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## Money for bibles and breakfasts

Four young members of Corrie Parish Church helped to brighten up the church's annual fete on Tuesday.

Fiona Bulger, Saskia and Tabitha Thorburn and Ellis McKelvie donated their own toys and books to help raise money for a Christian charity.

By taking part in the Scottish Bible Society's Breakfast Project, the Sunday School girls will help to buy bibles and food for Peruvian children.

Congregation member Lexie Andrade said: 'They have done really well today and by raising money will ensure a few more Peruvian children living in poverty will at least have breakfast every day. Two pounds is enough to buy a bible for the children.'

The girls' stall was just one of many at the fete which made Corrie and Sannox Village Hall a hive of activity.

Among the items on sale were plants, baking, handmade cards and jewellery and a putting green kept the competitive youngsters entertained.

But even the organisers were surprised to have a bric-a-brac stall. Anne Pringle explained: 'We didn't plan to have a bric-a-brac stall but we had so many generous donations. All the money raised, apart from what the girls make for the Breakfast Project, will go to church funds.' b30fete01



# Accident waiting to happen

It was only opened two weeks ago but Lochranza pontoon has already been labelled 'an accident waiting to happen' by some islanders.

The £150,000 development, spearheaded by Lochranza and Catacol Sea Society, was constructed to allow safe berthing in Lochranza.

But the pontoon has been used more often by children who are attracted by the bobbing platform.

*The Arran Banner* learned this week that the dog-leg pontoon is only connected by temporary joints and a security gate was only delivered on Wednesday. Permanent joints were still to be fitted at the time of going to press.

Dougie Munro has been on the Lochranza ferry for 28 years and said the new structure

is unsafe. He said: 'I know a lot about the sea conditions here and the new pontoon is an accident waiting to happen.'

'Even the swell caused by the ferry entering the slipway makes it unsafe to walk on. There hasn't been a gate to stop children playing on it.'

'Last Saturday and Sunday, with a north-west wind, even a novice could see that the structure is not suitable for Lochranza. It was bending in a violent motion and no-one could have walked down it.'

Opponents to the pontoon are still in the minority but this week, one of the sea society's own has spoken of her concerns.

Christine Siddle said: 'I have chased children off the pontoon when the sea has been a bit choppy. Some of them are



The pontoon at Lochranza. b30pon01

being really silly, bouncing on it when it is rocking up and down. The way the water has been here, I don't know if the pontoon will last the winter. When it is really rough, it just snakes about. I am a sailor and

I like the idea of having the pontoon here but I would think twice about getting off a boat onto it, when it is windy.

'I can understand why people would ask questions about a £150,000 pontoon that is not

always safe to use.'

Last weekend a new dinghy owned by Lochranza man Stuart Nichol, which was tied up at the pontoon, was punctured and sank; its new outboard went down with it. It was the first time he had used the pontoon.

Mr Nichol, also a member of Lochranza and Catacol Sea Society, said the incident had been reported to Varis, the company that built the structure, and that he would not attribute any blame until the accident was investigated.

Lochranza and Catacol Sea Society chairman Norman Swain told *The Arran Banner*: 'The junction joining the two parts of the pontoon is being inspected by Varis when they fit the gate.'

'The pontoon is a safe landing place for embarking and

disembarking and it is a valuable asset to Lochranza, which was once a major fishing port and maritime centre. The idea that there is a safety problem is another facet to the minority opposition we have here. There are people in Lochranza who object to every development; they objected to the distillery and the new surgery as well.'

CalMac Ferries Ltd has confirmed that a member of the sea society has asked the Lochranza ferry crew to slow down when coming into berth, to prevent the wash from the ferry affecting the pontoon.

Robbie Brown, CalMac regional manager for Arran and Cumbrae, said: 'As far as we are concerned the CalMac ferry has been running in and out of Lochranza safely for many years.'



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# Drugs and weapon charges for Arran visitors

A group of five young men from the Stevenston area were stopped by police when alighting from the 7pm ferry at Brodick pier last Friday.

They had been planning to camp at Glenrosa campsite in Brodick but one of the men had been reported for drinking in public. Three of them were subsequently arrested on various charges.

One 29-year-old man was allegedly found to be in possession of an air pistol and ammunition and also a quantity of herbal cannabis.

A 26-year-old man was charged with alleged possession of a class A drug when found to be holding five ecstasy tablets.

A 21-year-old man is accused of concealing an electric tazer weapon which police said was capable of discharging one million volts. He was charged under the Firearms Act 1968 and attempting to pervert the course of justice by giving false information. The 29-year-old and 21-year-old men were held in custody overnight. They appeared at Kilmarnock Sheriff Court on Monday. The other men were returned to the mainland.



Five doctors at the official opening of Shiskine surgery last Wednesday. From left, Dr Faye Hamill, retired Dr Alastair Grassie, Dr Greg Hamill, retired Dr Libby Grassie and Dr Krystyna Gruszecka. b30med01

# New surgery opens

Shiskine surgery held an official open day last Wednesday July 16.

During the afternoon a large number of residents took the opportunity to pop in for a guided tour of the spacious new surgery with open plan reception, airy waiting room and particularly wide corridors. There is a dispensary with a private entrance for confidentiality, a computer room, staff kitchen, practice manager's

office, four consulting rooms and a treatment room. The new building was constructed in just 16 weeks and every window has stunning views of the surrounding countryside. It is on the corner of the Rodden where it meets the String road.

Resident doctors Greg and Faye Hamill agreed that it was a great improvement on the previous premises at Inglewood, the home of the retired GPs Alastair and Libby Grassie and would offer patients a first class service. Greg said: 'It will give Alastair and Libby

back their home! We are very pleased with the facilities at this new centre.'

On Wednesday surgery staff were busy serving teas, coffees and cakes to visitors who all seemed very impressed with their new surgery.

Doctors Alastair and Libby Grassie retired in March 2006 from the practice at their home and surgery at Inglewood, just 200 yards away from the new surgery across a field. They had served the communities of Shiskine, Lochranza, Kilmory and Pirmill for 29 years.

# Police files

## Topless with drugs

An 18-year-old man was seen to be walking along the road in the vicinity of Brodick Primary School at 6.20pm last Saturday and gesticulating at passing motorists.

The man, who was topless, was warned by police as to his conduct and when searched was allegedly found to be in possession of a quantity of cannabis resin.

He was charged and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

## Rescue hut robbed

There was a case of theft by housebreaking at the site of the new Mountain Rescue hut at Cladach.

The incident happened over the night of Sunday July 20 when thieves gained entry by forcing internal doors. They stole a number of electrical tools including circular saws and nail guns. Police are appealing for any information.

## Last warning for speed merchants

Police report that there have been numerous incidents recently of young local male drivers racing along the seafront in Brodick between midnight and 4am at weekends.

Some of the drivers have been warned by police and told that if the incidents continue police will be seeking anti-social behaviour orders (ASBOs).

A police spokesman said: 'If it continues we have the power to confiscate the vehicles.'

## Wall damaged

The boundary wall of Brodick Castle was damaged by a vehicle in the early hours of Monday July 21.

The damage amounts to about £500 and red paint marks were left at the site. Police are appealing for any information.

## Losing control

A four-wheel-drive car left the road at Largiemeanoch south of Whiting Bay at 4pm on Sunday.

No other vehicles were involved and there were no injuries and no police charges.

## CalMac to review security at pier

Caledonian MacBrayne has reviewed security arrangements at Ardrossan pier now that some crew members are sleeping ashore.

Up to four ferry crew members are billeted ashore at night in cabins behind the ferry terminal building.

Following changes in working practices regulations the ferry needs a larger crew with less working hours and more rest hours.

CalMac regional manager Robbie Brown said: 'Instead of 28, the ship now needs up to 34

crew. This means that there are not enough cabins on the ferry for all the crew to sleep.'

Four bunker cabins have been installed behind the Ardrossan terminal building. These have been plumbed in and have shower, fridge, microwave and other necessary comforts.

These cabins will be removed when the winter ferry timetable comes into operation with fewer daily sailings and less hours at sea.

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# Hospice fund passes £10,000

A man who lost his wife to cancer five months ago has already raised more than £10,000 for a hospice room in Arran War Memorial Hospital, to be built in her memory.

John McFaull, of Bogarie Farm, and his friends and family have already helped to organise concerts, a walk round the island, bag packs, a charity auction and collections on ferries.



John McFaull. b30joh01

On top of that, there have been donations and children from Whiting Bay Primary School, where John's late wife, Judy, was a teacher, have also been collecting money.

The latest fundraising venture was a Strawberry Tea last

Wednesday, organised by the Nittery-Nattery ladies group from Kilmory, which raised £178. Member Pat Geddes said: 'John is a Kilmory resident, so we wanted to do our bit to help.'

John has already used some of the money raised and has made a donation to Breast Cancer Care. Janet Redfean, a friend of John and Judy is treasurer of the hospice fund. She said: 'No matter who you speak to, they know someone who has been affected by cancer.'

'Judy was off the island when she died. She would have wanted to die here and I think most people would like to see a facility on the island that would allow that. I think the support we have received is wonderful and it's nice to know that someone else shares the dream Judy had for a hospice room on the island. Take the little girls at Whiting Bay Primary School, for example, who made and sold jewellery 'to raise money for Mrs McFaull'. That brought a tear to my eye.

'We didn't organise the Strawberry Tea either, someone else did, and with help like that the pounds soon mount up.'



The Nittery-Nattery group that organised the Strawberry Tea are, from left: Janet Robinson, Eleanor MacKinnon, Pat Geddes, Libby Cook and Sandra Smith. b30tea01

## Alex stars in national digital changeover advert

An Arran man has become the face – or rather the kilt – of a national television advert for digital television.

Digital and satellite television installer Alex Sallows was asked to don a kilt for the advert, which features the little robot Digit-AI and his travels across the UK, promoting the forthcoming digital switchover from terrestrial.

Alex's scene was filmed in Duirnish, near Kyle of Lochalsh, and sees him up a ladder, fitting a satellite dish to a cottage while a bashful-looking Digit-AI sees whether Alex is a true Scotsman.

But had it not been for a persistent production company, Alex's 15 minutes of fame in the £5.5

million advert might never have happened.

Alex said: 'I came back from holiday and had all these e-mails and phone messages asking me to go to a casting session but I didn't bother because I thought it was a wind-up.'

'They then sent me an e-mail explaining about the advert and, after seeing pictures of me, said I was the one they wanted for filming.'

The Lamlash man believes he was asked because he is one of only two registered digital installers in Scotland.

'Filming was great, apart from the rain. It took us all day to get what you see in the advert because of the rain,' he said.

## Fishermen face hook at Ardrossan pier

Anglers at Ardrossan pier will soon be getting their marching orders.

Caledonian MacBrayne regional manager Robbie Brown told the Banner: 'Fishermen have been casting their lines from the lighthouse at the end of the breakwater and hitting the ferry as she is pulling into her berth. This is dangerous and we are concerned that a member of the crew or passengers could be snagged.'

'There was a meeting on board the Caledonian Isles yesterday (Monday) between Strathclyde police, Clydeport officers and two of our skipper, Colin Bain and Andy McCrindle.'

'Any anglers seen fishing at the lighthouse in future will be told politely and nicely by pier staff to stop. If they don't, then we shall call the police. After all, there is a large 'No Fishing' sign on the lighthouse anyway.'

## Teenager drop in centre's autumn opening planned

A youth group has expressed its ambition to start a drop-in centre for teenagers as early as autumn this year.

Arran Youth Foundations (AYF) has recently become a registered company and is also in the process of becoming a

registered charity.

AYF vice chairwoman Lexie Andrade said: 'We are hoping to start the drop-in centre in temporary accommodation until we can find a permanent home. It will be for high school pupils. There is still a lot of

work to be done and this is ongoing. The main thing is to work towards opening this year and provide an alternative place for our young folk.'

'We have received wonderful support from so many people, who have a heart for youth.'

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## Rubbish job in Lamlash

Volunteers in Lamlash had a rubbish day on Sunday – they took part in a beach clean, organised by Lamlash Improvements Association.

There was a good turnout and, thanks partly to the good weather, everyone had a great day.

Organiser Carol Mitchell thanked all the volunteers and Donald Kerr, who provided refreshments afterwards in the Old Pier Tearoom.

The next meeting of the association is on Monday at 7pm in Arran High School. This month's 50/50 Club winner is John Scott.

## Lochranza's friends

The Friends of Lochranza Kirk would like to say how much they appreciate the efforts of all those who helped, donated and bought at the sale of work raising the amount of £1,100.



Dave Samuels in Southbank Studio with some of the Taiko drums he is taking to Somerset. b30dru01

# Drumming up some business

Dave Samuels has taken 10 Taiko drums down south this week.

He has delivered them to Somerset Education Authority for use in schools throughout the county.

Dave and his wife Ruth live at Southbank Studio, East Bannan where he is a furniture maker and she is a woodturner. They normally sell their wares from the studio and workshop but this order came from afar. Dave began making Japanese Taiko drums before the couple came to Arran from Kilbarchan three years ago. They were already keen on Japanese Taiko drumming and had supplied 60 pairs of drum sticks to the Mugenkyo drumming group in 1998. Dave said: 'We got to know Teresa Brookes who drums with Mugenkyo and took up the music ourselves.'

Teresa is the daughter of Geoff and Sally Brookes of the neighbouring Southbank Farm and she has made a career out

of Japanese drumming. Dave made his own drum out of traditional African cedar. He said: 'It's a lightweight hardwood with no knots and is ecologically sound.'

Dave was playing at a Taiko festival in Exeter and said: 'A local school teacher liked the drumming. He had a speciality music group at school and managed to get funding from the local authority to order 20 drums.'

Dave made 10 drums and took them down in his van this week. He will get the other 10 made and delivered by the end of September.

The drums cost up to £895 each and are covered in a special cowhide which comes from Germany.

There are two groups of local Taiko drummers on Arran who meet regularly for practise sessions; one in Kildonan and one in Lamlash and they have become popular entertainers at village events.

## Arran ladies spinning a line

Four Arran ladies are spinning a line at the Heritage Museum every Thursday.

The ladies of Spin Off, a charity spinning, weaving and dyeing group, give demonstrations of traditional rural craft every week at the museum at Rosaburn, on the roadside north of Brodick.

Gill Butcher, Vivienne Haigh, Trisha Sloss and Kathleen McNeish use a heddle loom, a peg loom, tapestry weaving and French knitting. On Wednesday August 6 they will be giving a special demonstration at the Arran Show.

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# New club on the cards

A plan to make Lochranza the seventh golf club on Arran is seeking public support.

Lochranza Golf, privately owned by Iain Robertson, has succeeded as a commercial enterprise for the last 20 years but he is considering forming a new club at the course to ensure its future operation.

Having taken over the course in 1988, visitor numbers have increased year on year, making Lochranza Golf one of the northend's main attractions, bringing much to the local economy.

However, to ensure the course's long-term improvement, Mr Robertson is looking for feedback from the public to a proposal of forming a new golf club.

## Review

He said: 'The golf course operates on a very limited budget and this year we are entering a time of review.'

'As a Pay and Play operation it is entirely dependent on green fee revenues.'

'It is hoped some new initiatives will emerge to allow its further development.'

'One that has been offered is that a new golf club might be formed and to this end names are being taken to see if there are enough people interested

in keeping the golf course in operation.'

Experienced Arran golfer Kerr Robertson of Brodick said there was room on the island for another club. He added: 'I think it would be a very good idea because everyone would love to have a club in Lochranza but in order for it to work the owner must get the local golfers on board.'

'People in Lochranza go to play in Corrie, Shiskine and Machrie Bay but if a good environment could be harboured at Lochranza, I am in no doubt that the course would be played.'

'People from nearby courses would probably enter the competitions there; it is waiting to happen.'

Now entering its 21<sup>st</sup> year, Lochranza Golf has opened Stags Pavilion, a shop for campers and golfers, partly because of the demise of Lochranza General Store.

Although a general store itself, the shop also offers meals and welcomes locals and visitors alike.

Mr Robertson said: 'The season is very short so my excellent staff do whatever it takes to keep customers happy and encourage them to come back.'



The children get set for their performance of The Minpins. b30dra01

## Arran children bring Roald Dahl book to life

Arran children brought a Roald Dahl book to life and, in only a few hours, had performed a play in front of family and friends at Brodick library.

The youngsters were performing The Minpins as part of the Books Alive drama workshop, led by Pam Wardell, who will be taking her workshop to the Edinburgh International Book Festival

next month. This was Pam's first time working on Arran and she said the workshop is particularly beneficial for children.

She said: 'The children use their imagination and I use all the paraphernalia of theatre and let them tell the story.'

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The Sea King helicopter lifts an Arran lifeboat crew member from the boat at the display in Lamlash bay last Sunday. b3011701

# Dramatic rescue ends lifeboat open day

Residents and holidaymakers were treated to a spectacular show by the emergency services on Sunday 13 July.

The occasion was the annual open day at the Arran Lifeboat Station in Lamlash when the local volunteer crew were joined by an airborne helicopter team from HMS Gannet in Prestwick.

Members of the public had a chance to look over the Arran lifeboat, The Boys Brigade, find out more about the work of the RNLI and talk to the crew and personnel at the station. Children could enter competitions and take away freebies on offer while the adults enjoyed their time over a cup of tea or coffee.

The Strathclyde Fire and Rescue team were also on hand to give their spectacular chip pan fire demonstration. The lifeboat launched at mid-day and showed the crowd how the crew would deal with certain situations at sea. For exercise purposes a small yacht with a crew of two was overturned and the lifeboat attended after a smoke flare from the yacht. The two crewmen were safely taken on board the lifeboat and the yacht righted and taken back to the pier.

This was followed by a man overboard drill and a display of manoeuvrability. Another boat then caught fire and had to be taken care of by the lifeboat crew who extinguished the fire and took the make-believe injured man on board.

Local lifeboat press officer Allan Little said: 'It must be stressed that the crew treat these exercises as 100 per cent genuine and respond as though it was a real callout.'

Just after 2pm the highlight of the day came when a Search and Rescue Mk 5 Sea King helicopter arrived on scene and treated the large crowd to a spectacular display. After nearly an hour of hoisting Arran lifeboat crew in and out of the boat and up to the helicopter the Sea King made an unscheduled landing on the beach. Members of the public were welcomed alongside while the pilot and crew answered questions and showed children around.

Allan Little said: 'The lifeboat was brought in and washed down, refuelled and put to bed in the station. The Arran lifeboat station personnel would like to thank the public for making it such a great day.'

## Lochranza Gala Day fun in the sun

More than £1,000 was raised at the annual Lochranza Gala Day, which enjoyed bright and breezy weather last Sunday.

A good crowd turned out to take part in the activities on the field, sample the cream teas and browse the stalls in the village hall.

### Funds

Hall funds benefited by a total of £1,200 from the gala day and from a disco held in the hall on Saturday night.

The trophy for the welly boot throw has been packed and sent to Arizona after holidaymaker Mr Gerrard made the longest throw.



Savannah Gerrard, on holiday from Arizona, and Alice Kinniburgh of Blackwaterfoot have their faces painted by Dawn Anderson.

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# A reminder of Arran

Having holidayed on Arran every year since he was 12 years old, Ayrshire man Stan Millar made sure he wouldn't forget the island when he moved out to Canada – by fitting a unique number plate to his car.

Stan and his wife, Agnes, who now live in Hurlford, near Kilmarnock, moved to Toronto in 1981 and for their silver wedding anniversary 10 years later, Agnes bought her husband a reminder of his favourite destination.

### Talking point

Stan said the plate, 'Arran 1', was certainly a talking point.

'People would always ask me about the plate and I would tell them all about Arran.

'It did confuse some people and I remember an American man asked me if I was from 'Iran'.'

Stan is keen to hold on to his rare plates but said he wouldn't rule out selling them – for the right price.

Having moved back to Scotland in 1999, Stan has continued to spend holidays on Arran.

Over the years he has stayed at Marine House and Ardshiel in Lamlash and has stayed in a friend's caravan in Cordon.



Stan Millar with his unique licence plate. b30plt01

# Taxi! Quickest way up Goatfell, please

A black London taxi cab was an unusual visitor to Arran's roads last week.

It was being driven by Donald MacDonald of Saltcoats who is the local organiser for the Ten Peaks Charity Challenge.

He told the Banner: 'The cab is owned by the Ten Peaks charity and we use it to raise awareness of the event. I have been over here getting practice going up Goatfell. This is a sponsored hillwalk of Scotland's 10 highest Munros from bottom to top in 10 days.

'It is an awesome undertaking for three complete novices to go hill walking and we hope to raise £30,000 for three charities.'

The challenge walk starts on Monday August 11.

The charities to benefit from the challenge are Ayrshire Hospice, the Joshua Foundation and Medic Assist International.



The Ten Peaks Challenge taxi cab was in Brodick last week. b30tax01

# Cretans' return visit after only a week away

Annabel Hankinson loves Arran. She lives in Stevenston and has friends visiting from Crete.

Last Friday she brought them over to Arran for the day and they enjoyed it so much that she is bringing them back this Friday.

She said: 'I live in Stevenston but I am very proud of the beauty of Arran. We took the bus to the distillery in Lochranza and had a wee tour and a wee dram. We came back to Brodick Castle on the bus and it was nearly closing time at 4 o'clock. The staff were fantastic even though

they were closing. They gave us scones and made us very welcome. One man from the reception centre even took us back to Brodick in his car to catch the 7.20pm ferry.'

Annabel, who is now in her 75<sup>th</sup> year, told the Banner that she had lived on the island herself for a couple of years when she had been a carer for a lady in Lamlash.

'I am bringing my friends back again next weekend so that I can show them the south of the island,' she said.

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## Pontoon should have been secure from the start

The news the Lochranza's new £150,000 dog-leg pontoon is only connected by temporary joints could be a source of concern and its opponents have also suggested that the construction is simply inappropriate for the location, however the greatest worry over the past two weeks had been the lack of a security gate – leaving the pontoon as an obvious magnet to children. For that, and other reasons, it was quickly described as 'an accident waiting to happen'. Lochranza and Catacol Sea Society was equally quick to defend the pontoon's construction, stating that it is a valuable asset to a village which was once a vibrant fishing port and maritime centre. It may be right, but then so would those who asked why the structure was allowed to go up without a security gate. For the past few weeks, it has been a playground perched over deep and treacherous water. If the society had been so keen to play down the concerns of those in Lochranza 'who object to every development', its members could have perhaps formed a rota to watch over the pontoon and move on curious youngsters.

With stunning views out of every window, the new Shiskine medical surgery could well claim to have the most scenic setting in the country. What a delight that will be for doctors, staff and patients who will also enjoy its spaciousness and excellent facilities. And here is hoping doctors Alistair and Libby Grassie enjoy their well-deserved retirement after serving the communities of Shiskine, Lochranza, Kilmory and Pirnmill for the past 29 years.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'The everlasting God gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.' (Isaiah 40: 29,31)

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## Letters to the Editor



### Crime of common sense

Sir,  
From your report in the Banner of June 28 it is difficult to understand why David Cameron has chosen to suspend Tory candidate Philip Gardner.

It would seem that his crime is to have spoken the words that a sizeable majority of people in North Ayrshire and Arran – Tory or otherwise – would consider as nothing more than common sense.

Enoch Powell may have spoken in rather alarmist terms at times, but Mr Lardner – by apparently saying that his warnings about immigration have 'in some small way come true' – can hardly be considered as being inflammatory or using the language of the 'far right.'

Looking at many inner city areas across Britain it would be difficult to argue with Mr Lardner's measured comments. His list of potential heroes may seem a little bizarre if not original, as few others in the world of politics seem willing to go beyond the usual safe bets of Nelson Mandela or William Wallace. Ian Smith's father was a Scotsman typical of an age of Imperialistic adventure which in today's world may seem misguided, or to some, even plainly wrong.

The fact is that successive British governments encouraged our young people to go out and build up our colonies around the world. Looking at the wonderful countries they created such as Canada, Australia and New Zealand, I think Mr Lardner may have a point about Ian Smith's insistence on gradual change being preferable to the instant solution advocated by his many detractors.

By installing Robert Mugabe through a corrupt election in 1980 and the sidelining of Bishop Abel Musorewa (who was installed as prime minister of Zimbabwe-Rhodesia government of National Unity the year before) those in the West who advocated black majority rule at any cost have left the ordinary people of Zimbabwe – black and white – to pay a very high price. We often complain that our

MPs are nothing more than lobby fodder who mindlessly follow their party leader's instructions and have no mind of their own. At least Mr Lardner seems to think beyond the confines of his party's manifesto and have some ideas and principles of his own.

It would appear that a journalist has chosen to turn Mr Lardner's willingness to give candid and honest answers against him.

This should hardly be seen as a reason for Mr Cameron to sack him.

Yours,  
**Robert McCaw**  
3 Banchory Avenue  
Inchinnan

### Perfection improved

Sir,  
Words cannot fully convey the wonderful evening we experienced yet again at the annual Summer Serenade held in the lovely Corrie Church.

How can you improve on perfection? Well this year George, David, Angus, Jean and John did just that.

The entire varied programme was a delight. Their traditional finale of Highland Cathedral is always very moving but this year's arrangement for pipes, organ and violin was truly magnificent. However, we must not forget to thank Elma and her team of helpers.

Yours,  
**Margaret and David Atkins**  
Oakbank Farm  
Lamlash

### An accident waiting to happen

Sir,  
I had occasion to visit Lochranza last Sunday (July 20). There was a strong north-westerly wind and a heavy swell running and the newly installed pontoon at Lochranza was shaking and tilting every which way, its surface slick with sea water; patently untenable for boat use.

More seriously, the facility is open for public use and any juvenile or mischievous kiddy could, under these conditions, venture out on it at serious risk to his life.

There are two lifebelts prominently displayed and two strategically placed but not very

apparent boarding ladders for a casualty to get himself out of the water. But a youngster falling in will go down a long way – at high water it will be at least 12 feet deep at the outer end – and upon surfacing he will be in a state of shock and in no case to look for ladders.

The notice on the gangway states in small print that use of the pontoon is 'at your own risk'. Perhaps a prominent sign restricting access to boat users and families would be a good idea. After all, this is the purpose of the facility.

Yours,  
**Bill Wood**  
Glen Court  
Brodick

### Editorial comment

Sir,  
I'm sorry to be taking issue with the editorial on someone's opening shot but, firstly, I would like to echo all that Jenni Turnbull said in her letter about John Millar. What a true and well written letter.

John Millar could be provocative, frequently witty sometimes mysterious but never boring. I always read his column and this I can't say of any other newspapers. I will miss his musings and some quotes I will never forget – non jobs being the truest and most notable of all! Thank you, John, for so many good contributions, even those that riled me!

It is almost two years since North Ayrshire Council reduced the council tax rebate on second homes by 40 percent. The extra tax gathered, a considerable sum by now, is pledged for affordable homes. To date I haven't noticed a change to the permanent/second home ratio.

Councils are blamed for many ills but in reality have a limited to negligible influence on commercial realities such as the demise of small hotels and the housing market.

Yours,  
**Councillor Margie Currie**  
Eastlands  
Shiskine

### Big Brother

Sir,  
Big Brother appears to be alive and well in Arran; it goes under the name of VisitArran. In all areas of island life they appear

to know what's best for all of us. Not only do they take care of business and tourism they have now become environmentalists.

In a recent reply to a request for financial assistance from an Arran conservation project the VisitArran chairman stated: 'As intimated from the outset VisitArran are supportive of any environmental heritage project which fits the company's overall aims and objectives.'

Fine, if somewhat patronising, words, but how does this support manifest itself? Certainly not in cash, the project went home empty handed. Perhaps other Arran environmental projects have had better luck? The COAST project is the most significant, locally supported, environmental project ever to be launched in Arran. How has VisitArran supported this venture? If it has offered any kind of support it will have been in the form of words. Beautifully constructed sentences crammed full of meaningless jargon but offering nothing remotely tangible.

This of course begs the question, what has VisitArran actually done for the Arran environment? What local environmental projects have they initiated. In the latest contract issued by the company it gleefully informs that 'more than 70 percent of Arran's 42,800 acres is designated in 12 SSSIs'.

Personally, I already knew that because I contributed years worth of information towards a number of those designations.

What has VisitArran contributed? Whatever the answer, they now want to assess the value of Arran's natural heritage to the island's tourism industry. Having worked in the eco-tourism industry for 30 years, I could make an informed and inexpensive guess.

The months chosen to conduct the survey are August, September and October. Peak months for visitors who come to Arran for adventurous encounters with wildlife? I think not. Results might be slightly unreliable? A distinct possibility.

Yours,  
**John Rhead**  
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# MSP to face Arran questions

Kenneth Gibson MSP will be a guest at the monthly meeting of Arran Community Council next Tuesday July 29.

He will also be attending the August meeting on the last Tuesday in the month.

The community council meets regularly in the council offices on Shore Road, Lamlash.

Chairman Campbell Laing said: 'We are pleased to welcome our MSP and have prepared a number of questions for him on topical matters relevant to the Arran community.'

'Members of the public are welcome to come along and listen at these meetings but by our constitution they are not permitted to speak.'



Kenneth Gibson MSP

Kenneth Gibson said: 'I'm really looking forward to Tuesday's meeting and the following one in August.'

'Due to Parliament meeting on Wednesday mornings and ACC meeting on Tuesday nights I can only come along during the July and August recess, whereas on the mainland I am able to attend community council meetings regularly.'

'I am happy to answer or take away for a fuller response any points or matters raised by those in attendance as well as bringing forward a few ideas of my own.'

# The goldfinch – a surprise visitor?

## Bird Notes by Jim Cassels

The beautifully marked and colourful goldfinch has been increasingly reported in gardens in Arran this year. Some people have stated that they have had them in the garden for the first time ever.

In the wild these birds favour the smaller seeds of dandelions, thistles, groundsel, ragworts, and other members of the plant family Compositae. They tend to move into gardens in spring to exploit feeders, when seed supplies in other habitats are exhausted.

Foods such as sunflower hearts and niger seeds have led to a dramatic rise in their visits to gardens over the last 30 years. The British Trust for Ornithology's (BTO) Garden Bird Feeding Survey shows goldfinches in gardens throughout the year.

Nationally in the last eight years the number of gardens reporting goldfinches has risen



A goldfinch

from 23 per cent to 42 per cent. To find out more about the BTO's Garden BirdWatch project and how you can take part visit this website: [www.bto.org/gbw/index](http://www.bto.org/gbw/index)

Watch a Goldfinch feeding and you will see how agile the bird is. With its long narrow

beak it can access seeds that other finches cannot reach, including those of teasels. Goldfinches can be quite aggressive towards other species when at bird feeders.

If you do get them on your garden feeders, look at the extent of the red on the face

and this will help you identify the gender of the bird in most cases. The red in males extends in a bulge, back, above, and beyond the eye. In females, it is the white that bulges forward into the red, so that the red does not extend back beyond the eye.

Young birds can confuse, because although they have the black and gold wings of the adults, they do not have the red and white face, instead they have a finely streaked grey white head.

Interestingly, the movement of Goldfinches is not confined to in and out of gardens, these birds are also partial migrants. While a proportion of our breeding population remains in Britain for the winter, others migrate south to the continent, stopping when they find suitable supplies of food. From the work of the BTO, it seems more females migrate than males, but more research on this stunning bird requires to be done.

On Thursday July 31, starting at 7.30pm in the Rangers Centre in Brodick, at the monthly meeting of the Gardening Club there will be a presentation on Birds and Your Garden. Come along and find out more. You will be made most welcome. Enjoy your birding.

Please send any bird notes with 'what, when, where' to me at Kilpatrick Kennels, Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot, KA27 8EY, or e mail me at [james.cassels@virgin.net](mailto:james.cassels@virgin.net)

## Lorry driver unharmed String Road accident

The driver of this fruit and vegetable delivery lorry walked away unscathed after his vehicle left the road on Tuesday.

The lorry left the String Road near to the water pumping station at around 11am.

Arran Police said the driver lost control of the vehicle and that no other vehicles were involved and no police charges.



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Machrie Improvements and Craft Group had a stall at Shiskine Valley Sports day last Saturday and raised over £366.

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# Antique dresses centre stage as Lochranza home opens its doors

## Former museum curator has over 100 garments

In the successful 1990s sitcom *Goodnight Sweetheart*, Nicholas Lyndhurst's character, stumbles upon a time portal taking him back to 1940s Britain. It is a similar experience stepping through the front door of Irene Barnes' Lochranza home.

Early 20th century swing music loops on the stereo and every spare inch of storage space is taken up with well over 100 dresses and outfits from as long ago as the mid-1920s.

The interior design in the house seems almost irrelevant as eye-catching, sparkling dresses adorn the manikins Irene shares her living room with.

She has also documented 19th and early 20th century British and French magazines, the *Vogue* of their day, and are in such good condition, they may as well be hot off the press.

All these antiques once belonged in the Manor House Museum in Bury, where Irene was curator. There, she maintained and repaired the dresses using Tambour beading and complex stitching patterns.

### Cost cutting

The museum closed for good in March this year but Irene's fashion section was a victim of cost cutting years before. She moved to Arran five years ago, along with part of the museum's collection, but Irene has only been able to display the garments and magazines a handful of times on Arran - something she hopes to change.

'I would like to put them in a museum,' she said. 'But museums are going through a tough time just now so I would like to put them in The Burnside Gallery if there was space.'

'I wouldn't sell them, they should be available for the public to see.'

Having exhibited in The Burnside before, Irene hopes the gallery's grant application to build an extension is successful.

She added: 'I will need to part with them sooner or later but someone will have to look after them. I used to use my beading skills all the time, repairing dresses and teaching, but I would like to pass these skills on and I would be interested in teaching someone, so they don't go to waste.'

Irene's maintenance of the garments is suitably fastidious and means storing them in a dry place at a constant temperature in acid-free paper and acid-free boxes. Certain garments are so delicate they cannot be hung.

Irene added: 'A lot of these dresses were very expensive when they were made. You had to have a certain lifestyle to wear them!'



Irene Barnes, with some of the dresses from her collection. b30ers01

# Sports presenter on Arran - for a laugh

Sports presenter Dougie Donnelly was one of 80 people who enjoyed the Just Laugh event in Whiting Bay Hall last Saturday.

Compere on the night, Bruce Fummey got the biggest laughs but was ably supported by Ian Cognito, Keir MacAllister and Vladimir McTavish.

Funny man Bruce said: 'It wasn't as busy as I had expected but it turned out to be a great night and we enjoyed the benefit of a few Islay malts well into the night.'

'It was my first time on Arran, it's a beautiful island and I would like to come back with my one-man show about Robert the Bruce.'

Melanie Battershill, manager of Eden Lodge, which organised the event, said: 'Everyone really enjoyed the night and Bruce Fummey had everyone in stitches. His personality is as big as he is. He was really friendly and nice.'

'Hopefully we can attract a few more people next time they are over. The more people that come, the cheaper we can make it.'

The Just Laugh boys' next performance will be at the Edinburgh Festival.

# Fayre proves to be fruitful

A total of £890 was raised at the Save the Children Summer Fayre in Brodick Hall.

Piper Iain Clarke provided the welcome to the hall and the entertainment continued with Yvonne Brothers on the piano. Ann Lauder from Brodick won the raffle.

# Ferry collection

A ferry collection last Saturday by the Arran branch of the Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals raised £760.10 for society funds.

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# Danish sailors call to visit their own whisky cask



The Jens Krogh tall ship in Lochranza last Saturday.  
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The Danish tall ship 'Jens Krogh' of Aalborg sailed into Lochranza last Saturday evening and stayed until 3pm on Sunday allowing the crew time to visit their own whisky cask at the distillery.

The Scottish leg of her voyage was a trip around distilleries organised by the Macalabur Cask Society who have a number of whisky casks at seaside distilleries one of which is at Lochranza.

The ship has been skippered for 20 years by Anders Rieck Sorensen and carries a crew of 19, most of whom are young men and women and who sail the ship under three watches giving 24-hour cover.

### Souvenirs

Some of the crew were driven to the distillery where they visited their own cask and were entertained to a tour by guide Douglas Coulter, in his own inimitable fashion. Other crew members were taken by locals to the shop at Pirmill to re-stock on sweets and souvenirs. Residents were invited to a tour of the boat which made it an enjoyable visit for all concerned.



Some of the Danish crew of the Jens Krogh at Lochranza distillery with tour guide Campbell Laing.  
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Built in 1899 by H V Buhl of Frederikshavn, the boat is an old Seiner (Seine fishing boat) and at that time was state of the art. After a lifetime of fishing she was eventually purchased by the sailing division of FDF Aalborg (The Danish Boys Brigade) in 1973. Following an extensive restoration programme she was re-launched in 1976.

Membership of the FDF is open to anybody over the age of 10 years and they take part in many different activities such as

seamanship, navigation, maintenance work on the vessel, and sailing it. The boat sails on weekend cruises in spring and autumn and in summer she sails on cruises of two to three months during which time the crew rotates between volunteers.

From Lochranza the ship is travelling to the Isle of Man and then on to Liverpool. There the crew will change and the new crew will take part in the Tall Ships Race leaving from Liverpool Friday July 18, bound for Bergen in Norway.

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# Brodick Castle celebrates 50 years



Brodick Castle, as it stands today, is one of Arran's main tourist attractions because of its history. b30cas01

On a spring evening in 1931 a group of Glasgow worthies sat together over dinner in Pollok House, home of Sir John Stirling Maxwell.

Talk turned to the tragic loss of Hamilton Palace, for centuries the seat of the Dukes of Hamilton, and a determination was reached that no other great Scottish house should suffer the same fate. Thus the idea of the National Trust for Scotland was born.

How very fitting therefore that, almost 30 years later, they were able to save that other Hamilton residence, Brodick Castle, for the nation.

The Hamilton family's long association with Arran dates from the fifteenth century when James, Lord Hamilton, married Mary Stewart, daughter of James 2<sup>nd</sup> of Scotland.

Much of the island passed to the family with this union and in 1503 James 4<sup>th</sup> granted the Earldom of Arran to his cousin, James Hamilton, in gratitude for help in negotiating the King's marriage with Princess Margaret, eldest daughter of Henry 7<sup>th</sup> of England.

In those early days the castle was little more than an estate office and occasional hunting lodge, an outpost of the Hamilton empire.

Not until the mid-19th century did it become one of the show places of the West of Scotland.

With the marriage of the Marquis of Douglas and Clydesdale, son of the 10<sup>th</sup> Duke of Hamilton, to Princess Marie of Baden, the Edinburgh architect James Gillespie Graham was charged with the transformation of Brodick Castle.

In 1895 the 12<sup>th</sup> Duke of Hamilton died leaving a young daughter, Mary Louise. Since the title is to this day entailed through the male line, she

This year the National Trust for Scotland is celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its stewardship of Brodick Castle. The Castle and Gardens were acquired by the trust from the Lady Jean Fforde in 1958 in lieu of death duties upon the death of her mother, the Dowager Marchioness of Montrose. The handover of the property took place on October 30 1958 and in conjunction with the castle administrators the *Arran Banner* will be carrying a series of articles over the weeks ahead detailing the history of Brodick Castle and the part it has played in the community of Arran.

wasn't able to inherit but her father had the foresight to disentail the Isle of Arran and Brodick Castle from the estate and these were left in trust for her.

In 1906 Lady Mary married the Marquis of Graham, later the 6<sup>th</sup> Duke of Montrose, and

the couple and their four children spent part of the year at Buchanan Castle near Loch Lomond and their summers on Arran.

The Duchess of Montrose was an artist and played the

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Lady Mary, Duchess of Montrose. Died in 1957. b30cas02

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# in the National Trust for Scotland



Lady Mary outside the castle with some of her dogs. b30cas03

piano and violin beautifully. She adored her garden and her dogs. She was theatre sister at Bellahouston Hospital, and instrumental in setting up the Arran Music Festival that still runs today. She was a thoroughly down to earth person and fully realised there was no hope that any of her family could retain a castle the size of Brodick. It was her dearest wish that both the house and its contents remain intact and she saw its acceptance by the National Trust for Scotland as a way of making this possible.

On February 28 1957 the Duchess died at her home on Arran. A recent act of Parliament allowed the estate trustees to offer the Castle and its gardens to the Treasury in lieu of death duties, the first Scottish property of any consequence to be so offered.

The Treasury in turn approached the National Trust for Scotland with the proposal they accept the property, its superb collection of furniture, paintings and silver, and 500 acres of woodland for the nation. Speaking at the Arran Society of Glasgow's meeting just one year after the Duchess's death Lady Jean Fforde expressed the wishes of her mother that the

'It was made clear that if the public wasn't fully behind the venture, the Trust would be forced to 'regretfully decline this superb opportunity placed before the Nation'.'

house should be kept as it was lived in and open every day to the public.

The proposition was made doubly attractive by an offer from Lady Jean of Goatfell and the high ridge to the west surrounding Glen Rosa, some of the finest mountain scenery in Scotland, extending to nearly 7,000 acres.

### Appeal

This proposal, uniting Castle, gardens and mountains, set the seal on the national appeal launched in May 1958. Leaflets were dispatched throughout the country to members of the NTS. Official support was assured from Historic Scotland and other charitable institutions but it was made clear that if the public wasn't fully behind the venture, the trust would be forced to 'regretfully decline this superb opportunity placed before the Nation'.

A target endowment of £10,000 towards the capital

fund of £40,000 was the goal with an additional £4,000 in annual running costs. The reaction was immediate and generous, the most successful appeal ever launched by the NTS. To help matters along, throughout the 1958 season, the Trust supported Arran Estates in opening the Castle and gardens to the public with admission receipts going towards the fund.

There was an especially enthusiastic response from the folk of Arran with a committee, representative of the whole island, formed to promote the appeal.

By July 25 more than £7,000 had been contributed. Within just five months the capital fund was comfortably exceeded.

On October 30 1958 the National Trust for Scotland formally accepted Brodick Castle, its contents and gardens from the Treasury. It opened to the public for the first time under their auspices on May 1 1959.

## Family Events at Brodick Castle, Gardens & Country Park Tel: 0844 4932152



There's a lot going on at Brodick Castle to keep the whole family occupied this summer! Here are just a few of them.....

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Fifty Years in Trust  
Photographic exhibition in the Old Library  
The Castle over the years.  
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### Tues 29th July

The Forgetful Princess: A tour for Tots 3-6 yrs 2pm  
Castle Secrets. A tour for 7-11yrs 2pm  
Places limited, booking essential

### Wed 30th July

The Vile Victorians; A tour for 7-11yrs 2pm  
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Normal entrance rates apply

### Fri 1st Aug

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2pm Normal entrance +£2.00  
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Brodick Castle information poster from 1959. b30cas05



Princess Marie of Baden, 11<sup>th</sup> Duchess of Hamilton, at Brodick Castle. b30cas04



String Road Pot Holes play at Brodick's weekly ceilidhs. b30ceil01

## Ceilidh sound of summer is given top marks by tourists

Tourists have been flocking to Brodick's weekly Family Summer Ceilidhs, which have been in full swing throughout the season.

The ceilidhs, headlined by the String Road Pot Holes, have introduced many a visitor to traditional music and ceilidh dances.

Last Wednesday Brodick Hall was filled with eager dancers, keen to learn a few steps.

Harry Davidson of Brodick Improvements Committee, which organises the ceilidhs, said: 'The ceilidhs give the holidaymakers something to do and the children just love it.'

### Learn

'They quickly learn all the dances and, before you know it, they are dragging the adults up onto the floor and teaching them all the steps.'

'Hopefully we can also raise a bit of money through these nights, which will be spent on improving the village.'

Brother and sister Iain and Fiona Clark, young members of the String Road Pot Holes, also entertained the audience with Iain piping for his sister's dancing.

Following the half-time interval the band led the audience in a rendition of *Happy Birthday to You* for sound engineer Mark Brown.

# Whiting Bay tunes up for Fèis Arainn

Fèis Arainn starts next Tuesday July 29 and one of the highlights is always the fundraising Tutors' Ceilidh.

Once again some of Scotland's top young musicians are coming as tutors and they will be treating everyone to an evening of entertainment and dancing for all the family in Whiting Bay Hall on Wednesday July 30 from 7.30pm until 10.30pm.

### Talent

This really is a night not to be missed as the talent is of the highest level and those who have been in previous years will vouch for it being one of the best bargains of the summer.

The ceilidh will be licensed with a juice bar for youngsters and is for locals and visitors of all age

groups. The Fèis finishes on Friday August 1 with the concert given by the youngsters themselves when they show off the amazing progress they have made in the Gaelic language and traditional music of Scotland in the four days they have been at the fèis.

This will be held in the community theatre in Arran High School at 7pm, is also licensed, and is open to everyone, not just parents and friends of the participants.

*Tha sinn dochas chi sinnan sibh! (We hope to see you there!)*

Organiser Aileen McLoughlin said: 'Once again we are grateful to the Scottish Arts Council through Fèisean nan Gaidheal and North Ayrshire Council for their invaluable financial support.'



## Chernobyl children benefit from Arran visit

A group of children from Belarus were guests of Arran Aromatics last week. Their visit to Arran was just part of a wider visit around Scotland, organised by the charity Chernobyl Children's Lifeline. The idea of the trip is to give the children four weeks of uncontaminated food, fresh air and vitamins. When they return home, they are clear of the harmful Caesium 137 that they ingest through the food chain in Belarus.

*Brodick Church of Scotland*  
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### SUMMER FETE

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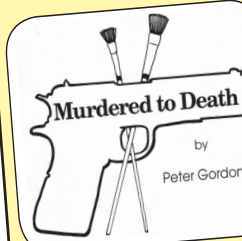
In Brodick Golf Club on  
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## Whiting Bay Fun Day

**Saturday 26th July**  
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# The Arran Banner 20 years ago

## Saturday July 30 1988

### Ferry stormbound

During Monday's high winds the MV Isle of Arran was unable to leave Ardrossan harbour for six hours.

She finally made one crossing to Brodick and returned to Gourock before being back on schedule by Tuesday evening. Winds of over 60mph lasted for 48 hours.

### Teenagers hurt

Five local teenagers returning from Shiski Diski were slightly hurt when their car left the road at the foot of the String near Brodick old cemetery.

It is understood that the driver had cut the engine at the top of the hill and freewheeled down without power.

### Exam results late

Arran High pupils were among the last in Scotland to receive their SCE results this week. There had been no mail with the ferry stormbound in Brodick overnight.

### Golf discrimination

Eight members of Corrie Golf Club who live on the mainland have complained of discrimination against them for not residing on the island.

They were asked to pay full green fees at an open competition in aid of cancer relief at Brodick Golf Club which was billed as being open to Arran members for £1 and visitors for £5. They were told that the definition of an Arran member was 'a member of an Arran golf club and either a full-time resident of the island or a native of the island.' The eight have been members of Corrie for almost 30 years and most have holiday homes on the island.

### Sheep dip forms

All members exhibiting sheep at the Arran Show are required by law to furnish the secretary, H Driver, with a duly completed 'Form M - Declaration - Movement of Dipped Sheep.' Copies are available from Lam-lash police station.

### Princess Alison

Alison Kelly was crowned Bay Princess at the start of Whiting Bay Fun Week last Saturday.

The ceremony is normally held at Sandbraes Park but due to torrential rain it was transferred to Whiting Bay Hall.

### New Clyde tunnel

In response to the idea that local business men purchase the Ardrossan to Brodick CalMac run a number of prominent residents came together last week to form a committee to look at the possibility of a Clyde tunnel to the mainland.

Committee members are: Mechanical advisers, D S Bannatyne and E K Ribbeck; public relations officer, Lawrence Crawford; building supervisor, John Grant; entertainments officer, Donnie Watson; car rescue service, Billy Smith.

### King Neptune and his Sea Queen

The highlight of Lochranza gala day was the appearance of Barry McManus as King Neptune and Susan Ashcroft as his Sea Queen.

This was followed by the boat race with a western theme. The Ormidale Belle as a beautiful Mississippi river boat stole the show. It was built for the event by Brodick firemen and had a stern paddle wheel, honky tonk music in the saloon and a roulette table.

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### Delectable Isle

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Dougarie dog trials local winner Sweep with handler Willie McConnell, chairman Donald McNiven and secretary Neil Henderson. b30twe01

### Hansel and Gretel

In spite of popular demand a repeat performance of Hansel and Gretel will be staged along with a Punch and Judy Show in Kilmory Hall on Thursday 4 August.

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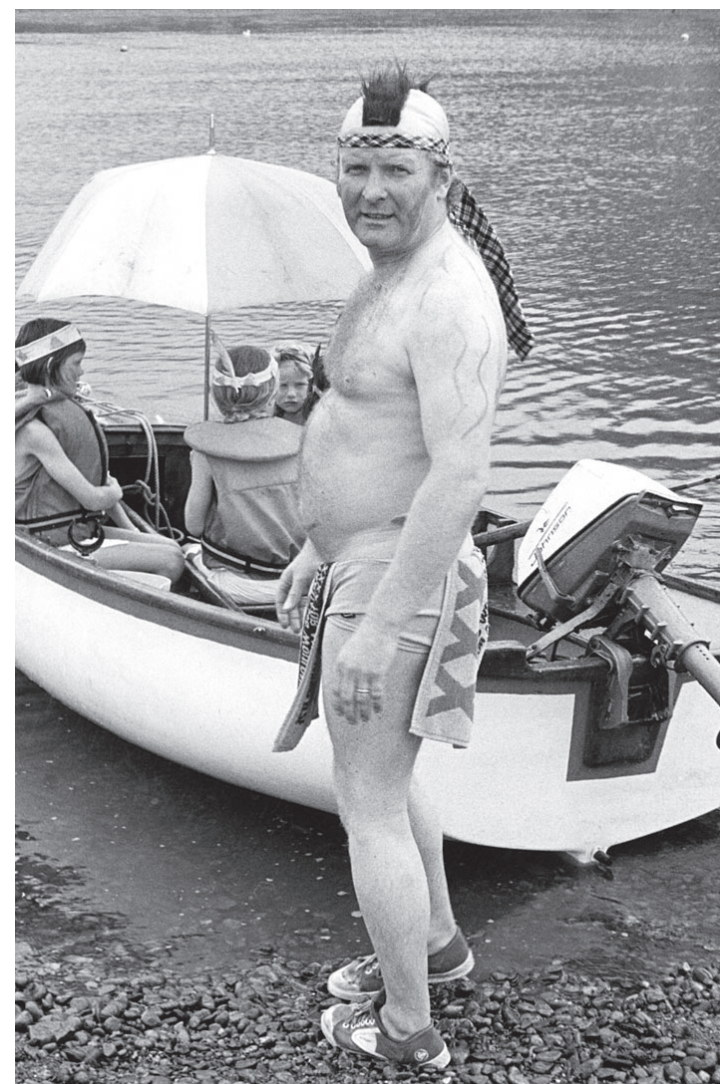
Christmas and New Year parties.

### Arran Chorus fete

The Arran Chorus held a garden fete in the grounds of Strabane, the home of Lady Jean Fforde last Thursday.

The Red Cross ladies baked and served hundreds of teas, Arran Brass played all afternoon, Glen Rosa ponies tirelessly gave rides, Iain Frame brought an inflatable and David Bridge ran a tombola and bottle stall.

Proceeds of the day went to Arran Lifeline.



Jim Primrose as Magwa, chief of the Huron Indians, at the Lochranza gala day. b30twe02



Kelly Wallace judging the best sandcastle at Whiting Bay fun weekend. b30twe04

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# Heritage Museum Children's Day

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The grounds behind the museum running down to the Rosa Burn were packed with happy children enjoying a variety of entertainments on a warm and sunny afternoon. Isle of Arran Pipe Band played a medley of popular numbers and Jim Arnold gave a selection of foot-tapping tunes on his accordion.

The staff of Café Rosaburn were busy supplying hungry visitors and there was fun for all the family.

# Arran's Social Scene

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Archie Nicol and Tom MacLeod. b30sce01



Three spidermen and a blue spider. From left, Marc Crossan, Hamish Strachan, Angus Strachan and Lewis Crossan. b30sce02



The Blake family; Ian, Harry, Carol, Rachel and Jennifer. b30sce09



Grace and Verner Small. b30sce04



Megan McAllister, Mhairi McAleer, Holly Tulika and Isla Yuill. b30sce06



Drummer Bob Scott wets his whistle with a wee cup of tea. b30sce07



Vera and Jim Kirk. b30sce08



Kirsty Irving and Libby Raeburn. b30sce03

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**Arran Heritage Museum** Brodick, 10.30am - 4.30pm

**SATURDAY 26th JULY**

**Blackwaterfoot Junior Football** coaching, 10.30am - noon  
**Arran Dancers** Arran High School 11am - 4.15pm  
**Machrie Table Tennis & Games Club** Machrie Hall 7.30pm - 9pm  
**Disco** Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
**Karate** Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am - 12.30pm  
**Learn to Salsa** KA Campus, 9.30am - 10.30am  
**Family Games Kids & Adults** Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm  
**Fun in the Spa Pool** Auchrannie Pool, 4pm - 5pm  
**Rink Game** Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 7pm  
**Rink Game** Lamlash Bowling Club, 2pm  
**Rink Game** Brodick Bowling Club, 2pm  
**RNLI Shop** Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm  
**Summer Fete** Brodick Church of Scotland Grounds, 2pm  
**Whiting Bay Fun Day** Sandbraes Park, 2pm  
**Tennis for All** Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club, 1pm - 4pm

**SUNDAY 27th JULY**

**Alcoholics Anonymous** St Margarets Church, Whiting Bay, 4.30pm  
**Family Games Kids & Adults** Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm  
**Open Folk Session** Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
**Fun in the Spa Pool** Auchrannie Pool, 4pm - 5pm  
**RNLI Shop** Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm  
**Open Gardens** Claveron, Lamlash 12pm - 6pm

**MONDAY 28th JULY**

**Senior Fitness** Auchrannie 9.30am & 10.45am  
**Over 50's Badminton** Lochranza Village Hall 2pm - 4pm  
**Quiz** Cameronia 9.30pm  
**Citizens Advice** Open 10am - 2pm  
**Badminton** Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm  
**Cardiac Rehab** Auchrannie Gym 12.30pm - 2pm  
**Circuit Training** Auchrannie Spa, 12.30pm - 2pm  
**Citizens Advice** Open 10am - 2pm  
**Summer Bridge** Arran High School, 6.45pm  
**Weight Wise** Hospital Bungalow 5pm - 5.30pm  
**ABS Class** KA Leisure, fitness suite 6.30pm - 6.50pm  
**Aerobics Class** KA Leisure, dance studio, 7pm - 8pm  
**Rink Game** Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 7pm  
**Rink Game** Brodick Bowling Club, 6.45pm  
**Rink Game** Lamlash Bowling Club, 7pm  
**Open Folk Session** Kildonan  
**Coffee Morning** Whiting Bay & Kildonan Church 10.30am - 12pm  
**Whiting Bay Car Treasure Hunt** Leaves village 6.30pm

**TUESDAY 29th JULY**

**Senior Fitness** Auchrannie 9.30am & 10.45am  
**Lochranza Swimming Club** Kinloch 11am - 12pm  
**Farmers Market** Kilmory Hall 11.30 - 3.30  
**Legs Bums & Tums** Auchrannie Spa 6pm - 6.45pm  
**Army Cadets** Auchrannie Road, 7.30pm - 9.30pm

**Swallows, House Martins & Whisky**

**Pop Quiz**

**Alcoholics Anonymous**

**Arran Rotary**

**Citizens Advice**

**Pulmonary Rehab**

**Open Music Session**

**Body Conditioning Class**

**Guided Garden walks**

**Summer Play "Murdered To Death"**

**Rowan Singers Summer Concert**

Arran Distillery, Lochranza 12pm

Ormidale Hotel, 10pm

Brodick Church Hall - 2pm

Auchrannie 7.15pm

Open 10am - 2pm 4 - 6pm (Appointment Only)

Auchrannie Gym 12.30pm - 2pm

Catacol Bay Hotel, 8.30pm

KA Leisure, dance studio 6pm - 7pm

Brodick Castle, 2pm

Whiting Bay Hall, 8pm

Brodick Hall 8pm

**WEDNESDAY 30th JULY**

**Mixed Hockey**

**Jnr Rugby Training**

**Aquafizz**

**Circuit Training**

**Yogalates**

**Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy**

**Arran Wildlife Talk**

**Rink Game**

**Rink Game**

**Rink Game**

**Summer Coffee Morning**

**Kickboxing**

**Open Folk Session**

**Alcoholics Anonymous**

**Summer Family Ceilidh**

**PS Waverley Cruise Lochs & Carrick Castle**

**Arran Rugby Club Seniors Training**

**Arran Rugby Club Players Meeting**

Auchrannie Hall, 7pm

S1 - U18, Ormidale Park, 7pm

Auchrannie Hotel, 9.45am - 10.30am

Auchrannie, 6pm

Auchrannie Studio, 10am - 11am

10.30 - 12.30pm & 1.30 - 3.30pm

Cruise Bar, Auchrannie Spa, 6pm

Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 7pm

Brodick Bowling Club, 6.45pm

Lamlash Bowling Club, 7pm

Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15am - 12pm

KA Leisure, dance studio, 6pm - 7pm

Lamlash 9pm

Lamlash Church Hall - 7.30pm - 9pm

Brodick Hall, 8pm - 11pm

Dept Brodick, 11.30am

Ormidale Park, 7.30pm

Ormidale Park, 9pm

**THURSDAY 31st JULY**

**Senior Fitness**

**Citizens Advice**

**Badminton**

**Lochranza Craft Club**

**Outdoor Run**

**Pilates**

**Aerobics**

**Coffee Morning**

**Cardiac Rehab**

**Keep Fit**

**Table Tennis**

**KA Jog**

**Legs, Bums & Tums Class**

**Cricket Practice**

**PS Waverley Cruise Holy Isle & Pladda**

**Brodick Church Auction**

Auchrannie 9.30am & 10.45am

Open 10am - 2pm

Kilmory Hall, Juniors 6.30 - 7.30pm, Adults 7.30 - 9pm

Hall, 2pm

Auchrannie, 6pm

Auchrannie Studio, 6pm

Auchrannie Games Hall, 6pm

St Molios Church 10.30am - 12pm

Auchrannie Gym 12.30pm - 2pm

Kildonan Hall, 7pm - 9pm

Kildonan Hall, 3pm - 5pm

KA Leisure, front reception 5.30pm

KA Leisure, gameshall, 6.30pm - 7.15pm

Sannox Oval, 6pm

Dept Brodick, 3pm

Brodick Golf Club 8pm

**FRIDAY 1st AUGUST**

**Arran Pipe Band Practice**

**Lochranza & Catacol Coffee Morning**

**Aquafizz**

**Citizens Advice**

**Whiting Bay Golf Club**

**Circuit Training**

Brodick Hall, 7.30pm

10am - 12pm

Auchrannie Pool, 9.45am

Open 10am - 2pm

Quiz Night, 9pm

Auchrannie, 6pm - 7.15pm

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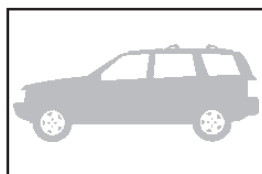


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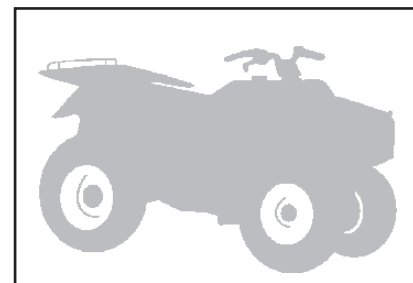


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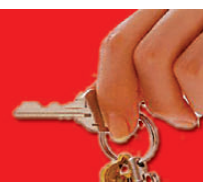
# PUBLIC NOTICES BANNER

**North Ayrshire Licensing Board**  
**Licensing (Scotland) Acts 1976 and 2005**  
The liquor licensing system is changing from one regulated by the 1976 Act to one regulated by the 2005 Act. The change takes place during a period which began on 1 February 2008 and will end on 1 September 2009 (called the 'Transitional Period').  
The 1976 Act had seven different types of licence, (e.g. Public House, Off-Sales) granted by the Licensing Board. Clubs were separately registered at the Sheriff Court. The 2005 Act replaces all these licences and registration with a single 'Premises Licence' granted by the Licensing Board.  
All licences and club registrations under the 1976 Act will automatically expire on 1 September 2009. Premises which are to sell alcohol on or after that date must apply for and be granted Premises Licences by the Licensing Board. This requirement applies to all Premises, whether on-sale, off-sale, or both, and also applies to Clubs.  
Applications will not be advertised in local newspapers. All Applications for Premises Licences will be advertised on the Board's website for 21 days. The website is: www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk. In the A-Z select 'L', and then 'liquor licences'.  
In addition, the Applicant must display a Site Notice at or near the Premises.  
All Applications are available for public inspection free of charge at the Board's office at:  
**The Town House**  
66 High Street  
Irvine  
KA12 0AZ  
Tel. 01294-311998  
The website contains further information about the 2005 Act, the Board's Licensing Policy Statement, Guidance and Standard Conditions, and the procedure for making objections or representations to an Application.  
**Ian Snodgrass**  
Chief Executive  
Cunninghame House  
Irvine

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997**  
**PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997**  
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Written representations may be made to the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Protective Services) at the address below within the specified time from the date of publication of this notice. Any representations received will be open to public view.  
\*and at The Council Offices, Lamlash  
**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) ORDER 1992**  
Applications for planning permission - Notice to be published in accordance with Article 12(5) Written comments to be made within 14 days.  
Application No: N/08/00575/PP Address: Site To North East Of Linevern, Montrose Terrace, Whiting Bay, Brodick, Isle Of Arran  
Proposed Development: Erection of detached dwelling house  
**Ian Snodgrass**  
Chief Executive  
Cunninghame House  
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**DEATHS**

**HALL – ALEXANDER**  
Peacefully at Crosshouse Hospital on Tuesday 22nd July 2008. Alistair, aged 74 years of Morven, Auchencairn, Whiting Bay, beloved husband of Sandra, step father to Alexis and brother of Isobel. Funeral service in Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church on Tuesday 29th July 2008 at 11.30am and thereafter to Lamlash Cemetery to which all relatives and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Hospital Supporters League.

**HALL –** Peacefully in his sleep in Kilmacolm on Friday 4th July 2008 in his 97th year Dr George, beloved Husband of the late Mary Kelso Hall (nee McKillop), dearest Father of Fiona and Morag and a loving Grandfather and Great Grandfather to the Family. Funeral took place at Lochranza Church on Friday 11th July 2008

**CHURCH NEWS**

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

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

**Minister**

Rev Angus Adamson.  
**Parish Asst**  
Mrs Jean Hunter.

Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times.

**Sunday 27 July**  
Brodick Church  
10.30am

Corrie Church 12pm.  
Lochranza, 9.30am  
Pirmill, 10.45am  
Shiskine Church 12pm

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

**ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

**Friday 25 July**  
Congregational Meeting  
Shiskine 6.30pm  
followed by Barbecue  
**Sunday 27 July**  
Brodick 7pm  
Rev David Karoon  
All welcome.

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Sunday Morning Mass  
9.30am & 11am  
Vigil Mass, 7.30pm

**WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH**

**Sunday 27 July**  
Family worship will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson, at 10.30am. Crèche facilities will be available in the Church Hall. All welcome. Tea and coffee will be served in the Hall immediately after the service. Please stay and enjoy more fellowship.

**KILMORY PARISH CHURCH**

**Sunday 27 July**  
Public worship 10am  
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(in full communion with the Church of England)  
St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.  
**Sunday 27 July**  
Holy Communion, 11am  
Mr John Roberts  
Coffee after service.  
**Wednesday 23 July**  
Holy Communion, 12.15 pm.  
All Welcome.

**LAMLASH CHURCH**

**Sunday 27 July**  
You are invited to worship in Lamlash Church at 11 am  
Mrs Brenda McKay  
All welcome

**ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

(continuing)  
**Sunday 27 July**  
11am  
Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Glen Cloy Road, Brodick  
Evening Service, 7pm  
5 Glen Road  
**Wednesday 30 July**  
7pm  
Prayer Meeting,  
Rev.D.Macleod  
All welcome

**ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Sunday 27 July**  
The Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick  
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick.  
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11.30 Service for All the Family led by Peter Lee.  
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**Thank you**

I would like to thank everyone who came to my 70th birthday celebration and for the beautiful gifts and cards. I hope you all enjoyed yourselves!

My special thanks to Eilidh, Fiona and Douglas and all the family for organising the whole thing, and to "hubby" for trying so hard to keep the secret

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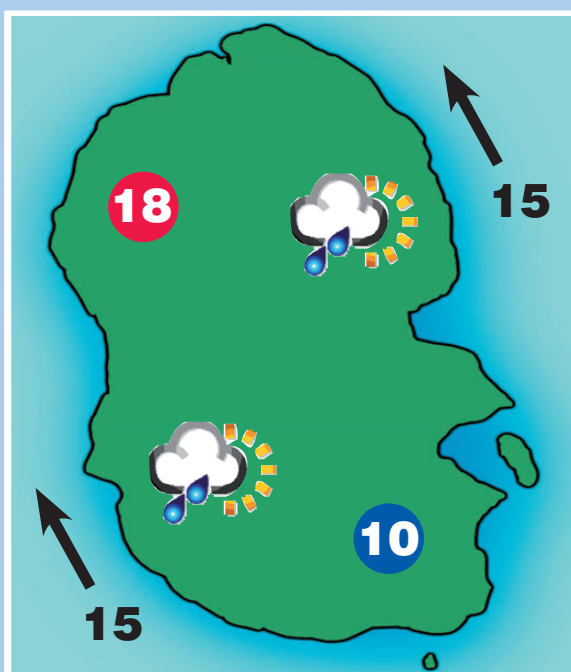
**Tides**

Tide tables for Lamlash during the week from **Saturday July 26 2008** are listed below with differences for major ports listed beneath. All times are GMT (add one hour BST)

Date	am	pm
Sat	0437 3.1 1052 0.6	1705 2.9 2311 0.8
Sun	0533 2.9 1158 0.7	1801 2.8 **** **
Mon	0021 0.9 0656 2.7	1317 0.8 1918 2.8
Tues	0150 0.9 0842 2.7	1434 0.7 2102 2.8
Wed	0311 0.7 1009 2.9	1541 0.6 2220 3.0
Thur	0415 0.5 1114 3.0	1638 0.5 2318 3.2
Fri	0508 0.3 1209 3.1	1730 0.4 **** **

Tidal Constants: (Add or deduct from High Water at Lamlash)

Blackwaterfoot	<b>+0.25</b>	Machrie	<b>+0.25</b>
Corrie	<b>+0.20</b>	Lochranza	<b>+0.15</b>
Whiting Bay	<b>-0.02</b>	Brodick Bay	<b>+0.25</b>
Kildonan	<b>-0.05</b>		



**Saturday, July 26**

**Weather**

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Heavy Showers forecast with a light south easterly wind. Temperature high of 18°C, dropping to 10°C later in the day

**Sunday, July 27**

Heavy showers to continue throughout the day

Temperatures around 16°C.

**Monday and Tuesday**

Light showers, 17°C -13°C

Light southerly winds.

**Ferry Crossings/Sea States**

Ardrossan/ Brodick - Moderate

Claonaig/ Lochranza - Moderate

# Cameron has home success in Urie race

Cameron Paul won the 2008 Junior Urie Loch race last Sunday.

The race is a regular feature of Lamlash Gala Week and goes through the Dyemill and part

way up the hill before returning to the recreation park behind Arran High School. Cameron was almost two minutes clear of his nearest rival, Christopher Jenks. Sean Higgins came in third and Hannah Currie was the first girl home.

Times were: Cameron 21 minutes and nine seconds, Christopher, 22m52s, Sean, 27m26s, Hannah, 34m51s.

Adam Anderson from Carnethy was the overall winner of the adult race, picking up the prize for first male veteran 40 as well.

Adam finished in a time of 48 minutes, five seconds.

Second male home was another veteran 40, Bill Johnson, who finished in a time of 49.45.

First female home, in a time of 54.59, was Anne Johnson of Calder Valley Fell Runners, who was also first female veteran 40.

Second female was Arran's own Shonagh Murchie.

Other Arran runners taking part were Niall Hume (59.46), Paul Emsley (62.12), Nicky Emsley (52.46), Tommy Gilmore (63.56), Ben Tattersfield (51.35) and Alan Miller (52.54).



Start of the 2008 Urie Loch Hill Race for adults. b30rac03



First three in the junior hill race, centre, winner Cameron Paul, right, Christopher Jenks second, left, Sean Higgins third.

b30rac01



Hannah Currie, first girl home in the junior hill race. b30rac02

## Lee's long wait for trophy

Lamlash golfer Lee Girbow has finally received the Carradale July Open trophy he won two weeks ago.

Lee and three other Lamlash golfers; Davie Ross, Stevie Newall and Gordon Boyle, took a day trip to play in the golf competition but had to leave before the end to catch their ferry home. Lee found out on the night of the competition he had won and arrangements were made to transport the trophy to Arran.

However, he received the trophy on Wednesday - nearly two weeks after he won the competition.

Lee said: 'This was the first time I had played in the competition and I haven't been playing well so I didn't expect to win.'

Lee's score was 68-7=61, one shot fewer than second place.



## Golf

### Brodiek Golf Club

Wed July 16, Summer Cup, 42 played, CSS 64. 1 G Hendry (9) 60; 2 E McKinnon (0) 62; 3 J Armit (5) 62.

Scratch E McKinnon 62. There were nine twos, nobody got more than one.

Friday July 18, Bridge Trophy (mixed foursomes). A good turnout in spite of the weather. Liz Lawrie and Brian Smith with 37 points, just pipped Isobel and Iain MacDonald with 36 points. Good scoring in difficult conditions.

Sunday July 20, Navy Shield, 28 played, CSS 64. 1 Lewis McCrindle (13) 42 pts; 2 David Hendry (11) 38 pts; 3 Gordon Hendry (8) 36 pts. There were

eight twos. Congratulations to young Lewis McCrindle on winning his first 'major' trophy.

### Brodiek Ladies

Tuesday 15th July 21 played for the second July Medal. Silver: 1 Liz Sinclair (14) 70; 2 Carole Arthur (16) 73.

Bronze 1 Trish Martin (29) 70 (bih); 2 Moira Martin (29) 70. Scratch - Brenda Livingstone 82.

### Shiskine Golf

Wed July 16, 18-hole Medal: 1 D Pilkington 71-9 62(bih); 2 C McGlone 76-14 62; 3 T L S Young 79-15 64. Best Scratch - Gordon Hay 67. Magic Two's - T L S Young and Gordon Hay.

Thurs July 17 - Ladies 12 hole Medal: 1 Viv Parks 56-15 41; 2 Jenni Turnbull 56-11 45; 3 Elizabeth Kerr 61-16 45.

Sat 19th - Gents Open: Overall Winner - R Pirrie 49-9 40; 2 L Herd 56-14 42; 3 Rab Robertson 50-6 44(bih). Best Scratch - Martin Kerr 47. Magic Two's

- S Hillis, R Robertson, P Clark, J Cleat, E Shannly, D Dixon, G Martlew, J Kelly, A McPherson, K McKinley and D Logan.

Sun July 20 - 12 hole Medal: 1 D Markham 53-5 48; 2 B Sherwood 57-4 53; 3 P T Young 71-13 58. Best Scratch - D Markham 53. Magic Two - D Markham.

Fixtures: Saturday July 26 - Tennis Taster Afternoon; Saturday July 26 - Charlie

Sym Rosebowl; Sunday July 27 - 18hole Medal; Thursday July 31 - Ladies Greensomes Open.

### Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday July 17 - Summer Cup, 36 played CSS 64.

Sweep: 1 E Tinto 77-19=58 (bih); 2 S Campbell 66-8=58; 3 E Evans 66-6=60 (bih); 4 A Winship 76-16=60.

Best scratch Euan Evans 66 (bih) over Stuart Campbell 66.



Sheena Murchie, left, of Lamlash Golf Club receives the club championship trophy from captain Ellie Jones.

Magic Twos - J Stewart at 13<sup>th</sup>, A Smith at 14<sup>th</sup>, S McAllister at 16<sup>th</sup>, D MacFarlane at 2<sup>nd</sup>, S Campbell at 5<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.

July 19 Frank Crum qualifying round: 1 J Henderson and A Winship 83-14.5=68.5; 2 B Hastings and R Tait 84-15=69.

Sunday July 20, 20 played, CSS 67 (non counter): 1 M Evans 81-15=66; 2 L Girbow 73-6=67 (bih); 3 Sam Tattersfield 82-15=67. Best scratch - Lee Girbow 73. Magic Twos - Todd Jamieson at 16<sup>th</sup>; Euan Evans at 17<sup>th</sup>.

Fixtures: Sunday July 27, Medal Shield at 9.30am and 1pm. Monday July 28 Island Mix Fours Open (see starters for times).

### Machrie Bay Golf

Tuesday July 15 - Peter Sutton/Lady Mary: 1 Alastair MacDonald 66; 2 Jenni Turnbull 68; 3 Ian Buchannan 70. Scratch Alastair MacDonald 78. Fixtures: July 29 Lady Mary/Peter Sutton 12.30pm/5.30pm tee off.

### Corrie Golf Club

Wednesday Night Medal on July 16: 1 J Milesi 81-19=62; 2 A Cumming 79-16=63; 3 A Napier 71-5=66.

Fairs Cup second round on Saturday July 19: 1 R Logan 64-6=58; 2 J McGovern 69-8=61(bih); 3 C Pattenden 72-11=61. Overall winner of the Fairs Cup was R Logan, whose handicap rounds of 63 and 58 gave him a total of 121. Runner-up was C Pattenden with rounds of 62 and 61.

Fixtures: Corrie Open on July 26 and 27. The course is reserved for the competition from 7am-7pm both days.

Wednesday Night Medal on July 30. Tee off from 5pm.

### Whiting Bay Golf

Fixtures: Sunday July 20, Raymond Curtis Salver.

Wednesday July 23, McLintock Cup.

Thursday July 24, Visitors v Locals and barbeque from 5pm. Saturday July 26 and Sunday July 27, Whiting Bay Open.

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# Southend are champions

Southend clinched their first league title in nine years after an astonishing away performance against last years champions Shiskine.

It was a game that had it all: hot and wet conditions, punch-ups, four goalkeepers and a total of eleven goals at the John Robertson Memorial Field, Blackwaterfoot.

Brodick had easily beaten Northend 2-0 earlier in the night meaning that if the Southenders did not win, the

league would have to be contested in a play-off between Shiskine and Brodick.

Needless to say, most supporters were cheering on the home team.

### Struggled

Straight from kick-off, it seemed as if it wasn't going to be Shiskine's day. They had struggled to put a team together and only had one substitute.

Southend had most of the early possession and got the

first goal of the game after six minutes, Euan Ingram finishing just inside the post.

Southend continued to press and Shiskine keeper Willie Robertson seemed to be struggling with the sun in his eyes. Southend's Nicky Emsley took advantage and after twenty-seven minutes he had put his side three-up with two crisp goals from outside the box. Willie was substituted and on came Glen Stewart to take up the role between the sticks.

Shiskine's regular No.1 also found the sun difficult to contend with and Nicky Emsley again took full advantage adding to the rot and sealing his hat-trick before the interval. 4-0.

Whatever was said at half-time made a difference to Shiskine and they grabbed the first goal of the second half. A slack pass back to Southend keeper Craig Black was intercepted and fired past him to bring the score to 4-1.

Southend continued to press and things slowly went from bad to worse for Shiskine, who



Arran Football League champions Southend. b30soc01



Jamie Stewart of Shiskine tried in vain to evade the young Southend defence. b30soc02

could only muster one or two half chances. Ruaridh Hamilton, Elliot 'The Hitman' Smith and Frazer Barr all added and Nicky Emsley got another two to give Southend the title.

Shiskine managed to grab a late consolation goal though through Fergus Judge who rifled a ball past the keeper into the top corner from 15-yards. The young Southend

team played well as a unit throughout the match and thoroughly deserved the win. They play Northend in the cup on Friday night at Sandbraes while Brodick entertain Shiskine.

### Northend

Northend captain Matt Milne missed his second penalty in as many matches as his team's quest for their first win con-

tinued. Brodick goalkeeper Gregor Adamson made an excellent save to deny Milne and will be pleased with his clean sheet against an ever-improving Northend, whose man of the match prize went to Martin Wallbank.

Brodick took the lead on 35 minutes through Archie McNicol and John Drummond secured the points after an hour.

## Over 55s urged to join retired teacher for a kick about

Ron Woods of Shiskine is looking for someone to play with. He and his wife who are both retired teachers moved to Arran from Oldham 18 months ago.

Ron is a keen footballer and has played all his life. At 61 years old he likes to keep fit and would like to arrange a regular seniors weekly five-a-side game.

He said: 'I play friendly games with the high school teachers and senior lads but at 61 it can be tiring running after a 16-year-old.

'If anyone over 55 contacts me on 860487 I will try to organise a game.

'We could play in the sports hall or on the all-weather pitch. The new high school pitch is the best I have ever played on.'

Down the years Ron has played football for Preston Schoolboys, North Lancashire Grammar Schools and in the Lancashire and Cheshire league.

He says that he has suffered quite a few broken bones in matches, such as leg, jaw and arm but would still like to play at a certain pace. If you want to also kick around at a leisurely competitive rate please contact Ron.



Ron Woods of Shiskine is looking for older footballers to play with. b30ron01

## Urie Loch Race

Arran's finest runners made sure the island had a good showing in this year's Urie Loch Race.

There was home success in the junior race with Cameron Paul taking first place.

However the winners of the male and female categories were visitors to the island.

The race course, south of Lamash is an arduous one and tests the competitors' stamina to the limit.

See page 23.

## Rugby training

Arran Rugby Club seniors will start training in preparation for next season next Wednesday evening at 7.30pm at Ormidale Park.

This session will be followed by a players' meeting at 9pm. All new players are welcome.

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