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# Aggressive policing could damage island tourism

**REPORT BY**  
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A family that has spent years holidaying on Arran are threatening never to return to the island after the aggressive way they were treated by Road Traffic Police Officers at the weekend.

Jason Beacham from Edinburgh has issued a formal complaint to Strathclyde Police after the intimidating manner in which two mainland officers treated him on Saturday evening.

He and a friend were pulled over outside the Kinloch Hotel in Blackwaterfoot after police spotted him sitting without a seatbelt in his parked car while the engine was running.

'I was so intimidated I found it very difficult to drive afterwards,' said Jason. 'I found their attitude very abrasive. I had nothing to hide and yet

sitting in the back of that police car I was made to feel as though I had committed a major offence. Is that really the kind of behaviour you want tourists to be exposed to on the island?'

He added: 'The whole thing has left a very bitter taste in my mouth.'

'We've been coming to Arran for years – one part of our group has been coming for nearly 40 years – and I can honestly say right now that I'm not sure we'll ever be back.'

One young woman from the island, who declined to be named, told The Banner that she felt physically shaken after the police car had followed her from Corrie.

'They pulled out behind me as I drove past the sandstone quay in Corrie', she said. 'For the next three miles they drove right up behind me. I expected

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**Builder Iain Thomson of John Thomson Construction with the Red Quarry Road development as seen from High Corrie.** 02\_b24cor01

## Red Quarry Road opening next week

The 24-house development in the red quarry behind Corrie Terrace is completed and all the houses are allocated. It was finished 10 weeks ahead of schedule and appears to

be more spacious than many local residents had feared. There will be an official opening ceremony next Friday 24 June. See page 12.



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## Possession of drugs

A 24-year-old Brodick man was caught in possession of drugs on Alma Road in Brodick on Saturday night.

## Assault

Last Tuesday a 19-year-old man from Lamalsh was reported to police after he assaulted a younger man on Benlister Road.

A 28-year-old Lamalsh man was arrested for assault and disorderly conduct outside the Pierhead Tavern in Lamalsh late on Saturday night.

## Police assault alleged

A 20-year-old man from Ardrossan was arrested on the Shore Road in Brodick on Friday night when he was found to be drunk and incapable. He then assaulted a police officer.

## Traffic offences

Two officers from the Strathclyde Police Traffic Department visited the island over the weekend.

During their three days on the island they issued a large number of fines for various offences.

These included five conditional offers for speeding, 13 fines for failing to wear a seatbelt, one fine for having no vehicle insurance and seven conditional offers for other offences including driving while using a mobile phone.

One person was issued with a prohibition notice when their car was deemed unsafe to drive and two car defect rectification forms were handed out.

Twelve drivers were also warned for minor offences.

## Aggressive policing could damage tourism

Continued from page one. complaints have been made about the behaviour of main-land officers.

'It was extremely intimidating and they make you feel as though you've done something wrong even when you know you haven't.'

This isn't the first time that The Banner has run a story about police intimidation on the island.

Back in August 2008 the local officers were accused of aggressive policing by the community council.

But this is the first time that

complaints have been made about the behaviour of main-land officers.

Sergeant Bob MacKay believes that Arran's recent history of fatal accidents on the roads mean that visits by the Traffic officers is more than necessary.

'Unfortunately the road safety record on the island has not been as good as we'd like it to be,' he said.

'It's a fact that road traffic enforcement plays a very important part in reducing road deaths and injuries.'



Alastair Gibson reunited with his wallet.

## Sandwich Station saves Alastair's bacon

Alastair Gibson of Auchterarder is a very lucky man.

Last month he was on Arran on a cycling holiday. He dropped his wallet outside The Sandwich Station in Lochranza, but didn't realise until later that day when he was on board the ferry from Tarbert to Portavadie.

He told the Banner: 'I was cycling the Five Ferries route on Saturday 28 May with eight other friends on a 50th birthday celebration.'

'We stopped at The Sandwich Station at Lochranza and refuelled with great cakes and hot chocolate while we waited for the ferry to Claonaig.'

'When we were on the Tarbert to Portavadie ferry I discovered my wallet was missing with my bankcard, driver's licence and £140 cash. What a nightmare!!'

'I asked the guys on the CalMac ferry to contact the Lochranza ferry which they did, but no joy. I was racking my brains as to when I last had my wallet.'

'We stopped at the Kames Hotel and the staff Googled the number and contacted Bryan Lewis at The Sandwich Station to see if my wallet had been handed in, but it hadn't. Bryan then went on a search outside the Sandwich

Station and to everyone's surprise found it on the grass where it had obviously fallen out one of my bike panniers. 'Bryan then kindly said he would send my wallet to me Special Delivery which he did, and I was reunited with my wallet the following week.'

'He wouldn't take any reward for saving my day and weekend so I just felt that I would like everyone to know what a great bunch of people are working in The Sandwich Station in Lochranza. Next time I'm over I will definitely be buying more than a slice of cake and a hot chocolate at The Sandwich Station.'

## Margaret MacKenzie MBE

Margaret MacKenzie of Ferndean was awarded the MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List last Saturday.

The commendation is for 'services to the community on the Isle of Arran' and recognises Margaret's dedication to the British Red Cross service on the island.

She told The Banner: 'It's very nice, but I don't want too much fuss. We had a big family party on Sunday and it was great to get everyone together.'

'I got the letter on May 6 saying that I had been recommended for the honour and asking if I would accept it. It said there would be an investiture within six months.'

Among Margaret's services to the community are 34 years driving for the Red Cross, raising money for the Oncology Unit at Ayr Hospital and 23 years of organising the Donald MacKenzie Memorial Darts tournament to raise funds for the Kildonan and Kilmory senior citizens' Christmas party.

Margaret's MBE was one of 594 in the birthday list and other recipients include cricketer Alastair Cook and heptathlete Jessica Ennis.



Margaret MacKenzie MBE. 02\_b24mar01

## Pleasure cruiser runs aground

Members of the local lifeboat and Coastguard teams were called out to a pleasure cruiser that had run aground on Sunday afternoon.

The 'Bonnie Isla' had been trying to cross between Kildonan and Pladda at 2.40pm on Sunday when she ran aground on the causeway.

Lifeboat spokesman Geoff Norris said that she had ripped off one propeller and damaged the other.

She was eventually towed from Dippen Head to the jetty in Lamalsh Bay where repairs were carried out.

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Elma Stevenson has retired as the SWRI's central councillor. 01\_b24wri02

## Elma retires from SWRI central council

Elma Stevenson, one of the stalwarts of the Arran SWRI Federation has retired as central councillor.

Elma, who is a member of the Corrie and Sannox SWRI, first took up office in Edinburgh as central councillor in 1996 following on from May Fenton of Lochranza and represented the island until 2002.

Elma did not stand down and instead she took up the task of H&H representative when Gill Edmonds gave up after two terms.

President Morag Gardner said: 'Elma again travelled up to Edinburgh and represented us well, always bringing back full and detailed reports of meetings.'

'When she stood down as H&H representative she again took up as Central Councillor in 2008 and has now hung up her hat after fifteen years as Arran's representative.'

Vivienne Haigh will now take up the post as Central Councillor.

# Funfair will return despite complaints

Brodick's Funfair will be returning to the island this summer despite complaints about the noise and size of the rides.

Earlier this year a group of village residents protested about the fair and it was assumed that the licence would not be renewed.

But on Tuesday at a meeting of the licensing board at Cunninghame House, Stirling Entertainments were given a one-year licence for the fair.

Marcella Stirling told The Banner that they were not wholly satisfied with the outcome as they are generally given a three-year licence.

It also includes a number of conditions which mean they can only bring five rides this year instead of eight.

She said: 'This is a big change for us financially and will mean sending one family instead of two.'

'We will have to reassess the

situation after this summer and see whether or not it is viable for us to return to Arran in the future.'

She added: 'It is upsetting as we love coming to the island.'

### Objected

Harry Davidson was at the meeting. He said afterwards: 'I was representing the Community Council, Brodick Improvements Committee, and all residents who had objected.'

'They have reached a compromise and agreed to have

fewer rides, keep the noise down and come for no more than three weeks.'

'I was asked what the feelings of the community were and said that we don't want it at all, but don't want to be a dog in a manger.'

Mrs Stirling said that she and her husband Michael are happy to work with the local community while they are here to ensure the noise is at an acceptable level.

The fair will arrive on Monday 11 July and stay for 21 days until Sunday 31 July.

## Kitty jumping out of aircraft at 79 years young



Sprightly 79-year-old Kitty Milne. 02\_b24kit01

Kitty Milne of Lochranza is making a giant leap for charity.

It will be a leap of several thousand feet out of an aircraft, but what makes it all the more remarkable is that Kitty is a sprightly 79 years young.

The charities that will benefit are Arran cancer support group ArCaS, and North Ayrshire Cancer Care.

Kitty said: 'I am booked to do a sponsored tandem parachute jump on Saturday 25 June, and am being well-supported here on Arran and by family and friends collecting on the mainland.'

## MP fights Coastguard closure

Arran's MP secured a further debate on the future of Greenock Coastguard Station in the House of Commons last Wednesday. In a Commons debate initiated by Katy Clark, the MP for North Ayrshire and Arran, transport minister Mike Penning revealed that Coastguard-restructuring proposals to be announced by late July will be followed by a second consultation.

Katy Clark told The Banner: 'These changes are based primarily on a desire to cut costs rather than to improve HM Coastguard.'

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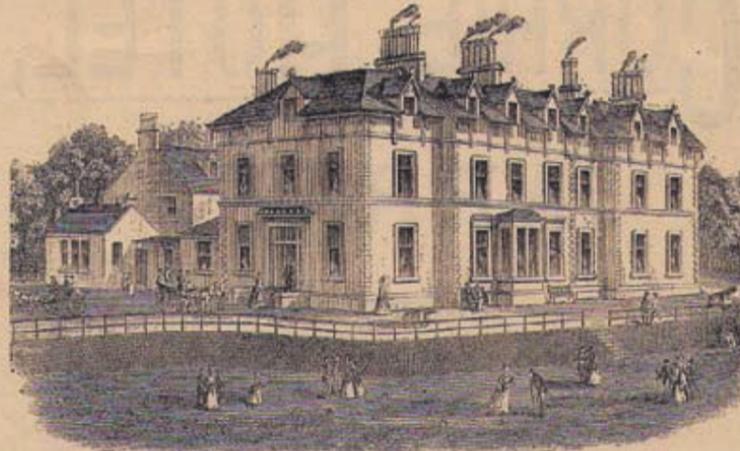
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# Cute black and white sheep are new Island Porcelain figures

## 'It takes four days from start to finish'

Vivienne Coulthard has a new pet sheep. Or rather two new pet sheep.

These cute little black and white porcelain figures are the latest addition to her successful and extensive Island Porcelain range of animals and birds. One sheep has a black face with a white body, and the other a white face and a black body.

### Image

Vivienne has called them the Corrie Harbour Sheep, and they are made in the image

of the three famous concrete sheep bollards that were installed on the Sandstone Quay in July 1990.

The business of Island Porcelain was started in the early 1970s by the late Alastair Dunn and taken over seven years ago by Vivienne. After having a number of retail premises, she now operates the business from her Benvarren Workshop in Corrie.

She told the Banner: 'All the pieces are made by me here in Corrie. And the mould for

the new sheep was created by woodcarver Marvin Elliott in his Cladach workshop.

### Hand Painting

'It takes four days from start to finish, from filling the mould to hand painting each one, to finally firing the figures. It can be very labour-intensive.'

Most of Vivienne's business is now web-based on [www.islandporcelain.com](http://www.islandporcelain.com)

'It cuts down on overheads, and the trade is so seasonal,' she explained. There are also

a number of retail outlets for Island Porcelain on the island, such as Brodick Post Office, Arran Distillery visitor centre, Auchrannie Spa shop, The Rock Pool, Corrie and Bunty's in Brodick.

There are now about 70 pieces in the collection, but Vivienne said that the coastal range of figures was still the most popular, especially the puffin and seal.

Now the Corrie Harbour Sheep have been added to the ever-growing range.



Vivienne Coulthard at the Sandstone Quay with her new Corrie Harbour Sheep figures. 02\_b24shp01

## How many balloons in VW Beetle? VisitArran's new board directors

How many inflated balloons can you squeeze into a Volkswagen Beetle?

Whiting Bay Nursery group is running a fundraising competition in order to buy more

resources for the children to use and play with.

The original plan was to have a balloon race with the one travelling the furthest winning a prize.

But mother-of-three Lisa Morrison said: 'We were strongly advised against this idea as it could have detrimental effects on the marine environment. After much thought, we decided on 'Guess the number of balloons in the Beetle'

### Counted

'We have filled a VW Beetle with balloons, taken lots of pictures and printed posters. These have been left in various shops and establishments through Whiting Bay. It costs £1 for a guess, and the balloons will be counted on the last day of the nursery term on 28 June.'

Prizes include an Ocean Breeze RIB boat trip, dinner at Eden Lodge and Kildonan Hotel and an Arran Adventure rock-climbing voucher.

Robert Waine, Chairman of VisitArran was delighted to announce this week the appointment of a new director to the VisitArran Board.

Andrew Walsh, owner of the very successful Arran Active Outdoor shop at Cladach, Brodick, joins Robert, Alastair Dobson, Linda Johnston, Kenny Bone, Tom Tracey and Angela Elliott Walker on the board of the island's successful Destination Management Organisation.

Robert said: 'The Board are extremely pleased to welcome Andrew as we were conscious that although large and small accommodation providers, industry and food and beverage outlets were represented well on the Board, we previously have had no-one from the small retail sector on the island.'

'Andrew has always shown

support for VisitArran in a variety of ways, but has never been afraid to voice an independent opinion or constructive criticism.

### Expertise

'It is very exciting for us to have a fresh pair of eyes on the board, which now has a wide range of expertise covering all sections of island businesses.'

Andrew lives in Whiting Bay with his wife Juliette and their two daughters, Bethany and Lucy.

Andrew said: 'I have been a keen supporter of VisitArran for years now and am delighted to be invited to join the Board.'

'I hope that I will represent to the Board the voices of shops and small businesses on Arran and, with my interest in the outdoors and conservation, I will ensure that we continue to listen to the diverse views of different groups on the island, as VisitArran supports various projects over the coming years.'



The nursery group VW Beetle filled with balloons.

## Two top awards for Auchrannie

Auchrannie has won two awards in the Tripadvisor scheme. The Spa Resort has won a 2011 Tripadvisor Certificate of Excellence for consistently receiving excellent ratings from members. And Brambles Bistro has been given an award for consistently good food and service.

The Tripadvisor scheme is a travel website that was established in February 2000 and carries reviews of hotels and facilities posted by members.

## New Wealth Management Practice Opens

Leading financial advisor Robert McIlroy has set up his own specialist practice.

Robert has been invited to join the St. James's Place Partnership which is the sole advisory channel of St. James's Place Wealth Management. He believes this opportunity will allow him to enhance the level of service he can provide, to help more people build and protect their wealth.



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## Council's new online problem reporting service

It's now even easier for Arran residents to report a problem following the launch of the Council's new self-serve website.

The *Report It* service, which is part of the Council's website, allows local people to quickly alert the Council to issues such as fly-tipping, dog fouling and graffiti.

The self-serve site is said to be really easy to use – customers register once online and don't need to spend time entering their details each time they contact the Council.

Anyone who previously wanted to report a problem had to either call the Council's Customer Contact Centre or fill in a lengthy online form.

But now, residents only need to register their details with *Report It* once.

To register, residents just need to log their name and email address and select a password. Once they have validated their account, they can report faults or a problem locally without having to give their details every time they log onto the website.

Council Leader David O'Neill, Portfolio holder for Corporate and Strategic Services, said: 'We are continually looking at ways to improve the customer experience and the services we provide to the people of North Ayrshire.'

'We hope that by making it quicker and easier for residents to report issues and request certain services, they will be more inclined to get in touch with the Council.'

Other local problems that can be reported in this new way are missed domestic bin collection and abandoned vehicles.

# Auchrannie Playbarn to open on July 1

Arran's newest attraction will be opening on Friday 1 July.

The Playbarn is an all-weather facility at Auchrannie Spa Resort, designed to entertain youngsters, both those staying at the hotel and island residents.

General manager Richard Small said: 'This is aimed at children from toddlers to 10 years old, although youngsters of any age up to a height up to four feet 11 inches can join in. We have been looking at different facilities and doing our homework for three years, visiting other enterprises to see how they do it.'

'That includes Adventure Planet in Cumbernauld, Pirate Pete's in Ayr, plus Coylumbridge and Crieff Hydros.'

Children must be accompanied, and adults are catered for with large screen television, wi-fi connection, internet area and snack bar.

There is an outside adventure

playground and picnic area for those sunny days.

Entry prices vary, depending on the time of day and age of child, and non-residents can expect to pay a little more, as with any hotel facility. To encourage repeat visits, visitors will be given a loyalty card; after 10 visits they get a free entry.

### Concept

Richard added: 'The snack bar is based on the concept of citizenM in Glasgow. It is a grab-and-go principle.'

'All food is prepared on site; you take your chosen dish from the wall display and pay at one desk; it couldn't be easier.'

Operations director Linda Johnston said: 'The project has been built and planned using predominantly local and in-house labour. The whole Playbarn project is likely to cost around £375,000, with the soft play element costing



Auchrannie's Sheila Bannatyne trying out the soft play area for size. b24play01

£52,000 and the external play equipment £10,000.

'Building is due for completion on Friday 17 June and we plan to open on Friday 1 July.'

All next week, from Monday to Thursday, island primary school children, nursery children and playgroups will be trying out the new Playbarn.

'It's a kind of test-drive and gesture of goodwill,' said Richard.



The soft play area. b24play03



The outside adventure playground and picnic area. b24play02

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## Mountain rescue called to ankle injury

Arran's Mountain Rescue Team were called out on Saturday night after a woman had reportedly fallen and sprained her ankle in the Glen Rosa area.

After a hasty search in the glen, a woman was discovered near to the deer enclosure. Following an initial assessment she was treated for an ankle injury after a fall on the first pitch on Calibans creep on the South face of Cir Mhor.

The team lowered her off the climb to safety where she attempted to make her way off.

She was then extracted by argocat and transferred to the ambulance.

After being taken to hospital she was later released after being treated for a broken ankle.



Arran Mountain Rescue team were called to help a woman with an ankle injury on Saturday night.

## SWRI ladies launch their own website

Known for their jam making no more are the ladies of the Arran federation of the SWRI as they launched their very own website last Thursday.

Designed to allow them access to handy hints and tips as well as all the latest WRI goings-on, the website was the brainchild of secretary Jerry Arthur.

It was paid for by a generous grant from the Co-op Community Fund.

Arran based web designer Richard Fletcher who created the site said: 'The new site has been designed by me to allow members of the SWRI on Arran to find out what's been organised, to see competitions, to learn about the latest news and information and to contribute their ideas and thoughts.'

'The site will be kept updated and relevant by the secretary and also others, you do not have to be a computer expert to view it or contribute your say.'

The site features an interactive 'discussion forum' where everyone can post questions, hints and tips, messages for other members as well as reply to other's questions

and suggestions. President Morag Gardner said that she was absolutely delighted with the page. 'It is a fantastic tool for us to use as it allows us to interact more freely and keep

up-to-date with all the latest Arran SWRI news,' she said. 'I think we are all very pleased with the finished page.'

The website can be accessed at [www.swriarran.org](http://www.swriarran.org).



Morag Gardner and Jerry Arthur of the Arran SWRI federation launched the new website with designer Richard Fletcher last Thursday. 01\_b24wri01

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## Graeme goes skydiving for Yorkhill

Graeme Tod, formerly of Kilmory and Shiskine, is doing the Yorkhill Children's Foundation Skydive.

He will be jumping out of an aircraft at 10,000 feet and plummeting to earth at 120mph before his parachute opens (hopefully!).

Graeme is doing his skydive at Auchterarder Airfield in Perthshire on Saturday 25 June.

He said: 'I'm raising money for Yorkhill Children's Foundation and I'd really appreciate your support. I am paying for the jump myself

so anything you donate will go straight to the charity.

'It's easy to donate online with a credit or debit card - just go to my JustGiving page [www.justgiving.com/Graeme-Tod0](http://www.justgiving.com/Graeme-Tod0).

'JustGiving sends your donation straight to Yorkhill Children's Foundation and automatically reclaims Gift Aid on all eligible donations, so what you give is worth even more. I hope you'll join me in supporting Yorkhill Children's Foundation.'

## Isle of Arran Distillers join forces with National Trust Limited edition launched

Arran's distillery has launched a limited edition of 6,000 bottles of a select single malt in collaboration with the National Trust for Scotland.

The Arran Malt 'Sleeping Warrior' will be released in the UK and worldwide at the end of the month.

This single malt Scotch whisky was drawn from a combination of ex-sherry, bourbon and red wine casks specially selected by Master Distiller James MacTaggart from the 2000 distillation.

The whisky is named after the summits and ridges of the north-end of Arran, a famous landmark that is referred to as the Sleeping Warrior due to its resemblance to a resting soldier.

Euan Mitchell, managing director at Arran Whisky said: 'We are pleased to be supporting the National Trust for Scotland and to raise funds to help maintain the footpaths leading to Goatfell, Arran's highest peak.'

'As residents of Arran, we are very keen to maintain the beauty of the island for both locals and visitors and so will be making a donation to the National Trust for Scotland for every bottle sold.'

'Our aim will be to raise at least £6,000 with what is a superb malt so we hope this drums up lots of interest.'

This is a first for the NTS who believe linking fundraising for a specific cause in conjunction with a quality local producer has great potential for the future.

Henk Berits, marketing and fundraising director of the NTS, said: 'We are delighted to work with an Arran business and a quality producer in Isle of Arran Distillers in a way that celebrates a stunning location and helps preserve the site for the future.'

The limited edition dram comes in its own pack featuring an image of the 'Sleeping Warrior' landscape on pack and in the bottle's label.

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# Zumba craze comes to Arran

It's the latest fitness craze that allows participants to dance themselves fit - and it's taking over Arran.

Kirstie Smith from Lamlash will be hosting Zumba classes in Brodick and Whiting Bay that use fast and slow music to help people have fun while they get in shape.

'I have always been a fitness enthusiast and over the years have followed many different training programs to achieve various results,' Kirstie told The Banner.

'I came across the Zumba fitness program earlier this year and have found that this kind of exercise not only tones and sculpts the entire body but the

amount of energy and fun it creates makes you want to do it more and more.

'I truly believe that this is a program people can stick to and is fantastic for overall fitness and building self confidence.'

Kirstie explained that the classes use Latin inspired dance moves, which are easy to follow meaning you don't need to be a great dancer or even have good coordination.

The steps are simple and once you pick them up you can add more intensity that in turn burns more calories.

Kirstie said: 'The beauty of a Zumba fitness class is that nobody is there to judge.

'You can let yourself go and move how you move; this is what it's all about! Feeling the music and dancing like no-one is watching!'

She added: 'I want to share my love of Zumba fitness and show people that exercise can be fun!'

The 28-year-old qualified as an instructor in April and since then she has been perfecting her routines and is now ready to share her passion with others.

The classes will be starting on Tuesday 21 June between 8pm and 9pm in Brodick Hall and also Thursdays from June 23 between 8pm and 9pm in Whiting Bay Hall.

Kirstie is Arran's second Zumba instructor.

Orsi Balogh also has classes running on a Monday and Tuesday night between 6pm and 7pm at Arran High School. Together she and Kirstie are hoping to cater for everybody on the island and invite everyone to join the fun.

The sessions last one hour and no matter how you are feeling when you arrive you will leave with a smile!



Kirstie Smith wants to share her love of Zumba fitness with the people of Arran.

## Legion prepares for 90 year celebration

On Tuesday 28 June the Arran Branch of the Royal British Legion will be celebrating the annual Armed Forces day as well as the 90th year of the Royal British Legion.

The Arran Branch has secured 25 places for local members at the Heritage Museum tearoom in Brodick from 3-4pm for afternoon tea.

Places for this event are limited, therefore any member who wishes to be there should contact Heather White on 700378 as soon as possible.

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# THE ARRAN BANNER

With around 250 applicants on Arran's housing list, the issue of affordable housing is always on the agenda.

Arran has a growing population. Currently over 5,200 people live here.

But almost one in three of the total population is over 60. This reflects the feeling that Arran is a comfortable place to retire, and that only those with significant savings or pension fund can afford the higher priced housing and the increased cost of living here.

This doesn't make it easy for young folk wanting to live and work here, and to get a foot on the first rung of the housing ladder.

The housing market is dominated by those looking to retire or make a mid-life change in lifestyle.

People looking to snap up a wee holiday home here also dominate the lower end of the market, making it doubly difficult for local young people.

But there are lots of houses being built here.

The Benlister development of 18 houses in Lamlash was completed 15 years ago and is full of local families. Plans have been passed for a similar development in the next field that will soon provide another 21 houses. Across the road, in Carswell's field, a 56-house development is being planned.

Next Friday the 24-house development in Red Quarry Road, Corrie will have an official opening ceremony. The families staying there have underpinned the future of Corrie Primary School by increasing the school roll.

And there are lots of houses for sale, but most of them could not be described as affordable housing. Average house prices on Arran are around 35 percent higher than the Scottish average, and 90 percent higher than North Ayrshire.

Many existing island residents openly oppose the new urban estate-type developments, but they probably represent the only hope for young folk to work and live here.

Who would be a shepherd nowadays? It's a tough life, striding over the hills in all weathers, tending sheep that seem to want to die just to spite them, and not exactly being paid a king's ransom. Shepherds on Arran have become very thin on the ground, and the same applies to the rest of rural Scotland.

Sheepdog trials are under threat, with farmers increasingly using a quad bike to round up their flock. Dog handlers nowadays tend to do it more as a hobby. This was made clear at the national nursery finals when for the first time, not a single handler qualified for the Shepherd's Cup.

Arran's major dog trial celebrates 40 years and is taking place today (Friday) at Whitehills, Corriegills. Get along there and see a dying art while you can.

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

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

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# Letters to the Editor



## Social fabric intact

Sir,

I agree with this heading. The report of the Aberdeen students' study is interesting as is the quote from Alastair Gemmell 20 years ago that 'native-born people will feel like aliens in their own backyard and the social fabric begins to disintegrate'.

The students' findings were fortunately less negative than A Gemmell's and his musings are in part disproved but there is a vestige of truth in the dire prediction!

Having lived in Arran long enough to see the population grow from 3,000 to 5,000 plus it is true that people no longer know all of the neighbours in 'their own backyard'.

One of the pillars of the now flourishing tourism industry on which we all depend in one way or another is the hospitality and friendship of the Arran people who began the industry over 100 years ago.

The mix now with the skills and drive and innovation of the new generation in the expanding industry is crucial. That's the good news story.

The social fabric hasn't 'disintegrated' but it's vital to still recognise the indigenous qualities of resilience, common sense and a kind of unpretentiousness that belongs to the 'native-born' people and it mustn't be subsumed in the new 'localism'.

Yours,  
Margie Currie  
Eastland  
Shiskine

## Bureau delight

Sir,

For some time now I have been aware of the funding difficulties attached to the Citizens Advice Bureaus (CAB) across the country and the struggles they have had as they try to sustain their services to their local communities.

I was, therefore, delighted to see that North Ayrshire Citizens Advice Service (NACAS) had succeeded in retaining its service on Arran, when it had seemed this would not be the case.

Having had local enquiries that suggested anxiety over the proposals for the island,

I have taken a closer interest in the situation and have asked to be kept informed of developments.

Two letters included in your paper on June 3, express an opinion, which appears to be based upon the concept that the independence of the CAB is reduced, if not eradicated, by working with the Jobcentre Plus. This is not the case.

The proposals for the service in Arran seem to us to enhance the service being provided to the island, which is a situation far removed from the days when it seemed the service would be withdrawn.

We are delighted that the people of Arran – and even Gloucester – are so interested in and supportive of the service the CAB is attempting to provide for them.

However, it can be undermining for the CAB and its staff and volunteers, when their service is misunderstood and misrepresented as a consequence.

As area officer responsible for the area which includes Arran, I commend the local service for the efforts it has made to retain the CAB office on the island and hope this communication reassures your readers, that current concerns which are similar to those expressed in your letters column, though well-intentioned, are utterly misplaced and without any foundation.

Yours,  
Alastair McTaggart  
Citizens Advice Bureau  
Scotland  
Glasgow

## Never had it so good

Sir,

I have read with interest the varied points of view offered in the wind farm debate but it may come as a surprise to know that many a conservationist has learned to love them.

The conflict that frequently engulfs the humble turbine has substantially transformed the financial circumstances of many a naturalist, virtually overnight.

Naturally, the not inconsiderable monies involved are not provided by conservation

bodies but the commercial concerns interested in a financial return.

Of course, it is the bodies allegedly set up to protect our natural environment that lay down the ground rules and set the parameters for ecological surveys but it is the handsomely rewarded 'consultants' who provide the required data.

To be clear then, it is those employed by those with most to gain who inform the governmental agencies charged with protecting our natural heritage; as such, the integrity of 'consultants' is an integral part of the process.

A hypothetical example would be, that if the recorded flight paths of hunting hen harriers demonstrated that they would be on a collision course with the turbine blades of a wind farm, it would be unethical if a firm of 'consultants' manipulated such facts in order to meet the requirements of those who provide the lucrative employment.

Human nature dictates that, at the very least, this must be a possibility.

Further more, logic dictates that consultants who consistently found in favour of hen harriers would probably experience a catastrophic drop in both employment prospects and income streams.

Of course this situation might be avoided if conservation bodies, themselves, collected the data required.

Occasionally, they may already have such information but if not they need to gather it and this is where the whole idea collapses in an unholy heap.

Apparently, conservation bodies have little money for such exercises. They prefer to rely on volunteers with lots of time to spare!

Conservationists and field workers, therefore, have a stark choice: be paid handsomely by those seeking to install wind farms etc or be paid nothing by conservation bodies. Not surprisingly, an increasing number of such people opt for the 'dark side'.

'Conservationists' have never had it so good!

Yours,  
John Rhead  
Kilmory

## Storm delay thanks

Sir,

Our family were on holiday on the island from 21 May and experienced the storm delays of that weekend, some of the group being unable to leave and others unable to arrive. You may recall we suffered a power cut on the Monday so we travelled to Brodick in the hope all was well there, only to find they were likewise without electricity.

We had hoped to purchase some food not requiring to be cooked. Help was at hand in the form of the manageress and her staff at the Co-op. They were placed at the door attending to our every need.

As each request was made a member of staff scurried off into the darkened abyss and by magic produced tins, salad etc to satisfy hungry families.

One of the staff was even coerced into translating the situation to a German tourist! What initiative was shown on that day by islanders meaning to please. A huge thank you from us for all that was done and giving us this wonderful after-dinner story to relate for years to come.

Yours,  
N Chisholm  
Snowdon Terrace  
Seamill  
West Kilbride

## Missing peacocks

Sir,

Lochranza peacocks, where are they?

The Distillery, who owned the birds apparently said they were going to shoot them because they were upsetting some of the neighbours even though new homes had been arranged for the birds.

We hope the Distillery will clear the matter up.

Yours,  
Margaret McGivern,  
Margaret MacPherson  
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# Triple success for bowlers

The members of Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club were celebrating triple success last Thursday night after picking up three of five trophies in the Arran Bowling federation finals.

The finals were played at the Blackwaterfoot Club last week.

Early rounds were dogged by cold wet weather but nevertheless were played to schedule.

The first final, the ladies singles, was played on Wednesday evening between Ann Whattam of Blackwaterfoot and Lavinia Hendry of Brodick.

Ann started well but by the eighth end Lavinia found her form and overtook Ann, and although the later ends were shared Lavinia ran out winner at 21-14.

The men's singles on Thursday were played between John Robinson of Blackwaterfoot and Ian Davidson of Lamlash.

Ian won the first two ends then John rallied and the fifth end tied the scores.



**Pictured from left to right are John Robinson, Margaret Murchie, Marion Spence, Jenny and Peter Harper, Gina Brookes, Steve Hope, Marian Brambles, David Brambles and Lavinia Hendry.**

John then pulled ahead, but by the 18th end there was only one shot between them. John moved into the lead and although Ian won three more ends John won in 24 ends at 23 shots to 19.

Jenny and Peter Harper from Blackwaterfoot were defending the pairs won last year at

Brodick. They made a good start and by the fourth end were leading by nine shots to nil.

#### Comeback

Neil Pringle and John McGovern of Whiting Bay then started a comeback and in the 12th end scored a six, however they never actually

overtook Jenny and Peter who eventually ran out winners at 22 shots to 12 in 16 ends.

The Blackwaterfoot Rinks team (Steve Hope, Marian Brambles, David Brambles and Gina Brookes) started well against Whiting Bay (Keith Irving, Grace Michael, Keith Kelsall and Jenny Doug-

las) with a five in the first end, although after this the ends were fairly equally shared the Blackwaterfoot team consistently scored a higher shot count and they ran out winners at 20 shots to 13 in 15 ends.

The evening was concluded with a buffet supper and prize giving at the John Robertson Hall at Shiskine.

The prize giving included the presentation of the Laidler-Gardiner trophy to the Lamlash Bowling Club.

This competition ran over three weeks period in late May and early June. All four clubs - Blackwaterfoot, Brodick, Lamlash and Whiting Bay - played each other at home and away and Lamlash scored 15 points with Brodick in second place on 14 points.

The trophy was collected by Margaret Murchie and Marion Spence.

The competitions were generally adjudged to have been a success and despite the 'serious' competition there was much laughter and good sportsmanship.

## Rescue team bid Frazer farewell



#### Frazer Mitchell

The Arran Mountain Rescue Team are saying farewell to one of their members this week.

Frazer Mitchell is leaving the island today after four years on the island.

A spokesman for the team said: 'We would like to say a big thank you to Frazer for his help as a team member and also as a local police man over the past three years. 'We wish you all the best Frazer and hope you can join us again when you visit.'

Frazer has spent four years on the island as a police officer but has recently been reposted back to the mainland.

## Annual Glen Rosa Horseshoe race this Saturday

The annual Glen Rosa Horseshoe Race takes place this Saturday.

Runners will start at noon from the Ranger Centre at Brodick Castle.

Arran Runners club secretary Mike Mellor said: 'We just want to highlight that there will be runners on the hills on Saturday, not necessarily to encourage entry on the day!'

The race is sponsored by the Isle of Arran Distillery.

## Chamber Orchestra bring classics to Arran

The Scottish Chamber Orchestra Wind and Brass ensemble is bringing an uplifting programme of classics by Beethoven, Scheidt, Gounod and Mozart to Whiting Bay Hall on Friday 8 July.

#### Centuries

The concert, which sweeps three centuries of music and gives each instrument an opportunity to shine, includes music from Mozart's 'The Magic Flute' and a special arrangement of Beethoven's Symphony No 1. 'Canzona' by the early Baroque composer Samuel Scheidt.

Charles Gounod's light-

hearted 'Petite Symphonie' plays homage to Mozart's popular wind serenades, usually written for oboes, clarinets, horns, and bassoons.

However, Gounod insisted that the flute should be included in his work and created a beautiful solo for the instrument in the second movement.

SCO flautist Lis Dooner said: 'This wind and brass concert will give listeners the opportunity to enjoy the wide palette of colours available to this dynamic section of the SCO.

'We will delight with the

florid brass writing of the early 17th century, the grandeur of the 18th century of Mozart and Beethoven and the charm and elegance of 19th century France. We will finish with an arrangement of Beethoven's first symphony...no strings attached, and hope the audience enjoy it as much as we will.'

#### Smaller Ensembles

The orchestra's summer touring across the Highlands and Islands is now in its 33rd year, and by dividing into smaller ensembles, allows the orchestra to bring music to as many local communities as possible.

## Summer Bridge

Results of the Summer Bridge tournament played on 13 June were:

N/S 1 Derek and Elizabeth Calvert, 2 Libby Alexander and Jen Macintyre, 3 Liz Robertson and Jennifer McArthur.

E/W 1 John and Moira Bain, 2 equal Helen Boyd and Liz Paul, 2 equal Peter Thomson and Jean Murchie.

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## Film footage

In last week's Banner we carried an article asking for old film footage of the island for a summer project by the Arran Theatre and Arts Trust.

Unfortunately we published the wrong contact details, and anyone with information on films relating to Arran should contact Ed O'Donnelly at e.odonnelly12@btinternet.com or phone 01770 830208.

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# The 17th Arran Folk Festival

## 'The level of support from locals and visitors to the island made it all worthwhile'

The 17th Arran Folk Festival has been hailed as an outstanding success, according to both audiences and organisers.

Last week Brodick Village Hall, the Ormidale Pavilion and Ormidale Hotel were all packed over the four nights of the festival. There were fears this year that the festival might not go ahead but it has been resurrected by the Arran Events team.

Arran Events was formed earlier this by Jon Hollingworth, Robin Fisher, Andy McCallum and Andy Surrige.

Jon Hollingworth of Arran Events said: 'I am relieved that we had such a large turnout at everything we put on.'

'The level of support from locals and the large number of visitors to the island made it all worthwhile.'

He added that the efforts of the Roots of Arran Community Woodland; Arran Theatre and Arts Trust (McLellan Festival) and The Isle of Arran Pipe Band were also invaluable in helping to provide much needed manpower at the evening concerts. All the visiting bands stayed on

the island for two or three extra days because they were so impressed with the hospitality, the appreciation from the audiences on all nights, and the welcome they received on the island in general.

But Jon did admit that there were some areas that need to be improved on for next year.

'We got a few things wrong and there are a few areas that we'd like to improve on and get a little better for next year but for something that was planned, put together and happened in the space of

only 14 weeks, we are very happy with the outcome,' he told The Banner.

'We were fortunate with the weather on all days for the sessions as that gave us space outside - at The Ormidale Hotel on Friday where we had the pleasure of being entertained by some talented primary school kids that Lucy Cartledge organised - that's the age to get kids involved with music on a practical level and to give them opportunities like this of playing with other visiting musicians.'



Lorne MacDougall is one of Scotland's leading young pipers. Photo by Andy Surrige.



Children from St Marks Primary School in Irvine performed with local clarsach player Heather McLeod. 01\_b24fes01



Local music teacher Lucy Cartledge leads the young musicians at the open folk session on Friday afternoon. 01\_b24fes05



Pupils from Shiskine Primary School took part in the open folk session at the Ormidale Hotel in Brodick on Friday afternoon. 01\_b24fes02



Three eager young musicians from Pirnmill. 01\_b24fes03

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The Average Folk Band is made up of local artists Damien and Emily Frame who teamed up with guitarist Euan Davidson and drummer Graeme McGowan. Photo by Andy Surridge.



Scottish folk singer Pauline Alexander drew in the crowds on the Friday night. Photo by Andy Surridge.



Local band 'Arran Brew' performing on Friday night. Photo by Andy Surridge.



Brodick girls, Robyn Keen and Amie Hume, were well received by the audiences. Photo by Andy Surridge.



Right: Internationally renowned piper Damien Frame, who grew up in Brodick. Photo by Andy Surridge.



The Morgan Lee Band – a Glasgow band with a ceilidh twist. Photo by Andy Surridge.

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## Public Consultation Event: Proposed Electricity Converter Station and Substation Hunterston

Following our first round of consultation in February 2011 SP Transmission and National Grid would like to invite you to a second event. At this pre application consultation event we will outline the latest developments to our proposals for an electricity converter station and substation adjacent to the existing Power Station at Hunterston, North Ayrshire.

The converter station and substation are essential parts of the Western High Voltage Direct Current Link project. The project is one of a number of significant upgrades to the national electricity transmission system required to meet the UK Government's renewable energy targets. Working together SP Transmission and National Grid will lay a new subsea high voltage transmission cable between a converter stations at Hunterston, North Ayrshire and Connah's Quay in North Wales.

To explain the proposed plan, answer your questions and listen to any thoughts or concerns you may have we will be holding a drop-in public consultation event:

**Tuesday 28th June**  
Seamill Hydro Hotel, 39 Ardrossan Rd, Seamill, Ayrshire, KA23 9NB  
2pm-8pm

For more information about the project visit [www.westernhvdclink.co.uk](http://www.westernhvdclink.co.uk)

If you have any comments or questions about the plans please direct them to SP Transmission and National Grid Community Relations team on Freephone: 0800 0304137 or [info@westernhvdclink.co.uk](mailto:info@westernhvdclink.co.uk) before July 29th.



## Legion delighted with cheque from Janie's race

It was smiles all round when Janie McLaren of Lamlash handed over a cheque for £1,070 to the committee of The Arran Branch of the Royal British Legion.

Janie had successfully completed the 10k race in Bellahouston Park, Glasgow on Sunday 8 May, and had just collected all her sponsorship money.

She improved on her last year's time, placed 3,822 out of 13,000 in a time of one hour, three minutes and 41 seconds.

The Royal British Legion Arran branch wishes to thank Janie and all her generous sponsors for such a wonderful total. It will be used to contribute funds to the Legion's main charities of Erskine Hospital, Combat Stress at Hollybush House, the Gurkhas Welfare and the RBL Arran branch.



Janie McLaren handing over a cheque to members of the Arran Branch of the Royal British Legion after her 10k Bellahouston Park race. b24leg01



The site under construction as viewed from High Corrie. b24cor01



The finished development of 24 houses in Red Quarry Road. b24cor02

# Red Quarry Road ready for opening

The development of 24 houses in the quarry behind Corrie Terrace will be officially opened in a formal ceremony next Friday, 24 June.

This project attracted considerable local opposition at the time, but was approved by North Ayrshire Council with 16 conditions in October 2008.

Thirteen letters of objection

were taken into consideration.

In February 2008 a statement from Corrie and Sannox village committee described it as 'a gross overdevelopment'. Another objector claimed that the site 'could become a ghetto in a small village' and that 'the houses at the back will not get any sunlight at all'.

With the finished article

looking anything but a ghetto, local opinion seems to have mellowed.

The development, now called Red Quarry Road, has 24 semi-detached houses; six for up to five people, 14 for four people and four for couples.

Builder Iain Thomson of John Thomson Construction said: 'The finished product speaks for itself. Its spacious,

bright, and completed 10 weeks ahead of schedule.

There's even a playpark for the youngsters. A lot of credit is due to the site managers Jamie Picken and Donald Bannatyne.'

All the houses have been allocated with many going to local people. An influx of families has also boosted the Corrie Primary School roll.

### Whiting Bay Hall Village Market

SC024915  
Every Thursday from 14th July - 25th August.  
To book a table or for enquiries  
Tel Sandy 700445 or Zoe 700406

NA H-ARRAINNICH (Arran Gaelic Club) presents  
**CEILIDH**  
Saturday 25th June  
Broddick Church Hall  
7.30pm - 11pm  
song, music, dancing, home baking  
Tickets £3 members, £5 non members on the door  
All welcome

## Island solar panels maintenance

Do you have solar panels on the roof of your house?  
Bruce Patrick lives in Edinburgh and has a holiday house in Machrie.  
He has solar panels on his Arran home and wonders if anyone else with panels would be interested in getting together to bring a specialist tradesman over to the island to check out the water heating system.  
'A few households together would bring down the cost of a specialist engineer coming over,' he said.  
You can contact Bruce on 07785577438.

## Local kids golf for free on Arran

Youngsters from all of Arran's primary schools are to be given free access to the island's association golf courses, it has been revealed.  
At the AGM of the Arran Golfer's Association, John Milesi of Whitefarland suggested that all primary children should get free golf and the committee unanimously passed it.  
As a result any child resident on Arran and attending an island primary school can play for free at all courses with the exception of Lochranza providing they are accompanied by a paying adult or adult member of that course.  
Anyone wishing to play should phone the course before to arrange a time with the starter.  
Anyone with any questions can contact Dougie Macfarlane on 600038.  
A proposal by Terry Raeside of Broddick for half price green fees was also passed at the meeting.  
Now along with the four free rounds from October 1 until the end of March, in the dates between these you can now play four rounds on the Association courses for half the green fees, just contact the starter before to arrange a time.  
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**Ann Miller Cup**  
Saturday 25 June  
in Broddick  
3.00pm kick off.  
**DANCE**  
Broddick Hall  
9pm till late  
with The Queeves  
Licensed Bar  
ID will be required  
and the dance is for 16 years and above

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SUNDAY 19 JUNE AT 2PM  
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TICKETS £7 ADULTS, £3 CHILDREN 5 & OVER  
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Everyone welcome  
cheese n wine will follow

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Arran Riding Club  
**Junior Show**  
Sunday 19th June, 11am  
The Mayish Field  
Clear Round Jumping  
Handy Pony  
Gymkhana Games  
Lead Rein Optional  
Enquiries to Janis 860200

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SUNDAY JULY 17  
Leave 1pm back 6.25pm  
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THURSDAYS JUNE 30 until AUGUST 25  
Leave 3pm back 5pm  
& SUNDAY AUGUST 21  
Leave 3.20pm back 5pm  
Relax & enjoy the magnificent scenery of 'Scotland in Miniature' as you steam along Arran's coastline to Pladda Island & steam round Holy Isle £15.95 SC £15

**SKIPNESS CASTLE**  
SUNDAYS JULY 31 & AUGUST 28  
Leave 3.40pm back 4.40pm  
Cruise in style across the Kilbrannan Sound as you steam to Skipness Point with views of Skipness Castle on the Kintyre Peninsula £11

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You can also buy tickets from Broddick Tourist Information Centre Or Buy Your Tickets On Board When You Sail

# Life 'doon the watter' on board Queen Mary II

'In her later years she would have been a familiar sight in Arran'

The turbine steamer Queen Mary II was a familiar sight in Arran waters in the 1950s and 1960s.

Now former purser Richard Orr has written a book about her entitled 'A Purser's Life on the Glasgow Boat.'

The book details the daily roster and memories of the collection of colourful characters that made up her crew.

Richard's seven-year stint

on the ship from 1958 to 1964 coincided with the decline in passenger traffic on the Clyde brought about by a succession of poor summers, the new appeal of foreign holidays and the impact of the motorcar.

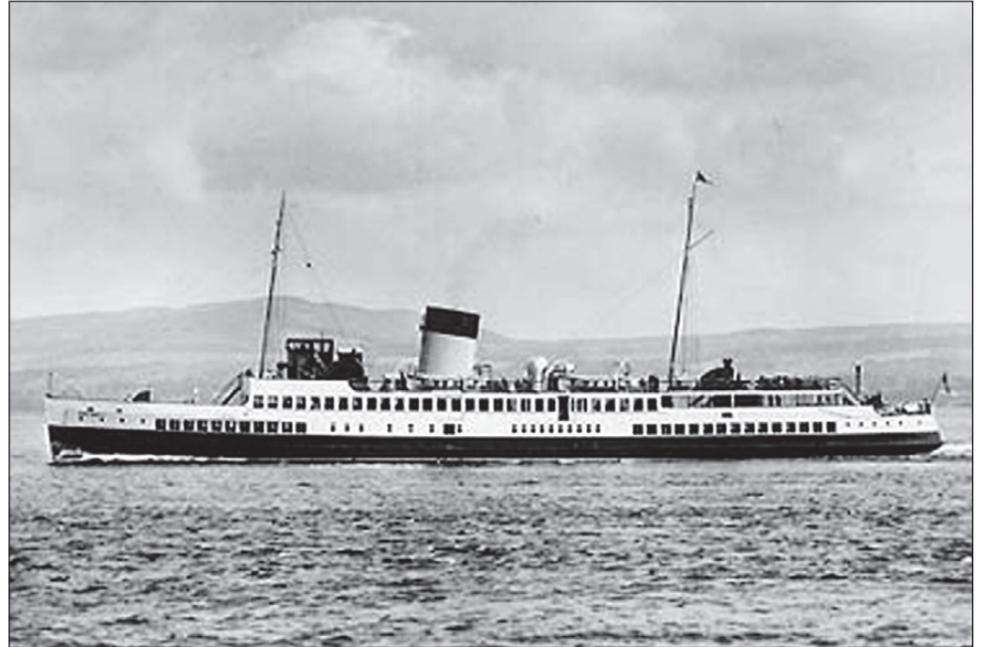
## Replacing

Richard said: 'The Queen Mary II spent her main life as a 'Doon the Watter' steamer out of Glasgow, but her later years saw her replacing the Duch-

esses on their downriver sailings and she would have been a familiar sight in Arran.'

The book concludes with a look at how Queen Mary became the Clyde's last turbine steamer in service on the river before taking up her current position as a restaurant ship on the River Thames.

The old vessel is being refitted as a hotel for yachtsmen in La Rochelle.



Queen Mary II. b24mar02

## Bird Notes for May by Jim Cassels

In comparison to April, after the first few days, May was very unsettled with more than four times the rain of May 2010 and days with autumnal storm force winds.

The wind scorched fresh foliage and blossom leaving hedges and trees in the south and west of Arran 'burnt'.

The impact on hedge nesting birds, insect life and autumn berries is yet to be seen but the high winds combined with high tides, swamped the nests of many shore birds and gulls particularly those on the west coast.

It was not all bad news. The unsettled weather brought migrating skuas and other seabirds closer to the shore including an Arctic Skua off Kildonan on the 18<sup>th</sup>, a Great Skua in Brodick Bay on the 25<sup>th</sup>, two well named Storm Petrels off Blackwaterfoot on the 26<sup>th</sup> and two Long-tailed Skuas between Kildonan and Pladda on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

This is the first ever report of Long-tailed Skua on Arran by two observers from the comparative comfort of the grounds of the Kildonan Hotel.

In May, summer visitors continued to arrive. The following 'firsts' were reported: Arctic Tern on Cleats Shore on the 6<sup>th</sup>, Swift over the Fisherman's Walk in Brodick on the 8<sup>th</sup>, Lesser Whitethroat in Auchenhew on the 14<sup>th</sup> and Wood Warbler in Glenashdale on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

There have been no reports so far this year of Common Tern, Corncrake or Nightjar.

## Breeding

In May, breeding was well underway for many species including: Woodcock roding over Lochranza on the 8<sup>th</sup>, a pair of Mute Swans with seven young at Port-na-Lochan on the 14<sup>th</sup>, a pair of Shelduck with 11 young at Carlo on the 17<sup>th</sup>, 10 pairs of Fulmar on Drumadoon cliffs on the 18<sup>th</sup> and up to 20 Black Guillemots at Brodick pier on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

In addition, there were lots of reports of garden birds carrying food and feeding recently fledged young.

Again from garden sightings,

there were widespread reports of Goldfinches and Siskins.

Species who breed further north continued to pass through including: 28 Whimbrel at Auchenhew on the 4<sup>th</sup>, nine Dotterel on Caisteal Abhail on the 8<sup>th</sup>, a male Snow Bunting on North Goatfell on the 13<sup>th</sup>, 16 Dunlin and two Sanderling at Drumadoon Point on the 15<sup>th</sup>, 14 Great Northern Divers in Machrie Bay on the 17<sup>th</sup> and a Wood Sandpiper at Drumadoon Point on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

This is the first ever report of Wood Sandpiper on Arran and it gave the two observers very close views.

Around a hundred species of birds were reported to me in May including the first ever report of breeding Canada Geese - a pair with four young at Sliderry on the 12<sup>th</sup>, two Puffin off Pirmill on the 19<sup>th</sup> and several reports of the increasingly scarce Short-eared Owl one from the top of the Boguillie on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and two from the top of the String on



The unsettled weather brought migrating skuas and other seabirds closer to the shore.

the 31<sup>st</sup>. With the long daylight hours it is a great time of year to be birding. Most birds are getting on with the business of breeding.

## Remember

Please take a moment to report any signs of breeding birds to me but please also remember that under the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004 it is an offence to intentionally or recklessly damage or destroy the nest of

any wild bird while it is being built or used.

Please send any bird notes with 'what, when, where' to me at Kilpatrick Kennels, Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot, KA27 8EY, or e mail me at james.cassels@virgin.net . I look forward to hearing from you. For more information on birding on Arran purchase the 'Arran Bird Report 2010' and visit this website www.arranbirding.co.uk



Jim received his first ever report of a Wood Sandpiper on Arran in May and it gave the two observers very close views.

**REMINDER**  
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with a summer  
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Children £3  
Tickets Available from the  
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High School Office

# Where's Archie?

If you think you know then post your answer on the website

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Or email us at:

[editor@arranbanner.co.uk](mailto:editor@arranbanner.co.uk)

Apologies to those who missed Archie last week - he was on his hols. On the previous week he was at the grave of Edwin Rose, victim of the Goatfell Murder, in Sannox graveyard. First correct were Wilma of Alberta and Janette of West Yorkshire. This week he is in an urban development, but where are those houses? 02\_b24arc01



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Customers appear to be carrying less and less cash and in the more remote areas of Arran and Cumbræ can be faced with a refusal of goods or services if the business they are dealing with has no facility.

When your customer uses their Credit or Debit card the transaction using the credit card charges a percentage depending on the card you take and a transaction charge for the debit card again dependant on the card you take, what you are charged at the outset is based on your estimated turnover by credit/debit card and the bigger your turnover the smaller your charges should be.

I would recommend for those who currently have no facility that they talk to their bank in the first instance and look for a facility to suit their type of business if you have a low turnover ask for a so called "Light " system, this has a low monthly charge sometimes no joining fee and a slightly higher percentage if you expect a high turnover then negotiate the best deal you can.

Some membership schemes offer a joining fee free product, remember to check the charges levied to ensure that the membership fee is not being taken in another way.

If you have a card machine you should review your charges annually with your provider especially if your turnover has increased and perhaps you have reached one of your providers targets allowing a discount.

Use of plastic by your customers may actually save you money, if you take cards instead of cash you don't have to go to the bank, queue to be served or pay service charge to pay your hard earned cash in the credit card company simply pays your daily takings into your account automatically usually two to three days later.

The final sting in the tail is, remember to carry out the authentication of transactions properly and if you suspect your client may be up to no good be prepared to take the card from the customer or if asked to by your provider, most will actually give you a reward.

Customers can also question the validity of transactions up to 6 months after they have been in your shop.

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Contact Derek Shand on 07833 755684 or 01770 302676

## Pride in your job: Be your own boss

Lee Russell used to get really exasperated with his job and what was expected of him. He is a bricklayer and found that quantity was being stressed over quality work: he was being asked to lay more and more bricks until he reached the point that he was dissatisfied with the quality of his work. He was so dissatisfied in fact, that he decided that he would have to move on and leave his current employment.

His first step prior to this was to talk to Business Gateway. Lee's wife had been chatting to a friend who recommended the service. He duly made his appointment and chatted over all of the requirements of being your own business, including business insurance, registering as self employed, and organising and opening a business bank account.

His next step was to ensure that he could step seamlessly from employment to self employment and that he had customers to work for, a wee bit of market research confirmed this and the decision was made.

He now operates as a self employed tradesman, and is finding himself to be really busy trading under the name of LA Builders with a smartly appointed van which can be seen darting about the island in an ideal business climate: as with less houses selling and more people staying where they are there is an increased demand from people expanding and improving their current houses.

## Changing Rooms: DIY Business

Steve Kirk on developing Arran Decorating Services

After leaving Stagecoach at the end of the last year, and after a lot of research and thinking about what I should do after 32 years in the bus industry, I decided to explore the possibilities of being my 'own boss'. I chose to utilise the passion and skills in painting and decorating which I have obtained over the years by working alongside my father and father-in-law, both apprentice trained, now retired, painters and decorators working to 'old school' exacting standards.

'Arran Decorating Services' was established very quickly after I contacted Derek Shand at Business Gateway and after discussing my thoughts and plans he advised me of the way forward. He stressed the importance of organising a Business Bank Account, registering as self employed with HMRC, he also helped me to organise business/public liability insurance.

I registered my business on the Government Business Gateway site which will enable me to submit tax returns etc. and that made me legal and above board. Derek advised me about marketing and promoting my business, letterheadings and business cards, also book keeping and invoices, all of which was invaluable advice.

As a result of hard work and determination the business is so far doing well, I have managed to secure work for the next few months and find that 'word of mouth' is getting around, whilst being familiar to 99% of Arran residents in my previous position, I have not been known for Painting and Decorating, it is comforting to receive so much support from locals who wish for my new venture to be successful. I have completed projects for some clients who were so satisfied that they are now scheduled for further work later in the year and have given me written references regarding the service and work.

I would like to say a big 'Thank You' to both Derek for his extensive advice and to my customers for putting their faith in me and look forward to their continuing support in my quest to really enjoy my work and being my own boss. I enjoy it so much I should have done it years ago!

## Can a hobby become a business?

Lynn Raeburn discovered she has a passion for "recycling" furniture, by taking old, second hand pieces and restoring, then painting them. She found the results so satisfying that it became addictive. Through friends and neighbours it seemed that there was a ready market for her work and she was able to sell it before the paint was even dry.

The next question was where to go next, and it was then that Lynn talked to Business Gateway and asked their advice on how to set up her business. Derek Shand visited Lynn and they chatted about the ways of ensuring that the new business was legal, insurable, and, ultimately, profitable.

The next move was to take on the challenge of leasing a shop, fitting it out and starting trading. All this was achieved very quickly using Lynn's own resources, the advice from business gateway and the hard work of her family and friends. Buntys is now established in a prominent position next to Bilslands in Brodick selling a lovely collection of accessories and gifts with a beachside, country home theme and of course Lynn's own hand painted furniture.

## Business Gateway Records Highest number of new start businesses

Despite challenging economic conditions, Scotland's national business advice service, Business Gateway, has recorded an increase of 6.3% in the number of new businesses started, with its assistance, across Scotland for the full year ended March 2011 compared with the same 12 month period in 2009/10.

The total number of start-up businesses set up was 11,242 - the highest number achieved since Business Gateway's inception in 2003 - an increase of 662 from the year ended March 2010.

The service also recorded an increase of 28% in the number of existing businesses from across Scotland contacting Business Gateway for the first time during the last year. The number rose from 3,953 to 5,059, an increase of 1,106.

In addition, 10,821 delegates attended 2,470 training workshop events for existing businesses in 2010/11, an increase of 6% and 3.7% respectively over the previous year.

Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth, John Swinney said: "Business Gateway is going from strength to strength. The service is providing knowledge and expertise to an increasing number of developing Scottish businesses. I'm particularly pleased to see the highest ever number of start-ups supported by Business Gateway. These new ventures have an important role to play in helping to sustain the economic recovery underway in Scotland, and putting us on the path to greater long-term success."



In the picture are: from left to right, Angus, Lynn and Libby Raeburn.

# The Arran Banner 20 years ago

## Saturday, June 15, 1991

### Nine years on

More than nine years ago Iain Johnston, on his appointment as tourist officer, said: 'We've got to fight the climate'.

He was referring to a need for a wet weather facility, most of all a swimming pool.

At the time most people thought it would never happen but next Wednesday Iain will open the doors to his new Auchrannie Swimming Pool and Leisure Centre.

### High school dux

Sixteen-year-old Hamish Bannatyne is this year's dux of

Arran High School. From Catacol, Hamish has a scientific bent and expects to read a science subject at university but plans to stay on for sixth year so he has plenty of time to decide.

### First class delivery

Post buses have a new look on the island now with three Peugeot diesel estates replacing the old Land Rovers.

The post bus is a much-loved service, said Hamish Mitchell of the Post Office.

'In fact many visitors take a trip with the postman to see

parts of the island other buses don't reach,' he said.

### Arnhall wall sealed

Mountaineer and conqueror of Everest, Chris Bonnington, was due to open the climbing wall today at Arnhall in Whiting Bay. However, for reasons beyond his control, the visit has been cancelled and a different kind of opening will be held at a later date.

### Ferry disruptions

The unseasonable weather affected the ferry schedule on Wednesday and caused the boat to sail twice to Gourock.

The final sailing of the day left Gourock at about 10pm with passengers not arriving in Brodick until after midnight.

### Licenses applied for

Twenty-three Arran licensed premises are applying for children's certificates at the Licensing Court to be held this Monday.

It was after the April court that we reported only one Arran hotel had applied to comply with this new regulation.

### Award for Kirsty

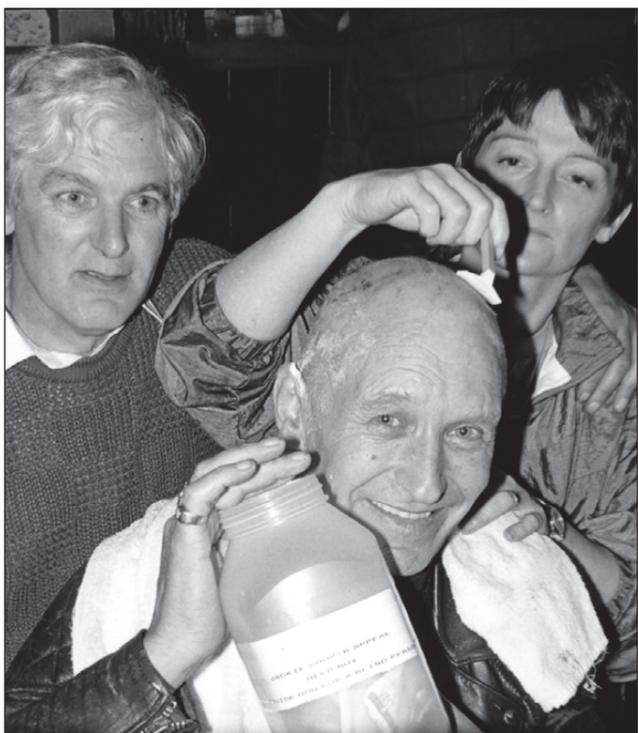
Kirsty Lacey of Kildonan has been awarded one of the highest prizes for a horse loving young lady as she has been chosen to train at a prestigious equitation centre in Somerset.

Kirsty will be based at Urchinwood Manor where she will start next month.

She will train under Olympic gold medallist Baron von Blixenfinecke in dressage.



Arran's finalists in the North Ayrshire Schools Athletics championships are, back row, Jamie Lees, Paul Birch, Robbie Cargill, Steven Dalby, front row, Mark West, Rosalind Millar, Lorna Logan, Pamela Ribbeck, Jill Bain and Robin Hay. Not shown is Douglas Bell who was the champion high jumper. b24twe02



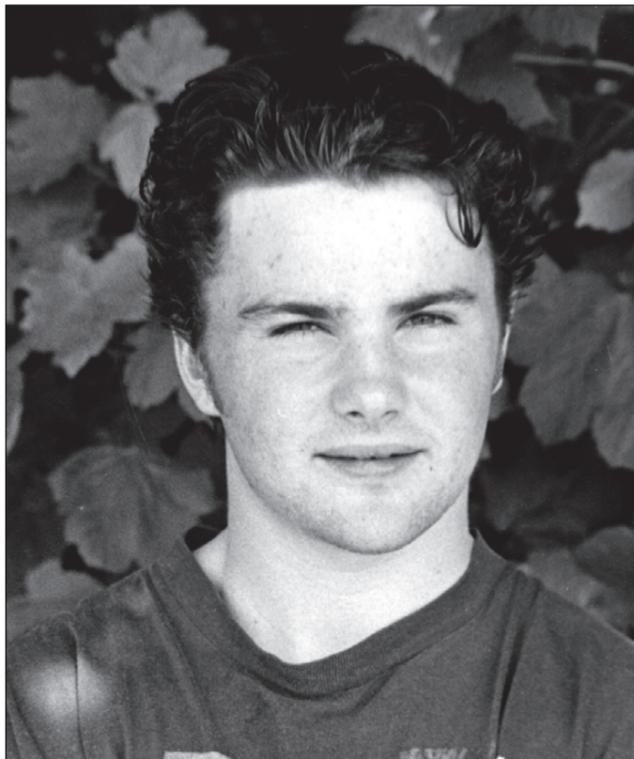
Danny Craig of Brodick had his long hair shaved off on Wednesday by drinkers in the various pubs and bars of the village for 50p a go. It was all in aid of the Jackie Cooper Guide Dog Appeal. b24twe05



Ricky MacDonald of Pirnmill enjoys a sing-a-long at the Third Arran Folk Festival. b24twe01



Kirsty Lacey of Kildonan is off to Urchinwood Manor where she will train with an Olympic gold medallist in horse dressage. b24twe03



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2pm  
Loch Garbad, Boat or Bank  
9am - dusk  
Rosaburn Brodict, 10.30am - 4.30pm

## SATURDAY 18th JUNE

Karate  
Family Games  
Fun In The Pool  
Over 21's Disco  
Arran Dancers (4 years and up)  
Rink Game  
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Rink Game  
RNLI Shop Open  
Glen Rosa Horseshoe Race

Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am - 12.30pm  
3pm to 4pm Auchrannie Games Hall  
4pm to 5pm Auchrannie Spa Pool  
The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
Arran High School, 10am  
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm  
Brodict Bowling Club, 2pm  
Whiting Bay Bowling Club 2.30pm  
Lamlash Bowling Club 2pm  
Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm  
Ranger Centre, 12pm

## SUNDAY 19th JUNE

Alcoholics Anonymous  
Arran Fiddle Club- Childrens Classes  
Family Games  
Fun In The Pool  
Quiz  
Open Music Session  
RNLI Shop Open  
Open Triples - In memory of Angus Cook  
Arran Dancers Presents Dancemagic  
Arran Riding Club Junior Show  
Live Music Folk / Rock / Blues

Church Hall, Brodict, 4.30pm  
Library Annexe, 1.45pm  
3pm to 4pm Auchrannie Games Hall  
4pm to 5pm Auchrannie Spa Pool  
PHT, Lamlash, 9pm  
Bar Eden, 3pm - 5pm  
Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm  
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2.30pm  
High School Theatre, 2pm  
The Mayish Field, 11am  
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm

## MONDAY 20th JUNE

Over 50's Badminton  
Badminton  
Weight Wise  
Ladies Netball  
Arran Junior Football Club Coaching & Games  
Citizens Advice  
Senior Fitness  
BreathWalk Class  
Circuit Training  
Table Tennis  
Badminton  
Mums and Tots Swimming Lessons  
Hatha Yoga  
Summer Bridge  
Rink Game  
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Lochranza Village Hall 2pm - 4pm  
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm  
Hospital Bungalow, 5pm - 5.30pm  
High School Sports Hall - Seniors 7.30pm - 9pm  
Ormidale Park, 6pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 10am - 2pm  
9.30am to 10.30am Auchrannie Gym  
Kinneil, Lamlash 5.15pm  
Auchrannie Gym, 6pm - 7pm  
Corrie Hall, 6.30pm  
Auchrannie Gym, 7pm - 9pm  
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 11am  
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



## Quiz

Arran Antiquarians - "U-Boat warfare in the Clyde"  
Zumba Fitness

Bar Eden, 9pm - 10.30pm  
Brodict Hall, 2pm  
Arran High School, 6pm - 7pm

## TUESDAY 21st JUNE

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  
A Midsummer Night's Dream  
Zumba Fitness

Kinloch 11am - 12pm  
Auchrannie Road, 7.30pm - 9.30pm  
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
Brodict Church Hall - 2pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 10am - 2pm  
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, 7.30pm  
Arran High School, 6pm - 7pm

## WEDNESDAY 22nd JUNE

Hockey  
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Yogalates  
Circuit Training  
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Rink Game  
Rink Game  
Arran Open Duke of Edinburgh's Award Group  
Dog Agility Classes  
A Midsummer Night's Dream  
Live Music Cuntry & Western  
Brodict Nursery AGM

Auchrannie Hall, 7pm - 8pm Games Hall  
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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  
9.45am to 10.30am Auchrannie Hotel Pool  
9.30am to 10.30am Auchrannie Studio  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 6pm - 7pm  
Brodict Bowling Club, 6.45pm  
Lamlash Curch Hall, 10.15am - 12pm  
Whiting Bay Bowling Club 7pm  
Lamlash Bowling Club 7pm  
High School, 3.45pm  
Arran High School, 7.30pm  
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
Arran Library, 7.30pm

## THURSDAY 23rd JUNE

General Knowledge Quiz  
Lochranza Craft Club  
Coffee Morning  
Table Tennis  
Youth Club  
Senior Fitness  
Pilates  
Pub Quiz  
General Knowledge Quiz  
Bad Girls Greetin Meetin'  
A Midsummer Night's Dream

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
Hall, 2pm  
St Molios Church 10.30am - 12pm  
Kildonan Hall, 3pm - 5pm  
Youth Cabin, Lamlash 7-9pm  
9.30am to 11.30am Auchrannie Spa Gym  
6 pm to 7pm Auchrannie Studio  
Kinloch Hotel, 9pm  
Kinloch Bar, 9pm  
Brodict Hall, 7.30pm  
Arran High School, 7.30pm

## FRIDAY 24th JUNE

Arran Pipe Band Practice  
Quiz  
Aquafizz  
Yogalates  
Over 21's Disco  
Arran Youth Foundations  
Live music with DJ  
Coffee Morning  
Pre-Application Public Event (Affordable Housing)

Brodict Hall, 7.30pm  
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 9pm  
9.45am to 10.30am Auchrannie Hotel Pool  
10am to 11am Auchrannie Studio  
The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
Behind Library, 7pm - 9pm  
Bar Eden, 9pm - 1am  
Corrie & Sannox Village Hall, from 10am  
Lamlash Church Hall, 12pm - 8pm

## SATURDAY 25th JUNE

Anne Miller Cup  
The Queeves  
Arran Gaelic Club Ceilidh

Ormidale Park, 3pm  
Brodict Hall, 9pm  
Brodict Church Hall, 7.30pm - 11pm

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#### DEATHS

##### BANNATYNE - MARY ELISE

Peacefully at Arran War Memorial Hospital on Friday 10th June 2011, Elise, aged 92 years, daughter of the Late Donald and Catherine Bannatyne, sister of Colin, Donald and the Late Sandy and Janet, aunt and great aunt of the family. Funeral took place on Thursday 16th June at Clachan Cemetery.

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 Location: Land to South of Benlister Road, Lamlash, Isle of Arran

## A PUBLIC EXHIBITION

will take place on Friday 24th June 1200 hours – 2000 hours at Lamlash Parish Church Hall, Lamlash

Further information relating to these proposals may be obtained from Elaine Hamilton, James Barr Ltd, 224 West George, Street, Glasgow, G2 2LN Tel: 0141 300 8007 Email: ehamilton@jamesbarr.co.uk

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### Arran Golfers Association

Friday 10 June, Kelso Cup 2011, final at Whiting Bay Golf Club.

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This is fast becoming the most important junior competition on the island and the way the boys conduct themselves around the course is a credit to themselves their parents and their respective golf clubs.

The final itself ended up a slightly one sided affair, the young Brodick team getting a stroke a hole in both matches against a stronger, older and more experienced Whiting Bay team but coming up a little bit short, a run of six holes in a row from the 9th in the first game and four in a row from the 5th in the second game proved too much for the young guns to overcome and the match ended at the 14th. Highlights were the solid steady play of the Bay which is always very hard to beat, young Ben Lesley's ability to hole some cracking putts over the week and Finlay's tee shot at four in the final missing out on a hole in one by two inches, looking forward to next year.

Fixtures: Saturday 18 June, Hope Cup at Whiting Bay Golf Club from 4pm.

Draw: Lamlash v Lochranza (winners play Whiting Bay), Machrie v Shiskine, Corrie v Brodick.

Semi-final and final Saturday 25 June, 1pm and 6pm.

### Whiting Bay Golf Club

Ninety-nine cards were processed over the two days of this year's Whiting Bay Seniors Open, played on Monday 6 and Tuesday 7 June. With the best single score to count many played on the Monday only, which was the pick

of the days weather wise. Sweep results on Monday: 1 Sandy Kerr 40pts BIH, 2 Andrew Gillespie 40pts, 3 Gus MacLeod 38pts BIH, 4 Tam Buchanan 38pts. Gus MacLeod had the best scratch score of 70. On Tuesday the sweep results were: 1 Graeme Andrew 39pts, 2 Bob Hastings 38pts, 3 Ronnie Mann 37pts, 4 Graeme Tinto 36pts BIH. Scratch was won by Graeme Andrew with 71. The overall Whiting Bay Seniors Open Champion with the best single score was Sandy Kerr, with Andrew Gillespie from Glenberrie picking up the 'Super-Senior' prize. Captain Ronnie Mann put up special prizes for the best combined stableford score over the two days which was also won by Sandy Kerr with 76 pts, and also the best combined scratch score which was won by Gus MacLeod with 143.

Many thanks go to sponsors Jackie and Colin Nisbet, and Gege and Wolfi Kroner for their generous donations, and to all who helped make the two day event such a success again.

Wednesday 8 June, only 15 played on a wet and blustery day, with more than half returning NRs. It was no surprise then that the CSS was 66 RO. 1 Malcolm Pennycott (1)66 BIH, 2 John Simmons (10)66, 3 Pete Smith (20)70. There were magic twos from Sandy Kelso and Malcolm Pennycott and Malcolm also won scratch with 67.

The final of the Gents Championship was played on Sunday 12 June between Nicol Auld and last year's champion Malcolm Pennycott, who defeated Jamie MacPherson and Gus MacLeod in the semi finals. Nicol was fast off the blocks winning the first four holes to leave Malcolm playing catch-up for the rest of the day. After the morning 18 holes Nicol was still ahead by four holes but after lunch Malcolm hit back by winning the first two holes both with birdies.

Nicol used his experience and managed to keep him at bay and was still 2up with nine holes remaining. The quality of golf was tremendous, with Nicol shooting 30 for the first nine holes in the afternoon and Malcolm 29. After the turn Nicol put more pressure on Malcolm and had regained his four hole advantage after the 14th, before they shook hands at the 15th hole. As always the match was played in a very sporting manner and Nicol was a worthy

winner on the day.

Congratulations to the Whiting Bay Junior team of Ryan Armstrong, Stephen Judge, Donald Park and Jack Simmons for winning the Kelso Cup for the second year in a row.

### Shiskine Golf Club

Sunday 12 June, Finals Day. Fiona Crawford won the Ladies Club Championship by beating Alice Anderson in a high quality game - very well played Fiona and Alice.

In the Duisky, Jimmy Morrison just pipped David Jeffrey at the 19th.

The Gents Championship was won by Hamish Bannatyne who narrowly edged Alan Jeffrey in a very close match.

Thursday 9 June, Ladies 12 Hole Medal, 12 played, CSS 46. Silver: 1 V Parks 55-10=45, 2 S Gray 58-9=49 BIH.

Bronze: 1 L Murray 66-14=52. Scratch Viv with 55.

### Brodick Golf Club

Ladies: Tuesday 14 June, Stroke, CSS 70 (RO), 26 played. 1 Isobel MacDonald (16)71, 2 Elizabeth Lawrie (25)72 BIH, 3 Margaret McKay (20)72.

Scratch Fiona Crawford 84 BIH. Medal Finals: Winner Elizabeth Lawrie.

Magic twos from B Livingstone and T Martin.

Gents: Wednesday 8 June, Summer Cup, 39 played, CSS 65. 1 G Robertson (7)63 BIH, 2 N Hume (13)63, 3 J Dick (13)64. Scratch G Robertson 70. There were 11 twos, Iain MacDonald got two. Sunday 12 June, Brandon, 19 played, CSS 64. 1 G Hendry (8)62 BIH, 2 R McCrae (6)62, 3 I Sillars (13)64. Scratch E McKinnon 67. First Class Brandon G Hendry. Second Class Brandon I Sillars.

Fixtures: Sunday 19 June, British Legion Cup (stableford). Tee-off times from 8.30am and 1pm. Draw Saturday 18 June, 12noon. Sunday 26 June, Sweep, open draws at 8.30am and 1pm.

### Lamlash Golf Club

Ladies: Wednesday 8 June, Medal Four and third round Championship Qualifier, eight played, CSS 65. 1 Rachel Wren 88-25=63, 2 Jean Barclay 84-16 = 68, 3 Yvonne Brothers 85-16=69, scratch Sheena Murchie 83.

### Corrie Golf Club

Friday 10 June, non-qualifying final of the club championship. Congratulations to Jonathan Smith on winning the cup on his first year of membership at Corrie. He defeated Raymond Jeffrey who has come back to play golf again after a few years absence.

Club championship was played between John McGovern and Ewan McKinnon. This game was a classic with tremendous golf from both players over the 20 holes played. It was very entertaining for the usual supporters to watch. Thanks boys for the high standard of golf produced. Ewan won at the 20th hole.

Saturday 11 June, Summer Medal, 24 played, CSS 61. 1 D Wilkinson 74-14=60 BIH, 2 HB McKinnon 70-10=60, 3 A Smith 72-10=62 BIH over S Beardsley. Best scratch S Beardsley 69. There were magic twos from E McKinnon, B Sherwood, B Rooney, D Logan and P Moran. Carried from June 4, twos sweep - Bob Rooney.

Fixtures: Saturday 18 June,



Brodick's Kelso Cup team pictured before tee-off on Friday evening. 01\_b24kel02

'Sweep' only, non counting. Course open all day. Hope Cup at Whiting Bay starting at 4pm, Lamlash v Lochranza (winners play Whiting Bay), Machrie v Shiskine, Corrie v Brodick.

### Machrie Bay Golf Club

Monday 6 June, Gents Club Championship. Donald Logan won his game against David Wilkinson at the 14th with a 'hole in one'. Alastair MacDonald also won his match at the 14th against Brian Sherwood this time by chipping in, Hamish Bannatyne won over Campbell Laing and Alan Jeffrey went through to the semi-final.

Monday 13 June, Semi-final night. Alan Jeffrey won 4&3 over Alastair MacDonald with Hamish winning by the same score over Donald Logan. Ladies semi-final: Elizabeth Kelso beat Denise Sherwood 4&2.

President's Cup, John Pennycott beat David Wilkinson and Brian Sherwood beat Campbell Laing. Tuesday 7 June, Peter Sutton/Ladies second round Club Championship Qualifier. Sweep: 1 David Price 65, 2 Alice Anderson 70 BIH, 3 Brian Sherwood 70. Scratch and two David Price 76.

Fixtures: Tuesday 21 June, Lady Mary/Peter Sutton, tee-off 12.30/5.30pm. Finals Monday 20 June, tee-off 5.30pm.

### Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday 9 June, Summer Cup, CSS 64, 26 played. 1 Iain Murchie 63-3=60, 2 Lee Girbow 68-6=62, 3 Stuart Cree 85-23=62, 4 Alan Smith 74-10=64. Best Scratch Iain Murchie 63. There were twos from Iain Murchie, Douglas Macfarlane, Todd Jameson and Lee Dutton.

Seniors Medal, CSS 61. 1 Alan Martin 75-18=57, 2 Hamish McArthur 78-18=60, 3 Edward I Cannon 81-17=64. There were twos from William Paul and Drew Crawford.

Sunday 12 June, Fleet Cup,

36 holes. Round one CSS 63: 1 Scott Maceachen 72-10=62, 2 Neil Young 67-3=64, 3 Craig Maceachen 73-9=64. Best Scratch Neil Young 67. There were twos from Iain Murchie, Lee Girbow, Scott Maceachen, Ian Bremner, Andy Smith and Alan Smith. Round two CSS 64: 1 Neil Young 63-3=60, 2 Scott Maceachen 73-10=63, 3 Drew Wales 72-7=65. Best Scratch Neil Young 63. There were twos from Neil Young and Scott Maceachen. Overall Winner of Fleet Cup Neil Young 64+60=124. Runner-up Scott Maceachen 62+63=125.

Coming Fixtures: Saturday 18 June, Hope Cup, first round at W/Bay against Lochranza Castle. Sunday 19 June, Jameson Cup, 9.30am and 1pm starts. Thursday 23 June, Summer Cup, make up own fours and see starter for

times. Monday 20 June, Lamlash Junior Golf P1-P 7 and S1-S6 6.30pm-7.30pm. Meet at green-keepers shed (16th Green). Bring your clubs if you have them. There was again a good number of budding young golfers who turned up this week and thanks must go to the volunteer members who turn up to help, for their time and patience. We all had to start at sometime!

### Lochranza Golf Course

Monday 6 June, Summer Green-some competition. 1 Bill Scott and Alan Mitchell 9 pts, 2 Sinclair MacLeod and Douglas Coulter 3 pts.

Friday 10 June, 1 Sinclair MacLeod and Janette MacLeod 7pts. 2 Maureen Cumming and Archie Cumming 23 pts.



This year's Whiting Bay Golf Club Champions are Nicol Auld and Susan Butchard.



Shiskine's champion golfers, Hamish Bannatyne and Fiona Crawford with Jimmy Morrison the winner of the Duisky trophy.

# First win in two decades for Britain's 'worst football team'

Northend Thistle, once dubbed the 'worst football team in Britain', won their first match in more than 18 years on Monday night.

The fans at the Ewe Camp Stadium in Lochranza were stunned into silence as they watched Bryan McCallum score twice to give the team a 2-1 win over Brodick.

## Stop Press . . . Stop Press . . .

Just before going to press we received this letter.

Sir,  
An unnamed member of Brodick FC management team has allegedly applied for a super injunction in an attempt to suppress the scurrilous rumour that his team succumbed to a Barcelona-like whipping at the hands of Northend Thistle on Monday night.

A distraught Brodick FC spokesman stated that the club are currently in consultation with their solicitors: super injunction specialists, Giggs, Goodwin and Marr, to decide on the club's next move in this scandal (the Siberian salt mines, perchance, to avoid any further humiliation?)

In the words of Confucius (551-479 BCE): 'It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop.'

Don't stop doing what you are doing, Northend. But, let's not wait another eighteen years for victory number two.

Yours,  
**Peter Milne**  
**Taobhnamara**  
**Lochranza**

## Kelso Cup double for Whiting Bay golfers

Whiting Bay's junior golfers celebrated success in the annual Kelso Cup on Friday night after they beat Brodick in the final.



Whiting Bay's junior golfers; Ryan Armstrong, Stephen Judge, Donald Park and Jack Simmons, were presented with the Kelso Cup by Willie Kelso of Shiskine.

ball season with zero points on the board.

Ironically the team were wearing their new green and purple strips for the first time.

Northend player Chris Traill said: 'There are big moments in history - when JFK was shot, the first man on the moon, the Berlin wall coming down, Nelson Mandela released - now we can add on the 13th of June 2011, Northend 2 Brodick 1.'

Of course now that the team have proved they can win games, the pressure is on to keep up the good work.

On the same night Southend beat Bay FC 4-0 at Sandbraes with two goals from Nicky Emsley, and one each from Lewis Kennedy and Murray Picken.

Southend are now eight points ahead at the top of the league.

In Lamlash, Shiskine were beaten 3-2 by the home side.

Judge, Donald Park and Jack Simmons won the trophy for the second year in a row for the club.

Dougie Macfarlane, the secretary of the Arran Golfers Association, said: 'This is fast becoming the most important junior competition on the island and the way the boys conduct themselves around the course is a credit to themselves their parents and their respective golf clubs.'

A run of six holes in a row from the 9th in the first game and four in a row from the 5th in the second game proved too much for Brodick to overcome and the match ended at the 14<sup>th</sup>.



Northend Thistle pictured before their match on Monday night in the team's new green and purple strips. 01\_b24soc01

## Arran runner wins Lochwinnoch race

Local runner Dave Black won the Lochwinnoch Open Race for the second year in a row on Saturday.

Forty-six-year-old Dave who lives in Whiting Bay competed with fellow Arran runner, Matt Johnston of Brodick.

'I came first place for the second year running and won the race outright for Arran Runners in a time of 33 minutes 13 seconds,' said Dave.

'The course was 5.5 miles (8.9 kilometres) long and most of it was very hilly.'

Matt Johnston came in tenth place in a time of 43 minutes and 23 seconds, which is his best performance in a race so far.

'This was also my best performance and I am hoping to return next year to make it three in a row,' said Dave.



Above Right: Dave Black is pictured with his trophy after winning the Lochwinnoch Open Race for the second time.

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