pipes, was one of the finalists of last year's 'Scottish Young Traditional Musician of the Year' award and plays with the band 'Brebach.'

Innes Watson is in great demand for his guitar playing with a number of band's including his sister's 'The Lori Watson Band.'

Louise Hunter will join the fiddle club's regular tutor Lynsey Tait to teach and perform with the fiddle. Joining them on stage will be some of the workshop participants.

Places are still available for the workshops and forms are available from the island schools.

For more information contact Alistair Paul on 302881 or Aileen McLaughlin on 700209. Tickets from the ceilidh will be available on the door.

## Lifeboat called out

The Arran Lifeboat crew were called out on Sunday afternoon to what was suspected to be a capsized boat or windsurfer in the water in Whiting Bay. Spokesman Alan Little said:

'Someone called the coastguard because they believed they had seen a sail floating in the water. The lifeboat discovered that it was actually just flotsam We checked the area anyway.'

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# Travelling artist is drawn by Arran's friendly folk

A travelling artist has been touring Arran for the last fortnight by scooter.

David Warner of Lochmaben in Dumfriesshire stops whenever he sees something he wants to draw. After pitching his tent, he then gets down to work creating sketches by pencils and dip pen taking in the scenery and area.

David said: 'I enjoy the aspects of meeting different people and using different techniques in my art.'

He has been to Arran on several occasions as a holidaymaker but this is the first time he has been drawing scenes of the island. David spent four years on an illustration and print making course in Dundee and is now beginning to use the skills he developed.

Originally intending to stay for just five days, he was so taken by the warm and friendly locals he decided to stay on.

While he does not have a favourite part of the island he said he was particularly taken by Lochranza. His drawings can take any amount of time to complete however he does work quickly having sketched Ballarie at Lochranza in just over an hour.

Most of his work is in black and white but he does occasionally use watercolour pencils and ink washes.

David hopes that among other things his sketches may be used by the tourist board in brochures advertising Arran. He can be contacted by emailing david2warner@yahoo.com



# Island set for fourth hockey festival

Young hockey players better start practising, as the Arran Hockey Festival will take place during the first weekend in September at the Ormidale Park in Brodick.

This will be the fourth year that the festival has taken place and will include more teams from the mainland than ever before.

Teams from West Dumbartonshire, East Renfrewshire and Glasgow as well as from Irvine, Beith and Ayr will all be taking part. On Saturday, September 1, there will be coaching from area hockey development officers in the morning and then after lunch mixed team games.

On Sunday the Arran Cup will be played for

in a mini tournament.

The age groups will be under 10, under 12 and under 14.

The Arran Junior Hockey Club was set up this year as a result of an increased number of children taking part in and enjoying the festival last year.

It is hoped that after having had lots of practice this year the Arran teams will be much better equipped to play in the tournament on the Sunday.

The Arran Hockey Club restarted on Tuesday August 21 at Ormidale Park in order to get in some practise before the festival.

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Travelling artist David Warner who has been touring Arran for the past fortnight is pictured with his drawing of Ballarie at Lochranza. b34art1

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## School fire's thousands of pounds worth of damage

Thousands of pounds worth of accessories for the new Arran High School were destroyed by fire between Sunday and Monday.

The fittings and fixtures were found damaged inside the building but no damage was done to the new structure.

'The accessories were found smouldering,' said Sergeant Bob McKay, of Arran Police, on Wednesday. 'The fire had burnt itself out by the time it was discovered.'

'Fire investigation officers examined the damage yesterday and found no evidence that the fire had been started deliberately.'

## Junior choir is looking for new members

HAVING launched their fifth recording earlier in the year the Arran Juniors Singers have now set about learning another batch of exciting new songs and are now looking to recruit new members.

'Minimum age is usually nine - though, there have been a few exceptions - and while there is no official maximum age it is usually found by the time the children are 16 or 17 they are likely to be off to university etc,' said organiser Tony Smith.

'The repertoire contains a great variety of songs, mostly in two or three, and occasionally four parts, many of them of unique arrangements written specially for the choir.'

'Obviously, being able to sing in tune in a good starting point for a choir member, but equally important is the ability to attend practices regularly. These are held on Thursdays In Whiting Primary from 6.45pm to 8pm.'

If you would like more details contact Tony Smith on 700203.

# Arran tourists may soon arrive by seaplane



One of the Loch Lomond Seaplanes pictured at the launch of the Oban service last week. If that is a success, other routes including Arran are likely to follow. b34sea01

Seaplanes could soon be making regular tourist trips to Arran from Glasgow city centre.

In a blaze of publicity this week, Loch Lomond Seaplanes revealed that from next month it will be flying passengers on a nine-seater luxury seaplane from the city to Oban Marina three times a week, seven days a week between February and November.

The scenic 20-minute journey, costing £149 for a return ticket, is the first of its kind in Europe, and the company owner, Captain David West, confirmed this week that he was determined to set up a similar service to Arran as well as the likes of Skye and Mull.

The seaplanes, taking off from the River Clyde, will depart from the Science Centre in Glasgow where a special dock has been created.

A spokeswoman for Loch Lomond Seaplanes said: 'The interest that has been created following the television, radio and newspaper coverage this week has been unbelievable.'

'We have had inquiries from all around the world. Arran is definitely in our plans, and it is one of the possible routes that we hope to enter into talks about. It is difficult to say when it would happen, but it is unlikely it would be this year.'

'A lot will depend on the demand for the service elsewhere, but everything is looking extremely positive judging on the response we are receiving to the publicity about the Oban journeys.'

Oban Marina works manager Neil Price said he was hopeful the service would boost tourism.

The craft used by Loch Lomond Seaplanes can land on land as well as water, so if the sea is too choppy the plane will land at Oban Airport.

# Stag party sea plunge sparks full scale alert

## Police, lifeboat and ambulance all called out to Lamlash

Three foolhardy partygoers who plunged fully clothed into the sea at Lamlash Pier last Saturday sparked a full-scale alert by emergency services.

The coastguard service, police, Arran lifeboat and an ambulance all became involved after the three men were feared to be in difficulty.

It is understood that one young man who was among a stag party celebrations in Lamlash jumped off the pier at around 8.30pm, to be quickly followed by the other two.

However, a witness became concerned for the trio's safety and called the emergency services.

An Arran lifeboat crew, from the nearby station in Lamlash, was quickly on the scene.

By the time it arrived, two of the men had made it back

to the shore. The third refused assistance, but according to lifeboat spokesman Alan Little, a member of the crew jumped into the water and accompanied him back to the shore.

There, he was found to be suffering from the early stages of hypothermia and was attended to by a waiting ambulance crew.

Mr Little added: 'It might have seemed a good idea at the time amid the fun and the

frolics of the stag party, but this little venture could so easily have ended in tragedy.'

'The sea can still be very cold at this time of the year, and alcohol, as well as impairing your judgement, will make your body temperature drop even quicker.'

Sergeant Bob McKay, of Arran Police, said: 'Once out of the water the young men were warned about the dangers and consequences surrounding their actions.'

A passer-by, who did not want named, told The Arran Banner: 'It is a bit thoughtless when

people get up to high jinks like this. As well as putting their own lives at risk they are also putting unnecessary demands on the emergency services.'

It is believed that the three young men involved were from the mainland.

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# SWRI knits 350 hats for premature babies at Crosshouse

Six members of the Arran SWRI delivered no fewer than 350 little hats in all colours to the neo-natal unit at Crosshouse Hospital in Kilmarnock on Thursday.

For the second year running the hats were part of a non-competitive section in their annual show.

All of the SWRI members contributed to the project.

At Crosshouse, in groups of three, they were taken to visit three rooms in which they were introduced as 'the ladies who knit our little hats'.

Their efforts are very much appreciated, as head covering is essential to prevent heat loss in tiny premature infants.

The ladies have promised to continue their support for the unit and were told that boot-ees, jackets and small blankets would also be appreciated.

Members will also be encouraged to look out for dolls' clothes and continue this good work.

# Around Britain walkers land on Arran

Two around Britain walkers arrived on Arran at the weekend in the latest stage of their 5,000-mile marathon in aid of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) and Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Paul Barber and Wendy Bathard, from Bovey Tracey in Devon, set off from John O'Groats on November 13 last year with their dog Havoc.

They have raised more than £35,000 so far and still have around 1,200 miles to go.

Wendy explained: 'Sure you get tired and your feet ache but we have wanted to do this for so long that we just have to keep going. It hasn't all been easy but people have been fantastic and so hospitable. That helps us get up every morning.'

The couple have sacrificed a great deal for this trip. They have rented out their home for the year and are living off their savings.

Paul explained: 'It has been a huge sacrifice. We've basically given up a year of our lives for this. Now that we have arrived in Arran it is quite exciting. For us Arran is the start of the touristy bit. Everyone has said that the west coast of Scotland will be the highlight of this trip for us.'

They have so far walked



Wendy Bathard and Paul Barber with their dog Havoc are walking around Britain's coastline. They are pictured with Lady Jean Fforde whom they met when they arrived in Arran.

down the east coast of Scotland and England, around the south, southwest and north

coast of England as well as the Welsh coast, calling at many RNLI lifeboat stations along the way.

Wendy said: 'We decided to do the walk for the RNLI mainly because we live by the sea and because both of us have been involved in working with blind and partially-sighted people the guide dog charity was very important too.'

The pair have followed the coast as much as possible during their journey.

While travelling up the Ayrshire coast they not only walked on roads but beaches and golf courses as well.

On Tuesday evening the pair

met Lady Jean Fforde, the honorary president of Arran RNLI who expressed her utter admiration for what the pair have achieved. Lady Jean is the longest-serving RNLI branch president in Britain.

Throughout the trip Paul and Wendy have relied on the hospitality of strangers. Eleanor Hamilton at Fellview bed and breakfast in Brodick very kindly put the couple up while they rest on the island for two or three days.

Eleanor said: 'They contacted me about a year ago. They were given my number through my guide dog connections. I think what they are doing is

absolutely superb. To sacrifice a whole year and walk 5,000 miles is just incredible. I'm delighted to give them a bed for the night.'

From Arran they will walk down the Mull of Kintyre and then cross to Islay. They are aiming to be back in John O'Groats by the middle of November.

If you would like to follow their journey or donate any money to the cause go to their website at [www.tvh3.com/coastalwalk.htm](http://www.tvh3.com/coastalwalk.htm) or you can phone Paul on 07980867788 and they will let you know where they are walking to next.

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# Arran High School welcomes four new teachers

Four new teachers have joined Arran High School this term. Emma Nicol is the new English teacher from Ayr. She was teaching at Ardrossan Academy last year and fancied a complete lifestyle change. She says she loves what she has seen of Arran so far and is looking forward to living on the island full time. Sheenah Fletcher has joined the modern languages department. She taught at Linwood Academy and said it was simply time for a new challenge. In the history department Gordon Adam is attempting to step into the shoes of much loved teacher Brian Miller. Gordon, who completed his probationary year at Kilwinning Academy, thinks teaching and learning should be fun and he is eager for the kids to enjoy themselves. Carol Harwood has been living in Arran for more than a year now and has now taken up a post in the music department. She said the school is a great place to teach and she is enthusiastic about the year ahead. The office has a new member of staff too as Julie Cannon originally from Derbyshire takes up the post of clerical assistant.



New teachers Carol Harwood, Gordon Adam, Sheenah Fletcher, Emma Nicol and new clerical assistant Julie Cannon in front of Arran High School. b34tea1



Primary 7 from Shiskine Primary School making the most of the climbing wall at the Arran outdoor education centre on Tuesday. b34wall1

## Happy to be climbing the wall!

Pupils in primary 6 and 7 from the island's schools enjoyed a day of water sports and wall climbing at the Arran Outdoor Education Centre this week.

Each school from Arran went along to the centre on a different day.

The children split in to two groups while one went Kayaking at the Sandbraes in Whiting Bay the other tried their hand at the climbing wall back at the centre.

The banner went along on Tuesday when Shiskine Primary School was there.

All the children agreed that it

had been a great day out.

The instructors at the Arran outdoor education Centre said: 'Children in Arran are very lucky because they have all

of these different activities on their doorsteps. It is important that they get the chance to come along and try something different.'



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So, we are going to have a 'national conversation' about independence. Again our first minister has shown his sure footedness in striking the right note. Without a clear majority to carry through his promise, he could have been tempted to drop the idea now he is in power. Yet he has found a middle way, delaying, yet bringing everyone on board.

Or perhaps just using another word for consultation. We on Arran know all about consultation. It has taken place, or didn't according to your view, in every large project over recent years; water, sewerage, high school. Those organisations behave to consult with the lieges will tend to become adept at bypassing consultation if possible; those against any proposal will claim loudly and bitterly, however many public meetings and opportunities to inspect plans are offered, that there has been no consultation; and the vast majority will take no part and accept, perhaps with a mild grumble, whatever befalls them.

Who is to take part in this national conversation? Will it be the pub pores? Will it be at public meetings attended only by the usual suspects? Will it be confined to elected representatives who have already shown they have an axe to grind by thinking that they might speak for the rest of us?

I hardly see myself being involved in this conversation. Yet one does have some feelings about it, mixed with a kind of hopelessness that we shall probably end up with more of the same. Definitely a unionist, I voted no-no and was totally against the devolved parliament seeing it as a cynical ploy to increase Labour votes and as an extra and completely unnecessary tier of local government. Yet we cannot turn the clock back.

What's more the Scottish parliament, which has been such an embarrassment to some of us with its self important and inarticulate ministers, begins to look interesting now. Is it all down to one man? An anxiety about the SNP had always been the perceived naivety of its adherents and a lack of talent among its leaders. Now they are looking massively talented in comparison with the dullards who preceded them. They also appear to be speaking to the whole country instead of that faction whom their predecessors so assiduously worked at making dependent on them while ignoring those with any inclination to stand on their own feet. Then there are the Tories. It looks as if they have been emasculated in Scotland for a long time to come, leaving the choice from what is now. That now is looking more, alert, more flexible, more all embracing than anything we have seen since the parliament came into being.

So what of this conversation? With whom do we converse? Each other, those who stoppeth one of three, or do we await with baited breath until we are given the opportunity to vote again? Of course there are all the myriad aspects which matter, the hundreds of things which government deals with, to say nothing of how we feel about Scotland. Often proud, sometimes ashamed, occasionally embarrassed. As African nations became independent during the sixties it was widely believed that self government was more important than good government. Yet look how it turned out. Despite that, are we prepared to forfeit some support and safety in numbers for the sense of pride in being our own nation? In the end, it comes down to people and what level of trust one feels one can have in them. I seldom find myself in conversation about politics but this new bunch of people are showing distinct signs of a clear break from the past. If Scotland can have more of this, and stay well away from being the one party state it has effectively been, I'm for it. If, as a unionist, I have come to think this, others must have too.

## 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



### Youth-led centre

Sir,  
I read with interest Scott McMurray's letter regarding the setting up of a youth-led centre in Brodick. Such a place already exists and ran last year from October until June this year. After consultation via a questionnaire circulated to young people attending a youth weekend run by Arran youth Connect, under the auspices of Arran churches Together, a need to establish a youth café was identified in Brodick on a Saturday night from 7pm until 10pm.

The Brodick Church hall was made available and adult volunteers from all of Arran's denominations, along with several young volunteers, agreed to help run and staff the venture.

Funding for equipment was given via St Columba's Church of Scotland, London, to buy necessary equipment and to reinforce the hall to withstand boisterous activities such as indoor football.

The youth café will reopen again for all of high school age on Saturday, September 1, with a barbeque, and run throughout the year, excluding school holidays, every Saturday evening, offering a safe comfortable place for young people to play indoor football, basketball, pool, badminton, darts, table tennis, board games, or just gather to socialise and listen to music over a coffee or soft drinks provided from the popular and well-stocked tuck shop.

On request film nights, talks and other activities such as a visit from a beautician have already been tried, and it is hoped shortly to introduce computer games and equipment.

The members of the church congregations on Arran also share your concern Scott, and we are trying our very best to do something for Arran's teenagers.

Yours,  
Reverend Angus Adamson,  
Brodick Manse

### Lorries going too fast

Sir,  
My family, including my 15-

month-old granddaughter, have just returned from a very enjoyable week in a lovely cottage in beautiful Glen Rosa.

The one thing we all found very unpleasant was the traffic around Brodick. In order to a walk into Brodick (which we did every day) we had to walk part of the String road and the main road where there are no pavements.

We took our lives in our hands with every journey as cars and lorries gave us no space to escape except ditches.

On our last day there, Friday, August 10, around 2pm, I set off from Glen Rosa with my grand daughter in her buggy.

I met some cyclists (a man and children) and when I joined the String Road they were behind me.

Suddenly I was aware of a lorry coming at quite a speed down the String Road.

Although I was clearly in view, he made no attempt to slow down and he was unable to pull out as a car was coming up.

At the last moment, he braked, skidded and very nearly hit us.

The man on the bike couldn't believe how close this lorry, heavily laden with gravel, came to hitting us.

When I related this to some people who live on Arran, they suggested that I write to you as they are sick of the island's haulage contractors doing this.

Name and address withheld.

### Cheaper ferry fares

Sir,  
One has to admire the cheek of my predecessor as MSP for Cunninghame North. In last week's paper, in reference to ferries, he demands that the SNP cut fares now by 40 per cent. In fact, the Labour manifesto commits to cutting ferry fares only 'in the third term of the Scottish Parliament'.

Quite a difference! And why 40 per cent? Why not 50 per cent or even 60 per cent? And why not for vehicles or island visitors?

'No one was fooled last May when Labour promised, as a last-minute, back-of-the-envelope, pre-election bribe, to

reduce fares for islanders as part of a desperate, unsuccessful attempt to hang on to seats with large island electorates. After all, they have been on power at Westminster for more than ten years and were in Holyrood for eight. They had plenty of time to bring in fare reductions. Instead, fares went up year on year, including this one. So why the urgency from them now? The new SNP government has not waited eight years to act.

'Unlike Labour's proposals, SNP plans for road equivalent tariff will reduce fares to what it would cost to travel the equivalent distance by road. Figures of up to 85 per cent reduction on some routes have been mooted and all travellers and their vehicles will be included. This will make islands more attractive to visitors, goods and services on the islands cheaper and businesses more competitive.

'A pilot project is being carried out in order to monitor the impact on ferry traffic. Based on that, the Scottish government, in partnership with Cal Mac, will look at the ramifications of implementation throughout Scotland in terms of the need for additional ferries, crossing capacity

And infrastructure. That, we believe, is the most sensible long-term approach to ensure long-term sustainability and greater prosperity for our island communities, including Arran.'

Yours,  
Kenneth Gibson,  
MSP Cunninghame North.

### Ex MSP's brass neck

Sir,  
In your lead article of last week you report Allan Wilson, former MSP of this parish, feels that ferry fares should be cut. I surely cannot be alone in thinking that he has a wee bit of a brass neck. Is this really the same Allan Wilson who was a minister in the last two Scottish Executives which ran majority administrations throughout the past eight years and whose party has had uninterrupted power in Westminster since 1977? In all that time nary a ferry cut was to be had. However, we did have a good

number of increases.

Now Allan asks why won't a minority administration which has been in office for less than 100 days cut ferry fares by 40 per cent now. I must say Allan, you have succeeded in elevating irony to an art form.

What Mr Wilson is referring to is the belated Labour manifesto commitment at the last election. It was for a cut in passenger fares only. Also the passenger in question had to be an island resident. What was the qualification for island residency? It didn't say. If it was the same qualification as for senior ferry cards, it would include second home owners but not Arran students living on the mainland during term time. There was no costed commitment for commercial or care fares. There was no fare cut for tourist or those travelling to the island on business. How these omissions would 'boost island economies' only Mr Wilson can answer.

Compare this belated commitment with the holy grail of RET. It does exactly what it says on the tin. It means the fare for all passengers, cars, or commercial vehicles would be the same cost as travelling a corresponding distance on the public road. Passenger fares would be the same as a corresponding bus fare and vehicles would be charged their relevant road cost per mile.

Allan Wilson says 'we already know all we need to know about RET'. Do we? Has there been a full-scale trial implementing RET anywhere in Scotland? No. So clearly we do not know all there is need to know, such as the traffic and infrastructure implications. This will involve big decisions requiring a high degree of political will to implement.

For the first time in my life, I believe that political will now exists. The implementation of RET throughout Scotland would, for the first time, put island communities on a level playing field with our mainland counterparts. I look forward to the day when the term 'carriage included (UK mainland only)' is consigned to history.

Yours,  
Jim Lees,  
Cir Mhor  
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Visitors enjoyed another ceilidh in Lochranza Hall on Thursday night with the Boguillie Band. b34cei1

# Lochranza ceilidh is a great success

Another successful ceilidh took place in Lochranza Hall last Thursday night with the well-known Boguillie Band.

The ceilidh's are organised by Catacol Promotions and by the end of the summer there will have been six dances in the hall, each one being enjoyed by lots of tourists.

One of the organisers Norman Bond, from Catacol Bay Hotel said: 'They ceilidh's have been very successful and well attended.'

Visitors enjoy the ceilidh because the Boguillie Band talks them through each separate dance allowing them to take part in a great Scottish tradition.

Thursday, August 30, will be the last one of the season so Norman urges all holidaymakers and locals to go along to Lochranza hall and enjoy the night.

# New parent councils to replace school boards

Parent power is high on the agenda at schools across Arran because of North Ayrshire Council's launch of parent councils.

The councils, which replace school boards, are designed to make it easier for more parents to get more involved with their children's school.

Education secretary Fiona Hyslop said: 'We know that parents have a huge influence on their children's prospects and children whose parents are involved in their education will perform better. Learning begins at home and parents' ability to make a difference to children's learning continues as they grow up. That's why it is crucial that we get more parents involved which is the principal aim of parent councils.' It is hoped that all parents will seize this chance to get involved and find ways to help their children get the most from their education.

## Letters to the Editor

### Front-page publicity

Sir,  
I could not believe how ridiculous your front-page headline of 'Reduce ferry fares now' was. What justification can you have for allowing a man front-page publicity who had

eight years to do something about this issue and did absolutely nothing. I do not recall The Banner attempting to bring to task Mr Wilson when he was a Labour minister, I wonder why?

It has long been suspected that The Banner favours the

Labour party over all others; if proof was needed we now have it. The Banner is not politically neutral.

It is comical that the ineffectual Mr Wilson talks of spin. His party are the founders and experts of that art. He is so steeped in this method of government (thankfully it cost him his seat) that he can no longer tell the difference between decisions of substance and reality over fiction and 'Never Never Land'. Let us hope your paper allows equal space for facts and not be a mouthpiece for sour ex ministers.

**Yours,  
Billy McLaren,  
Lamlash**

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### Banner reporter Howard Driver

As many Banner readers are aware, the paper's senior reporter Howard Driver is in intensive care in Crosshouse Hospital having undergone extensive surgery for cancer.

His wife, Helen, has been in contact with the paper to say that Howard is determined to be back at his desk as soon as possible, and they would like to express their gratitude for all the support and kind wishes they have received.

## Photo Competition 2007

It's that time of year again, when we ask Banner readers, locals and visitors, to share with us their photographic gems from the last year.

As in previous years, whether your pictures are magnificent Arran's views, make us roar with laughter or bring tears to a glass eye, we will enjoy seeing them all.

Now in its 27th year the 2007 photo competition will follow the usual highly successful format. It is open to both residents of and visitors to Arran, and entries should be in one of two classes: People (and/or animals) and Places. The only proviso is that all entries MUST have been taken on, or around, Arran after August 2006

Each year, after the competition has closed, we select as many entries as possible to show in The Banner prior to announcing the winners in early October. The Banner therefore reserves the right to publish entries.

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### End of the line

Cooper's Brodick store is finally to close on Saturday September 5.

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Staff were told of the 5 September date last Friday and the six permanent staff informed that they would be made redundant.

One of them, Mr Billy Spence, has worked in Coopers for almost 40 years.

### Behind closed doors

All is not well at the Tourist Board but nobody is saying anything about it.

After a committee meeting on Thursday chairman Robin Crawford said: 'We've got a big problem,' but he would not elaborate.

Prior to the meeting he had said that it was probably time to be more open about what was happening and to inform the members.

After the meetings they had changed their minds and issued only a short prepared statement.

The statement said: 'There was a full meeting of the members of the area council. The members all deplored the tourist officer's comments in *The Banner* and felt that her views showed a lack of loyalty to the elected committee who are her employers.'

### End of an era

As the 1987 summer season nears its end and Brodick loses a supermarket, Whiting Bay is about to lose its biggest hotel.

On September 1 the Whiting Bay Hotel will change hands and its new owner, Mrs Cecelia Butler from Ayr, will begin the task of converting it to a registered nursing home.

In the meantime it is going out with a swing. This weekend sees a full programme of entertainment beginning with the White Settlers having played in manners on Thursday and the final Manners disco on Sunday.

Next Saturday the final Gourmet Night advertised last week is fully booked so Ronnie is having a second Gourmet Night on the Sunday.

### Safely Home

Nigel Marshall is back on Arran after his ordeal in the French Alps.

He arrived back on Sunday and this week told us more about the scaling of Mont

Blanc for the Nicola McConnell Appeal and the accident, which meant that he was not among those who reached the summit.

He said: 'All in all it was a successful expedition in terms of achieving our aim but it was just a wee bit marred in that I had a wee accident.'

A falling rock had smashed into his hand and he had to have his pinkie amputated.

### Woman injured

Lorraine Dalglish of Brodick was seriously injured in the small hours of Monday morning when the car in which she was travelling as a passenger went out of control and collided with a gatepost just next to Brodick Primary School.

### Slaughterhouse visit

Members of CDC Planning Committee visited the Blackwaterfoot Slaughterhouse last Friday to help them make up their minds about the application for extended slaughtering hours.

Following the visit the party decided to recommend to the Planning Committee that the hours are not extended.

Councillor Evelyn Sillars said: 'We've got to keep face with the objectors and what we said to them. Otherwise the council's word comes into disrepute.'

### Death on the hills

A 53-year-old man from Edinburgh died on the hills behind Whiting Bay last Thursday.

Out shooting with a friend they had split up and when he did not return his companion raised the alarm.

A search was made and his body found. He apparently died of a heart attack.

### TV Stars



Neil Mclean with his 'Croft' potatoes, which won best vegetable in the Horticultural Show. b34twe4



Eric Gregory with the best tray of eight vegetables, which won the Charles Revell Trophy at the Horticultural Show. b34twe1

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Two Shiskine youngsters may, briefly be television stars. Louise (10) and Katy (12) MacAllister of Shedock Farm have been chosen for the ITV programme *Superchamps*. The programme, in which teams of youngsters compete in different activities, is a little like a junior 'It's a knockout' and the two girls have had special permission to start the school term a little later.

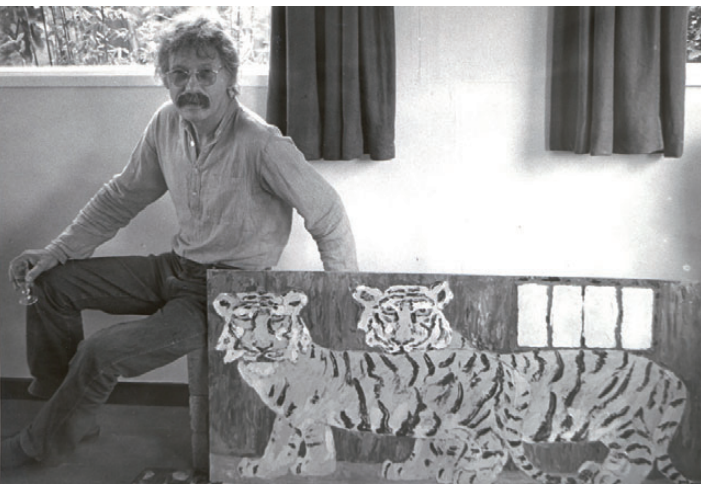
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Take notice that I, Angus Alexander MacSween, husband of Gillean MacSween of 5 Allanton Park Terrace, Fairlie, will not be responsible for any debts incurred by my wife.

Signed Angus Alexander MacSween.



New teacher at Arran High School Kieran McDevitt replaces Mrs Grant. b34twe3



Lamlash artist John Connolly with one of the paintings he is submitting to next year's Glasgow garden Festival. b34twe2



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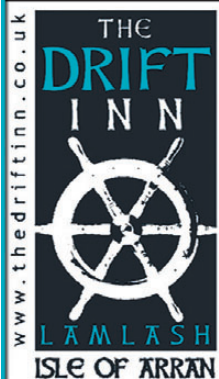
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Janet Cannon presents Debra and Aitken Adam with a cheque as part of the proceeds from the Hayseed Dixie concert.

## Concert money given to Roots of Arran

Debra Adam from Roots of Arran was presented with a cheque for £619.92 from Janet Cannon of Whiting Bay Village Shop, as part of the proceeds from the Hayseed Dixie concert on July 19.

Half of the profits from the concert with the American rock/folk band were given to the Arran Company. Hayseed Dixie are a world-renowned band and the concert was sold out weeks in advance. The band is undertaking another tour of Europe and have promised to play in Arran again.

## Shiskine quiz success

A successful quiz night took place in Shiskine Hall on Friday, August 10.

The quiz, which was for adults and children, was organized to help raise money for the hall fund.

The quiz began at 7.30pm and competitors had to answer questions on a range of topics from general knowledge to sport and current affairs.

Winners of the Le Penseur Trophy were 'The Practice', while the winners of the Junior Trophy were 'Struan YoYo'.

Winners of the Shiskine Hall Quiz from left to right Myra Currie, Elma Judge, Deborah Robertson and Heather Munro 'The Practice' and front row are junior winners Amelia Robertson, Adam Brown & Struan Robertson.



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## Free tickets offer from Kilmarnock FC

Youngsters throughout Arran are being urged to have an absolute ball – courtesy of Kilmarnock Football Club.

The Premier League side is offering free tickets to Arran youth groups and organisations for the club's home match at Rugby Park against St Mirren on September 22.

Accompanying adults (one for four or more children under the age of 12, and one for eight or more youngsters over the age of 12) will also gain free admittance.

Arran-born Killie supporter Rab Robb was involved in organising the offer. He said: 'This could be a great day out for the island's youngsters, allowing them to see their nearest Premier League club in action. Hopefully this will spark interest from all kinds of kids' clubs, schools and organisations like the cubs and scouts. From Kilmarnock FC's point of view, it is trying to encourage a new generation of supporters.'

Anne Clarke, of the club's commercial department, said: 'Hopefully a lot of Arran youngsters will come along and be our guests, and that this will be the first of a number of offers like this. We already give free tickets to schoolchildren in East Ayrshire.'

'The club already has a number of young fans who travel over regularly from Arran, and we would like to see more.'

Anyone interested in taking up the offer should contact Brian Smith, telephone 01770-302464.

## Feis Arainn has plenty on

Feis Arainn is taking place a little later than usual this year but it still promises to be a very enjoyable weekend for Arran's eight to 18 year olds.

A weekend of workshops in traditional Scottish music will take place over the weekend of September 1-2 at Whiting Bay Primary School. The Saturday workshops for fiddle, guitar, pipes and whistle as well as percussion will be for those experienced in their instrument and Sunday will focus on the newcomers.

On the Saturday night a special ceilidh will be held in Whiting Bay Hall that is open to all. If anyone would like more information about the event please contact Alistair 302881.



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# Arran Horticultural Show 2007

Last Wednesday the Isle of Arran horticultural society held their annual show in Lamlash Community Centre.



The trophy winners at the Isle of Arran Horticultural Society's annual show. b34show2

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Here are the results in full.  
Section one cut flowers  
Dahlias:  
Class 2-Large decorative: 1 M Murchie.  
Class 4-Small decorative: 1 M Murchie, 2 J Lammie, 3 M Murchie.  
Class 9- Small or semi cactus: 1 A McLean, 2 M Thompson.  
Class 13-Pompon, one cultivar: 1 A McLean, 2 J Lammie, 3 M Thompson.  
Class 18-4 Pansies, on board: 1 J Barclay, 2 A McLean.  
Class 19-4 Violas, on board: 1 A Bilsland, 2 J Sillars, 3 M Cassels.  
Class 21-6 Roses, on board: 1 J Sillars, 2 M Turnbull.  
Class 22-3 Roses, on board: 1 M Turnbull.  
Class 25-2 stems cluster flowered roses: 1 J Lammie.

Class 26-3 stems rambler or old-fashioned roses: 1 A Bilsland, 2 D Raeburn, 3 M Thompson.  
Class 28-Phlox: 1 C Steed.  
Class 31-Asters, any variety: 1 M Murchie.  
Class 34-French marigolds: 1 A McLean, 2 A McLean.  
Class 36-Gladioli, large flowering (3 spikes): 1 M Murchie, 2 M Turnbull.  
Class 37-Gladioli, large flowering (2 spikes): 1 M Turnbull.

Class 38- Gladioli, large flowering (1 spike): 1 Nan Innes, 2 M Turnbull, 3 A McLean.  
Class 42-3 vases sweet peas: 1 M Wheeler, 2 M Wheeler, 3 M Wheeler.  
Class 43-1 vase sweet peas: 1 M Wheeler, 2 Nan Innes, 3 M Wheeler.

Class 44-1 vase sweet peas: 2 M Wheeler, 3 M Wheeler.  
Class 45-1 vase hardy herbaceous: 1 J Barclay, 2 A McLean.

Class 46-3 blooms of begonia: 1 N McLean, 2 N McLean.  
Class 47-2 vases hydrangeas: 1 J Buchanan, 2 M McNicol, 3 P Wright.

Class 48-1 vase cut garden flowers: 1 J Barraclough.  
Bank of Scotland Cup for best vase Sweet Peas in Show: Malcolm Wheeler

The Hiles Muir Trophy for the best exhibit of 3 Spikes of Gladioli: Margaret Murchie

Silver Vase presented by the late Mrs Blain, for best exhibit of 6 roses: John Sillars

The Dippen Lodge Challenge Cup presented by the Hon. Frances de Moleyns, for the best exhibit of hydrangeas: Joyce Buchanan.

The John Sillars Cup for best exhibit of dahlias (classes 1-15): Margaret Murchie.

The Archie Craig Memorial Trophy for Best Exhibit in Section 1: Malcolm Wheeler.

The Millennium Cup for best exhibit in show: Mairi Thompson.

Section two pot plants  
Class 49-1 pot liliium: 1 M McKay, 2 M Cassels, 3 M Cassels.

Class 51-1 pot plant, foliage (not more than 8" pot): 1 A McLean, 2 J O'Sullivan.

Class 52-1 pot geranium, zonal: 1 M Bryce, 2 L Van Bogerijen.

Class 53-1 pot plant geranium, other: 1 L Van Bogerijen, 2 M Thompson, 3 M Bryce.

Class 56-1 pot begonia, double: 1 N McLean, 2 N McLean, 3 J Lammie.

Class 57-1 pot begonia, pen-

dula or other: 1 M Thompson, 2 N McLean, 3 J Lammie.

Class 58-1 pot fuchsia - single (not more than 8" pot): 1 J Barclay, 2 A McLean, 3 A Bilsland.

Class 61-1 house plant, flowering (up to 8" pot): 1 A McLean, 2 I Walker.

Class 62-1 orchid, flowering: 1 L Van Bogerijen, 2 M Bryce.

Class 64-Collection of 6 cacti and/or succulents: 1 M Thompson.

Class 66-1 cactus or succulent: 1 J Cassels, 2 J Cassels, 3 V M Haigh.

Class 68-1 hanging basket: 1 A McLean, 2 J Barclay, 3 A McLean.

Class 69-1 patio pot, floral: 1 C Steed, 2 L Van Bogerijen, 3 M Bryce.

Class 70-1 Bonsai, any type, in bowl: 1 L Van Bogerijen, 2 L Van Bogerijen.

Lady Jean Fforde Cup presented for Best Exhibit in Section: Mairi Thompson.

The Roy Tray for the Best Pot Fuchsia: Jean Barclay.

Section 3 Decorative  
Class 72-1 spray (small) and 1 buttonhole: 1 J McHarg.

Class 73-1 bowl of floating flowers: 1 M McNicol, 2 J Barraclough, 3 M Thompson.

Class 74-1 wicker basket of cut flowers: 1 M Crawford, 2 M Bryce, 3 M Crawford.

Class 75-All round arrangement in a sugar bowl: 1 M Bryce, 2 M Thompson, 3 M McNicol.

Class 76-Cameo, Miniature Exhibit not exceeding 4" overall: 1 M Thompson, 2 M Bryce.

Class 77-Floral Art, Lamlash Hall: 1 A Bilsland.

The Allen McKay Memorial Quaich for Best Exhibit in Sec-

tion: Alison Bilsland.  
The Rhoda Henderson Memorial Cup for Best Exhibit in Class 74: May Crawford.

Section 4 Fruit  
Class 79-4 apples: 1 A Paul, 2 A Paul.

Class 80-4 plums: 1 A McLean, 2 A Paul, 3 R Green.

Section 5 Vegetables  
Class 88-4 courgettes: 1 A Stefanuti, 2 J O'Sullivan, 3 A Paul.

Class 89-1 Marrow, for quality, any size: 1 F Crawford, 2 S Brookes, 3 E Gregory.

Class 90-1 cauliflower: 1 E Gregory, 2 E Gregory.

Class 95-1 head of kale: 1 Nan Innes.

Class 96-3 carrots, long: 1 J O'Sullivan.

Class 97-3 carrots, stump rooted: 1 J O'Sullivan, 2 S Brookes, 3 J O'Sullivan.

Class 99-3 long leeks: 1 J O'Sullivan, 2 E Gregory, 3 S Brookes.

Class 100-3 parsnips: 1 S Brookes, 2 S Brookes.

Class 102-3 purple top turnips: 1 J Lammie.

Class 103-3 onions grown from seed: 1 E Gregory, 2 E Gregory, 3 E Gregory.

Class 104-3 globe onions grown from sets: 1 J O'Sullivan, 2 J O'Sullivan, 3 R Green.

Class 105-3 flat onions grown from sets: 1 J O'Sullivan, 2 J O'Sullivan.

Class 106-6 shallots: 1 J Lammie, 2 S Brookes, 3 S Brookes.

Class 107-2 lettuce: 1 S Brookes, 2 S Brookes, 3 J Lammie.

Class 108-6 garden peas: 1 A Stefanuti, 2 E Gregory, 3 A Paul.

Class 109-6 pods broad beans: 1 A Stefanuti, 2 S Brookes, 3 S Brookes.

Class 110- 6 pods runner beans: 1 A Stefanuti, 2 S Brookes, 3 S Brookes.

Class 111- 6 pods French beans: 1 J O'Sullivan, 2 J O'Sullivan, 3 E Gregory.

Class 112- 1 plant parsley: 1 E Gregory, 2 A Stefanuti, 3 A Stefanuti.

Class 113- 3 stalks rhubarb fro quality: 1 F Crawford, 2 S Talbot, 3 N Innes.

Class 114-3 beetroot globe: 1 S Brookes, 2 J Lammie, 3 S Brookes.

Class 115-3 beetroot long: no entries.

Class 116-2 heads celery: 1 S Brookes, 2 S Brookes, 3 E Gregory.

Class 117-4 potatoes white: 1 J O'Sullivan, 2 J O'Sullivan, 3 N McLean.

Class 118-4 potatoes coloured: 1 J O'Sullivan, 2 N McLean, 3 J O'Sullivan.

Class 119-2 cobs of sweetcorn: 1 S Brookes.

Class 120- Collection of 6 kinds of vegetable: 1 J O'Sullivan, 2 E Gregory, 3 S Brookes.

Class 121-2 cucumbers: 1 S Brookes, 2 R Green.

Class 122- 6 red tomatoes: 1 M tait, 2 S Brookes, 3 E Gregory.

Class 123-6 yellow tomatoes: 1 M tait, 2 S Brookes, 3 D Raeburn.

Class 124-1 single truss tomatoes: 1 P Watt-Milligad, 2 S Brookes, 3 S Brookes.

Class 125-any other vegetable unspecified above: 1 S Brookes, 2 J O'Sullivan, 3 J Lammie.

Class 126-novelty vegetable with unusual form: 1 E Gregory, 2 S Brookes, 3 E Gregory.

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Class 127-basket or trug of kitchen vegetables: 1 S Brookes, 2 S brookes, 3 E Gregory.

The MacAndrew Cup for best exhibition in section: Sally Brookes.

The Orr Watt Cup for most points in section: Sally Brookes.

The Anne Middleton Trophy for best exhibit of potatoes: John O'Sullivan.

The Charles Revell trophy for best collection of vegetables: John O'Sullivan.

The NVS medal for best dish in section: Sally Brookes.

## Section 6 Baking

Class 128-4 girdle scones: 1 J McHarg.

Class 129-4 cheese scones: 1 J McHarg, 2 V Haigh, 3 J McHarg.

Class 130-1 apple tart 7"plate: 1 A McLean.

Class 131-4 pancakes: 1 E Stevenson, 2 A McLean, 3 I Blair.

Class 132-1 sultana cake 3/4lb of flour: 1 A McLean, 2 I Blair.

Class 133-1 Victoria sandwich jam filling: 1 I Blair, 2 V Haigh, 3 A McLean.

Class 134: no entries.

Class 135-gingerbread from 1/2lb of flour: 1 I Blair, 2 V Haigh, 3 F Crawford.

Class 136-1 wholemeal loaf made in bread maker: 1 A McLean.

Class 136a-1 wholemeal loaf hand made: 1 J Barraclough, 2 S Shenhav.

Class 137-4 shortbread fingers: 1 F Crawford, 2 A McLean, 3 V Haigh.

Class 138-4 melting moments: 1 A McLean, 2 A McLean.

Class 139-1/4 peppermint creams: 1 A McLean.

Class 140-1 date loaf: 1 V Haigh, 2 A McLean.

Class 141-4 butterfly cakes: 1 V Haigh, 2 A McLean.

Mrs F C Henderson Trophy for most points in section: Anne McLean.

## Section 7 Produce

Class 142-1 bottle red wine with flanged cork: 1 M Tait, 2 I Walker.

Class 143-1 bottle white wine with flanged cork: 1 I Walker.

Class 144-1 jar raspberry jam: 1 R Philips, 2 A McLean, 3 I Blair.

Class 145-1 jar blackcurrant jam: 1 A McLean, 2 S Talbot, 3 R Philips.

Class 146-1 jar strawberry jam: 1 L Urquart-Dixon, 2 A McLean, 3 K Stefanuti.

Class 147-1 jar jam any variety: 1 E Stevenson.

Class 148-1 jar jelly any variety: 1 I Blair, 2 K Stefanuti, 3 S Talbot.

Class 149-1 jar lemon curd: 1 A McLean, 2 N Meteyard, 3 J Barraclough.

Class 150-1 jar marmalade: 1 A McLean, 2 R Green, 3 V Haigh.

Class 151-6 hen eggs: 1 E Gregory, 2 E Gregory.

Class 152-: no entries.

Class 153-1 jar honey: 1 J Lammie, 2 J Lammie.

Class 154-: no entries.

## Section 8 Handcrafts

Class 155-1 jumper adult: 1 G Butcher, 2 G Butcher.

Class 156-: no entries.

Class 157-sleeveless garment: 1 E Stevenson.

Class 158-baby garment: 1 M Gardener, 2 K Stefanuti, 3 M Gardner.

Class 159-1 child's garment over 22" chest: 1 K Stefanuti.

Class 160-1 any other hand knitted article: 1 M Gardner, 2 E Stevenson, 3 K Stefanuti.

Class 161-any article made from recycled material: 1 V Haigh, 2 E Stevenson.

Class 162-1 article in crochet work: 1 M MacKay, 2 M MacKay, 3 E Stevenson.

Class 163-1 article in patchwork: no entries.

Class 164-1 article in canvas work: 1 G Butcher, 2 M Adams.

Class 165-1 article in counted stitch embroidery: 1 N Meteyard, 2 M Campbell, 3 M Campbell.

Class 166-any other article of embroidery: no entries.

Class 167-1 garment sewn: 1 E Stevenson.

Class 168-1 soft toy knitted: 1 K Stefanuti, 2 E Stevenson, 3 E Stevenson.

Class 169-1 soft toy sewn: 1 E Stevenson.

Class 170-any machine knitted article: no entries.

Class 171-art work any medium: 1 M Campbell, 2 M Campbell.

Class 172-any article in another craft or using more than one craft: 1 V Haigh, 2 V Haigh.

Class 173-any article on papercraft: 1 G Butcher, 2 M Campbell, 3 M Campbell.

Class 174-collage: no entries.

The Chris Hall Rosebowl for best exhibit in section: Elma

Stevenson.

The Illia Price Engraving Trophy for exhibitor with most points having exhibits in two sections from sections six, seven and eight: Anne McLean.

## Section 9 children's

Class 175 7 years and under: no entries.

Class 176- bouquet of leaves and grasses over 7 years: 1 A Downard.

Class 177-miniature garden: 1 A Downard, 2 M Ashley, 3 H Snowden.

Class 178-bowl of floating flowers: 1 A Downard, 2 F Burdge.

Class 179-posy in an egg cup: 1 A downward, 2 F Burdge.

Class 180-posy in a tea cup: 1 H Snowden, 2 F Burdge, 3 A Downard.

Class 181-no entries.

Class 182-colour photograph showing animals: 1 H Snowden, 2 A Downard.

Class 183-colour photograph showing landscape: 1 H Snowden, 2 H Snowden.

Class 184-1 woodwork article: 1 Anna Downard.

Class 185-1 no entries.

Class 186-soft toy 11 years or over: 1 A Downard.

Class 187-: no entries.

Class 188-sewing or knitting: 1 A Downard.

Class 189-picture any medium: 1 M Paul, 2 A Downard.

Class 190-I animal or figure made from fruit and/or vegetables: 1 A Downard, 2 t Burdge.

Class 191-9 varieties of pressed tree leaves named: 1 H Snowden, 2 H Snowden.

Class 192-edible necklace

made from fruit, vegetables, nuts etc: 1 H Snowden, 2 T Burdge, 3 F Burdge.

Class 193-picture or collage using shells, seeds, beads etc: 1 G Burdge, 2 C Burdge, 3 H Snowden.

Class 194-4 oven scones: 1 A Downard.

Class 195-any other article made from recycled material: no entries.

The John Cumming Cup for most meritorious exhibit in section: Anna Downard.

The M F Murchie Cup for the best miniature garden: Anna Downard.

## Section 10 photographic

Maximum size-7"x5".

Class 196-category A black and white, category B colour:

P Wright.

Class 197-nature animal bird or group: 1 L Van Bogerijen, 2 A Stefanuti, 3 A Stefanuti.

Class 198-pictorial flowers and trees: 1 L Van Bogerijen, 2 A Stefanuti, 3 M MacKay.

Class 199-pictorial landscape or seascape: 1 P Wright, 2 P Wright, 3 A Stefanuti.

Class 200-pictorial architecture: 1 P Wright, 2 B Huseyin, 3 L Van Bogerijen.


Class 201-portarait or group static or active: 1 A Stefanuti, 2 L Van Bogerijen, 3 L Van Bogerijen.

Class 202-any other subject: 1 L Van Bogerijen, 2 A Stefanuti, 3 A Stefanuti.

The J F Turton Trophy for best entry in section: Lesley Van Bogerijen.

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# Arran to celebrate playwright McLellan

## Musicians, poets and artists come together for festival

The McLellan Festival this year celebrates the centenary of the birth of the playwright of Robert McLellan who lived and worked in High Corrie.

The festival this year is full of exciting events including Robert McLellan's famous play *Jamie the Saxe* which will be a hybrid

production staged in association with Borderline Theatres starring local and professional actors.

The play will take place on the 13, 14 and 15 of September at the Auchrannie Spa.

*Jamie the Saxe* follows King James VI before he became the

first monarch of the United Kingdom.

The play commemorates the tercentenary of the 1707 Act of union between Scotland and England, the centenary of the birth of the playwright and the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the play's first production.

On Wednesday 19 local poet Jason Watts will be reciting his work in the Ormidale alongside fellow poet Rab Wilson. The two specialise in Scot's poetry and it promises to be a very humorous evening.

On Thursday 20 September internationally acclaimed folk band *Back of the Moon* will perform their last ever concert on Arran.

Brodick's very own Gillian Frame who plays the fiddle and sings with the band decided the festival would be a fitting event to perform at for the last time.

As part of the festival there will be a three-week art exhibition at the Burnside Gallery in Brodick featuring well-known Scottish artists such as Avril Paton, Margo Sandiman and Craigie Hutchison.

John Maxwell Geddes the acclaimed composer has produced a piece of beautiful, lyrical music especially for the festival. It will be performed as part of a concert at Brodick Village Hall on Friday August 21.

An all-inclusive Festival 'Rover' ticket will be going on sale at the Book and Card Centre in Brodick. For £20 you will be able to go to all of the events, except the *Back of the Moon* concert, which will be an additional price.

Tickets for *Back of the Moon* can also be bought in the Book and Card Centre for £10.

It is recommended that you buy your tickets as soon as possible to avoid disappointment, as there will be many fans coming from the mainland as well.



A scene from last year's play *The Smuggler* with Stuart Gough playing Dr Fullarton and the wounded Jamie played by Jason watts. b34rob1

## Arran businesses in line for tourism award?

Tourism operators in Arran still have time to submit their entry for an award, which could help to raise their profile and make an impact on their future development.

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tives from the top tourism, hospitality, leisure and travel businesses are expected to gather to celebrate all that is best in tourism in the Highlands and Islands.

Liz Mackintosh, chairwoman of the HITA board said: 'The awards recognise the hard work being done within the tourist industry in the Highlands and Islands to raise standards and

exceed visitor expectations. One of the many benefits of winning an award is the publicity that comes with it.'

The awards are designed to reflect the high quality, diversity and creativity involved in tourism today.

Categories this year include best visitor experience, community tourism, customer care, innovation and new tourism business.

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The McLellan Festival celebrates the life and works of writer Robert McLellan who lived in High Corrie. b34mcl1



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## Vikings on the dance floor

Following the successfully revamped Corrie Capers event two weeks ago, the annual Saturday night party was held in Corrie and Sannox Village Hall. This year the summer fun week became known as Arran Viking Festival weekend.

Music was provided by The News Band and cover versions of popular rock songs were belted out to an appreciative audience and it wasn't long before the dance floor filled up and the night got underway.

Despite the dreadfully wet weather earlier in the evening at the Viking long ship burning, the dance was almost filled to capacity.



Above: Mhairi Beggans and Sabrina Beaton stop dancing for a second to get their picture taken. b34cor9



Left: Friends together; Amy Tattersfield, Kate Hall, Kirsty Macqueen, Laura MacAlister and Ainsley Boal. b34cor5

Below: Eric Dunn joins dancing partners Susanna Talbot and Diana Riddell on the floor. b34cor10



Above: The News Band belt out another hard rock n' roll tune for the crowds. b34cor4



Left :Eileen Griffin, Marion Logan and Lynn Boal having a quiet drink at the dance. b34cor2

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Right | : Sarah Wilson, Stephen Reeves and David Miller are all smiles. b34cor1



Lucy McNicol, Jessica Robertson, Karen McKenzie and Katy Macdonald on the dance floor at Corrie. b34cor6



David Warner, Dan Edwards, Steven Pillemer and Cecilia Batiste Troyano. b34cor8



Iain MacDonald, Donald Roberts, Colin Ribbeck, Mark Wetton and Ian McLaren b34cor3

# Southend and Shiskine in final



Man of the match in the cup semi-final tie between Northend and Shiskine was Northend's 'Skippy' McLaren who defended tirelessly throughout the 90 minutes. b34ball1

The first semi-final of the Arran Football League took place on Saturday 11 August as Brodick took on Southend at Ormidale Park.

Both sides had a strong team and the outcome of the game seemed hard to call.

Admittedly the Southend started as the better team almost taking the lead within the first five minutes. By the end of the first half they were up 3-0.

Brodick had a burst of energy as the second half began with Callum Duncan taking the score to 3-1. Brodick's David Jenkins then managed another goal a few minutes later.

Brodick kept up the momentum but it wasn't enough to win the game.

Two more goals from Southend's Jamie Picken and Euan Ingram took the score to 5-2 and secured the boys in blue and yellow a place in the final on Saturday.

Wednesday night saw the rematch take place between Northend and Shiskine in another of the semi-finals of the Arran Football League.

After the 7-7 draw on Saturday 11 August the Northend fans were hoping that their boys could be victorious on their home ground.

But it was not to be. Shiskine won the game 3-0.

A large crowd of Northend fans gathered to cheer on their team but the shouts and cheers were not enough.

By half time only one goal had been scored, and that was by Jamie Stewart for the visitors, but it could have been a lot worse for Northend had goalkeeper Mark Wetton not been on top form, saving a number of attempts at goal.

The fans were hoping Northend would turn the game around in the second half and although they had a number of attempts at goal none were on target.

Jamie Stewart got another goal for Shiskine and then 'Trevor' followed with another one shortly after.

The boys in red did have a few problems though hitting the post eight times.

Brian Miller proved what a difference a decent referee can make with his unbiased decisions throughout the game.

Man of the match was Ian 'Skippy' McLaren from Northend for his inspiring efforts.

## Cup final hit by flooding

The cup final of the Arran Football League was postponed at the weekend due to severe flooding in Whiting Bay.

The game between Southend and Shiskine should have taken place at 3pm on Saturday 18 August but after much deliberation the two teams agreed that conditions were unsafe for play.

The game is yet to be rescheduled but it is hoped that it will take place on September 1.

## Rugby season kicks off this weekend

Arran's senior rugby club season starts this weekend with a friendly against Garnock.

Please come and support the team, kick off is at 12noon on Saturday August 25 at the Ormidale Park.

The following weekend marks the start of the league with an away trip to Mid Argyll.

## Southend paddle at Whiting bay



Despite the cancellation of the cup final the Southend players decided to have a kick about while the Shiskine players headed for the Kinloch Bar. b34ball3

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### EVERYDAY

**Brodick Castle Gardens & Country Park** 11am - 4pm  
**Trout fishing**, Loch Garbad. Boat or Bank  
**Hawk Walks**, Lamlash  
**Arran Heritage Museum**, Brodick 10.30am - 4.30pm  
**Lamlash Tennis Courts**  
 Open from 10am - 8pm

### SATURDAY 25th August

**Blackwaterfoot Junior Football**  
 coaching, 10.30am - noon  
**Arran Dancers**  
 Brodick Primary School 11am - 4.15pm  
**Machrie Table Tennis & Games Club**,  
 Machrie Hall, 7.30-9pm  
**RNLI Shop Open, 2-4pm, Lamlash Pier**  
**Brodick Bowling Club**  
 Rink Game 2.15pm  
**Whiting Bay Bowling Club**  
 Rink Game, 7pm  
**Lamlash Bowling Club**  
 Rink Game, 7pm  
**Disco, Ormidale Hotel 10pm**  
**Live Music, Newsband**  
 Drift Inn, Lamlash, 9.30pm

### SUNDAY 26th August

**Sannox Cricket Club**  
 Cricket Match, Sannox Oval 11.30am  
**Alcoholics Anonymous**,  
 St Margarets Church, Whiting Bay, 4.30pm  
**Family Games Kids & Adults**.  
 Auchrannie Games Hall 2 - 3pm  
**Open Folk Session**  
 Ormidale Hotel. 9pm  
**RNLI Shop Open, 2-4pm, Lamlash Pier**  
**Lamlash Bowling, 2pm**  
 PS Waverley  
**Cruise to Skipness & Loch Fyne**  
 3.40pm Lochranza Pier

### MONDAY 27th August

**Senior Fitness**,  
 Auchrannie, 9.30am & 10.45am  
**Over 50s Badminton**,  
 Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm  
**Football coaching**,  
 Ormidale Park, 6 7.30pm (8-16yrs)  
**Badminton**,  
 Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm  
**Quiz**,  
 Cameronia 9.30pm  
**Weightwise**,  
 Hospital bungalow 6.30pm-7pm  
**Cardiac Rehab**,  
 Auchrannie, 12.45  
**Circuit Training**,  
 Auchrannie 6pm  
**Citizens Advice** open 10am-2pm  
**Coffee Morning**  
 Whiting Bay Church Hall, 10.30am  
**Badminton, Auchrannie**  
 Sports Hall 8pm - 10pm  
**Open Folk Session with Earthworks**  
 Kildonan Hotel, 9pm  
**Summer Bridge**  
 Hirsle, Shore Rd Lamlash, 7.15pm  
**Whiting Bay SWRI Fete**  
 Whiting Bay Hall 12pm - 2pm

**Lamlash Bowling Club**  
 Rink Game, 7pm  
**Brodick Bowling Club**  
 Rink Game 6.45pm  
**Salsa Dancercise**  
 Shiskine Hall. 6.30 - 7.15pm  
**Coffee Morning**  
 Whiting Bay Church Hall, 10.30am  
**Whiting Bay Bowling Club**  
 Rink Game, 7pm

### TUESDAY 28th August

**Senior Fitness**,  
 Auchrannie Spa, 9.30am & 10.45am  
**Lochranza Swimming Club**,  
 Kinloch, 11am-noon  
**Legs, Bums & Tums**,  
 Auchrannie Spa, 6-6.45pm  
**Army Cadets**,  
 Auchrannie Road, 7.30-9.30pm  
**Pop quiz**,  
 Ormidale Hotel 10pm  
**Lochranza & Catacol Coffee morning**,  
 hall 10am - 12pm  
**Alcoholics Anonymous**,  
 Brodick Church Hall, 2pm  
**Pop Quiz**,  
 Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
**Arran Rotary**,  
 Auchrannie, 7.15pm  
**Citizens Advice**  
 open 10am -2pm 4 - 6pm by appointment only  
**Guided Garden Walk**  
 Brodick Castle, 2pm. Meet at reception Centre  
**Country Dancing**  
 Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm

### WEDNESDAY 29th August

**Mixed Hockey**,  
 Auchrannie Hall, 7pm  
**Aerobics class**,  
 High School 8pm - 9pm  
**Jnr Rugby Training**,  
 S1-U18s, Ormidale Park, 7pm  
**Aquafizz**,  
 Auchrannie Hotel, 9.45am  
**Circuit Training**.  
 Auchrannie 6pm  
**Arran Heritage Museum**,  
 archives and genealogy 10.30am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-4.30pm  
**Brodick Bowling Club**  
 Rink Game 6.45pm  
**Open Folk Session**  
 Aldersyde Hotel. 9pm  
**Coffee Morning**  
 Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15am - noon  
**Whiting Bay Bowling Club**  
 Rink Game, 7pm  
**Table Tennis**  
 Kildonan Hall, 2pm-4pm  
**Lamlash Bowling Club**  
 Rink Game, 7pm  
**PS Waverley Cruise to Largs, Dunoon, Carrick Castle**  
 Brodick Pier, 11.30am  
**Concert & Ceilidh**  
 Brodick Hall, 8pm  
**Shiskine Beavers**  
 Shiskine Hall, 6pm - 7.15pm

### THURSDAY 30th August

**Senior Fitness**,  
 Auchrannie Spa, 9.30am & 10.45am  
**Pilates**, Auchrannie Studio, 6pm  
**Citizens Advice** open 10am-2pm  
**Badminton**,  
 Kilmory Hall, Juniors 6.30 - 7.30pm Adults 7.30 - 9pm  
**Lochranza Craft Club**,  
 Hall 2pm  
**Senior Fitness**,  
 Auchrannie Gym, 9.30am & 1.45pm  
**Cardiac Rehab**,  
 Auchrannie, 12.45  
**Outdoor run**,  
 Auchrannie, 6pm  
**Pilates**, Auchrannie 6pm  
**Belly Dancing**,  
 Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm  
**Aerobics**,  
 Auchrannie Games Hall, 6pm  
**Outdoor Cricket**  
 Sannox Oval, 6pm. Newcomers welcome  
**St Molios Church Coffee Morning 10.30 - noon**  
**PS Waverley Cruise to Pladda & Holy Isle**  
 Brodick Pier, 3pm  
**Youth Club**  
 Youth Centre, Lamlash 7pm - 10pm  
 Arran Junior Singers Practise  
 Whiting Bay School 6.45pm  
**Mark's Pub Quiz**  
 Drift Inn, 9pm  
**Arran Garden Club**  
 Kilmory Village Hall, 7.30pm

### FRIDAY 31st August

**Arran Pipe Band practice**,  
 Brodick Hall, 7.30pm  
**Quiz night**, Whiting Bay Golf Club, 9.00pm  
**Lochranza & Catacol Coffee morning**  
 10am - 12pm  
**Whiting Bay Golf Club**  
 Quiz nights 9pm  
**Aquafizz**,  
 Auchrannie Pool, 9.45am  
**Over 21's disco**,  
 10pm, Ormidale Hotel  
**Citizens Advice** open 10am-2pm  
**Shiskine Tennis Club, Adults, (16+) Club Night**  
 4.30pm onwards  
**Disco & Live Band**  
 Shiskine Hall 9.30pm - 1am

### SATURDAY 1st September

**Grand Family Ceilidh**  
 Whiting Bay Hall, 7.30pm  
**Grand Jumble Sale**  
 Whiting Bay Village Hall, 2pm



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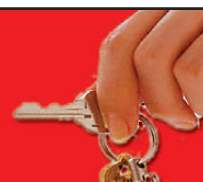
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and Shiskine.
Independent but working
together.
Minister Rev Angus Ad-
amson. Parish Asst Mrs Jean
Hunter. Worship will be con-
ducted in the above churches
at the following times.
Sunday 26 August
Brodick Church 10.30am.
Corrie noon.
Lochranza 9.30am
Pirmill 10.45am. Shiskine
noon.
A service of worship will
also be held in Montrose
House at 1.45pm.
Arran Free Church
of Scotland
Sunday 26 August
Shiskine 11am,
Brodick 7pm,
Rev David Karoon
All welcome.

Holy Cross
Catholic Church
Vigil Mass 7.30pm.
Morning Mass 9.30am &
11am.
Whiting Bay and
Kildonan Church
Sunday 26 August
Worship will be conducted
by the minister, Rev Elizabeth
Watson, at 10.30am. Tea and
coffee will be served in the
transept immediately after
the service. Please stay and
enjoy more fellowship.
All most welcome
Kilmory Parish
Church
Sunday 26 August
Public Worship, 10am.
Public Service of dedication
of new burial ground. 4pm
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to the mid 16th century. It is
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ting and is well worth finding.
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Scottish Episcopal
Church (in full
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St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday 26 August 11am
Holy Communion.
Coffee after service.
Wednesday, 29 August
12.15 pm,
Holy Communion.
All welcome
Lamlash Church
Sunday 26 August
You are invited to worship
in Lamlash Church at 11 am.
Mr Alan Sauderson
All welcome

Arran Free Church
of Scotland
(continuing)
Sunday 26 August, 11am
Trust Housing Lounge, Glen
Estate, Brodick
Evening Service, 7pm
5 Glen Road, Brodick
Mr D McAlistier
All welcome
Arran Baptist
Church
Sunday 26 August
in the Ormidale Pavilion,
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Tea and coffee from 11.10
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John 8: 1-12
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Mary would like to thank all her
family & friends for the lovely gifts,
presents & cards given to her on her
birthday. The party was a great success.
Thanks to Mary Jo & Steve for the terrific
music, Catacol Bay Hotel for the catering
and special thanks to Melanie, Chrissie and
Janet for making the whole thing
extra special.

Faye would like
to thank everyone
who came to
her Glastonbury
themed birthday
party. Thank you
for all the lovely
presents and
cards.

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DEATH
CRAWLEY- GEORGE
It is with deep sorrow that the
family of George Crawley
(Jim) announce his passing
on 11th August. Beloved
Husband, Father and
Grandfather will be dearly
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# Greenkeepers get their shot on the greens

Last Tuesday greenkeepers from around the island took part in a special round of golf organised just for them at Lamlash Golf Course.

The Rigby Taylor sponsored golf day found the hard working greenkeepers of the island competing against each other in this biannual event, which sees a different club hosting the event every time.

The competition took the form of a Stableford and the staff of Machrie Bay Golf Club were victorious on the day with 71 points much to the delight of the team.

The sponsor, which is based in Newbridge, Edinburgh provides fertilisers and other necessary supplies for the greenkeepers to undertake their work.

Alastair Taylor, who was representing the firm at the competition said: 'We are just trying to put back into the clubs what they give to us.'

The staff of Rigby Taylor who came over for the event have described the golf courses on Arran as 'hard to beat' saying that the island has a lot of charm, some fantastic golf clubs and very friendly people. They also said a special thank you to the club for organising the good weather and for the marvellous condition of the greens.

Robert Crawford picked up an award for green etiquette, Jamie Duncan for biggest poser and Stevie Bunyan for 'breast stroke.'

The sponsors said they hope to hold the next competition at Machrie Bay Golf Club but there were a few cries of protest as there is no bar at the club.

## Full results

First Machrie Bay Golf Club, 2 Corrie Golf Club, 3 Lamlash Golf Club, 4 North Ayrshire Council, 5 Shiskine Golf Club, 6 Brodick Golf Club.



All of the greenkeepers with Alastair Taylor and David Carson of sponsors Rigby Taylor standing in front. b34g1f1

## Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf...

### Brodick Golf Club

Ladies: Tuesday 14 August. First August medal, 21 entries, SSS 67 and CSS 67.

First silver, P Reid (17) 64, 2 G McNicol (18) 65, 3 F Crawford (12) 66 BIH.

First bronze, K Kitson (22) 71, 2 L Trickett (35) 73, 3 T Martin (30) 74.

Monday August 20 was the final of the Ladies Island Championship between Jean Barclay and Sheena Murchie held at Brodick Golf Club.

Gents: Friday 10 August the John Lowe, Willie McNeil and Walter Gillan Memorial Quai-ch held over 36 holes.

Winner of the John Lowe Quai-ch was Campbell Laing and the Willie McNeil Quai-ch was Alan Barton from Hamilton. Dennis Hart also from Hamilton won the Walter Gillan Quai-ch. This was the twelfth successful year of the competition.

### AGA

Champion of Champions at Brodick Golf Club Friday 17 and Monday 20 August.

Friday's games were played in reasonable conditions apart from the midges with the course in superb condition. In the first game S Bunyan of Brodick beat R Logan of Corrie by two holes. In the second D MacFarlane of Lamlash beat J Stewart of Shiskine by four holes.

In the third H Bannatyne of Machrie Bay beat M Pennycott of Whiting Bay by one hole.

In the fourth E McKinnon Champion beat W Kelso Lochranza Castle by six holes.

The Monday games were played in excellent conditions with the course in good nick despite the weekend of rain. A number of spectators watched both matches and were treated to a fine exhibition of golf.

In the first game S Bunyan shot 63 for the 16 holes

completed and Euan 60 winning by 3 +2. In the second H Bannatyne shot 54 for the 14 holes completed and Dougie 49 = 2 under par of the course to win by 5 + 4. Setting up a repeat of last years final when Dougie scored 60 over 18 holes at Corrie and was beaten at the second extra hole. The Final Friday 24th August at Brodick Golf Club starting at 5.30p.m. Douglas MacFarlane v Euan McKinnon.

### Whiting Bay Golf

Wednesday 8 August. The Betty Black Cup 31 played, CSS 63. Alan Foggo (4)59 BIH, Danny Head (6)59 BIH, Bob Hastings (12)59. Scratch Alan Foggo, 63.

Magic 2s from Bob Hastings, Danny Head, Malcolm Pennycott, Peter Towndrow, John Dick and Craig Simpson.

Thursday 9 August, re-arranged Lifeboat Competition. 12 played. CSS 63. Nicol Auld (2)62, Gus MacLeod (12)63, Craig Simpson (6)64 BIH. Scratch was won by Nicol Auld with 64 and Peter Towndrow scored the only magic 2.

Wednesday 15 August. Summer Trophy 15 played CSS 62. Nicol Auld (2)59, Sandy Pringle (14)60, Gordon Provan (12)61 BIH. Nicol won scratch with his amazing 59; the first 59 ever shot round Whiting Bay golf course and only one shot away from the course

record! Magic 2s from David Morrison and Jamie MacPherson. Sunday 19 August. 10 played in the Sunday Medal. CSS 62. Gus MacLeod (12)59,

Jamie MacPherson (6)62 BIH, Ronnie Mann (11)62. Jamie MacPherson won scratch with 68 and there were magic 2s by Gus MacLeod and John Pennycott. **Fixtures:** Saturday 25 August, Ken Western Green-some at Brodick. Sunday 26 August, Medal Wednesday 29 August, Summer Trophy.

### Corrie Golf Club

Wednesday 15 August 1 A MacDonald 67-12=55, 2 D Logan 68-9=59, 3 A Cummings 77-17=60. **Fixtures:** Wednesday 29 August last Wednesday night medal. Tee off from 5.00pm.

Saturday 25 August AGA Ken Western Cup at Brodick. Sweep at Corrie at 1pm.

### Lamlash Golf Club

Gents: Thursday 16 August Summer Cup and Jim young Cup, 37 played CSS 67.

1 C Richardson 84-21=63, 2 I Murchie 69-4=64 BIH, 3 M Wallbank 84-19=65, 4 W Young 77-11=66. Best scratch I Murchie 69. Jim Young Cup won by C Richardson, METT 63. Sunday 19 August scratch cup 9 played CSS 63. 1 G Andrew 70-10=60, 2 J O'Sullivan 76-13=63. Best scratch I Murchie 71 BIH over I Bremner 71.

**Fixtures:** Saturday 25 August AGA Ken western at Brodick 9am and 1pm. Sunday 26 August medal shield at 9.30am and 1pm. Ladies: Wednesday 15 August Stroke, CSS 67 10 played. 1 S Murchie 80-12=68, 2 J McArthur 87-19=68, 3 J Hastings 92-23=69, E Jones 83-13=70.

### Shiskine Golf Club

Sunday 12 August Junior Club Championship, Donald McGillvray/Alexander Trophy.

**Semi Final:** S Gray beat M Zegleman, M Sherwood beat G Duthie. **Final:** Stewart Gray beat Mark Sherwood. Stewart is the winner of the Donald McGillvray and the Alexander Trophy. Well Done to Stewart for great golf in the Final.

Saturday 18 August Victory Shield (2): 1 K Gibson 51-8=43, 2 A Gray 51-4=47, 3 C Aitken BIH 54-6=48 BIH. Magic Twos: K Gibson.

A Kerr wins the victory Shield with his net 39 in July.

Sunday 19 August 12 Hole Medal: 1st Class 1 D Tod 43-3=40, 2 W Kelso 46-4=42, 3 B Sherwood 47-4=43 BIH.

2nd Class 1 M Sherwood 52-8=44 BIH, 2 R Green 57-13=44, 3 A Hart 57-11=46. Best scratch D Tod 43. Magic Twos: J Faulkner and A Napier. **Fix-ture:** Sunday 26 August Allan Maxwell Trophy.

### Machrie Bay Golf

Tuesday 14 August: Final Day of the Lady Mary/Peter Sutton. 1 Hamish Bannatyne 60, 2 Drew Crawford 62, 3 Willie Kelso 65. Two's & Scratch Hamish Bannatyne 65. Winner of Lady Mary Cup was Jenni Turnbull 49 BIH, Runner up Alice Anderson 49. Winner of Peter Sutton, Hamish Bannatyne 374, runner up Alan Jeffrey 379. **Fixtures:** Tuesday 28 August sweep 12.30pm tee-off. The Final Friday 24th August at Brodick Golf Club starting at 5.30p.m. D. MacFarlane v E. McKinnon.

### ALGU

The final of the Arran Ladies Golf Union championship was held at Brodick Golf Club on Monday 20 August.

Sheena Murchie beat Jean Barclay in an exciting final. Their golf was excellent, both ladies played very well.

Next meeting of ALGU: September 1 at Lamlash.



Mrs Lowe pictured with the winners of the John Lowe, Willie McNeil and Walter Gillan memorial quai-ch Campbell Laing, Alan Barton and Dennis Hart. b34g1f2

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## Keel boats race in second cup

The second running of the Isle of Arran Yacht Club's Commodores Cup for keel boats took place last Sunday.

The cup was presented to the club last year to commemorate the golden jubilee of the club by the then commodore.

Five boats set off in what was a light wind and an appropriately short course at 1pm heading north out of Lamlash Bay to find more wind as they reached the Hamilton Rock Buoy before turning Southwards to round Holy Isle and return to Lamlash with a beat into the wind from Kings Cross.

Wind shifts and holes added to the interest for the helms and it was Mike Booth and his family in the *Etchelle*, which took line, honours and eventually won on handicap.

Returning to shore after the race all the crews and the Officer of the Day were invited to help clear out Ann and Jim Gibson's drinks cabinet on their boat.

Many thanks to them as it finished off a perfect day especially after Saturdays rain.

The winner was Mike Booth with his crew of wife Elaine and children Chloe and Samuel.

In second place Ann and Jim Gibson and third was Ken McGeoch and Davy Boyle (who had to be dragged from his paper round).

Frank McVicar with Brian Boal and Harry Davidson were fourth and Peter McCalla and Paul Archer were the rear guard.



Mike Booth winner of the Commodores Cup with his crew members, wife Elaine and children Chloe and Samuel. b34sail1d

## Riding season draws to close

Arran Riding Club events will be drawing to a close shortly so this is just a brief reminder of what is still to come.

Sunday 2 September: Training Day with Doreen Mathie at the Mayish Field at 11am, contact Clair (302233) to book a place.

Friday 7 to Sunday 9 September: Adult Training Weekend with Yvonne Kerr BHSI, at Cairnhouse Stables, numbers are limited so please telephone Dawn (860466) or Liz (700552) for details and to book.

Friday 14 to Sunday 16 September: Pony Club Camp. Details and booking from Liz (700552)

Teen Training Days: dates to be confirmed.

Congratulations to all those who have taken part in the activities throughout the summer, from the youngsters competing in their very first show through to the veterans who are still learning (and hopefully improving). If you would like any information about the Club, or would like to become a member, please contact Liz on 700552.

## Brodick bowling

The President's Trophy competition will be played on Saturday August 25 at 2.15pm. Open to all members, a full turnout would be appreciated.

## Island's largest golf open is nearly closed

Next year's open at Lamlash Golf Club is almost fully subscribed - just two weeks after this year's was played.

The biggest open on the island always attracts many players and next year looks like being no exception.

This year the Sunday rounds had to be abandoned owing to torrential rain.

The club stopped play initially for an hour but when

the weather did not improve the remaining rounds were unfortunately cancelled. In the end only 49 golfers were able to compete on the day.

Club secretary Jim Henderson said: 'It was funny; the weather was so bad yet the players were sitting in the clubhouse already filling in their application forms for next year. The wet conditions didn't dampen our spirits.'

Jim said that he expected the Sunday evening presentation in the clubhouse to be quiet but was surprised to find the whole place was mobbed. There are still a handful of places left and if anyone would like to enter they can contact Jim on 600272 or by visiting the club's website at [www.lamlashgolfclub.co.uk](http://www.lamlashgolfclub.co.uk). The dates for the open are Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 August 2008.

## Steeds win Whiting Bay's Kiscadale

Kiscadale trophy winners Cathie and John Steed won the Kiscadale Trophy at Whiting Bay Bowling Club on Sunday afternoon. The contest is an annual event that allows visitors and club members to compete together. The open pairs competition saw 30 people taking part on three ends of the rink. John and Cathie won the trophy with a score of 23 and 22. The Kiscadale Trophy has been played at Whiting Bay since the 1970's and is always an enjoyable game in the summer. Cathie and John Steed are pictured with the Kiscadale Bowling Trophy on Sunday. b34bowl1



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## ALLAN MAXWELL GOLF DAY

at Shiskine Golf Club

Sunday 26th August

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