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# Community saddened by the demolition of historic building

'Lochranza is the jewel in Arran's crown and one of the gems has been stolen from before our very eyes'

The demolition of an historic building in the centre of Lochranza has caused indignation and fury amongst the close-knit village community.

In mid June, Fernside - a 130-year-old cottage - was knocked down by the new owner, a Mr Nick Bailey of Horsesham.

Neighbouring property owners, one of whom is a 95-year-old woman, received no prior notification of the demolition before it went ahead.

The Banner spoke to a number of residents about the impact the demolition has had on the village.

One resident said: 'Lochranza is the jewel in Arran's crown and one of those jewels has been stolen from before our very eyes.'

Another told us: 'It's completely and utterly shocking.'

**Permission**  
'I find it hard to accept that it can take some people years and years to get permission to make minor changes to their homes when an outsider can come in and demolish a house that has stood here for 130 years overnight.'

'How is that possible in this day and age?'  
Others voiced concerns

**REPORT**  
by JENNIFER LYON  
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about the precedent North Ayrshire Council has set here by allowing a building of such importance to be flattened.

A spokesman for the local authority explained that permission is not always needed when owners wish to remove buildings from their grounds.

**Planning Law**  
Robert Forrest, planning services manager for North Ayrshire Council, said: 'Under Scottish planning law, demolition is not deemed to be a development and does not require planning permission.'

'The council is required to determine whether the method of demolition and the treatment of the cleared site are acceptable.'

He added: 'An exception to this relates to Listed Buildings, which may need Listed Building Consent.'

'Fernside in Lochranza is not Listed and the owners submitted details on the demolition and subsequent site treatment which was found to be acceptable.'

Plans are now in place to build a one and a half storey house in its place.



An ugly space has now been left where Fernside used to sit; it is surrounded by other historic properties on both sides. 01\_b34fer03

## Summer's gone – it's Panto time again!

Lamlash impresario and drama queen Maureen Smith has contacted The Banner with an unusual list of vacancies.

She said: 'Temporary short-term employment is available with immediate start for the right people. Experience is not essential, as full instruction will be given.'

'Various positions are as set builders, scene painters, back-stage crew etc.'

'Yes, summer is over, and it's Panto time again.'

'As the nights draw in and temperatures drop, it's getting nearer to the time when sense flies out the window and I find myself agreeing to produce yet another Arran Pantomime.'

Twenty-six years ago it seemed fairly easy but now I will need to call on others to help with this mammoth task.

'If there are any of you willing to come and help in any way please come along next Monday 29 August to the theatre in Arran High School at 7.30pm.' Rehearsals will be on Mondays from 7.30 to 10pm.

Over the years Panto has become an institution in Lamlash and is now firmly a part of Christmas on Arran.

Maureen added: 'I always thought I'd end up in an institution! Oh no I won't - oh yes I will!  
'See you there next Monday - I can't do it without you.'

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# Harry Potter and the Secret of Lamlash Cemetery

The most successful author in the world has her roots right here on Arran.

J K Rowling, author of the Harry Potter children's books, was featured on the popular BBC television series *Who Do You Think You Are?* last Wednesday.

In the last 14 years she has sold 450million books worldwide and achieved considerable fame.

But her great-great-grandfather lies in the family grave in Lamlash cemetery. Reverend Colin Fisher Campbell lived at Dalruadh, Lamlash and was the minister of Kilbride parish from April 1844 to his

death on 31 July 1882.

He and his wife Annie had at least a dozen children, eight of whom are buried in Kilbride Cemetery, Lamlash. One of their sons, Dugald, was born in Lamlash in 1858 and left Arran to study medicine.

He qualified as a doctor and moved to London. Dr Dugald Campbell apparently had a liaison with a Mary Smith, bookkeeper at his Brixton surgery, and Freda Louise was their illegitimate daughter.

J K Rowling claims to have based the character of Aunt Madge in the Harry Potter

books on Freda Louise, who of course was her own grandmother.

The television programme concentrated on Ms Rowling's great-grandfather Corporal Louis Volant and his military service in France, but many of her maternal relatives were based here in Arran.

So, through five generations, the lineage of J K Rowling can be traced back to a humble Lamlash minister. The Harry Potter books are riddled with genealogy, so it seems ironic that the author's own family tree should lead back to Arran.



The family lair of J K Rowling's forebears, high above Lamlash. 02\_b34row01

## Community council to discuss island's roads

The island's Community Council is holding a special public meeting this Tuesday which will be attended by Mr Angus Bodie, head of the council's roads department.

The meeting is at Brodick Pavilion on August 30 at the earlier time of 6pm.

Roads will be the first item on the agenda; other items to be discussed include waste disposal on Arran and RET.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and make a contribution by arrangement with the chair.

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# Low-level street lighting urged for new housing

**REPORT**  
by HOWARD DRIVER  
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Over 50 local residents turned out last Thursday night for a public meeting about streetlights.

The venue was Shiskine village hall and the area in question was a future development of approximately 50 houses in Blackwaterfoot.

And the almost unanimous view was that low-level lighting would ensure safety but not cause excessive light pollution.

Councillor Margie Currie opened by saying: 'I have

been invited by Shiskine Valley Trust to chair the meeting and am not here to represent the Council.'

She also pointed out that NAC intends to review its policy towards lighting; the current standards were adopted in 2006.

Robert Waine presented a paper drawn up by himself and Neil Arthur. He pointed out: 'This development has already been agreed. As a community we have to decide what we feel about the impact of streetlighting and how it fits into the rural environment of Blackwaterfoot and Shiskine.'

After considerable discussion, the meeting considered four options to suggest to the council. Nobody voted for the two options of lighting similar that currently in the village or lighting with timing and dimming.

Five people wanted no lights at all, and the rest voted overwhelmingly for low level pavement-style lighting that would be safe but not pollute the environment. It was left that the Trust would approach NAC with the feelings of the community.

Later, Angus Bodie, Head of Infrastructure for NAC, told *The Banner*: 'While

street lighting levels are, to an extent, prescribed by law, we have decided to conduct a review to seek opportunities to establish a tailored rural and island lighting policy for North Ayrshire.

'During the course of this review, we will consider not only the safety of road users and different needs of urban and rural communities, but will also look at energy effi-

ciency options.

'We will discuss rural street lighting with road and community safety professionals as well as the emergency services.'

'We aim to compile a report outlining the findings of the review and any recommendations arising from it and will submit this for Elected Members' consideration later this year.'

## Music festival postponed due to 'unforeseen circumstances'

The Arran Rocks event that was scheduled to take place on the 24 and 25 September has been postponed.

Many ticket holders only found out about the rescheduling when the money was credited back to their bank accounts at the beginning of the week.

The beer and music festival, that we believe

was to be held at Cladach, is being organised by VisitArran and Arran Events in association with The Pot Still in Glasgow.

### New Date

The reason for the postponement was given simply as 'unforeseen circumstances' and a new date for the festival is due to be revealed today (Friday).

## MSP calls for VAT reduction to boost construction industry

Island MSP Kenneth Gibson has called on the UK Government to reduce VAT on construction industry in Arran, Ayrshire and across Scotland.

Mr Gibson said: 'Small construction firms are suffering due to the increase in VAT and cuts to capital investment, with Scotland's capital budget for this year slashed by a whopping 36percent. A VAT reduction to 5percent for the construction industry would provide the sector with a boost and encourage homeowners and businesses to invest in improvements.'

The call comes after the Office for National Statistics released figures showing that the UK economy grew by only 0.2percent in the second quarter of the year and only 0.7percent over the last 12 months. Although Scotland performed better than the UK as a whole, progress was sluggish.

The 'Cut the VAT coalition' is campaigning for VAT to be cut from 20percent to 5percent for all building repair and maintenance work. Similar action in France resulted in an increase in VAT revenue as costs fell significantly.'

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## Searching for grandfather

Joanne Sands has contacted *The Banner* from Lincolnshire to ask if anyone on the island has information about her ancestors.

She said: 'I wondered if you can help me. My grandad was born on the Isle of Arran in 1916 whilst his father was a keeper at a lighthouse on the island.'

'We have never known which one it was and wondered if your readers have access to any records which may help us find out.'

'His name was John Jelicoe Colwell, and he had a twin sister called Violet.'

'Their parents were George and Lily Colwell. They were born in August 1916, supposedly in a lighthouse or in the keepers' cottages.'

'It would be great if you could print a small piece in the Arran Banner to see if anyone knows of them or has access to records.'

Joanne can be contacted by email at joanne\_sands@sky.com or by contacting *The Banner* office.

## Hotel which is simply the best

The Best Western Kinloch Hotel in Blackwaterfoot has just been awarded a TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence for 2011.

Among the comments posted by guests are 'stayed here from 3 to 5 August and were really surprised by the hotel - our room was really big and spacious - lovely room with seaviews, friendly and helpful staff and fantastic local food.'

On behalf of the hotel, Tina McNeice said: 'This award is given when a rating of 4.0 stars has been achieved, awarded by the people who matter the most; the guests.'

## Rugby team back in action

Arran's senior rugby team play their first game of the season this Saturday in Brodick.

The cup tie against Mofat RFC will kick-off at the Ormidale Park sometime between 2pm and 2.30pm.

Please come along and support the team in their first senior game for two years!

## Binoculars lost at Lochranza

A small pair of Nikon Travelite black binoculars were lost on Sunday at the Lochranza pontoon area.

Please contact 830267 if found.

# George's tup finally gets to enjoy the limelight

George Tod of Balgowan exhibited the overall champion sheep at the Arran Show three weeks ago.

This was a special occasion with HRH The Princess Royal as special guest of honour

for the 175th Arran Farmers' Society Show at Glenkiln.

Many hundreds of photographs were taken during the day, but in the very hectic proceedings, George's tup missed out. Even the special-

ist livestock photographer from The Scottish Farmer overlooked the poor animal.

There was no photograph of the tup that took the Texel championship and went on to be judged overall champion

sheep, beating the champion Blackface, also exhibited by George, and the champion Leicester, Suffolk and Other Breeds sheep.

To rectify the situation, The Banner re-enacted the Show prizegiving last Saturday, so that there would be a souvenir photo of this special animal.

George bought Aman On-

llwyn Brace as a tup lamb at Lanark Auction mart on 21 August 2008. His pedigree shows that his dam was Tophill Kiwi and sire was Baltier Miles Better.

The Welsh name of this tup gives a clue to his origins. He was born on 13 February 2008 at the farm of J and G Y Davies, Pen-yr-heol, Rhydaman, South Wales.



George Tod with his Texel champion and overall champion sheep at the 175th Arran Show. 02\_b34tex02

## Logs fell off the back of a lorry

Three large logs fell off a timber lorry near Whiting Bay Primary School on Tuesday afternoon.

Reports suggest that the logs hit an overhanging branch of a tree outside St

Columba's old church next to the school.

No-one was injured and the timbers were quickly uplifted and the road cleared by contractor John Thomson and Sons.



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# Antiquarians Down Under

## The Australian Gold Rushes

Sixty-five members of the Arran Antiquarians had the great pleasure of welcoming a founder member of the Society, Dr Janice Gemmel, formerly of Brodick and now living in Wagga Wagga, Australia.

She gave a fascinating look at the 'Early Gold Rushes in South Eastern Australia'.

Following the Californian Gold Rush of 1849, the Australian Government offered a reward for anyone finding gold, and in 1851 Edward Hargraves did just that in an area west of Sydney in New South Wales.

Victoria became a State in 1851 and it was there that the largest deposits were found, making it a very rich State. Indeed, 80percent of the listed buildings in Australia are in Victoria. Suddenly, a country that had been populated by the indigenous Aborigines, convicts, their families and sheep farmers, became a Mecca for gold prospectors, most of whom were European, Americans and Chinese.

The British Government offered assisted passages, and in one week alone 2,500 Britons left Liverpool. The boat fare was £20 and the voyage took three months. Between 1852 and 1861 some 342,000 immigrants entered Australia.

On the ships conditions were cramped and food very basic, but the long voyage enabled men to develop friendships and form groups who would work together at the goldfields. On arrival in Melbourne they lived in a tented village - 'Canvas Town' - for which they paid a rent to the Government.

On reaching the mines after a two-week journey, they found conditions to be very primitive. Shelter was a makeshift tent, and food cooked on fires was very basic. Weather could be cold and wet, and in summer it was hot and dry and the men were plagued with insects and snakes.

The gold was found in creek beds, surface rocks and below ground. A licence to



Dr Janice Gemmel speaking to Arran Antiquarians. b34ant01

mine a plot was 30 shillings per month, and all sites were policed. Tradespeople and medical workers moved in. Sadly, the miners were overcharged for all services. Epidemics were rife in the early days.

Eventually women moved in to join their menfolk, and sites became cleaner and well ordered. Permanent homes were built and the whole family often worked a claim. Neonatal and childhood mor-

tality was high.

The Chinese miners disembarked in Sydney and were happy to work discarded claims, often successfully. Racial tensions arose between the Chinese and Caucasian miners, and this persists even now. The Chinese miners often settled and became market gardeners and tobacco farmers.

Few miners made a fortune, but made enough to start a new business and a new life.

One local footnote - forebears of a Brodick family

- Neil and Margaret MacMillan, with their seven children, left Thunderguy in 1862. Neil was a fisherman. Two years later, when their eighth child was born, Neil had a mining claim. Eventually he built a house and became a dairyman, although he still went to the goldfields from time to time. He built further houses, and in 1908 moved to live with his daughter, dying in 1970 aged 97. His family settled there, raised families and his surviving dynasty is still in Australia to this day.

## Help to clear up fly tipping

Fly tipping is anti-social behaviour.

That is the message from North Ayrshire Council. When charges were introduced last year for special uplift of household items on Arran and across North Ayrshire, there were fears that it could lead to an increase in illegal fly tipping by irresponsible residents.

Now a new fund offering grants of between £500 and £10,000 has been launched to help local communities tackle fly tipping by providing them with cash to remove dumped waste and take steps to prevent future problems.

This is open to community groups, landowners and land managers who experience persistent problems of fly tipping.

Councillor Tom Barr, NAC portfolio holder for the environment, said: 'There is no doubt that fly tipping is a problem which the whole of Scotland faces, and North Ayrshire is no different.'

'We already see local groups working with the support of the Council to clean up their communities. Any assistance that these groups and landowners can get has to be welcomed.'

For more information, contact [www.dumbdumpers.org/flytipping](http://www.dumbdumpers.org/flytipping) The closing date for applications is Friday 9 September.

## Open day at Dougarie

The open garden day at Dougarie Lodge last Wednesday raised an amazing total of £1,288, despite rain in the middle of the afternoon to dampen down proceedings.

The funds are to go towards the Red Cross Transport and Escort Service on the island. The committee is very grateful to everyone who went along and supported this vital service on a day of mixed weather.

## Open Gardens 2012

Arran Horticultural Society is hoping to organise an Open Garden Event on the island on 17 and 18 June 2012.

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# Fish Heads tour wows a Whiting Bay audience

There was a very rare and special night to be had in Whiting Bay Hall last Wednesday at the 'Fish Heads Club' gig.

Fish, former lead singer with top band Marillion, was accompanied by Frank Usher and Foss Paterson on guitar and keyboard on this first leg of his Scottish west coast tour. And the hall was packed.

Fish, real name Derek W Dick, came over to the island a couple of days before the gig as he really wanted to find out more about the island, the people, and in particular, because of his love of diving and marine conservation, he wanted to find out more about what the people at COAST are doing.

During his short time on the island, he was impressed and this was evident in the repartee and banter that we experienced from him in between songs.

The concert was about so much more than just the fantastic music heard in an intimate setting; it was an entertaining evening full of his observations as a poet, author, actor and musician.

Local band The Usual Suspects opened proceedings with Andy Surridge on guitar, Andy McCallum on bass, Robin Fisher on drums and Jon Hollingworth on keyboards.

The audience were not necessarily Marillion or Fish fans

but he soon had them on his side with some fantastic renditions of old favourites such as 'Punch & Judy' and 'Gentleman's Excuse Me' before going into 'possibly the only track that most folk had heard of - 'Kayleigh' followed by a stunning 'Lavender'.

Jon Hollingworth of Arran Events said: 'He even volunteered to draw the raffle (there's something I never thought I'd see!) before ending his set with his view of today's world - the depressing but honest 'Fugazi'.

'It was a privilege for all of us at Arran Events to arrange that evening - many thanks to all who came. Next special guest?!



The Fish Heads Club on stage; Frank Usher on guitar, Fish on vocals, and Foss Paterson on keyboards. 02\_b34fish02

## Open Studio events could be coming to Arran

A new type of artistic retail experience is sweeping the country in the form of Open Studio events - and the phenomenon has reached Arran.

Several regions in Scotland already operate this facility whereby artists and craftspeople open their studios to the public.

This allows the general public that privileged access to 'the Studio', the inner sanctum of the artist's/crafts-person's life.

Local artists Josephine Broekhuizen and Sarah Cook are hoping to organise an Open Studio on Arran next year.

Josephine said: 'It allows people to see work in progress in its natural environment and to buy directly from the studio, allowing people to possess an art/craft work more fully.'

'The knock-on effect has visitors staying at B&Bs, repairing to local restaurants, tearooms and coffee shops to discuss further what they have seen with family and friends.'

She added: 'The visitors then pass the word on to friends that beautiful things can be seen in interesting environments against the backdrop of the beautiful island and the artists of course, benefit directly from sales and that all-important exposure.'

Spring Fling, Highlands Open Studios, Forth Valley Open Studios, Angus Open Studios are but a few of the many events that already exist, and it is hoped that Arran Open Studios may become part of that growing movement.

Arran is already known to be a hotbed of artistic creativity, so if you are interested in taking part, please email your details to: pomeroyarts@supanet.com or cook.lloyd@btinternet.com or if you prefer, phone Josephine on 600287 or Sarah on 700615.

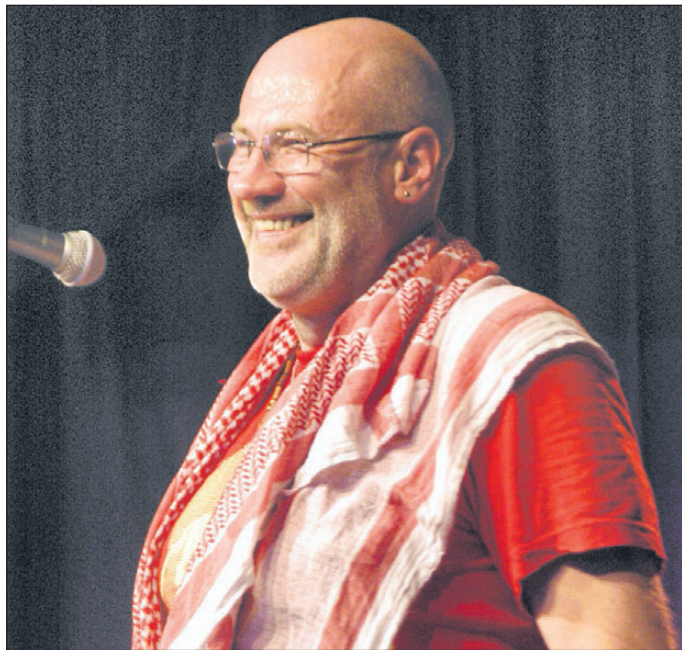
Remember, the more makers who take part, the fuller the experience all round for artists and visitors alike.

### Summer Bridge

Results of the summer bridge tournament on Monday 22 August were:

N/S 1 Tricia Martin and Alison Bilsland, 2 Jan Beattie and John Baraclough, 3 Peter Thomson and Jennifer McArthur.

E/W 1 Evelyn Sillars and Margaret McGill, 2 Brenda Livingstone and Morag Gardner, 3 Liz McKellar and Isobel McArthur.



Fish had the Whiting Bay audience spellbound.

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## Translated from Norwegian

Anne Bruce of Corrie, who retired three years ago from her post as head teacher at a secondary school on the mainland, has gone back to her lifelong interest in Norway to brush up her skills as a translator.

Now she has had two novels published by Scottish company Sandstone Press, one of which, a crime thriller called 'Dregs', was launched at Waterstones bookshop in Princes Street, Edinburgh, during the Edinburgh Book Festival.

Both the author, a policeman from Larvik, who has published five previous books in his William Wisting series

in his native Norway, and the translator, were present at the very busy launch event. The book was shortlisted for the prestigious Riverton Prize in Norway this year, and was Crime Book of the Month in the national Norwegian Bookclub.

The launch took the format of a question and answer session, with Anne quizzing 'her' author on his writing, how he uses his police background to get ideas for his plots, and how important links with the press have become in modern police work.

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# New school starts for Arran's primary one youngsters



Daisy Innes and Rhiannon Gardiner with teacher Mrs Farquhar at Pirnmill Primary School. 01\_b34pir01

The new school term started last Wednesday and with it came a whole raft of excited new primary one pupils.

Most of them are already well versed in the school ways having attended Nursery School for two years but it is still a big step for them all.

With just 33 joining the island's schools this year, it is one of the smallest intakes for quite sometime.



Starting Primary One at Kilmory Primary School were Isabelle Buckby, Scott Murray and Rosie McKelvie. 01\_b34kil01



The primary one class at Lamlash Primary School; Theo Nicholson, Oscar Inglis, Jake McAlister, Keira Willis, Isabella Reid, Leroy George Jones, Emma Girbow, Caitlin McGarry, Hamish Campbell and Jakub Miemezyk. 01\_b34lam01

Joining Shiskine Primary School is Lily Currie, Lewis Campbell, Archie Gunaydi, Abbey Stewart and Beth McCarthy. 01\_b34shi01



Sophia Holmes and Bracken Raynar with their teacher Mrs Boyle at Corrie Primary School. 01\_b34cor01



With Mrs McAllister at Whiting Bay Primary School are Rhys Jackson, Patryk Gwizdowski, Catie MacArthur, Kade McPhee, Eden Robertson and Ben Worthington. 01\_b34whi01



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Alfie Robinson, Kyle Farquhar, Yonglin Zhu, Reece Ferguson and Isla Agnew at Brodick Primary School. 01\_b34bro01

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# A busy time for Rotarians

Isle of Arran Rotary Club had very popular stalls at the Farmers Show and the Highland Games, and thanks to the generosity of people, made more than £650.

Farmers Show chairman Ken Bone is also a Rotarian and had the honour of showing Princess Anne round the show.

Much of the money collected on the island goes to island groups or individuals, often to help young people.

Next month Arran Rotarians will be hosting a group

of people who have won Rotary International Scholarships and are coming here from Chile. This is not just a holiday, but a learning experience and so plans have been made for people to visit those from whom they will benefit in their own careers and compare the ways in Chile with those in Arran.

Much of Rotary is about fellowship and fun. We often have speakers some of whom are from within the group. One such talented speaker was George McCormack who entertained us on Tuesday evening. When told he was going to talk about chaos we thought that this was a strange subject for George who is well known for his sense of humour as well as his wide knowledge.

However, we learned, with much laughter, about the theory of chaos and some of us are still talking about it.

If anyone is interested in finding out more about Arran's Rotary club, please phone Mairi Christie on 600479 or any other member.



Rotarians Jim Lees, David Gray, George Christie and Tony Wall on duty at the Arran Show. b34rot01

## Evening of swing and jazz

The swinging and multi talented Carlops Jazz Band gave an unusual and successful concert in Lochranza village hall last Saturday night.

The seven piece band hail from the small village of Carlops, near Penicuik, and comprise double bass, drums, keyboard, three saxophones and a clarinet.

Their sound was quite unique and rarely heard on Arran. Most of their numbers were from the 1930s, 40s and 50s, with a few exceptions such as Night in Tunisia and Take Five.

It took the audience on a nostalgic trip through pre-war and post-war big band era.

Leader Colin Hall was an excellent alto sax player, and the band's wide repertoire gave an enjoyable evening of real swing and jazz. HR.

# From tractor operator to owner 50 years on

When Colin Hutton's Massey Ferguson won first prize at this year's Arran Farmers' Show it was the culmination of a lifelong dream to own the tractor he'd worked on as a youngster.

After 49 years on the island, Colin finally tracked down



Forty-nine years on, Colin Hutton was reunited with the Massey Ferguson he worked on at Bellvue Farm, Sliddery in the 1960s. b33tra01NO

the tractor in April 2009 and after a year's worth of restoration the Massey Ferguson is now back to its original condition.

Colin told The Banner that it was while at the funeral of lifelong friend, Libby Cook, in April 2009 that he finally rediscovered the tractor.

He said: 'Whilst chatting to some old friends about the good old days, the subject of tractors came up and I told them that I had just completed the restoration of a 'little grey Fergie' and that I was looking for a Massey Ferguson 35 three cylinder model as a future restoration project.'

In the course of the conversation, one of Colin's friends, Alistair Yates of Kildonan, revealed that he had one that originally belonged to John McAllister of Bellevue, Sliddery.

'You can imagine how sur-

prised Alistair was when I recited the registration number SJ 2209,' said Colin. 'Unbeknown to him, I had worked for John between 1960 and 1962 and had used the tractor extensively during that time.'

John McAllister bought the tractor new from Hamilton Brothers, Paisley in April 1960.

Years later it was sold to John Stewart at Craigend, Kildonan before going on to Alistair Yates.

The next day Colin went to see the tractor and took it for a drive: 'It started first time and drove reasonably well but needed a fair bit of TLC. I made Alistair an offer there and then but he told me it wasn't for sale.'

Some months later, he went back to Kildonan and presented Alistair with a more

tempting offer.

Colin said: 'It took another week before he reluctantly accepted with one proviso that, when restored, I bring it back to the Arran Show where it was shown in 1960 along with two other identical models for Robbie McBride, Shannoche and Charlie McAllister, Sliddery.'

So after 49 years on the island Colin brought it back to

his home in Lochwinnoch.

Colin added: 'I drove the tractor around the Southend to the Farmers' Show at Lam-lash where it raised a few eyebrows among those who know it in its previous life.'

'After the show, where I took the first prize in the vintage tractor section, I drove it back over the Ross Road to Kildonan thus circumnavigating the south of the island.'

## Jazz Café Band

Arran's Jazz Café Band will be playing at the Drift Inn in Lam-lash today, Friday from 8.30pm to 11.30pm. All welcome.

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## Arran's buildings must be kept safe

This week a rare house designed by the architect of Guildford cathedral has featured in the news because its future is under threat.

It is endangered because the rules on VAT make it more profitable for the owners to replace it with a new building than restore it.

Buttinghill in West Sussex, was built by Sir Edward Maufe in 1933, while he was working at Guildford.

Replacing the house with a new one will be expensive – but it will still be cheaper than a renovation, as VAT could add as much as £100,000 to the final cost.

You might wonder why on earth we're talking about a house in West Sussex but it's because the scandal of VAT is affecting properties on Arran too.

VAT is chargeable on house restoration, but not on new houses.

So restoring Buttinghill will put around £90,000 into the Chancellor's pocket, eliminating much of the possible profit on the operation. By contrast, a new house attracts no tax.

It is easy to see then why the new owner of Fernside in Lochranza demolished a perfectly sound, albeit old, house in favour of a new build. But this does not make the loss of the building any easier to bear.

Fernside was situated at the heart of one of the island's most picturesque villages. It was built as part of a row of houses in the 1870s that have since then provided a home for the village grocers shop, the Co-operative, the Bank of Scotland and of course the Free Church.

By removing Fernside the owners have left a gaping big hole in the centre of the village and angered the small community who live there.

There have been other notable demolitions that have left island residents reeling. The Whitehouse Hotel in Lamlash and the Rock Hotel in Blackwaterfoot were both bulldozed over 20 years ago and nothing put in their place. And the Breadalbane Hotel in Kildonan was flattened three years ago to make way for houses, which have yet to be built.

Tax relief in its present form arguably encourages works to be carried out in a less sensitive manner, which is slightly perverse in view of the government's public commitment to preserving our national heritage.

Nationwide planning regulations also mean that it can take up to four years for some people to get permission for small changes to a property while an historic building can be demolished overnight. Many things beyond our control are changing on Arran so let's do what we can to save the island's heritage from destruction.

### 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



### Helping hand

Sir,  
In light of the front page article The Banner ran last week, on a local organisation's need for volunteers, may I let people know that Arran Community and Voluntary Service is here to help volunteers and voluntary organisations.

We receive enquiries from people with spare time to offer, but who might not know what opportunities are available, and we are happy to help find the right project for them.

If there are groups looking for volunteers, or potential volunteers looking for opportunities, we may be able to help.

We can be contacted on 600611.

Yours,  
**Morag Campbell**  
Arran Community and Voluntary Service

### A different David

Sir,  
In the August 13 issue of The Banner there was a letter from a David Freeman relating to the cancelled Arran Triathlon.

Several people mistakenly thought it had come from me.

My opinion of this is similar to Sergeant MacKay and Margie Currie. Arran is not a suitable venue for such an event.

I am an Arran cyclist of 25 years and a past Arran event organiser.

Yours,  
**Dave Freeman**  
26 Murray Crescent  
Lamlash

### RIP Fernside

Sir,  
It seems incredible that a village landscape in Arran can be altered overnight; a 130-odd-year-old cottage demolished, and the remains spirited away leaving...a gap at its very centre.

This can be done without care or fear of interference or inconvenience from the local authority or anyone else.

To all those who want to add a little, or change a minute detail in their historic (sic) building, there are jumps,

hoops and the cost of the local authority process of planning, building control etc.

If, however, you want to knock your property down - got the cash? Go ahead. Silence. My castle!

Money matters, Buy a property, change a village.

If there had been a riot and the building had been sacked, can you imagine the outrage, indignation, anger and retribution?

No riot required on Arran, just a load of cash and the dream of a new holiday home?

It seems ironic that at one end of Lochranza, a resident young couple are restoring a similarly aged cottage.

Rebuilding the interior whilst maintaining the integrity of both the building and the village landscape.

Meanwhile, at the very centre of the same village another cottage, which no doubt required a bit of TLC, has been destroyed.

This really is a sad, pathetic and unhealthy state of affairs and someone should be feeling ashamed. But I suspect not.

RIP Fernside.

Yours,  
**Name and address supplied**

### Island ambassador

Sir,  
Regarding the letter from Toni Goodstein about food stalls at both the Arran Show and the Highland Games.

Taste of Galloway is my family and we have lived here for 16 years! Chirstie, my daughter, came to the island at the tender age of 14 and fell in love with both the people and their produce straight away.

She is well known within the local community.

All her produce for sale on both days came from the Island producers; the rolls were from Wooleys the Baker, the chutney from Arran Provisions, the milk from Arran Dairies, the two generators on hire from Sliderry Supplies, even the petrol was from Whiting Bay Garage!

Staff were family except one, who herself is a beautiful island girl. Many of our stock reared here on the island

are butchered by Chirstie.

Chirstie went to great lengths to ensure everything on her stall was from Arran.

She is a true ambassador for this beautiful island and extols its virtues to all and sundry on the mainland.

Arran is where she and her husband would live given the chance, but like many young people nowadays, she has had to go to the mainland in order to fulfil her dream of returning here some day, permanently.

She was extremely grateful for the opportunity to give service to Arran and it's wonderful people and worried terribly if she would be successful in doing so.

She is friendly with a good few of the other stall holders who said that their trade had been good on the day and were very pleased all round.

Yours,  
**Christine Paterson**  
Glenree  
Ross Road

### Ferry discussions

Sir,  
In last week's paper Councillor Currie nicely described the composition of the ferry committee and its perceived function.

In that process she has highlighted a glaring and important omission.

However, before levelling criticism, it should be remembered that this is a committee composed of nominees from specified groups and therefore cannot be truly representative of community views. This is despite its chosen title.

The suggestion of representation is reinforced by the fact that the proper and statutory voice of Arran, the Community Council, instead of initiating discussions with the ferry company, as they are so authorised, have accepted a single seat in an 'unofficial' association thus lending further credence to an unelected group.

The greatest omission from the groups mentioned by Mrs Currie is that of the young people of Arran.

This must be the island's most important group of all.

Successive Scottish Governments have set down priori-

ties/commitments to advance the country's needs and ensure maximum opportunities for its people and especially our young people.

These aims and objectives have been accepted and put into practice by all 32 local authorities.

Young Scots are now offered new and exciting opportunities to advance their education and prospects except for those on Arran who are unable to attend College/University on a daily basis.

This is entirely due to an inappropriate ferry timetable that is based on what is now a diminishing tourist trade and a casual users market.

The young people of Bute, Cumbrae and Argyll can be at college/university at the start of the school day.

Why should our people suffer discrimination?

The quickest and simplest solution would seem to be a reversal of the present timetable.

The voice of Arran's young people is not being heard and probably will not until the Community Council starts fighting on their behalf.

Doing nothing is not an option!

Yours,  
**Ian McCallum**  
Whiting Bay

### Red squirrels

Sir,  
We read with interest Reuben Brown's Nature Notes in a recent issue of The Banner, particularly his reference to the term 'bun' being used historically for a squirrel.

We have recently returned to the UK from a conference at the University of Victoria in British Columbia, Canada.

Before crossing to Vancouver Island for the conference we were in conversation with a restaurant waitress who had studied at that university.

She informed us that it was a beautiful campus (true) and that it was full of 'bunnies'.

We were expecting therefore to see lots of rabbits, instead we saw no rabbits but numerous grey squirrels.

Perhaps the term 'bun' for a squirrel only died out in the UK in the 1500s and is alive

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and well on the other side of the pond?

Yours,  
**Ian and Jenny Price**  
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### Wartime Lamlash information sought

Sir,  
I'm not sure if anyone on the island can help but I am looking for information about some family members who spent some time in Lamlash during the Second World War - 1941 to 1945 to be precise.

I have tried looking for primary school records but they seem to have disappeared.

If anyone remembers anything about Sid Edwards,

Petty Officer on the 'Troubador', his wife Vi Edwards and children Ronald, Colin and Thelma I would love to hear from you.

Even the smallest details would be great to hear!

Yours,  
**Jenni Lucas**  
Via facebook

### Police deserve support

Sir,  
Recent events demonstrate that the police have a difficult job keeping the peace and apprehending lawbreakers.

We leave the responsibility to them and however they respond to unforeseen actions they get criticism for being too soft from some and too

hard by others. They deserve support and help from all law-abiding citizens.

Yours,  
**Name and address supplied**

### Employees not volunteers

Sir,  
In this week's edition there was a reference to the ferry desk on the boat being manned all summer by *volunteers*, to which I have had many diverse comments.

The team of five desk staff are all employed and remun-

erated by VisitArran, at considerable cost, and funded purely by the 75+ island participating businesses subscriptions, to give the tourists a warm welcome and provide valuable tourist information.

The desk has been manned every day since the beginning of the season, and will continue to be manned over the winter on the busier sailings.

Yours,  
**Claire Richardson**  
Operations and  
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**Mark Clarke made the trip to Arran as he continues his quest to visit the highest point within every original county boundary in the UK.**

## Climber's challenge brings him to Arran

**By David Kelso**  
Man-on-a-mission Mark Clarke reached another important landmark in his life last week when he scaled Goatfell. The Londoner made the trip to Arran with his wife Alex as he stepped up his quest to visit the highest point within every original county boundary in the UK. And his ascent of the island's loftiest peak left him with just three locations to tick off - Hill of Stake in Renfrewshire, Lancashire and Merionethshire in Wales. Mark, who was staying at Darven Cottage B&B in Sannox, explained: 'There are 85 historic counties in Britain, of which 33 are in Scotland.'

'I began my mission two years ago and by the time I complete the set, hopefully

in October, I will have made about 50 separate journeys from London.

'By my reckoning I will have climbed some 100,000 feet and walked 500 miles.

'To my knowledge only one other person has done the same thing,' Mark, who works in the financial sector, added: 'I thoroughly enjoyed my trek up Goatfell - the weather was a bit mixed, but some of the views were amazing.'

'I also think that Arran as a whole is one of the most beautiful and interesting places I have visited.' In addition to seeking out the high points, Mark also tries to collect a jar of locally produced honey from each county - however he was unable to track down any on the island.

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# Charity fashion extravaganza



‘We have raised £1,200 all of which will be put to supporting cancer patients on Arran’

A creative young student from Shiskine proved that second-hand clothes still have life in them when she organised a charity fashion show last Wednesday night.

Nineteen-year-old Eilidh Kerr is a student at Robert Gordon University in Aberdeen.

She used clothes from the ArCaS shop in Brodick to dress her models as they strutted their stuff on the catwalk at Shiskine Golf Club.

Eilidh needed experience in fashion show management for her course over the summer holidays so she decided to hold her very own event – raising £1,200 for ArCaS in the process.

Mary Kirkwood, chairman of ArCaS, said after the show that she was overwhelmed by the success of the event.

‘Eilidh has done a wonderful job organising a fantastic

event,’ she said. ‘We have raised an incredible £1,200 tonight, all of which will be put towards a very good cause, supporting cancer patients on Arran.’

When the audience arrived they were treated to champagne and nibbles as they eagerly anticipated the start of the show.

### Exciting

The evening began with an exciting range of daywear modelled by willing – and in the case of young Donald Bannatyne, not so willing – volunteers.

There was a break for teas and coffees delicious home-baking and young Ali Milesi of Whitefarland stunned the crowds with a truly fabulous acoustic set of well-known songs.

The second half of the show then focused on evening wear and it was amazing to see the

beautiful dresses that can be bought from ArCaS – many of them never worn.

Carole Stewart and Liz Kerr glided down the catwalk in pretty summer dresses before

Fiona Crawford and Alice Anderson paraded a lovely collection of women’s golfing wear.

Deborah Robertson, Jenna Wood, Rebecca Coulthard, and Eilidh Kerr modelled some of the latest fashions while Sheila Gilmore and Jenni Turnbull strutted their stuff in smart casual clothes.

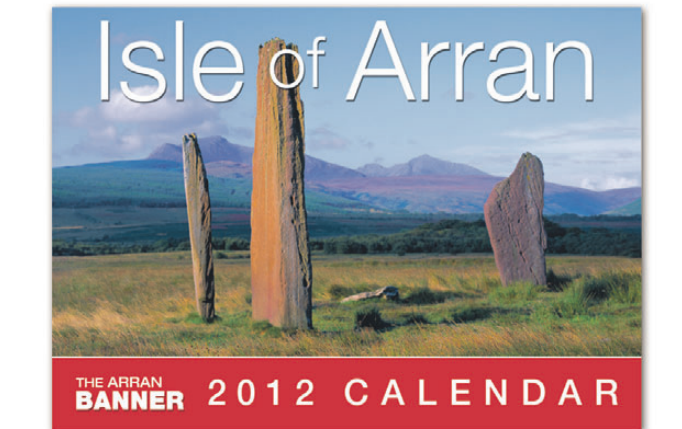
For the men - Willie Robertson, Donald Bannatyne, Gator and Sandy Kerr and Gordon Stewart – there was a range of smart shirts and trousers for the man about town.

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The Wild Myrtles performing at the McLellan Festival in September 2009. 02\_b39fes02

# McLellan Arts Festival line up for 2011

This year's McLellan Arts Festival promises something for everyone.

Beginning on Friday 2 September at the Ormidale Glasshouse, Scottish poet Alexander Hutcheson will read and entertain, supported by local poets Cicely Gill, Tim Pomeroy, Alison Prince,

David Underdown and Jason Watts with music from the splendid Wild Myrtles, the female vocalists group who wowed us all two years ago.

This is followed on Saturday morning with a poetry workshop in Corrie Hall and, in the evening, another chance to hear the Wild Myrtles and some great local talent at the famous Corrie Hall Ceilidh as well as a splendid supper.

On Sunday, students from the Royal Northern College will sing at a special service in Corrie Church with a McLellan reading by John Sillars.

Treats in the week include a fascinating evening of film in Corrie Hall on Thursday 8 September when you can see a montage of film taken on Arran from 1930 onwards and edited by Ed O'Donnolly. A real glimpse into the Arran of the past.

On Friday there will be a

Gala Concert in the Community Theatre, Lamblash by the students of the Royal Northern College – promising to be as stunning a performance as last year – and, this year, accompanied on the new and magnificent grand piano gifted by Colin Guthrie and the Arran Community.

Finally, on Saturday, an Arran choir will provide the chorus for The Mozart Requiem with soloists from the Royal Northern College. (There is still time to join the chorus – phone Margaret Wright 700384 for information.)

More news next week but see advert in this Banner for details of times, venues and costs. All events are free for children and young people at school and some events, including the poetry night and the film night are free.

Tickets for Opera gala and Requiem are available at the Book and Card Centre.

## Goodbye Bracken

Bracken, one of the most well-known dogs on the island, has passed away.

This gentle giant of a Bernese Mountain dog died peacefully at the weekend.

Owners George and Mairi Christie said: 'We would like to thank Malcolm who eased his departure with such sensitivity and kindness. We would also like to thank all who knew Bracken and gave him so much happiness. He loved his friends, especially the children who played with him.'

'He gave so much to so many, especially those who had problems which he seemed to be able to ease.'

'Thank you Bracken. You were full of fun and exceptionally sensitive to human feelings. Smudge adored you and rarely left your side when you became ill.'

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Bracken, the famous Bernese Mountain dog. b34bra01

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The Enterprise Growth fund will assist you by providing grant funding of up to 50% of your anticipated expenditure. You can apply by arranging an interview with Derek Shand. He'll ask you to fill out an application form supported by estimates and specification of what you are going to do. Present these forms to Derek Shand and he will ensure that, providing your application is within the fund guidelines, which will be explained at the interview, you get a speedy reply.

Currently we still have funds available and would be really happy to help you in your endeavours to ensure your business. If you would like to find out about the fund call Derek Shand on 01770302676 or e-mail [arranshand@googlemail.com](mailto:arranshand@googlemail.com).

### The Importance of Business Planning

No matter where you are in your business life time you should always make plans for where you and your business are going to go next. You may just be at the starting line, or planning to grow your business, make it more sustainable or maybe even retire. Whatever your aspirations are, you have to plan.

On [www.bgateway.com](http://www.bgateway.com) there are several really good applications and templates which will help you.

If you are an existing business consider doing a Growth Action Plan this will produce a report which will show you what your business is doing properly and what parts of your business need your attention,

you can also produce a checklist to ensure you attend to all of the weaknesses or reinforce the good behaviours.

If you are a business start-up then business planning is your most important action, you have to plan every step of your way to ensure that you take what risk you can away from your business and produce a plan which will encourage your participation in your business and ensure that you are investor ready for banks and other entities who may want to support you.

A properly constructed plan will give your business a good foundation and enable you to plan year on year.

### Investment Markets – Where should investors be looking?

Many Islanders, as prudent investors, have faced an increasing challenge since the financial crisis. The subsequent global banking and economic crisis left many investors wondering whether they should sell equities and invest in traditionally safer asset classes such as cash, corporate bonds or gilts.

Fixed interest assets form a key part of a diversified investment portfolio and there are still opportunities to be found in both investment grade and non-investment grade bonds. Historically demonstrating lower volatility than equities, fixed interest securities, in the form of gilts and corporate bonds, offer an alternative source of income yet still provide the

potential for capital growth over the longer term.

If you haven't already, it would be well worth reviewing your holdings to see if you are overexposed to any asset class or classes. Diversification across different assets and getting the balance right are vital. If you would like a complimentary review, or wish to receive a free guide (Wealth Management, Retirement Planning or Inheritance Tax Planning) produced by St. James's Place Wealth Management, contact Sandra Fowley, Partner of St. James's Place Wealth Management on 07599 752 502 or by email: [sandra.fowley@sjpp.co.uk](mailto:sandra.fowley@sjpp.co.uk) or visit [www.sandrafowley.com](http://www.sandrafowley.com)

### Ayrshire Business Awards Open for Entries

The Ayrshire Business Awards, sponsored by Business Gateway in partnership with the Ayrshire Local Authorities, is a great opportunity for local businesses to demonstrate excellence and gain widespread recognition for their achievements.

Businesses of all sizes and sectors are invited to submit applications to one or more of the 10 categories. It's FREE to enter, so what are you waiting for?

The categories are Best Environmental Performance, Excellence in Customer Service, Tourism Award, Ayrshire Family Business of the Year, Investors in Education, Health at Work, Most Promising New Business, Outstanding Performing Business with under 25 employees, Outstanding Performing Business with more than 25 employees, and Rural Enterprise.

To download an application form visit [www.ayrshire-chamber.org/businessawards.asp](http://www.ayrshire-chamber.org/businessawards.asp). The closing date for entries is 29th August.

Winners will be announced at a glittering awards dinner in Irvine's Gables Hotel, hosted by Kaye Adams.

Book tickets at [www.ayrshire-chamber.org/eventdetails.asp?eid={572C59C6-F7AC-45A2-B80A-084FBB747040}](http://www.ayrshire-chamber.org/eventdetails.asp?eid={572C59C6-F7AC-45A2-B80A-084FBB747040}) or for more information call 01292 678666.

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### A Helping Hand: Business Mentoring Scotland

Lorna Mercer, from the Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce's Business Mentoring Scotland scheme, on how their services could help more island businesses.

'Business Mentoring Scotland' was launched on Arran in 2010, and since then we've managed to match 15 companies with a business mentor, meeting monthly to discuss business strategies and plans for growth.

Jane Mack of the The Arran Team, Property Management Specialists based, would recommend the mentoring project saying "I found the business mentoring programme to be very useful as it has enabled me to understand my costs better, plan more efficiently and has resulted in an increase in my portfolio of clients."

Vicki Hudson of The Secret Garden Gallery, Lochranza, also found the experience invaluable. "My mentor, Susan, travelled over to see me several times where we would converse for 2 or 3 hours, inbetween times she would phone me. Following discussions with my mentor I am more confident to make the changes I set out to do. She made me see sense about taking deposits and also suggested the importance of keeping a work diary to help keep to timelines, both of which make a positive difference to the way I manage my business. Susan was great, she was the perfect person for me as her approach to business is holistic. I feel more confident,

and more in charge of my business than I did before, and am starting to enjoy what I'm doing again."

We are now pleased to announce that due to continued funding from HIE we have the go-ahead to offer a further group of businesses the services of the project. You can have an individual business mentor for a period of one year – completely free of charge! Every Scottish business with aspirations for growth is eligible.

The process is simple – a local exec would meet with you for a chat about what skills, experience and background you would need in a mentor, then search the project database of over 500 mentors for most suitable and give you their contact details to arrange to meet up. After this meeting, you decide if this mentor could be helpful to you, if not we would seek another.

Please have a look at the website [www.businessmentoringScotland.co.uk](http://www.businessmentoringScotland.co.uk) for more info on the project and to read some case studies to see how worthwhile other companies have found the experience.

Lorna Mercer, Business Mentoring Executive (Ayrshire/D&G) 01292 670 158 [lmercer@businessmentoringScotland.org](mailto:lmercer@businessmentoringScotland.org)

### Building a Home Online

Judy Draycott on how Derek helped her business.

In today's world of business you have to keep up with technology and think outside the box. This time last year I was working for an island estate agency. Soon after my departure I was contacted to sell a client's property, then another approached me and soon it was three. It's not as easy to set up an agency as some folk would think. Any good estate agent would have to be a member of the Property Ombudsman scheme for starters. Then there's insurance, advertising, membership to other bodies to display the properties on their website, such as Zoopla, and of course you need a good website. It all costs! I already had a domain name that I had used for years to sell properties that I had developed, so I used that. I didn't know much about websites and it wasn't long before I realised that I had made a big mistake! And a costly one at that. I was nowhere to be seen if people 'Googled' property for sale on Arran. Then Derek Shand organised a meeting for new start-up companies, mainly to guide us with what was tax deductible and what was not. During the day I spoke to a few people and one name kept cropping up: Cams from Brodick Post Office. Derek also informed me that I could get up to 50% funding for this website. So I had a few meetings with Cams and went through what I needed the site to do. Cams also advised me to use social media as a means of advertising and building my presence online, so he signed me up for Facebook and Twitter! I've never used social media myself, but I liked the idea of being the first Estate Agent on Arran to

offer this facility. In a matter of weeks there it was, my new website: [www.homesonarran.co.uk](http://www.homesonarran.co.uk) It was smart and easy to use. I chose that name as it has a ring to it and reminds me of my favourite TV programme, Homes under the Hammer! You can learn so much from others mistakes!

Once the website was up and running all I had to do was complete a form and send a copy of my paid invoice from Cams to Derek and in less than two weeks I had some much appreciated funding towards the cost. It's great to know that we have Derek as our adviser on Arran and it costs nothing for the advice given. Owning two holiday lets I learnt that I could put so much more against my tax bill than I had been doing over past few years. So you're never too old to learn and it's worth asking. I hope there are many more people out there that will have a go at being your own boss and the best advice I can give is, speak to Derek first and Business Gateway.

How's my estate agency going? Nicely thank you but don't take my word for it – ask my clients whose properties I have sold. They like what I'm doing and the way I'm doing it. Google 'property for sale on Arran' and you'll find Zoopla, Prime Location, findaproperty.com and Globrix, where all my properties are listed on first page. My website is at the top of page two but I'm working on it! Sometimes all it takes to get started or progress is for someone to point you in the right direction – thanks Derek and Business Gateway.

# The Arran Banner 20 years ago

## Saturday, August 17, 1991



Fiona McGilchrist of Lamlash won a special prize for her hydrangeas, which were unusually coloured white with blue and pink spots. b33twe04



John O'Sullivan with his champion tray of vegetables at the Arran Horticultural Show on Wednesday. b33twe02



My oh my, who is this delightful looking woman? Why it's Tourism Manager Charles Currie of course, taking part in the annual Corrie Capers. b33twe05

### Crossed lines

When Mr Hamish McNeish of Clavering, Lamlash left his home on Tuesday morning he saw a man dressed in a protective white suit.

When he asked what was going on the man replied that there had been a small radioactive leak but that Mr McNeish wasn't to worry, as it would be buried deep.

What was intended as a throwaway joke went all the way to the upper echelons of British Telecom and on to the Ministry of Defence.

The man, an employee of Ericsons sub-contracted to BT, will certainly think before he speaks next time.

### Search for sports site

We have heard rumours of a move by Brodick Golf Club to seek new ground near Strabane.

Thus releasing the three holes in Ormidale Park for a sports ground.

However, the committee

member that we approached said he knew nothing of it.

Alastair Dobson is chairman of the Arran Sports Association, said he had heard the rumours but that no one had yet approached him with any positive moves.

### Toilets set alight

Brodick's public lavatories were set alight on Saturday night when someone rolled lighted rubber tyres into the building setting it on fire.

At one point, the rubber tyres exploded waking a number of people at 1.30am.

The toilets are now boarded up and people in need have no choice but to use the new Superloo.

### Pop star's paradise

Should a pop star buy Holy Isle – on the market for some years now – it will not entirely be a coincidence.

The latest place it has been advertised is in last week's Melody Maker.

The current asking price is £700,000.

### House sale again

The new houses at Harbour View, Blackwaterfoot are being offered for sale again this week.

Work had stopped for several months leaving the half completed structures for a considerable time; building is now underway again.

We asked Iain Thomson when they'd be finished. 'It depends on demand,' he said.

### Season's climax – How was it for you?

Another football season builds to a dramatic climax with the now traditional Lamlash v Shiskine Cup on Saturday.

This season however, there is a new twist as, due to the Arran Dairies league ties between the 'Big Two' being so early in the fixture list and the Reds collecting both points on each occasion, Lamlash have been away from competitive soccer for two weeks.



Four people were taken to hospital after this rather nasty looking crash outside Brodick Golf Club on Sunday afternoon. b33twe03



Off like a shot – the Bed Race last Thursday evening as part of the annual Corrie Capers. b33twe01

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Last week Archie was at Kirkend Nursery. First of many correct answers came from Barbara in Whiting Bay, Michael in Brodick, Bruno in Corriecravie, Shep in Crewe and Kirsten in Bathgate. This week he is on the steps, but where will they lead him?

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If you think you know then post your answer on the website [www.arranbanner.co.uk](http://www.arranbanner.co.uk)  
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# Poor batting lets Sannox down against DAFFs

Poor batting form let down Sannox last Sunday as they capitulated to a strong Edinburgh side.

Sannox played Murrayfield DAFFs, originally formed by employees of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, for the first time in several years.

The home team unfortunately lost the toss and were put in to bat on a damp and unpredictable wicket.

Kemp and Pomeroy opened the batting, with Kemp producing 25 runs in just under an hour before being called out to a very dubious lbw. Pomeroy's decision to push

a delivery from Trear to point resulted in a catch and a total of one run.

Buffoni then lasted for two balls and was given lbw for a duck, followed by Brookes who was bowled by Ferguson for one run from an unplayable ball which hardly rose from the ground. Marriot, Dunn, Robinson and Armstrong reached a total of 27 after an hour's batting, followed by Jenks and Haggarty for 0 and 1 run respectively.

A four and two singles for Gourlay brought the final total to 79, a total that seemed difficult to defend on a wicket that was drying out.



Andy Robinson batting for Sannox. b34crk02

However, at lunch in a pavilion complete with gas cooker, kettle, tea and coffee pots etc (but no gas), a pep talk by skipper Tony Brookes - 'we've got nothing to defend, so lets defend it' - produced a team whose bowling and fielding kept the DAFFs at a low scoring rate of 52 for eight wickets after 19 overs.

Marriot caught Sunkari, the highest scorer at 23 runs from a ball by Robinson, and Buffoni bowled 5.3 overs for 14 runs.

### Edged

A rocket from Brookes was edged by Nessum at great speed to Pomeroy at slip, whose reflexes enabled it to be held safely to great ac-

claim from the crowd.

Dunn and Brookes took three wickets each, and Robinson's two accounted for the eight wickets.

Hawkins (2) and Fergusson (18), both of whom stolidly refused to give up their wickets, finished the game after 28 overs to end Sannox's run of seven wins in a row.

It was a reasonably close match for a bowling team, but Sannox need more batting practice and hopefully the new nets, along with the bowling machine, will help.

On Saturday 27 August Sannox v Oban away in a friendly and on Sunday 28 August Sannox against the Silly Mid Offers at home.

## Trophy winners at the horticultural show

Arran High School Wednesday 10 August.

**Trophies:** MacAndrew Cup for best exhibit in section excluding class 120 E Gregory, Orr Watt Cup for most points in section E Gregory, Anne Middleton Trophy for

best potatoes T Frost, Charles Revell Trophy for best collection vegetables E Gregory, NVS Medal for best dish in section S Brookes.

Mrs F C Henderson Trophy for most points in baking section I Walker, Chris Hall

Rosebowl for best exhibit in handicrafts section N Meteyard, Illia Price Engraving Trophy for handicraft exhibitor with most points in two sections from 6, 7 and 8 J Totty, John Cumming Cup for most meritorious exhibit in children's section H Snowdon, M F Murchie Cup for best miniature garden M Choudhury, J F Turton Trophy for best entry in photographic section A Stefanutti.



A display of gladioli at the Show.

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Ye Olde Cake Shoppe stall at the Highland Games

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Ye Olde Cake Shoppe was a popular stall at Brodick Highland Games.

It was organised and run by Lamlash Parent Council of Lamlash Primary School and Nursery Class and dispensed homebaking, lemonade and ginger beer.

Ann Mackay of the Parent

Council said: 'We were fundraising for the school and would like to say a big thank you to the Co-op in both Brodick and Lamlash which provided us with everything we asked of them, also to the parents, grandparents, friends and to Nan for all the baking we received.'

## Arran Livestock sales

**Stirling Mart:** United Auctions had forward 11,184 store and prime sheep at their Stirling Agricultural Centre last Wednesday 17 August.

Arran prices: Texel cross lambs £72.50 Kilpatrick, Meatlink cross £63 Ceithar Gaoithe, Texel cross ewes £92.50 Kilpatrick, Mule ewes £78.50 Kilpatrick, £75.50 Ceithar Gaoithe.

**Ayr Mart:** Messrs Craig Wilson Ltd of Ayr had 3,308 store and breeding sheep including 520 Arran sheep at their auction mart last Thursday 18 August.

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Leading Arran prices:

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### SUNDAY 28th AUGUST

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Bar Eden, 3pm - 5pm  
Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm  
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall 3pm - 4pm  
4pm to 5pm Auchrannie Spa Pool  
Lochranza Distillery, 11am - 3pm

### MONDAY 29th AUGUST

Over 50's Badminton  
Badminton  
Weight Wise  
Ladies Netball  
Citizens Advice  
BreathWalk Class  
Table Tennis  
Hatha Yoga  
Summer Bridge  
Rink Game  
Rink Game  
Rink Game  
Quiz  
Zumba Fitness  
Kilmory Farmer's & Craft Market  
Hospital Supporters League AGM

Lochranza Village Hall 2pm - 4pm  
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm  
Hospital Bungalow, 5pm - 5.30pm  
High School Sports Hall - Seniors 7.30pm - 9pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 9.30am - 1.30pm  
Kinneil, Lamlash 5.15pm  
Corrie Hall, 6.30pm  
Arran High School, 6pm - 7.30pm  
High School Cafe, 6.30pm  
Brodict Bowling Club, 6.45pm  
Whiting Bay Bowling Club 7pm  
Lamlash Bowling Club 7pm  
Bar Eden, 9pm - 10.30pm  
Arran High School, 6pm - 7pm  
Kilmory Hall, 10.30am - 2pm  
Morven, Auchencairn, 7.30pm

### TUESDAY 30th AUGUST

Lochranza Swimming Club  
Army Cadets  
Pop Quiz  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
Citizens Advice  
Youth Club  
Rotary Club  
Junior Hockey Club  
Melody Movement. Ballet Class - 2½ yrs up  
Dudes & Divas Funky Dance Class - 2½ yrs up  
Youth Club  
Rink Game  
Music Session, Chalk and Cheese  
Guided Garden Walk  
Zumba Fitness  
Scottish Country Dancing  
Motocross  
Whiting Bay Drama Summer Play - Final Performance  
Zumba Fitness Class  
Heather Corbett & Friends Percussion Extravaganza  
Community Council Meeting

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

### WEDNESDAY 31st AUGUST

Hockey  
Tae Kwondo  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
Arran Brass Rehearsal  
Self Making Class  
Musical Mayhem Class Parents & Little Ones  
Yoga for Every Body  
Senior Badminton  
Museum, Archives & Geneology Service  
Yogalates  
Rink Game  
Coffee Morning  
Rink Game  
Rink Game  
Aquafizz  
Arran Brass in Concert  
Posh Coffee Afternoon in aid of Cancer Research

Auchrannie Hall, 7pm - 8pm Games Hall  
KA Leisure, Kids 6.30 - 7.30pm. Adults 7.30 - 8.30pm  
Lamlash Church Hall - 7.30pm- 9pm  
Whiting Bay Hall 7.15pm  
Shipfield, Lamlash, 10am - 4pm  
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 10.45am  
10am - 11.30am  
High School Games Hall, 8pm - 9pm  
10.30am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 3.30pm  
9.30am to 10.30am Auchrannie Studio  
Brodict Bowling Club, 6.45pm  
Lamlash Curch Hall, 10.15am - 12pm  
Whiting Bay Bowling Club 7pm  
Lamlash Bowling Club 7pm  
Hotel Pool, 9.45am - 10.30am  
Whiting Bay Hall, 7.30pm  
Kilmory Hall, 2pm - 4pm

### THURSDAY 1st SEPTEMBER

General Knowledge Quiz  
Lochranza Craft Club  
Coffee Morning  
Youth Club  
General Knowledge Quiz  
Zumba Fitness Class

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
Hall, 2pm  
St Molios Church 10.30am - 12pm  
Youth Cabin, Lamlash 7-9pm  
Kinloch Bar, 9pm  
Whiting Bay Hall, 8pm - 9pm

### FRIDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER

Family Ceilidh  
Quiz  
Aquafizz  
Yogalates  
Rock Disco  
Arran Youth Foundations  
Live music with DJ  
Kildonan Market

Whiting Bay Hall, from 7.30pm  
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 9pm  
Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45am to 10.30am  
Auchrannie Studio 10am - 11am  
The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
Behind Library, 7pm - 9pm  
Bar Eden, 9pm - 1am  
Village Hall, 11am - 3.30pm



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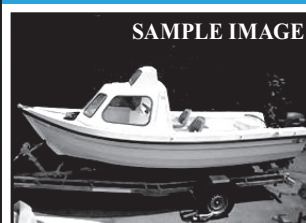


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**ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**  
**Sunday 28 August**  
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 Brodick 7pm

**SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
 (in full communion with the Church of England)  
 St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.  
**Sunday 28 August**  
 Holy Communion, 11am.  
 Mrs Janis Gallagher  
 Coffee and after service.  
**Wednesday 31 August**  
 Holy Communion, 12.15pm  
 All welcome

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND (SCO15072)**  
 Kilmory linked with Lamlash  
 "A faith to proclaim ~ a fellowship to share"  
**Sunday 28 August**  
 Rev. Gillean Maclean  
 Kilmory 10am  
 Lamlash 11.30am  
 In both churches  
 All welcome, including families; children's area.

**ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND (continuing)**  
**Sunday 28 August**  
 Morning Service 11am  
 Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick  
 Evening Service 7pm  
 13 Glen Avenue, Brodick  
 Prayer Meeting  
 Wednesday 24th 7pm  
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**Sunday 28 August**  
 Brodick Church, 10.30am  
 Corrie Church, 12pm  
 Lochranza, 9.30am  
 Pirrmill, 10.15am  
 Shiskine Church, 12pm.  
 A Service of Worship will also be held in Montrose House at 1.30pm  
**WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND (SC014005)**  
**Sunday 28 August**  
 Worship will be conducted by

the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson and Mrs Liz Clarke, Reader In Training at 10.30am. There will also be a short marriage blessing of Nell and Kenny Whitelaw during the service. Tea and coffee will be served in the transept immediately after the service - please stay and enjoy more fellowship. All most welcome.

**HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
 Vigil Mass 7.30pm  
 Morning Masses 9.30am and 11am

**ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**Sunday 28 August**  
 Ormidale Sports Pavilion Brodick  
 11.00am - Morning Worship  
 Speaker: Rev Willie Wright  
 (Tea and coffee is served from 10.40)

Home Fellowship Group meets on Wednesdays at 7.30 pm  
 Everyone very welcome

**RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)**  
**Sunday 28 August**  
 11am  
 The Library, Brodick  
 Enquiries to Jeny 302779.

**DEATH**

**ALEXANDER - JIM**  
 Peacefully at home with his family on Thursday 18th August, aged 89.  
 Dear Husband of Margaret, much loved Dad of Ron, Sue and Claire,  
 Father-in-law of Liz, Mike and Arthur, Grampa of Chloe, Sara, Ailsa,  
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**Monday 29th August**  
 Morven, Auchencairn  
 Whiting Bay  
 7.30pm  
 All welcome



**Lochranza Golf Course Junior Section**

During the school summer holidays the Junior Section has met every Monday for the purpose of learning how to step onto the first tee and play a round with some competence and satisfaction and, above all experience the enjoyment of doing so.

Three of their number have taken part with some distinction in the regular adult Greensome competition. However, on Monday 15 August they had their own nine hole strokeplay tournament which was enjoyed very much by each participant. The winner, who received a fine prize of a Telescopic Golf Ball Scoop from Kathy and Nigel, was Alastair Innes who finished just ahead of Ross Traill.

Greensome Competition: members should note that due to a fixture backlog the time for completion of the minimum six games is extended to the end of September.

Latest results: Thursday 18 August, Maureen Cumming/A Partner 18pts, Betty Buchanan/Archie Cumming 21pts. Saturday 20 August, Alastair Innes/Ben Innes 7pts, Douglas Coulter/John Begg 9pts. Sunday 21 August, Ben Innes/Betty Buchanan 8pts, Jack Ewing/Archie Cumming 8pts.

**Whiting Bay Golf Club**  
 Ladies: Sunday 21 August saw the Glenashdale competition played over 18 holes, stableford format. The fine weather held and we had a good turnout following a very busy summer period for many of us! The points at the top of the leader board were all very close with the top three at 31, 32 and 33 points! 1 Ge Ge Kroner 33 points, 2 Lynn Walker 32 points.

**Fixtures:** Sunday 28 August, Lady Captain Prize, stableford over 15 holes i.e. 1-15 1115/1130 - prizes and surprises!

**Gents:** Wednesday 17 August. Back to the Summer Trophy after all the recent Wednesday Cups, CSS staying at 63. A good turnout of 31 players took part. Frazer Barr (10)60, Allan MacLeod (14)61 BIH, Nicol Auld (1)61, Malcolm

Pennycott (0)62 bih. Malcolm Pennycott also won scratch with 62(bih) and there were magic twos by Malcolm (2), Nicol Auld and Jamie MacPherson.

Sunday 21 August. 25 played for Captain Ronnie Mann's prize and enjoyed his hospitality. CSS-36 Stableford points.

John Simmons (11) 40 points, Gordon Provan (10) 38 points, Neil McKechnie (8) 37 points, John Pennycott (12) 35 points. Nicol Auld won scratch with 65 and there were 7 magic twos. Many thanks to Ronnie for his hospitality and generous prizes.

Congratulations go to Ewan McKinnon of Corrie on winning the AGA Champion of Champions at Brodick.

**Fixtures:** Sunday 28 August, Aitken Rose-bowl (Foursomes) and Arran Grouse Qualifier. One draw only for partners at 11am. Wednesday 31 August, Summer Trophy. Sunday 4 September, Autumn Handicap at Corrie.

**Machrie Bay Golf Club**

Tuesday 16 August Final Day Lady Mary/Peter Sutton Sweep. 1 David Price 71, 2 Brian Sherwood 72 bih, 3 Steph Hill 72. Best scratch Brian Sherwood 79. Winner of Lady Mary with 48 Denise Sherwood, runner up Alice Anderson. Winner of Peter Sutton with 400 Brian Sherwood, runner up David Price 402. Annual eclectic winner was Campbell Laing with a 44, 2 Ron Woods 46.

**Fixtures:** Tues 30 August Sweep tee off 12.30pm.

**Shiskine Golf Club**

Allan Maxwell Golf Day Sunday 21 August. 1 The Winkle Pickers, 2 Myles and Crabbie, 3 DK Henderson and The Kelsos. Well done to everyone and many thanks to all who helped make this such a successful day. The amount raised for Marie Curie cancer care is approximately £1,400.

**Brodick Golf Club**

Wednesday 17 Aug, Summer Cup, 48 played, CSS 64. 1 R Duncan (10) 60 bih

2 G McNicol (24) 60, 3 G McCrae (5) 63. Scratch E McKinnon 64. There were 10 twos, Greg McCrae got three of them. Sunday 21 Aug, Captain's Prize, 23 played, CSS 64. 1 B Jenkins (7) 41 pts, 2 J Armit (5) 40 pts, 3 D Hendry (11) 39 pts. There were seven twos, Jimmy Armit managed two. There

was some great scoring on a perfect day for golf. Bruce Jenkins wasn't able to attend in the afternoon, so we will need to wait a bit longer to find out what the Captain's Prize is this year.

The season is coming to a climax, with the matchplay competitions getting to the finals.

The McClelland Medal (handicap matchplay) was won by Iain Macmillan, who beat David Hendry in the final. The Dorothy Rudge Memorial Trophy (mixed foursomes matchplay) was won (again) by Jean Glen and Iain Sillars, who defeated Susan and Ross Butchard in the final.

**Fixtures:** Sunday 28 Aug, Royal Bank Trophy (four ball better ball, choose your own partner), tee offs from 8.30am and 1pm, draw at 12noon Saturday 27 Aug.

Saturday 3 Sept, Belhaven Open Mixed Texas Scramble - £500 in prizes, teams of four (minimum one lady or one gent), entry £20 per team. Book your tee off times with Peter McCalla, last tee off time 4pm. Sunday 4 Sept, AGA Autumn Handicap at Corrie.

**Lamlash Golf Club**

Ladies: Wednesday 17 August, Medal 6 and Stroke 5, 10 played, CSS 67. 1 Sheena Murchie 81-13=68, 2 Jackie Winship 100-29=71, 3 June Richardson 101-28=71. Scratch Sheena Murchie 81.

**Gents:** Thursday 18 August, Summer Cup, 31 played, CSS 64. 1 Paul Jameson 73-12=61,

2 Alastair Gibson 79-17=62, 3 Craig Maceachen 73-9=64, 4 Todd Jameson 70-6=64. Best Scratch Craig Young 65. There were twos from Rory Gibson, Paul Jameson, Neil Young, Norrie MacIntyre and Iain Murchie.

**Seniors Medal:** 1 Ken Barclay 85-21=64, 2 Drew Crawford 81-13=68. Sunday 21 August, Jim Young Memorial Trophy, 17 played, CSS 64. 1 Craig Maceachen 72-9=63,

2 Alastair Gibson 80-16=64, 3 Duncan Milne 76-10=66 BIH. Best Scratch Iain Murchie 68. Twos from Lee Girbow, Drew Wales and Todd Jameson.

**Fixtures:** Thursday 25 August, Final Day of Summer Cup, Eclectic and Medal Shield.

Saturday 27 August, AGA Ken Western at Lamlash, 9am and 1pm starts. Sunday 28 August, Summer Stableford, final day.

**Corrie Golf Club**

Congratulations to Ewan McKinnon on winning the Arran Champion of Champions on Friday 19 August at Brodick Golf Club.

Wednesday 17 August, 21 played, CSS 61. 1 Marvin Elliot 72-14=58,

2 Paul Bremner 69-10=59 BIH, 3 Stephen Beardsley 65-6=59. Best scratch S Beardsley 65. There was one two from HB McKinnon.

Saturday 21 August, first round of the Whiskey Cup, 21 played, CSS 61. 1 D Rodeck 71-12=59, 2 D Logan 70-9=61, 3 A Smith 72-10=62 BIH over C Patten and S Beardsley. Best scratch S Beardsley 68. Magic twos from J Innes, D Rodeck, D Logan, S Beardsley, and P Bremner.

**Fixtures:** Saturday 27 August, no medal at Corrie due to AGA competition at Lamlash. Saturday 3 September, Whiskey Cup at 8.30am, 1pm and 1.45pm. Sunday 14 September, Corrie course will be closed all day for the AGA Autumn competition, names on the sheet at clubhouse.

**John wins McKinnie Cup**

John Hartley in his 70th year was the worthy and popular winner of the McKinnie Cup 2011, played at Brodick Golf Club on Sunday 7 August.

Two ladies, three OAPs, two middle aged men, two boys and a very tired person entered this year, leaving about 25 family members at the club playing putting and boules competitions.

With prizes for all participants we assembled in the clubhouse and toasted John. All three of John's daughters were there to see their dad wear the green jacket with pride and Kate was there to make sure he got home safely with no damage to John or the jacket.

A notable absentee at the club this year was Rosie who didn't show face or any other part of her anatomy.

Donald was runner-up and won the slippers, Kate Nichols was again the worthy winner of the Elinor Bannochie Salver with a stunning two at the 3rd with Isabel as runner-up, and the Robin McKinnie Quaich team prize was won with 60 points by Donald (2008 winner), Len (2006 winner) and John, 2011 winner.

There were mutterings that next year the McKinnie Cup would be played at Lochranza to boost John's points in the LGC competition but this may have just been the tasty Danish Bitters talking - a refreshing way to end the day which according to Ailsa tasted like earwax, Scott must have the cleanest ears in Lochranza. IM

**PERSONALS**

**GUESS WHO'S 21 ?**



LOVE MUM, DAD & MARTIN

Norma Dodds wishes to thank her family and friends for their good wishes, gifts and cards received on her birthday. She especially wishes to thank her son, Neil, daughter-in-law Karin and friends Anthony, Fiona, Roel and Helen for their unstinted help. I really had a happy day and enjoyed being 90.

**NEIL MCEACHERN**

would like to thank all those who sent their good wishes for the International.

Kimberley would like to thank everyone for all the lovely cards and gifts she received for her birthday.

A big thanks to David for the great music and to all that attended her party for their impeccable behaviour.

*You all made it such an enjoyable evening.*

**GOLDEN WEDDING**



*She deserves a gold medal for putting up with me for 50 years*  
 Bill McL

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# Sport

Arran's Weekly Newspaper

## McNicol goal seals Brodick cup final win

It may have seemed like just another goal to Brodick player Archie McNicol on Saturday but this was the goal that secured the team the Football Knockout Cup for the first time in two years!

The team took on Shiskine at the Ormidale Park and were clearly determined to reclaim one of the island's most sought after football trophies.

The atmosphere was electric as fans gathered at the side-

lines and naturally tempers flared throughout.

The match started off well for both sides – each scoring a goal before the half time whistle.

### Pressure

There may have been sustained Shiskine pressure in the first 45 minutes but the defence from Brodick's Aidan Smith and Alexander MacNeil kept them at bay.

As the two teams came back onto the field after the break it

became clear that there would only be one winner.

Stevie Crawford may have been on the losing side, but his constant attacks on the Brodick goal meant Shiskine came very close to scoring on several occasions.

But Brodick continued pressing for a winner, and after a relentless assault on the Shiskine goalmouth, Archie McNicol finally slotted in what was to be the winning goal with 15 minutes to go.



Brodick FC won the Arran Football League's Knockout Cup after beating Shiskine 2-1 on Saturday. 01\_b34cup01

## Brothers win Brodick Cup

Two Lamlash brothers, Rory and Neil Hunter, won the Arran Sailing Club's Brodick Cup last weekend.

This year's competition attracted a better turnout than the 2010 event - with a fleet of six boats.

On the day a promising fresh westerly tempted race officer Alistair Bilisland to set a huge triangular course with race marks at the pier, Cladach and Merkland.

Best start and best performance by a mile (at least!) was from Rory and Neil Hunter in their new 29er, a boat inately very much faster than any others on competing, but also sailed with great skill and confidence.

Angus Campbell, many times a previous Brodick Cup winner, put in the next best performance, keeping a little ahead of Ian Hunter's Laser and Malcolm Kerr's Albacore.

These three boats enjoyed some close sailing, but with little doubt as regards the outcome once handicaps were applied.

The final two boats struggled to keep up and eventually retired in the face of capsize fatigue (Colin) and a falling breeze (Gus).

So, finally, a new name on the Brodick Cup and congratulations to the rampant young Hunters.

Thanks are due to Alistair

and Douglas Bilisland for race officer duty, and to Bill Barr for operating the rescue boat.

**Corrected Times:** R&N Hunter (29er) 1.46.27, A Campbell/G Hamill (GP14) 2.01.27, M Kerr/S Knox (Albacore) 2.08.33, I Hunter (Laser) 2.08.40, G MacLeod (GP14) Retired, C Nisbet (Albacore) Retired.



Brothers Rory and Neil Hunter won the sailing club's Brodick Cup.

## Corrie's Ewan is once more the champ of champs

Corrie Golf Club's star player, Ewan McKinnon, has been crowned the island's Champion of Champions for another year.

This year's competition took place over Brodick Golf Course with the first round games on Friday 12 August.

At the final on Friday night Ewan was up against Brodick's champion player, Iain MacDonald.

Ewan started the night as favourite mainly due to his performance in the semi-final and the fact he had won so many times previously, Iain however didn't seem to mind and relished the challenge to give Ewan an almighty fright on the night.

With Ewan out in 32 and 3 up the assembled crowd sensed the match might end sooner rather than later but Iain responded superbly and won 10 and 11 then a stunning putt for a birdie 2 at 15 saw him get back to just 1 down.

Ewan had to hole an eight footer for half at the 16th and struggled to half the 17th with a great up and down for par, all square up the last and with Ewan missing his 3, Iain had a

six footer to take the game to extra holes but unfortunately for him it slipped agonisingly past to see Ewan crowned champion once more.

Thanks to the players for a great tussle and a special mention to Iain who punched above his weight and never let his head go down, with a little more luck he may just

have pulled off one huge shock, better luck next year Iain.

Next up for the Arran Golfers Association is the Ken Western this Saturday at Lamlash, 9am and 1pm.

The Autumn Meeting will take place at Brodick Golf Club Thursday on September 1 at 8pm.

## Brodick Bowling Club results

Monday 1 August: Tony Wooden, Ann Hollingworth and Colin Haggarty (+13).

Wednesday 3 August: Ann Hollingworth and Tony Wooden (+16).

Saturday 6 August: Tony Wooden, George Baxter and Peter Lee (+5).

Monday 8 August: John Lauder and Ann Hollingworth (+17).

Monday 15 August: Colin Haggarty and Frances Corbett (+16).

Wednesday 17 August: Charlie Weir and Frances Corbett (+6).

Saturday 20 August: John Lauder, Neil Thomson and Kevin Dewar (+14).

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