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## Homing in on housing

ANYONE over the age of 16 can apply for a house on Arran.

So what chance do young people of Arran have if housing legislation as it stands cannot supply their needs first and foremost?

This is only one of the problems which is hindering the building of more affordable housing on the island.

Now it is hoped a new housing survey on the island - the largest for 10 years - will try to overcome the problems housing provider Isle of Arran Homes is facing in trying to find houses for islanders. At present there are 270 applicants on its waiting list and unless there is a radical change in legislation the housing need may never be filled.

All householders are being urged to participate in the survey so that North Ayrshire Council can obtain the fullest possible picture. Leaflets and posters were being distributed throughout the island this week.

The council seeks 'no holds barred' opinions, says Jim Nicol of Isle of Arran Community for Voluntary Services.

'These findings will not just end up in a large document, they will actually be used to begin addressing the problems with housing on Arran,' he said.

As with other rural locations in Scotland housing, particularly affordable housing, is at a premium. Mainland people can afford to move in, pushing up the prices of housing already in existence.

In addition, wages tend to be

## 270 applicants on house waiting list

lower than average, particularly in the service industry where salaries have been historically low; and many houses are second homes.

The second home issue is particularly apparent in the north of Arran, says Andy Martin, manager of Isle of Arran Homes.

The housing body is presently building six new houses in Brodict and four affordable homes are planned for Blackwaterfoot in the very near future.

But unless things change smaller communities could suffer if small schools close and businesses have to shut down because they are no longer viable, simply because there is not enough housing.

Other problems hampering an improvement in the housing situation include planning restrictions, such as only building within village boundaries.

Companies such as Isle of Arran Homes are legally bound to pay the value on land set by a valuer although this is not always the case with some landowners happy to give up land at a reasonable rate.

Andy said: 'It is crazy when we can get our hands on land.

'We are really battling all the time, not just to build in Brodict and Lamlash but to try to sustain village communities with

schools, post offices and shops, to make them viable.

'We have just completed eight new houses at Pirmill and this was a lifeline for the village. It saved the local school and kept local businesses going. Moreover, the houses all went to local families.

'The law doesn't allow us to set aside all the housing for Arran's young people. Anyone over 16 can apply for a house on Arran.

'Our total stock is only 260 and we are the main housing provider on the island.

'We hope this time this particular survey will encompass not just the work in the past but will give a comprehensive, overall look at the state of Arran's housing and come up with a remedy.'

Campbell Laing, chairman of Arran Community Council echoed Andy's sentiments.

'The housing situation here is dire,' he said. 'Second homes and houses here are selling for up to £300,000 - it's just too expensive.

'Schools, hospitals and other essential services suffer as a result of astronomical house prices.

'The community council prepared a paper on the subject which was put before the Scottish Executive and the council and we hope this is the result of the pressure we put on.'

The results of the survey are expected in the autumn.



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needs help



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views her beat



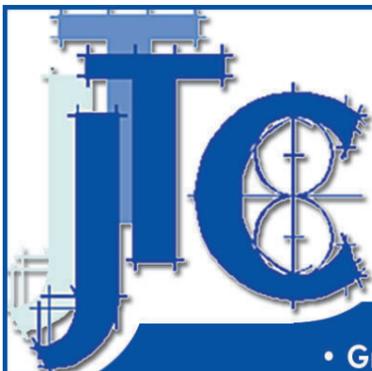
Ailsa in Gaelic  
TV advert



Dr Donald Brown with his seven year-old Clydesdale mare Mollinshillhead Ruby were at Arran Farmers' Society 170th Show, this year held at Castle Drive Field in Brodict. Ruby, whose sire is the well-known Clydesdale Greendykes Northern Star, was amongst the prizewinners and she came to the Island after she was bought six years ago from Mr Stewart of Mollinsburn.

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Six year-old Lauren Roberston with the duck trio. b32ducl

## Dublin ducks arrive on Arran

World record-breaking ducks from Dublin were found at Cleats Shore last Sunday.

The ducks appeared to have travelled across the water upside down as they were heavily faded on their underbelly.

They were in fact plastic ducks from the Dublin Duck Race that took place on Monday 3 June.

The ducks were only supposed to travel one kilometer and many were captured in nets at the end of the race on Dublin's River Liffey, however it would seem that some got away.

A record breaking 132,000 ducks crossed the finishing line at the Sean O'Casey bridge in the capital

### Exciting discovery

Six year-old Lauren Robertson from Merseyside had been on the shore with her dad Derek and mum Fiona when she made the exciting discover.

And not only did she find the trio of ducks she also found a message in a bottle. The message contained the names of people from the Isle of Man and Germany.

Fiona said: 'We could see the yellow colour in the seaweed so Derek made his way out to see what it was, he nearly fell into the sea getting the ducks.'

'On closer inspection we saw details of a website stamped onto the plastic.'

When the family got home they logged on and found out the ducks were part of a new world record.

### Lochranza

Fiona said: 'After finding the message in a bottle Lauren wanted to create her own so we went to Lochranza and after a few attempts managed to get the bottle into the water.'

Paul and Christine Stanger from Newcastle were holidaying at Blackwaterfoot when they came upon one of the ducks

Paul said: 'Driving to Arran in the car we heard about the charity event on Radio 5 and then when we arrived on Arran we ended up finding one of the ducks.'

Before returning home Lauren found another duck on the shore at Kilmory.

## Waverley runs aground

ONE of Scotland's most famous boats still sailed from Arran this week after running aground on Monday at Girvan.

The paddle steamer *Waverley* had just left Girvan when the incident occurred on Monday.

She was carrying more than 700 passengers and 25 crew, but no one was injured and she made her way safely back to her berth so those on board could disembark.

A spokeswoman for the paddle steamer said the vessel would continue to sail as usual following an inspection on Tuesday.

This week she sailed from Brodick and on Sunday will depart Lochranza for a trip to Skipness Castle.

## Lost

### Binoculars

A pair of binoculars were lost outside the tennis courts in Lamlash last Tuesday between 11am and 1pm.

Contact May Hamilton, 9 Monamore Place, Lamlash.

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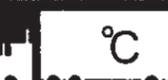
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Coastguard Billy Currie meets with the bomb disposal squad to dispose of washed up flares. b32res1

# Flares spark beach alert

ARRAN Coastguard is busy getting ready for its open day on Saturday at the coastguard station at Lamlash after spending a busy week combing beaches for washed up flares.

They have been joining in a general alert about flares being washed up along the Clyde estuary including north east Kintyre, Ayrshire and the Mull of Galloway, as well as Arran.

This week Clyde Coastguard issued a warning to the public not to touch any flares they spot on a beach as they contain phosphorus which can burn and cause serious injury.

The flares are thought to have surfaced from the 30-mile long Beaufort Dyke between Scotland and Ireland, a massive second world war munitions dump, after being disturbed by fishing vessels.

Stewart Atkinson, watch manager, Clyde Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Centre, said: 'There have been several reports of flares being found over the last few days.'

'We believe them to be old and phosphorous, which means when they start to dry out they start to smoulder and can become hot to

**'If they are picked up they may cause serious injury'**

touch. If they are picked up they may cause serious injury.

'Our message is clear. Call 999 and ask for the coastguard if you see a flare washed up on the beach'

Arran Coastguard deputy leader Billy Currie said they were called out several times.

On August 3 two flares were found at Lochranza by a visiting geologist and coastguards attended at 2.30pm. A bomb disposal team was brought over to blow them up.

A call at 1.30pm the next day took the coastguards to Catacol where two more flares were found, in front of the Twelve Apostles.

'Because it was Friday the ferries were mostly chock-a-block and the bomb disposal had to be brought by air from Prestwick to blow them up,' said Billy.

Arran coastguards were called

out on Sunday morning after two more flares were spotted at Lochranza. The area was cordoned off and a bomb disposal team called out again to deal with them.

Clyde Coastguard asked their Arran counterparts to make a full search of the island's beaches that day, involving all the island's teams.

Beaches all along the Clyde estuary were also searched, as far as Skipness, by other coastguard teams

Arran coastguards finished their search at Lochranza at 7.30pm with a bomb disposal team which was then called to Carradale where the coastguard there had reported a flare at Skipness.

The bomb disposal team caught the last ferry out to deal with the matter, said Billy.

On Monday, Arran coastguards received a call about a flare at Kildonan but on turning out this was found to be an early warning device from a ship.

Saturday's open day, from 10am to 4pm, is for visitors to have a look round the station and find out what the coastguard agency does. Refreshments will be available.

# New sergeant views her beat



New police sergeant Helen Murison with sergeant Colin Young at the Brodick Highland Games. b32new1

Arran's new police sergeant Helen Murison was to the fore at the Brodick Highland Games on Saturday.

She officially takes up her new post on Friday 25 August and was

at the games meeting the locals and seeing the area.

Sergeant Murison told *The Banner* she is greatly looking forward to working on the island. She has been working in the community

safety department and one of her duties was to prepare press releases for the local newspaper.

Current Sergeant Colin Young will leave the island to take up a new post on the mainland.

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**Police files**

**Two arrests at Brodick games**

Two men were arrested in separate incidents at Brodick Highland Games last Saturday.

Police confirmed to the Banner this week that an Ardrossan man was charged with an alleged breach of the peace and alleged assault in a disturbance at the end of the games.

He was released on bail pending a report to the Procurator Fiscal.

In a separate incident a 19-year-old male was reported on a charge of urinating in a public place.

**Man charged with driving under ban**

Police arrested a 20-year-old Irvine man on Saturday in Brodick on a charge of alleged driving while disqualified.

**Drink driving charge**

A Lagg man, aged 28, was charged with alleged drink driving on Saturday.

**Islander remanded after CID probe**

IN an investigation involving CID and Arran police a 49-year-old islander was arrested on Saturday and charged with offences including an alleged breach of the peace.

He was remanded in custody pending an appearance at Kilmarnock Sheriff Court.

**Brodick breach of the peace**

Police arrested a 29-year-old man from Motherwell following an alleged breach of the peace in Brodick on Saturday.

**Kilmory youth arrested**

A 17-year-old Kilmory youth was arrested and charged with an alleged breach of the peace at Kildonan on Tuesday.

**Breach charge for islander**

A 24-year old Brodick man was arrested in the early hours of Sunday in Brodick and charged with an alleged breach of the peace.

# First Gaelic advertisement has strong Arran links



Ailsa McNicol had 'great fun' taking part in the filming of the world's first Gaelic advertisement, for the Ardbeg whisky distillery on Islay. b32adv2

THE world's first Gaelic commercial advertisement has gone out over the internet - with two Arran folk involved in its making.

Director David Boni and actress Ailsa McNicol are among the cast and crew which have filmed the advertisement for the Ardbeg distillery on Islay.

The advertisement, filmed in Glasgow, is for a special Ardbeg 1965 40-year-old malt of which only 261 bottles have been made.

It is one of the world's most expensive malts, with a price tag of £2,100.

The commercial is a pastiche of a 1990s Chanel advert for its Egoiste scent, David said.

Also involved in the making of the film was Lily McDougall of Islay, who is 93 and another Ileaich, Mairead MacKechnie, as well as other Gaelic speakers.

David, who lives at High Corrie, has been working for Ardbeg for several years.

Ailsa, who runs Arran Crafts and Store in Brodick, has been a familiar face in island drama productions for many years.

She is learning Gaelic and next week will be at Sabhal Mor Ostaig, the Gaelic college on Skye, taking a course in the language.

David said the commercial was



Ailsa McNicol in the first Gaelic advertisement

one of the best he had done but that his own Gaelic was 'terrible'.

Ailsa said taking part was 'great fun'.

Hamish Torrie, for Ardbeg, said the company decided to do the viral film (one which can be forwarded to people's inboxes via the internet via ardbeg.com/1965) in Gaelic because it was based on an island where it was the native language.

'As far as we know it is the first commercial film to be made in Gaelic,' he said.

'Ardbeg is rooted in Islay and obviously the native language of the Highlands and the Hebrides is Gaelic.'

He said the Ardbeg 1965 was the most expensive Islay malt and the rarest.

The 261 bottles were being snapped up by people throughout the world.

One hundred are available in the United Kingdom, 80 in Europe and 20 in the Far East.

The rest were being offered to the Ardbeg Committee, which is made up of Ardbeg whisky aficionados, by way of tickets being drawn from in a hat.

One bottle is to be auctioned for an Islay charity at a starting price of £2,000. The label for the whisky is etched by hand into the bottles themselves. The bottles are packed in a special museum-type showcase.

Ardbeg is owned by LVMH (Louis Vuitton Moët Hennessy) which also owns, among others companies, Kenzo, Donna Karan, Givenchy and Glenmorangie.

## Shiskine golf course featured on Radio 4

Listeners of a popular radio programme were enthralled this week when an Isle of Arran golf course was highlighted.

Shiskine golf course has been included in a new golf course book entitled Preferred Lies by Scottish author Andrew Greig.

The book was discussed on BBC Radio 4's Book of the Week programme on Wednesday morning.

Showing Mr Greig round the 12-hole course was long-standing

member, retired veterinary surgeon Colin Bannatyne of Blackwaterfoot.

There was no better person to show Mr Greig round the course than Mr Bannatyne as he has written a history of the course.

Preferred lies is a golfing term, also known as winter rules. It exists under local rule only and allows golfers, on certain parts of a golf course, to improve their lies without penalty.

Mr Bannatyne first joined the club as a boy but spent most of his working life away from Ar-

ran, including 30 years in Oban. He rejoined as a member 40 years ago.

He said: 'Mr Greig was particularly struck by the quality of Shiskine. He happened to be in Paris and was doing research for his book. He was advised to go to Shiskine.'

'Mr Greig is a bit of a philosopher and he brings a lot of personal reminiscences to the book.'

Mr Bannatyne received a complimentary copy of Preferred Lies from Mr Greig.

Eighteen golf courses in Scotland are covered in the book, many of

them not famous championship courses.

Included are Iona, Gigha and Stromness courses, among others.

Shiskine is the only one on Arran included in the book.

Shiskine golf course was originally part of Drumadoon Farm and was opened in June 1896. Glasgow banker Alexander Boyd is credited with being the founder of the course.

It was a nine-hole course at first but a further three holes were added. Six further holes were added but the Great War intervened and they fell into disuse.

**'Lethal' device found on Holy Isle**

Lamlash lifeboat *Boys Brigade* was called out on Wednesday morning to ferry coastguards to the west side of Holy Isle to deal with potentially lethal' submarine smoke flare.

As the *Arran Banner* went to press a 50-metre cordon had been placed round the device to keep people away.

A bomb disposal squad from the mainland was due to blow up the canister on Thursday, a lifeboat spokesman said.

A lifeboat spokesman said the device was 'potentially lethal' especially if the phosphorus came into contact with water.

A Clyde Coastguard spokesman said the location was not one visited by many people and that the device had been marked for the bomb disposal squad.

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# Arran Farmers' Society 170th Show

## New home for show after 59 years



Stuart Reid of Clauchlands Farm with overall champion Holstein, Clauchlands Blackbird 90, a pedigree cow on her second lactation. She is sired by Summershade Igniter, is homebred and currently produces 45 litres of milk a day. b32shw17

The Arran Farmers' Show was in a new location this year for the first time in 59 years.

Held in Castle Drive field in Brodick the show proved a winner with visitors.

And there were reported sightings of celebrities at the show including television presenter Muriel Gray and actor Robbie Coltrane - but they proved elusive to photograph.

In the past the show used to travel around but from 1947 onward it had been in the field at Lamlash Community Centre.

However, construction on the new High School got underway in the field this year and ended the societies association with the venue.

Dawn Murchie took over as president of the Arran Farmers Society this year. She said: 'Just my luck that I should become president the year the show moved, but everybody coped with the mammoth task.'

The day was dogged with showers and unfortunately the worst of the day occurred during the prize giving. Committee member Donnie Robertson had the huge task of taking away all the trophies and drying them off.

'The area was like a big amphitheatre - Goatfell in the backdrop really made it.'



Neil McMaster of Springfield, West Bannan demonstrates sheep shearing. He had to work his way through a dozen to keep the crowd entertained. b32shw14

Livestock entries were up this year, including the surprise addition of four goats.

Janis Murchie gave fast moving carriage driving demonstrations and the Prestwick and District Dog Agility display drew large crowds.

Sculptor Marvin Elliot of High Corrie gave a wood carving demonstration that entertained many as he got down to work with a chain saw.

Dawn continued: 'The weather could have been kinder, the new location was fabulous, the area was like a big amphitheatre. Goatfell in the backdrop really made it.'

'There were teething troubles but that was to be expected, we will do a few things differently next year.'

The committee faced many challenges this year including the need to bring in electricity to the field.

Arran farming stalwart Jim Bone was recognised at this year's show for 61 years of service to Arran Farmers' Society.

He was presented with a special framed aerial photograph depicting Glenkiln Farm in Lamlash - the place he was born.

Jim Said: 'It was a surprise to me but it is very nice to be recognised - I never expected a presentation.'

'The new location in Brodick is a big change, but we had to move somewhere.'

'It was a nice layout and I think it will prove popular.'

Jim was presented with the print by MSP Allan Wilson who had been specially invited to make the presentation.

'I was only to happy to oblige as I am a great supporter of the area,' said Mr Wilson.

Jim is now intending to give pride of place to the print in his lounge.

He continued: 'I would just like to give thanks to the members of the Arran Farmers' Society for the lovely presentation.'

There was double success again this year for Myra Wilson of Brodick and her dog Breagh. The cocker spaniel was first in the gun dog working group and also overall champion. Myra said: 'It is brilliant, I didn't think she would win and she has defended her title.'

Myra only entered Breagh last year and at the time her family

Right : Dr Donald Brown with his seven year-old Clydesdale champion the mare Mollinshillhead Ruby. Ruby, whose sire is the well-known Clydesdale Greendykes Northern Star, came to the Island after she was bought six years ago from Mr Stewart of Mollinsburn. b32shw12



# Arran Farmers' Society 170th Show



Jim Bone was presented with a special gift to mark his 61 years of loyal service to Arran Farmers' Show by local MSP Allan Wilson. b32shw15

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said the dog would make a fool of her. But now Myra has proved them wrong.

'We will be entering again next year.'

The overall champion on the day was a Holstein Friesian cow exhibited by Stuart Reid of Clauchlands.

His wife Ann said: 'We are delighted with the win, Stuart was very surprised.'

'He hasn't been able to enter for a few years as he is very busy on the farm.'

'The fact a dairy cow won is

great as there are so little on the island now'

'Stuart wanted to make a special effort to support the show's new location and put in an entry.'

The reserve overhead champion was David Henderson of Kilpatrick with a Texel sheep.

His father Neil said: 'We are delighted with the win, we actually thought the Leicester sheep would take the title.'

Neil is currently the vice chairman for the society and praised the new location.

'Dawn Murchie, Jean Clark, Howard Driver and many others

all worked very hard to make the event a big success.

'The venue was fabulous.'

The usual mix of stalls were present with the Coastguard, Cats Protection League, Royal British Legion and others in the field with mobile stands. A vintage tractor display kept the children and adults entertained.

This year the WRI ladies were in Brodick Primary School. Items ranged from handcrafts to display trays and provisions. Many special cups and trophies had been presented to the SRWI ladies and these took pride of place beside



Jayne Faulkner with the overall horse champion Indie. b32shw13

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1 D Currie, Belvue  
2 A Soutter, South Feorline

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1N Henderson, Kilpatrick Farm  
2 R Lammie. 3 R Lammie.

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1 R Lammie.  
2 R McMaster, Springfield

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1 A Currie, Birchburn  
2 A Soutter, South Feorline  
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1 A Reid, Clauchlands  
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1 A Soutter, South Feorline

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Champion T Warwick  
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2D Murchie  
3J Rawlings

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1 Fiona Augier  
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2 H Bone  
3 S Jamieson

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Champion J Thompson  
Reserve Champion M McAlister  
Class 29 Nursery Steaks

1M McAlister  
Class 30 Junior Open  
1M McAlister  
2 D Murchie  
3 F Gilmour

Class 31 Novice Senior Horse  
1 D Murchie  
2 K McQueen 3D Murchie 3 J Graham

Class 32 Open Senior  
1 J Thomson 2K McQueen  
3J Murchie 4 D Murchie

**CLYDESDALES**  
Champion D Brown

**BLACKFACE SHEEP**

Champion JD Patterson, Glenree  
Reserve Champion G Tod, Balgown  
Class 37 Tup, aged  
1 JD Patterson

2 ABrooks, Lavencorach  
3G Tod, Balgown  
Class 38 Tup, two shear  
1W & I McConnell, Lamlash

2G Tod, Balgown  
3 JD Patterson, Glenree  
Class 39 Shearling Tup  
1W & I McConnell, Lamlash

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3JD Patterson, Glenree  
Class 40 Tup Lamb  
1G Tod, Balgown

2W & I McConnell, Lamlash  
3ABrooks, Lavencorach  
Class 41 Aged Ewe  
1 JD Patterson, Glenree

2 W & I McConnell, Lamlash  
3 G Tod, Balgown  
Class 42 Ewe two years old  
1J D Patterson, Glenree

2 G Tod, Balgown

3J D Patterson, Glenree  
Class 44 Gimmer  
1W & I McConnell, Lamlash  
2 W & I McConnell, Lamlash  
3 J D Patterson, Glenree  
Class 45 Ewe Lamb

1 G Tod, Balgown  
2JD Patterson,  
3 A Brooks, Lavencorach

Class 46 Group of 3  
1 J D Patterson, Glenree  
2 W & I McConnell, Lamlash  
3 G Tod, Balgown

Class 47 Sheep other than lamb with best fleece  
1 A Brooks, Lavencorach  
2 W & I McConnell, Lamlash  
3J D Patterson, Glenree

**TEXEL**  
Champion D Henderson, Kilpatrick Farm  
Reserve Champion G Tod, Balgown

Class 48 Aged Tup  
1 A McDonald, Balegra  
Class 49 Shearling Tup  
1 & 2 R McMaster, Springfield

Class 50 Tup Lamb  
1 A McDonald, Balegra  
Class 51 Ewe  
1G Tod, Balgown

2D Henderson, Kilpatrick Farm  
3A McDonald, Balegra  
Class 52 Gimmer  
1D Henderson, Kilpatrick Farm

2D Henderson, Kilpatrick Farm  
3A McDonald, Balegra  
Class 53 Ewe Lamb  
1 A McDonald, Balegra

Class 54 Group of Three  
1D Henderson, Kilpatrick Farm  
2 A McDonald, Balegra

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Champion J G MacAlister, Shedog  
Reserve Champion R Lammie,  
Class 55 Shearling or aged tup  
1 & 2 R Lammie, 3R McMaster,

Class 56 Tup Lamb 1S Currie, Shiskine  
Class 57 Gimmer or Ewe  
1 J G MacAlister, Shedog  
2 J D Patterson, Glenree

3 G Stewart, Cnoc Farm  
Class 58 Ewe Lamb  
1 JG MacAlister, Shedog  
2 G Stewart, Cnoc Farm

3 G Stewart, Cnoc Farm  
**SUFFOLK**  
Champion and Reserve J G MacAlister, Shedog

Class 60 Shearling Tup  
1 J G MacAlister, Shedog  
Class 61 Tup Lamb  
1 J G MacAlister, Shedog

Class 62 Ewe  
1JG MacAlister, Shedog  
Class 63 1 JG MacAlister, Shedog  
Class 64 Ewe Lamb

1 J G MacAlister, Shedog  
**OTHER BREEDS**  
Champion N Henderson, Kilpatrick Farm  
Reserve Champion JD Patterson, Glenree

Class 66 Male any Age  
1J Christie, Greannan  
2D Henderson, Kilpatrick Farm  
3J D Patterson, Glenree

Class 67 Ewe or Gimmer  
1 & 2 D & E Robertson  
Class 67a Ewe Lamb  
1 & 2 D & E Robertson

Class 68 Mule Ewe or Lamb  
1, 2 & 3 J D Patterson, Glenree  
Cross 1 & 2 J D Patterson, Glenree  
Class 72 Any Sheep other than Blackface with best fleece

1 J D Patterson, Glenree  
2 D Henderson, Kilpatrick Farm  
Class 73 Blackface  
1 & 2 C N Currie, Bridge Farm

Class 74 Sired by Texel  
1 W R & R Stewart, Craig Dhu  
2 D Henderson, Kilpatrick Farm  
3 R McMaster, Springfield

Class 79 Best Shorn Blackface fleece  
1A McMaster  
2 R McMaster, Springfield  
Class 80 Best Shorn Fleece other than Blackface

R McMaster, Springfield  
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# Radio hams speak to the world

Eight eager radio hams spent 24 hours transmitting to the world from Kildonan last weekend.

The eight are members of Sheffield Amateur Radio Club and were taking part in an annual international contest. Club member Colin Wilson explained: 'The idea is to make as many contacts as possible. Amateur radio enthusiasts from all parts of the globe take part and points are gained for each contact.'

'You get more points for transmitting from an island so that's why we came to Arran. Other callers also get more points if they contact us so our Kildonan station has been very popular.'

The club set up a 60 foot-high aerial on the beach next to Kildonan Hotel and transmitted from their own purpose-built trailer at the edge of Maurice Deighton's camp site.

'We discovered Kildonan last year but only managed 490,000 points then,' said Colin. 'This year was much better and our computer logged 1,070,064 points from 1,400 contacts in 24 hours. We were 56th in the world last year but hope to be in the top ten this time.'

The contest ran from 1pm on Saturday to 1pm on Sunday with operators doing two-hour shifts right through the night. They



Colin Wilson hands a cheque to Sheila MacLeod and Sandra Hall of HSL seen with club members Andy Burton, Trevor Wood, Stephen Webster and Jack Masters.

made contact with other radio hams in such far-flung places as Chile, Tasmania, New Zealand and the Falkland Islands. Member Stephen Webster explained that communication was either by voice or morse code. 'In some ways it's a dying hobby because morse is not easy and youngsters prefer the immediate results of computers.'

'But one of the very practical uses of amateur radio is in conflicts. Most information comes out of war zones via radio hams.'

The 24-hour competition is coordinated by the Radio Society of Great Britain and it will be a few months before all the data is processed and the Sheffield club find out how they fared.

Before leaving Sheffield the

club did some fundraising and on Monday presented members of the local Hospital Supporters League, HSL, with a cheque for £300. 'Last year we raised funds for the Arran lifeboat but with Maurice's connection with the hospital it made sense to give something to them,' said Colin. 'We'll be back next year for the 2007 competition.'

# Councillor backs ferry committee

AN ARRAN councillor has defended a ferry committee criticised for lack of public consultation and the role it plays.

Margie Currie says The Isle of Arran Ferry Committee is probably the most focused and effective committee she knows and that it was recently cited as an exemplary model of a successful ferry committee.

The interests of the Arran travelling public were safe in the hands of the committee, she added.

She said it had been responsible for changes in the timetable fare structure, the second summer ferry, extra sailings and concessions for transporting livestock, among other changes.

Currently it is negotiating to have the summer timetable all year, maintaining a second ferry in summer and the reconstruction of Brodick's linkspan.

'If it had not been for the persistence of the ferry committee we could easily have been fobbed off about the request for

the extended winter timetable by the reluctance of the Scottish Executive to alter anything during the tendering process, but we refused to accept this and do take some credit for the apparent advancement in the situation,' Councillor Currie said.

'It took a concerted effort at both Caledonian MacBrayne (CalMac) and executive level earlier this year to bring back the *Saturn* this summer and to overturn a reluctance on the part of the Scottish Executive to let it happen because, they say, there will be no ship available with which to do this next summer (hence a new 'offensive' in the pipeline).'

Members of the ferry committee represent the island's tourism, haulage, construction and agricultural industries, Arran Community Council, Stagecoach, independent travellers, Destination Arran, North Ayrshire Council, and, by invitation, the Brodick port manager, all of whom report back to their respective bodies.

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Saturday 15 AUG, 2006

There are two shades of opinion about what a local person is. One is that a local, the word used as a noun rather than an adjective, is a person born and brought up here. The second is that a local person is somebody who lives on the Island.

I subscribe, very strongly, to the second point of view. It means that the word offers information. The first opinion also offers information, but is often presumed to confer some sort of spurious status. The person using it may not even live here now, and may have left the Island as a child. Yet some still feel a sort of superior right. Only a fortnight ago we met someone who had lived on Arran as a child. He asked scathingly, when we expressed ignorance about something, how long have you lived here then?

Fortunately Arran is one of the most tolerant societies anywhere, but not so tolerant that certain trends cannot be identified. One is that locals, in the first sense, can sometimes feel a sense of resentment against locals in the second sense - let us call them incomers. Not publicly, but in low murmers, it can be said that incomers take things over and sometimes even push 'real' locals out.

Without necessarily having been wildly successful in business, it is often the case that incomers become very prominent in all sorts of ways. The girth is that they take things over. Yet many of these incomers are what one might call young retirees. Having chosen to come to Arran they have shown a sense of adventure in uprooting themselves as they enter their third age. They have also left their circle of acquaintances and the status of their former role in society. Suddenly they face the daunting prospect of becoming anonymous old souls with no sense of purpose. The only way to avoid this is to show some nifty footwork in establishing a new identity. Thus these young retirees are falling over each other to do good, to chair committees, to become successful on the golf course, even to get their names in *The Banner*!

But the locals, in the first sense, already have an identity. They don't have to push themselves. And in the face of this professional onslaught, many just step back, most perfectly happily, a few with a mild resentment at having been pushed aside.

I thought of this at the weekend on Seil Island when, as guests of recent young retirees there, we crossed to Easdale and saw the fabulous new public hall which had been built there for a mere seventy six people. My hosts, he having just retired from being a highly successful businessman and she from a medical consultancy, were inveighing against the absurd waste of public money, and wondering what numbskulls could have sanctioned such criminal extravagance. I gently pointed out that, when the winter winds blew, and when the warm glow of their very important work had become a distant memory, they may find themselves joining some committees. And they would be the ones who would be using their well honed skills to get the grant money for more criminal extravagance. And a few locals might even be feeling pushed out.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The Lord is good to all; He has compassion on all He has made.  
*Psalms 145 8-9*

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E-mail [editorial@arranbanner.net](mailto:editorial@arranbanner.net)

*Letters* to the Editor**Bags of honesty**

Sir,  
Through your publication I would like to thank the staff of the gift shop on Brodick beach.

My husband and I holiday on Arran every July and this year our teenage granddaughter visited us for the day. She left her bag on the bicycle outside the gift shop and did not miss it until she was going for the last ferry that night.

The bag contained her iPod, mobile phone and some cash. The staff noticed the bag and kept it in the shop and when I called at the shop the next day was relieved that it had been found.

They refused to accept a reward and I would like to thank them once again to let everyone know of their honesty.

Yours,  
Esther McAlpine,  
6 Garvie Avenue, Gourrock

**Mindless fly tippers**

Sir,  
How often do we read in our *Banner* letters of admiration for our beautiful island of which we are so proud?

Yet, there are amongst us who are selfish enough to 'fly tip' at one of those beauty spots for which Arran has become famous!

Above Whiting Bay, at Largiebeg, some mindless halfwit has disposed of their farmyard manure. This is an area where parking has been provided for people to stop and admire the magnificent views and take photographs. What must visitors think?

Can our council do anything about this? Surely it isn't too difficult to find out who is responsible. I could make a suggestion!

Yours,  
Elizabeth McConnell,  
Whiting Bay

**Apathy at Arran hotels?**

Sir,  
For more years than I care to remember I have taken holidays on Arran, so I think I know the place pretty well.

Recently I was asked by a friend

to provide details regarding a possible visit to the island for four adults. I gave him a copy of Arran Tourist Guide and suggested some hotels to try.

I was astounded when he told me he had only one reply. I enclose a copy of his letter:

'How does Arran receive any visitors when out of approximately ten hotels which I faxed a request for accommodation to only one could be bothered to reply (The Royal Arran - well done to them). My brother sent about 14 emails to various hotels on the island and he is still waiting for a reply. It appears that apathy rules on Arran.

'So much so that with the negative response from the associated hotels on the island, we booked into the Loch Gair Hotel over near Lochgilhead and had a fantastic time. The end result being that it only takes a small effort to create an excellent impression with customers and the same lack of effort to send them elsewhere.

'Arran, wake up, big time! Pity the locals seem so apathetic in doing their bit for tourism. Willie Pitt, Pitt Fabrications Limited, 209 Glasgow Road, Longcroft, Falkirk.'

Yours,  
David Morrison, 33 Dumbreck Place, Lenzie, Glasgow

**What a showstopper!**

Sir,  
To the Peter Morrison family: I am sure I speak for everyone who was at your show and say a huge thank-you to you all.

It was a wonderful evening, beautifully dressed and the quality of the sing and piano playing was outstanding.

We were thoroughly entertained with a wide variety of music, comedy and ditties. You can all be very proud of yourselves and we wish you continued success with your show. Hopefully, we will see you all next year.

Yours,  
Liz Paul, Lamlash

**Church fete success**

Sir,  
May I take advantage of your

columns to thank everyone concerned with Corrie Church Fete - members, adherents and friends who all worked so hard to make our annual fete and barbecue such a success. Once more they all pulled together to give us another record total.

The weather, of course, may have had something to do with it; there was two and a half times more orange juice sold than the year before!

I would also like to thank everyone who gave donations, whether cash or goods, baking or tombola prizes - they are all very welcome.

Yours,  
Anne Pringle (Clerk to the Board of Corrie Church)

**Yacht race fun ropes in £202**

Sir,  
On behalf of Lochranza Mooring Owners Association I would like to thank everyone who gave prizes for the Tom Sorbie Memorial Fun Yacht Race and raffle. A grand sum of £202 was made. Particular thanks to Chris Siddle for organising raffle.

Yours,  
Julia Graham, Secretary,  
Lochranza Mooring Owners Association

**Feis Arainn success**

Sir,  
The committee of Feis Arainn - especially Cathie, Cil, Sandie, Shona and myself - would like to say 'taing mhor' to all who helped to make this year's feis another great success.

First of all to our tutors who are the key to bringing the traditions of Gaelic language, music, art and dance to the youngsters who attend, in such an enjoyable way. Again we were lucky in having a team of talented and professional people who worked well together and were universally popular with all who participated.

We also thank our sponsors North Ayrshire Council and, through Feisean nan Gaidheal, the Scottish Arts Council who give us a sound financial basis on which to plan such a large event.

Thank you, too, to those who gave us their time and skills - Betty, Roddy, Jo and Dave, Mark, Bill and Ile; to all who attended our ceilidh and concert and all island businesses and individuals who donated raffle prizes and generally gave us such encouragement. Also to Dave at Arran High School and to Brian and Alan, the hall keepers in Brodick and Lamlash; to our bus drivers and those who provided accommodation and sustenance for the tutors. We are grateful to all of you.

Most of all, thank you to the youngsters for their infectious enthusiasm and generally good behaviour and to their parents and families for their cooperation and support. Cun an ath thuras - until next time.

Yours,  
Aileen McLaughlin (Treasurer)  
Feis Arainn,  
Whiting Bay

**Fairtrade island**

Sir,  
I was pleased to read Mary Bowers's letter in *The Banner* of 22 July.

Fairtrade status for Arran is a worthwhile and achievable objective with potential benefits not only for developing country producers but for Arran itself through positive publicity.

Well done Mary for getting the ball rolling. I'll be happy to be involved in the campaign with others of like mind.

Yours,  
Graham Tinto,  
Oakbank,  
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# Wildlife crime expert comes to Brodick Castle Country Park

Detective Sergeant John Simpson from the Ministry of Defence police recently visited the Ranger Centre at Brodick Castle Country Park, bringing with him some recent victims whose deaths he has been investigating, together with some of the weapons used.

DS Simpson belongs to The Partnership for Action Against Wildlife Crime (PAW) which is made up of organisations involved in wildlife law enforcement in the UK. It supports police wildlife crime officers and HM Revenue and Customs. Wildlife crimes are some of the most difficult to detect as they usually take place in remote country areas where there are unlikely to be witnesses.

DS Simpson showed the ease with which a child can trigger an illegal trap for a small bird of prey such as a sparrow hawk, set up on a short fence post. This could result in the loss of a child's fingers. He showed everyone how a self-locking snare gets tighter and tighter when the caught animal struggles - in this case a fox cub. This would be the same if a pet dog was accidentally caught in one.

## Baits

It is illegal to set out poisoned baits in the open. Even if they are intended to kill pests such as crows and foxes, other species such as dogs, golden eagles, owls, and hedgehogs have also been found dead. In some instances the poison used is a sedative, resulting in hundreds of thousands of songbirds each year being taken from the wild to be exported or to spend the rest of their lives in a cage.

Even though taking wild birds' eggs has been illegal since the 1950s there are still people in the UK who actively collect rare birds' eggs from nests. They keep the eggs in hidden collections (as it is illegal to have them), and are reducing the chances of survival of many rare birds.

Plants are also protected.

It is an offence to intentionally uproot any wild flowers and illegal to pick especially rare ones such as a wild orchid. It is simpler just to make sketches or take photos and leave the plants for others to enjoy.

It is also against the law to release wild animals and plants into the wild in Britain if they do not exist here in the wild already. One example is Japanese knotweed, which quickly spreads out of control, choking out our native plants, as is happening in parts of Arran.

## Report crimes

Police in Scotland can arrest anyone committing wildlife crime.

Arran has, thankfully, a very low rate of wildlife crime, but all the cases DS Simpson spoke of had happened in country parks in Scotland. If you witness what you believe to be a wildlife crime being committed, report it to police straightaway. If you can, give an exact location, with a map reference, as to where you saw the offender(s), or offence(s). A photograph of the dead animal (with something like a coin to use as a scale) with a landmark will be helpful in pinpointing the location if you're unsure of the grid reference.



DS Simpson explains wild crime to an interested audience b32brd1

## Plan to put Arran on the right path

ARE Arran folk on the right path?

If you walk, cycle, ride horses or canoe, or don't do any of these, North Ayrshire Council (NAC) wants to hear from you.

As part of its obligations under the Land Reform (Scotland) Act the council is working towards a core plan to identify a basic framework of paths to meet the area's needs.

The council wants to know if *The Arran Banner* readers feel there are barriers preventing them from participating in such

activities, or if improvements can be made to increase access opportunities, whether or not there are sufficient paths in certain areas, and so on.

The council is embarking on an audit of all the routes in North Ayrshire and has issued a special 'tool kit' for interested parties as part of the consultation process.

Arran groups who would like an Outdoor Access Audit Toolkit should contact Louise Kirk, the council's access officer or go to [www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/outdooraccess](http://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/outdooraccess).

## Parking problem solved for Arran horticultural show

A potential parking problem at next week's annual Isle of Arran Horticultural Show has been solved, thanks to a construction company.

Police feared a problem at the show's venue, Lamlash Community Centre, because of Barr Construction's site nearby, where a new school is being built.

At first it was thought there would only be limited parking for the ever-popular show on Wednesday but after Arran police requested help from the company they were only too happy to oblige, a police spokesman said. The construction company has agreed to remove three panels next to the football field which will allow for extra parking.

## Charity urges cats should be neutered

AN ARRAN charity is urging cat owners to have their pets spayed, saying it may be able to help with costs.

Cats Protection says neutering prevents them catching diseases and avoids owners having to find homes for unwanted kittens.

A spokeswoman for the charity said in five years a female cat can be responsible for 20,000 descendants, having up to three litters each of up to six kittens a year.

'There is no good reason to let a cat have one litter before spaying,' she said. 'It costs far more to feed a pregnant cat and then her kittens than to pay for the spaying operation.'

'An uncastrated male cat marks his territory with strong-smelling urine, indoors as well as outdoors, will disappear for days and is out every night yowling and causing trouble with the neighbours and their cats.'

She added: 'A neutered cat is less likely to catch life-threatening diseases, such as leukaemia, which are transmitted through saliva, most often during cat fights.'

Kittens can be neutered from six months old.

Anyone who would like more information should contact Linda Hartley on 820388, Alice Broom on 600274, Margaret Gruber on 840225 or Karen Curzons on 700571.

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# Caledonia ferry builder needs more details

A model builder is looking for *Banner* readers help in giving detail to his current project.

Andrew Petrie of Glasgow has spent the last six years constructing a highly accurate model of one of Arran's former ferry; the *Caledonia*.

However, he now requires information about the deck areas.

Andrew said: 'It has taken several years to get this far but I now need the fine details to be applied to bring her to life.'

'I have many photographs of *Caledonia* at sea and require pictures and information about details on board, particularly the winching equipment on the fore-

deck and stern also the lifeboat davits.'

The model is on a scale of 1:50 making it approximately 50 inches long and it is happy to take to the water. It was built from actual shipyard drawings using fibreglass with wood and plasticard forming the superstructure.

Andrew has been coming to Arran for over 35 years on holiday and is a senior Cameraman with BBC Scotland in Glasgow. Andrew said: 'The model has twin motors independently controlled and a working bow thruster.'

'I am a member of The Model Steamer Club of Glasgow and we regularly sail our models at

Rouken Glen pond in the southside of Glasgow.

'The club has many models of Clyde steamers from yesteryear including the *Jeannie Deans*, Glen Sannox, Arran, Marmion, paddle steamer *Caledonia* and *Waverley*.'

Roddie Murray of Corriegills worked as skipper on the ferry between 1959 and 1964. He said: 'The *Caledonia* is significant to Arran as being the first example of a roll on, roll off ferry to serve the island.'

Andrew has requested if anyone has information could they please contact *The Banner* and the details will be passed to him.



Andrew Pertrie with his model of *Caledonia* ferry that used to serve Arran. b32ca11

## Wheels in motion for a 'unique' experience

A totally 'unique' experience is promised for Arran on Saturday 2 September when *Dalriadan Wheels* starts rolling.

The organisers believe that it could potentially put Arran once more at the forefront of the biking calendar.

Those involved plan to stage a one day event where all motorcyclists, bikers, enthusiasts and general lovers of two and three wheeled machinery will get together for a blend of 'bikes, music, martial arts and dance'.

The event is organised by the Gunnclantrust and custodian Jamie McPhail Wilson said: 'This is a unique event for Arran and has never been tried before.'

'It's a huge gamble but no matter how many or how few turn up we will be going ahead - we are totally committed.'

Jamie told *The Banner* the Gunnclantrust have worked closely with the police, Caledonian MacBrayne and other island based emergency services.

'First responders will be involved with the event,' said Jamie, 'we also have the mountain rescue team and the cadets on-hand.'

But Jamie has stressed this is not a race event, merely a chance for likeminded individuals to come together and share their passion for biking.

'All aspects of motorcycling

will be featured such as safety, and awareness of road conditions.

'We hope to have custom bikes, classic bikes, dirt track, and race reproductions - all are welcome.'

'This a chance to dust off that old bike, fuel her up and breath life in to what was once.'

The event takes place at the Balmichael Visitor Centre and the tribal band Clannandrumma will feature. Described by Jamie as: 'the band that inspired the Scotland rugby squad to victory at Murrayfield earlier in the year,' they will play their mix of Celtic rock. For more information visit [www.gunnclantrust.co.uk](http://www.gunnclantrust.co.uk) and follow the *Dalriadan Wheels* link.

## Dougarie open day raises funds for British Red Cross

£1,200 has been raised for the British Red Cross Transport and Escort Scheme on Arran after 200 people turned up at the annual Dougarie Boathouse open day.

The gardens were also open on the day and in spite of the wet weather many people visited the various stalls and enjoyed a cream tea. Another successful fund raiser for this popular island charity.

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# Bird Notes by Jim Cassels

The weather in July was in the main hot, and dry. Those species that have more than one brood like Swallows and Tits may have benefited from this settled weather and the abundance of insects.

ing birds like Blackbird and Song Thrush may have found it more difficult to extract worms from hard-baked lawns and will welcome the ripening of soft fruits and berries.

### Hoopoe

Perhaps as a result of this fine

spell a bird, more associated with sunny Mediterranean groves, made an appearance in a garden in Thunderguy on 25 June.

It was a Hoopoe, a most striking bird with curved beak, crest, and a dazzling black and white pattern contrasting with cinnamon coloured body and head. This is only the third record of this bird on the island. There was one on Corriegills Farm on 16 September 1995 and another in Lamlash on 4-5 September 1987.

Also, talking of records, a Goosander with one fairly large young was reported at Machriewaterfoot between 5 and 9 July. This is only the second breeding record for this bird, the only other occasion being in 2003.

July marks the end of the breeding season for some birds and after breeding many birds begin to change their feathers. Ducks of various kinds gather together for this moult. On 2 July there were one hundred and thirty Red-breasted Mergansers in Machrie



A Hoopoe pictured in the garden at Thunderguy above Pirnmill. b32brd1

Bay. Shelducks moult in large communal groups the bulk of them heading for the sandflats of the Heligoland Bight and Greater Knechtsand off Germany. The young are left behind and are looked after in crèches by a few foster parents. There was such a crèche of twenty one Shelducks in Machrie between 9 and 16 July.

Other observations received included: ten Golden Plover at Machriewaterfoot on 5th; two

adult Whinchats with two young on Machrie Moor on 7th; four Lapwing in Kildonan on 14th; a Grasshopper Warbler in Shiskine on 19th; twelve Kittiwakes in Whiting Bay on 18th; and a flock of Crossbills in Kilmory on 24 July.

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. I look forward to hearing from you.

# Hillphones scheme aids walkers

Operating in Scotland for 11 years – this year the scheme is rolled out on Arran

HILLWALKERS on Arran now have a special telephone service so they can steer clear of stag stalking.

The successful 'Hillphones' scheme has been operating in Scotland for 11 years and this year has been rolled out to Arran. It was set up by Scottish Natural Heritage and the Mountaineering Council of Scotland in 1996 to inform walkers of the activity so they can avoid areas where it is taking place.

The telephone number for Arran is 01770 302363 and covers the North Arran Hills where deer-stalking takes place from mid-August to October 20.

Fiona Cunninghame, Hillphones co-ordinator for SNH, said: 'Most hillwalkers do not want to disrupt deer-stalking as they appreciate it is an important part of the rural economy and Hillphones provides an easy way of finding out where stalking is taking place.'

The telephone service cover 16

areas which include 92 Munros and 34 Corbetts.

Last year 2,750 calls were made to Hillphones.

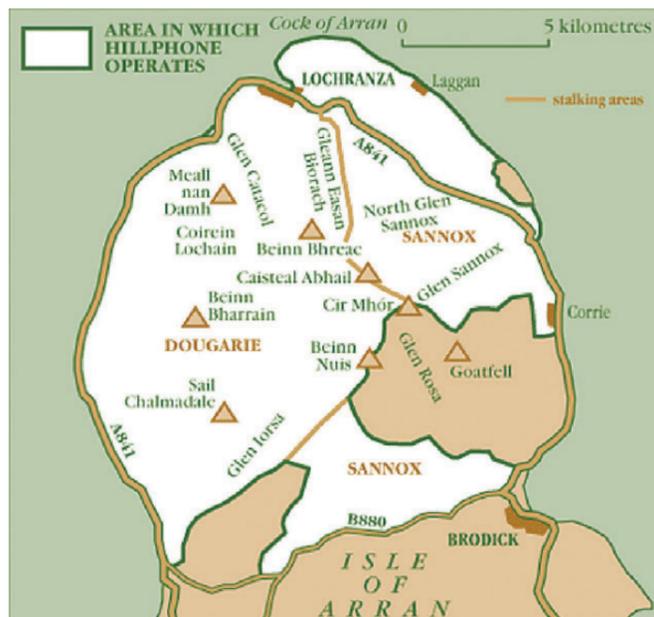
The service provides regularly updated answerphone messages detailing which areas will be affected by stalking from the start of the stag-stalking period of July 1 to October 20.

It ensures that walkers find alternative routes to minimise the risk of disturbing the stalking.

Dougal Roy of the MCoS said the service was particularly relevant in the light of the statutory rights of responsible outdoor access which came into effect in February last year.

The Scottish Outdoor Access Code specifically mentions Hillphones as an example of a system which helps communication between recreational users and land managers.

Leaflets explaining Hillphones can be found at various outlets including tourist information offices.



## Smithy lights up for last time

ON SUNDAY the furnace at the smithy will be lit for the last time this year at Arran Heritage Museum for a master blacksmith and his son.

The duo, both called Ian, will be demonstrating the ancient art of shoeing horses, with placid 26-year-old chestnut mare Sherma.

Each year they make the journey from their home at Barrhead to demonstrate their craft at the museum, at Rosaburn, Brodick.

## Special stalking deals on Arran

DEER stalkers are being offered a special deal on Arran which just can't be beat.

They can pay for a week's stag stalking for the price of a day - £350.

The stalking of hinds, which takes place later in the year, is even cheaper at £175 for a week.

The 'bargain of the century' deal has been struck between the Forestry Commission and the British Association of Shooting and Conservation (BASC).

Only BASC members with a Deer Stalking Level 1 certificate and their own rifle can apply but the BASC confirmed it was a real bargain. The unique deer management scheme provides for unaccompanied stalking over a huge area of the island, with stalkers going out in pairs on a series of rotating beats.

Anyone taking up the opportunity will spend the first day at detailed briefings as well as undergoing tests to ensure they can shoot accurately.

A spokeswoman for BASC said: 'Before setting off to stalk you can get expert advice on how to tackle your beat, but ultimately it is up to you and your colleague to use your own judgement and skills. This makes it particularly rewarding when you are successful.'

The bargain weeks for the rest of the year for both stags and hinds can be found on [www.basc.org.uk](http://www.basc.org.uk).

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# 119th Brodick Highland Games



Stuart Roberston of Kilbarchan attempts to toss the caber, he is a regular holidaymaker on the island. b32gam12

## Games breaks crowd record

A record-breaking 3,400 people attended this year's 119th Brodick Highland Games.

This beats last year's then record figure by 100 making it the best ever in the event's long history.

However poor weather meant the day's big highlight, the Red Devils, were unable to jump into this year's games.

They were due to take off from RAF Leuchars but cloudy weather dogged the east coast airfield and the boys in red were officially grounded.

### 'Devastated'

Brodick boy Steven 'T-Bags' Candlish was one of the team members due to jump in and was devastated the team were grounded.

'We were really gutted,' said Steven, 'the lads were nearly in tears.'

'We phoned around four different parachute centres in the UK to try and get another way in, we even tried as far as Nottingham but no luck.'

'We still had a good time on Arran and were well looked after by Arran Mountain Rescue and the staff at the Glenclay.'

Committee Secretary Stewart Clark said: 'We were very disappointed the Red Devils could not make their jump but it couldn't be helped.'

'However, I am delighted that once again the games have set a new record.'

'The entry charge to the games has stayed the same for the past ten years and over the last two years we have had record visitors. 'The Red Devils will hopefully be able to visit us next year.'

Again two ferries served the

Ardrassan Brodick run on Saturday with *MV Saturn* undertaking many capacity sailings. A special run was added to her timetable on Saturday evening departing at 6.30pm from Brodick. The ferry contained 250 foot passengers - the maximum permitted.

Stewart continued: 'I would like to thank Caledonian MacBrayne for running two ferries, this is a contributory factor in the success of the games.'

When the 10.40 ferry arrived from Ardrassan 1,000 passengers alighted at Brodick Pier and followed the four pipe bands to the Ormidale sports ground. This year the Royal British Legion Millport Pipe Band were a new addition and joined old timers Isle of Arran Pipe Band, Maybole Pipe Band and Kirkintilloch Pipe Band to Brodick Hall.

The Red Devils beer mat challenge did go ahead and the winner was Ailie McNicol who works at the Rosaburn Cafe. Her prize was a signed print of the Red Devils team with an aerial photograph of them jumping into Silverstone. The team had hoped to land in the arena and pick up a beer mat but in the end they drew them out of a hat.

Ailie had been at work on Saturday and it was her dad Bill who entered for her. She said: 'The first I knew I had even entered the competition was when my mum arrived at the cafe and drove me to the field for my prize presentation.'

'It was exciting to win, the prize is a bit different.'

The family are now trying to find a spot in their home for the print.



Cameron Ribbeck of Brodick sends Gary Duncan crashing to the ground in the pillow fight watched by judge Nicol Skelf Hulme and earning him a first place prize.

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The Westside Massive almost all girls team take the strain in the end-of-day tug o'war competition. b32gam114

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The Highland Dancing competition got the events underway at 1pm and drew competitors from as far afield as North Carolina in the USA. And there was success for Arran girl Fiona Clarke of Torbeg who had success in two of the heats. She was placed joint first in the Beginners National trophy, Kilmory Hall Salver Arran Plant trophy and third in the Beginners Highland Arran Highland Dancers Club trophy.

The usual mix of stalls were at the show but this year Isle of Arran Distillers and the Police Special Constable recruitment unit were new to the event. Sergeant John Divers was joined by local special Andrew Perrie and other mainland specials. Sergeant Divers said: 'The response was very good and we have at least three females who are very keen to join.'

'We were trying to promote the work of specials on the island and let people know it is open to anyone from 19 through to 60 years and up.'

Special constable Hayley Wilson said: 'Working as a special is a really great way to find out if a full time career in policing is a job for you.'

Special Lynsey Cooper said: 'The job gets you involved with all the duties of a constable and you are not treated like a trainee.'

The heavy events had the usual draw of competitors including Kai-Uwe Stutzkeitz from the Heidelberg area in Germany. He is friends with the Maybole pipe band and travels with them to the island to compete in the events. He always has a big following and there was plenty of support for the kilted German.

Many races took place throughout the day and Harry M Maxwell did a sterling job in his now thirty sixth year as official race starter. He was due to retire last year but decided to go along to the games and start the races.

The day ended with the now famous tug-o-war competition and seven teams took the strain with team Ormidale seeing off the competition.

Stewart concluded: 'The games committee must be commended for all their hard work before, during and after the games.'

'We look forward to the future with great enthusiasm and hope we go from strength to strength - here's to the next games in August 2007.'



Kirkintilloch Pipe Band turn into the Ormidale Sports Pavilion grounds. b32gam2



Scott Clark throwing the 28lb weight for distance, one of the many events he won. b32gam5



The youngest competition in the heavy events was sixteen year old Robert Earle. Here he has a go at throwing the 56lb Weight Over Bar For Height. b32gam11

Right: Overall champions in the Highland dancing competition. Fiona Clarke of Torbeg was the only Arran winner. She is seen on the right of the back-row with the Beginners National trophy, Kilmory Hall Salver Arran Plant Trophy. b32gam6



Lance Corporal Don Hines and Corporal Pat Bonnar of the Red Devils present Ailie McNicol of Brodick with her star prize - a signed team print. b32gam8



Constable Matt Gemmell, special constables Lynsey Cooper, Andrew Perrie and Hayley Wilson and Sergeant John Divers at their recruitment centre. b32gam9



Lamlash's Charlie Todd tries his hand at throwing the hammer. b32gam10

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Event 3: 25m Girls 3-4: 1 Sara Hart, 2 Kirsty Craig, 3 Molly Barry.

Event 4: 50m Boys 5-6: 1 Christopher Bull, 2 Johnathon Roberts, 3 Aaron Blackwood.

Event 5: 50m Girls 5-6: 1 India Conn, 2 Sorrel Roberts, 3 Rhea Mcdade.

Event 6: 50m Boys 7-8: 1 Fraser Brown, 2 Finlay McKelvie, 3 Russel Craig.

Event 7: 50m Girls 7-8: 1 Nevada Conn, Kate Barnacle, 3 Joanna Hart.

Event 8: 75m Boys 9-10: 1 Kien Douglas, 2 Lian Russel, 3 Christopher Jenkins.

Event 9: 75m Girls 9-10: 1 Caitlin Lee, 2 Mandy Hardie, 3 Catherine Hall.

Event 10: 100m Boys Under 13, Stewart Dickie Trophy: 1 Michael Jenks, 2 Seumas Thomson, 3 Kien Douglas.

Event 11: 100m Girls Under 13, Stewart Dickie Trophy: 1 Paige Douglas, 2 Emily Munn, 3 Anna Mackenzie.

Event 12: 100m Girls Under 15: 1 Victoria Conway, 2 Malie Watson, 3 Sarah Munn.

Event 13: 100m Girls 15 and Under: 1 Nicole Bunyan, 2 Karen Yule, 3 Jennifer Emsley.

Event 14: 100m Youth Athletes (Boys) Under 15: 1 Sean Thompson, 2 Ryan McDonald, 3 Nicky Emsley.

Event 15: 100m Boys Under 17: 1 Mathew Turner, 2 Ian Whiteford, 3 Feargus Thomson.

Event 16: 100m Men 17 and Over: 1 Mathew Turner, 2 Lachlan Thomson.

Event 17: Pillow Fight 8-11: 1 Daniel Campbell, 2 Andrew Murphy.

Event 18: Pillow Fight 12-14: 1 Gary Daye, 2 Paige Douglas.

Event 19: Throwing 28lb Weight For Distance: 1 Scott Clark, 2 Jamie Mckinnon, 3 Robert Earl.

Event 20: Pillow Fight Seniors 15 and Over: 1 Cameron Ribbeck, 2 Gary Duncan.

Event 21: Putting the 16lb Ball - Open: 1 Scott Clark, 2 Jamie Mckinnon, 3 Kevin Simpson.

Event 22: 800m Junior Girls, Under 15: 1 Nicole Bunyan, 2 Sarah Munn, 3 Paige Douglas.

Event 23: Throwing The 56lb Weight Over Bar For Height: 1 Scott Clark, 2 Iain Small, 3 Jamie Mckinnon.

Event 24: 800m Boys Under 15: 1 Ryan McDonald, 2 Sean Thompson, 3 Nicky Emsley.

Event 25: 800m Boys Under 17: 1 Mathew Turner, 2 Ian Whiteford, 3 Stuart Whiteford.

Event 25a: 800m Ladies 17 and Over: 1 Jennifer Emsley, 2 Karen Yule.

Event 26: 800m Men 17 and Over: 1 Gavin Hogarth, 2 Ross Anderson, 3 Steve Dave.

Event 27: Throwing The Hammer - Open: 1 Scott Clark, 2 Jamie Mckinnon, 3 Robert Earl.

Event 28: Triple Jump - Open: 1 Gavin Hogarth, 2 Feargus Thomson, 3 Scott Clark.

Event 29: Lady Jean Cup, 100m - Con-

finied To Arran: 1 Robbie Adamson, 2 Robbie McDonald, 3 Iain Keen.

Event 30: 200m Girls Under 15: 1 Victoria Conway, 2 Paige Douglas, 3 Sarah Munn.

Event 31: 200m Girls 15 and Over: 1 Nicole Bunyan, 2 Karen Yule, 3 Jennifer Emsley.

Event 32: 200m Boys Under 15: 1 Ryan McDonald, 2 Nicky Emsley, 3 Joe Harrison.

Event 33: 200m Youth Over 15 and Under 17: 1 Mathew Turner, 2 Ian Whiteford, 3 Feargus Thomson.

Event 34: 200m Men's 17 and Over: 1 Gavin Hogarth, 2 David Gemmel, 3 Lachlan Thomson.

Event 35: Bob Cameron Trophy 100m: 1 Nicole Bunyan, 2 Jennifer Emsley.

Event 36: Tom Dickie Trophy 880yds Men 17 and Over: 1 Nicky Emsley, 2 Cameron Paul, 3 Michael Jenks.

Event 37: Tossing The Caber: Junior: 1 Robbie MacDonald, 2 Iain Small, 3 Charlie Todd;

Senior: 1 Scott Clark, 2 Iain Small, 3 Charlie Todd.

Event 38: 1500m Youth Athletes Under 15: Boys: 1 Ryan McDonald, 2 Euan MacKenzie, 3 Nicky Emsley; Girls: 1 Sarah Munn.

Event 39: 1500m Boys and Girls Under 17: Boys: 1 William Morgan, 2 Stewart Whiteford, 3 Ian Whiteford; Girls: 1 Nicole Bunyan, 2 Rebecca Edge.

Event 40: 1500m 17 and Over: Boys: 1 Gavin Hogarth, 2 Mathew Turner, 3 Bhogal Paramjeet; Girls: 1 Jennifer Emsley, 2 Karen Yule.

Event 41: Men's Relay: 1 Team Shattered, 2 David Gemmel, 3 Kevin Simpson.

Event 42: Tug-of-War: 1 Ormidale, 2 Beckenham Boys.



The combined men and ladies 17 years and over gets underway at Brodick Highland Games

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## What's On at the Ormidale Hotel in Brodick

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Saturday 12th August - The Saturday Disco - over 21's

Sunday 13th - Open Folk Session 9.30 pm

Tuesday 15th - Pop Music Quiz - questions to suit all ages 60's -2000's

Wednesday 16th August - Karaoke and Margarita Night

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SUNDAY 13TH AUGUST  
Sannox Cricket Club 6 a side 12pm Sannox Glen

# Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church Players plan new programme

It is more than three years since Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church Players was formed.

Since then members have performed a variety of works from serious religious drama to hilarious comedy. They have presented three Festivals of Christmas, a Drama Festival play and have involved all age groups.

They have raised approximately £4000 for the church's much-needed building project.

So what comes next? A wee rest? No chance! On Friday 18 August from 8am to 8pm there will be a 'Read-Aloud' in the church hall at Sandbraes, with refreshments, in aid of the project fund.

Better still, bring a favourite

## Pooh, piglets and 'heffalumps' to celebrate an 80th birthday

poem, short story, Bible reading or whatever and read to the group or have the group read it.

Own writing will also be very welcome. There will be continuous reading for adults and children and the players along with other friends will be joining George and Mairi Christie who will be there for the full twelve hours and are collecting sponsorship for the event.

Next, the group celebrates a very important occasion, Pooh Bear's 80th birthday party, on the

afternoon of Saturday 14 October.

The players will dress up as characters from the stories, and join the audience in eating Pooh's favourite foods. The players and friends will be reading about Pooh Bear and his friends and it is hoped those attending will dress up as piglets and 'heffalumps' and Pooh's other friends too.

On Friday 8 December the drama group will perform a series of Christmas tableaux. The

group hope this special event will put everyone in the right spirit for Christmas.

On Good Friday, April 6 2007, in the evening, a powerful Easter drama will be performed in the church. This will be the first time an Easter story has been presented, although many took part in 'The Life of Christ' at Brodick Castle last year. It is hoped the performance will help to enhance appreciation of this most important date in the Christian calendar.

Next December the players hope to join Arran Torch Players in presenting a full-length Christmas play with music - 'A Christmas Carol', adapted from the famous story about Scrooge by Charles Dickens.



Ruth Yates and Judith Baines get to grips with Carrickmacross needle lace work. b32ava2

## Delicate art for Arran Visual Arts

THE delicate art of Carrickmacross needle lace was the subject of a one-day workshop held by Arran Visual Arts, with well-known Ayrshire embroideress Jean Burns at the helm.

The workshop took place on Saturday 5 August at the Rangers' Centre.

This Irish craft dates from the 1820s and is today a little-known but fascinating skill.

A spokeswoman for Arran Visual Arts said that as an applied arts workshop it proved to be one of the most successful to date, with everyone going home with a sample - their first step in this very fascinating needlecraft.



Some of the players ready for the next challenge. b32grp1

<p><b>CORRIE</b> <b>FILM CLUB</b> <b>Change of Date</b> Sunday 20th August at Corrie Hall "Whales in August" All welcome Bring your own drinks and nibbles</p>	<p><b>Sponsored 12</b> <b>hour read - aloud</b> <b>Whiting Bay and Kildonan</b> <b>Church Hall</b> <b>Friday 18th August</b> 8am - 8pm <i>In aid of church</i> <i>building project</i> Come and listen or bring your favourite piece to read or hear read. Tea and coffee available. <b>Contact 600479</b></p>
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# The Arran Banner 20 years ago

## Saturday 2 August 1986

### Mary's big day

Monday was a very big day for Miss Mary Ferguson.

Hers was one of three bedrooms which Princess Anne visited individually during her trip to Arran.

Miss Ferguson, who lived in Lamlash before going to Montrose House last year, has a special interest in royalty and had looked out a picture of the last royal visit to the Island to discuss with her.

The princess spent about four minutes chatting with Miss Ferguson making it a day she will never forget.

### Games Queen and Bay Princess

As well as Princess Anne, there were two other royal persons on the Island last week.

Fiona Ingram was crowned Bay Princess of Whiting Bay by Betty Black and Fiona Lambie was chosen Highland Games Queen.

### Thomsons in distress

The lifeboat was called out last Sunday and the ferry diverted towards Holy Isle when a distress call went out after the mast snapped on a dinghy in which Graham and Sarah Thomson of Lamlash were sailing.

### Toilets on fire

The new portable toilets at Sandbraes was set on fire last Saturday night.

Local firefighters attended the scene but the building was completely destroyed.



Princess Anne admires Willie Cook's Clydesdale horse at the show. b32twe2

### Sheep ban

The ban on the movement and slaughter of sheep on Arran was extended for 28 days from last Tuesday.

This is the third time that the ban has been extended after the Chernobyl nuclear disaster.



Fiona Lambie was named Games Queen for the Centenary Brodick Highland Games. b32twe3

### Queen Rosslyn

The crowning of Lamlash Heather Queen will take place on the village green on 6 August.

This year's queen is Miss Rosslyn Bailey.

### Ayrshire champion

An Ayrshire cow was chosen Overhead Champion of the Arran Show.

Two-and-a-half-year-old Struan Patricia was exhibited by W A and D Robertson and had calved five days before the show. Nina Bridge on Sparkle took the pony championship.

### Centenary games

Next Saturday 9 August sees the centenary of Brodick Highland Games with special entertainments including a parachute display.

There will be a centenary dance in Brodick Hall with music by Jimmy Johnstone and his Scottish Dance Band.

### Royal party

The Lady Jean Fforde met HRH Princess Anne when she arrived by helicopter to attend the 150th Arran Show last Monday.

The Royal party had lunch at Strabane with the chairman and secretary of Arran Farmers Society before going to the showground at Lamlash.

The princess presented cups to the major prizewinners and received a posy from young Neil MacDonald.

Extra security men and up to 115 policemen ensured that the day went smoothly.

### Council surgery

Strathclyde Regional Councillor Richard Wilkinson will hold a surgery in Lamlash council chambers next Friday at 7.30pm.

### Jazz band ball

The George Penman Jazzmen will be appearing at the Douglas Hotel on Saturday for the annual jazz band ball and open air jazz concert.

### Nostalgia dances

Make your way to Whiting Bay for a choice of eating and entertainment at the Whiting Bay Hotel and Nags Inn.

There are nostalgia dances in Manners Lounge, snacks until midnight in Nags and sumptuous meals in An T'Eileanach restaurant.

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Five-year-old Neil MacDonald of Balegra presents HRH Princess Anne with a posy of flowers at the 150th Arran Show. b32twe1

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Application No: N/06/00699/OPP Address: Site To North Of Rosslea, Letter Road, Lamlash, Brodick, Isle Of Arran Proposed Development: Erection of detached dwelling house.

### TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND BUILDINGS IN CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 1987

Applications for Listed Building Consent. Written comments to be made within 21 days.

Application No: N/06/00777/LBC Address: Craigard, Corrie, Brodick, Isle Of Arran, KA27 8JB Proposed Development: Replacement of 18 No. single glazed sash & case windows with 18 No. double glazed sash & case windows.

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Chief Executive  
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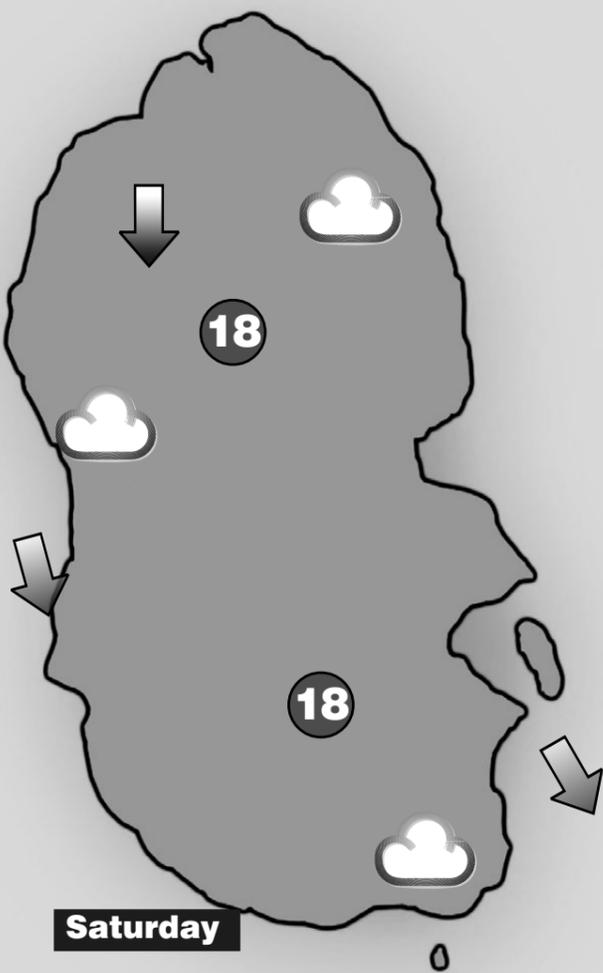
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# Tides

Tide tables for Lamlash during the week from **Saturday, August 12 2006** are listed below with differences for major ports listed beneath. All times are GMT (add one hour BST)

Date	am	pm
Sat	0146 3.6 0732 0.0 1421 3.2 1947 0.4	
Sun	0226 3.6 0814 0.1 1459 3.2 2030 0.4	
Mon	0305 3.6 0859 0.2 1535 3.2 2114 0.5	
Tues	0344 3.5 0948 0.4 1610 3.1 2201 0.7	
Wed	0424 3.3 1044 0.7 1650 3.0 2254 0.9	
Thur	0511 3.0 1157 0.9 1736 2.9	
Fri	0009 1.1 0615 2.7 1320 1.1 1837 2.7	

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



**Saturday**

## Saturday, August 12

Dry and bright with the chance of an odd shower later in the day as cloud gathers from the north. Winds moderate to fresh, northerly. Max temperature 18°C.

## Sunday, August 13

Slightly overcast with an increased chance of showers. Winds remaining northerly or north westerly decreasing. Max temperature 17°C.

## Monday and Tuesday

Clearing to dry and bright with temperatures rising slightly. Winds increasing westerly or northwesterly.

**Ferry Crossings / Sea States**

**Ardrossan / Brodick - Moderate**

**Claonaig / Lochranza - Moderate**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## CHURCH NEWS

### Arran Free Church of Scotland

Sunday 13 August, Shiskine 11am. Brodick 7pm. Reverend David Karoon. All welcome.

### Lamlash Church

Sunday 13 August You are invited to worship in Lamlash Church at 11 am. Mr. Finlay Turner Tea and Coffee served in the Hall after the service. All welcome.

### Church of Scotland

North Arran. Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirnmill and Shiskine.

### Independent but working together.

Sunday 13 August. Brodick 10.30am Mrs Jean Hunter. Corrie Church Mrs Jean Hunter noon. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated in Pirnmill Church with Lochranza at 10.15am and in Shiskine Church at noon. Both services will be conducted by the Revd. Angus Adamson.

### Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church

Sunday 13 August: Family Worship will be conducted by Rev Elizabeth Watson at 10.30am. Crèche facilities will be available in the Church Hall. Tea and coffee will be served in the Hall immediately after the service - please stay and enjoy more fellowship and also there will be a sale of Traidcraft goods. All most welcome.

### Arran Open Gate Church (Pentecostal, linked with New Life Church Prestwick)

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Rev John Webster, locum.

### Holy Cross Catholic Church

Vigil Mass 7.30pm. Sunday morning masses 9.30 and 11am.

### Scottish Episcopal Church (in full communion with the Church of England)

St Margaret's, Whiting Bay, Sunday, 13 August: Holy Communion, 11.00 am. The Ven. John Oliver, Yorkshire. Coffee after service. Wednesday, 16 August: 12.00 noon, Holy Communion. All Welcome.

### Arran Baptist Church

Sunday 13 August 11am in the Free Church building, Brodick (beside the Post Office) David Christison 'The Young Church in Action' A Damascus Experience Acts 9: 1 - 31 Everyone warmly invited

### Arran Free Church of Scotland (continuing)

Sunday 13 August, 11am. Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Glen Cloy Rd. Brodick Evening Service, 7pm, 5 Glen Road Rev D. MacLeod. All Welcome.

## Eugenie McCabe 1908-2006

Montrose House Residential home in Brodick lost one of its longest residing residents when Eugenie McCabe (Ena) died peacefully in Arran War Memorial Hospital on Monday 17 July. Ena, who was 98, was born in Stevenston on December 31, 1908; she had two sisters and one brother. Ena left school at 14, the Dux of Stevenston High School.

She emigrated to Australia with her family and lived there with her sisters for four years. Ena returned to Scotland and in 1940 she married George McCabe who was employed at the pier in Brodick.

After her husband's death Ena lived on her own for a few years, then became one of the first residents of the newly opened Montrose House. This marked the beginning of 32 long and contented years of being looked after and lovingly cared for.



The late Eugenie McCabe (Ena). b32ena1

At the home's silver jubilee celebrations in 1999, as its longest continual resident she was presented with a clock by Lady Jean Fforde.

There is no doubt Montrose House will no longer be the same place without the familiar face of Ena McCabe. She will be sorely missed by the other residents, Friends of Montrose House and by all the staff. *Contributed*

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# What's on... What's on... What's On.

## EVERYDAY

Brodick Castle Gardens & Country Park  
11am - 4pm  
Arran Heritage Museum, 10.30am - 4.30pm  
Trout fishing, boat and bank fishing, Loch Garbad, Arran Angling Association.  
Lamlash Tennis Club 10am - 8pm

## SATURDAY 12th August

Blackwaterfoot Junior Football coaching, 10.30am - noon  
Arran Dancers Brodick Primary School 11am - 4.15pm.  
Machrie Table Tennis & Games Club, Machrie Hall, 7.30-9pm  
Karate Club Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am & 12.30pm  
Lamlash Bowling Club, Rink Game 7pm  
Brodick Bowling Club rink game 2pm  
RNLI Lifeboat shop open, Lamlash Pier 2 - 4pm  
Whiting Bay Bowling, Rink Game, 7pm  
Over 21's disco, 10pm, The Ormidale Hotel, Brodick  
Karaoke/Disco Aldersyde, Lamlash 9.30pm  
Linda Muirhead, Drift Inn, 9.30pm  
"Last Years Men" PHT, Lamlash 9pm  
Aran - B, Cameronia, Whiting Bay, 9.30pm  
Corrie Capers coffee morning, 10.30am, Corrie Hall  
Uphellya parade, starts Corrie Hall, 8.30pm. Dance starts, Corrie Hall 10.30pm  
Coastguard Open day, Next to tennis courts, Lamlash 10am - 4pm

## SUNDAY 13th August

Open Folk session night, Ormidale, 9pm  
Asthma Breathing Workshop, Ormidale, 3pm Alcoholics Anonymous, St Margarets Church, Whiting Bay, 4.30pm  
Family Games Kids & Adults. Auchrannie Games Hall 2 - 3pm  
RNLI Lifeboat shop open, Lamlash Pier 2 - 4pm  
PS Waverley, Cruise to Skipness & Loch Fyne from Lochranza pier. 3.40pm  
Horseshoeing demonstration Museum, 1.30pm  
Sannox Cricket club, six-a-side 12pm, Sannox Glen

## MONDAY 14th August

Senior Fitness, Auchrannie, 9.30am & 1.45pm  
Over 50s Badminton, Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm  
Football coaching, Ormidale Park, 6 7.30pm (8-15yrs)  
Circuit Training, Auchrannie Spa, Brodick, 6pm  
Badminton, Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm  
Pilates, Auchrannie 7.30pm  
Citizens Advice open 10am-2pm  
Quiz, Cameronia 9.30pm  
Weightwise, Hospital bungalow 6.30pm-7pm  
Open folk session, Kildonan Hotel, 9pm  
Belly Dancing, Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm  
Lamlash Bowling Club, Rink Game 7pm  
Brodick Bowling Club rink game 6.30pm  
Whiting Bay Bowling, Rink Game, 7pm  
Coffee morning, Whiting Bay church hall 10.30am

## TUESDAY 15th August

Senior Fitness, Auchrannie Spa, 9.30am & 10.45am  
Lochranza Swimming Club, Kinloch, 11am-noon  
Pirmill Guild meeting - village hall 2pm  
Legs, Bums & Tums, Auchrannie Spa, 6-6.45pm  
Army Cadets, Auchrannie Road, 7.30-9.30pm  
Citizens Advice open 10am -2pm 4 - 6pm by appointment only  
Art Group, Kilmory hall 2 - 4pm  
Pop quiz, Ormidale Hotel 10pm  
Loch & Cat Coffee morning, hall 10am - 12pm  
Alcoholics Anonymous, Brodick Church Hall, 2pm  
Alcoholics Anonymous 'drop-in' Hospital Bungalow 6.30pm - 8pm  
Rotary Club 7.15pm Auchrannie Spa  
Senior Fitness 9.30am & 10.45am, Auchrannie Gym  
Guided walk, Castle Gardens, 2pm, meet at reception.  
"The forgetful princess" Brodick Castle 2pm  
Secret Tour, Brodick Castle, 2.30pm

## WEDNESDAY 16th August

Advocacy service, drop in session, ACVS office, Lamlash 11am-1pm  
Coffee morning, Lamlash Church Hall, 10.30am-noon. All welcome.  
Circuit Training, Auchrannie Gym, Brodick, 6-7.15pm  
Mixed Indoor Hockey, Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-8pm  
Arran Runners, meet NTS Castle Car Park, 7.15pm  
Youth Club, youth centre Lamlash 7-9pm  
Aerobics class, High School 8pm - 9pm  
Jnr Rugby Training, S1-U18s, Ormidale Park, 7pm  
Aquafizz, Auchrannie Hotel, 9.45am

Hockey, Auchrannie Hall, 7pm  
Lamlash Bowling Club, Rink Game 7pm  
Brodick Bowling Club rink game 6.30pm  
Whiting Bay Bowling, Rink Game, 7pm  
Open folk session, Pierhead Tavern 9pm  
Family Dance Whiting Bay Hall, 7.30pm  
PS Waverley. Cruise to Largs, Dunoon & Carrick Castle, Brodick Pier, 11.30am  
"The Vile Victorians" Castle, 2pm  
Horticultural Show, Lamlash Community Centre, 2.30pm

## THURSDAY 17th August

Senior Fitness, Auchrannie Spa, 9.30am & 10.45am  
Pilates, Auchrannie Studio, 6pm  
General Knowledge Quiz, Ormidale, Brodick, 10pm  
Rock school, youth centre. Lamlash 7 - 9pm  
Brodick Bridge Club, McLaren Hotel 7.15pm  
Coffee Morning St Molios church, Shiskine 10.30 - noon  
Citizens Advice open 10am -2pm  
Badminton, Kilmory Hall, Juniors 6.30 - 7.30pm Adults 7.30 - 9pm  
Lochranza Craft Club, Hall 2pm  
Senior Fitness, Auchrannie Gym, 9.30am & 1.45pm  
Only abs, Auchrannie Studio, 5.30pm  
Outdoor run, Auchrannie, 6pm  
Cricket Practice, Sannox Oval 6pm  
Spinning & Weaving, Museum 11am - 4pm  
PS Waverley, Cruise to Pladda & Holy Isle - Brodick pier 3pm  
Arran Junios Singers, practice, Whiting Bay school 6.45pm  
Drop in Day, Ranger Centre  
Craft Market, Whiting Bay Hall, 10am  
Coastal Way work party, Brodick school 8.30am

## FRIDAY 18th August

Arran Pipe Band practice, Brodick Hall, 7.30pm  
Quiz night, Whiting Bay Golf Club, 9.00pm  
Citizens Advice open 10am - 2pm  
Loch & Cat Coffee morning 10am - 12pm  
Whiting Bay Golf Club Quiz nights 9pm  
Aquafizz, Auchrannie Pool, 9.45am  
Water Polo, Auchrannie Pool, 7.30pm  
Over 21's disco, 10pm, Ormidale Hotel  
Scottish music, Kildonan hotel, 9pm  
Screen Machine, "Over The Hedge" 5.30pm "Pirates of the Caribbean, Dead Man's Chest" 8.30pm

## SATURDAY 19th August (non regulars)

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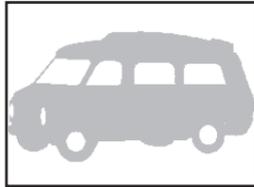
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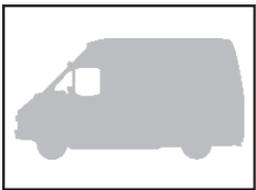
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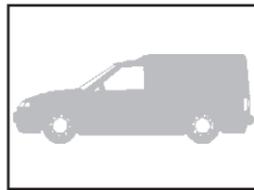


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# 119th Brodick Highland Games



Three month-old Zac Hilferty was the youngest kilt wearer on the day. He is seen with his two year-old brother Adam, they had come with their mum from Ardrossan to see their dad playing in the pipe band.

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Committee member and heavy events entrant Ian Small goes up the crowd for the youngsters tug o'war competition.

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Right: Isle of Arran Distillers were a new addition at this years show. Visitor centre manager Robin Bell meets with Terry Crawley and his wife Joan and their son Richard with his grandson Aidan.

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Watch out next week for Arran's Primary 1s



Prize winners and committee members. Front left Michael Jenks, Stuart Clark, Nicole Bunyan. Back: Angus Lambie, Robbie Adamson, Paige Douglas and Stuart Clark.

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Coastguards Billy Currie, rear and Gary Wilson, right, give advice to youngsters six year-old Ryan Wilson, eight year-old Reece Currie, and nine year-old Declan Hillan of Clydebank on keeping safe at sea.

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Robbie MacDonald has a go at carrying the beer barrels.

b32gam16



Friends June Bunyan and Lindsay Wetton enjoyed the games and even had their faces painted.

b32gam18

Below: The stalls prove a popular event with Tony Black and Elma McEwan selling prints of Arran and Stewart and Linda Clark selling home made preserves and bird boxes.

b32gam4



## Highland Dancing

Beginners Highland - Arran Highland Dancers Club trophy: 1 Sarah Fulton, Dunoon, 2 Rachael Waddell, West Kilbride, 3 Fiona Clarke, Torbeg.

Beginners National trophy, Kilmory Hall Salver Arran Plant trophy: 1 equal Rachael Waddell - West kilbride Fiona Clarke - Torbeg. Novice Highland - Island Porcelain Quaich 1 Louisa Williamson, Paisley, 2 Emma Steele, Paisley, 3 Eilidh Murphy, Girvan, 4 Gina McMurphy, Campbeltown.

Novice National, M & M Wheeler trophy: 1 Louisa Williamson - Paisley, 2 Emma Steele, Paisley, 3 Gina McMurphy - Campbeltown, 4 Eilidh Murphy, Girvan.

Intermediate Highland, Arran Haulage trophy: 1 Anna Fulton, Dunoon, 2 Abigail Lockhart, Bishopbriggs, 3 Rebekah Waddell, West Kilbride, 4 Lorna McGregor, Paisley.

Intermediate National Piranha Glass trophy: 1 Abigail Lockhart, Bishopbriggs, 2 Rebekah Waddell West Kilbride, 4 Anna Fulton, Dunoon.

Premier under 16 years Highland, Auchrannie trophy: 1 Emma O'Hare, Paisley, 2 Gail McGregor, Paisley, 3 Kaidi Hall, Girvan, 4 Erin Samuel, Paisley. Premier under 16 years National, McDowall trophy: 1 Emma O'Hare, Paisley, 2 Gail McGregor, Paisley, 3 Kaidi Hall - Girvan, 4 Erin Samuel, Paisley.

Adults Highland Arran Banner trophy: 1 Sara Kelly, Paisley, 2 Kathryn Hanser, USA, 3 John Brubaker, North Carolina USA. Adults National, Ormidale Shield: 1 Sara Kelly Paisley, 2 Kathryn Hanser, North Carolina USA. 3 John Brubaker, North Carolina USA.

# Five in a row for Angus and Alison



Angus Campbell and Alison Keir in their GP14. b32yac1

The fourth high-profile race of Arran Yacht Club, calendar always takes place in Brodick Bay on the first Saturday of August. And it resulted in a spectacular five times in a row winner of the Brodick Cup.

This went to Angus Campbell and his veteran crew Alison Keir in race with plenty of action in wind conditions.

With a light wind forecast for the whole weekend, most helms took the opportunity to sail round from Lamlash on Friday evening rather than dismantle and tow the boats by road. This took longer than expected with winds dropping close to zero at times. Things looked a bit more positive on Saturday morning, and, in the event, a steady light wind persisted throughout the afternoon.

The wind was in the south west and the natural course was a short upwind leg from the Bilsland mooring, through the bulk of the moored yachts to a windward mark close to the Invercloy shore, then long reaches out to, and back from, a buoy off the castle, and back to the start round a mark just off the pier. Three triangles and three 'sausages'.

There was some discussion about the prospect of moving the com-

mittee boat off its mooring to give an upwind leg clear of obstructions, but when the suggestion was dismissed as impractical the fleet resigned itself to the complexity of tacking back and forward among, and often very close to, the moored yachts.

#### Entertainment

This must have provided some entertainment (and maybe some worries) for their owners, but also provided a set of close-up photos of the race taken by visitors, delivered on CD, boat to boat, before the race was finished. Good 'on the water' photos are not easily obtained, so, thanks go to the owners, we think, of the yacht *Squawk*.

Best start went to Angus Campbell in GP, though Malcolm was close enough to get ahead before the first mark in his faster Albacore - before squandering the advantage in uneven wind.

#### Close sailing

As an indication of an increasingly competitive fleet, the two leading Albacores gradually got out ahead, though it took both a while to get past Angus. Some close sailing took place, notably between the Albs on the

downwind legs, and between the three leading GPs throughout the race. Colin Nisbet and John Anderson (the latter citing 'technical problems') slugged it out at the back.

Predicting a winner has become quite difficult this season. Angus is always 'up for it', raises his game for the big occasion, and has dominated the Brodick Cup since 2002. But Gavin's new boat produced a run of four straight wins - some weeks ago - and Gus and Eric are increasingly 'in the frame'. In the event, it took Malcolm to the third circuit to move into contention, but the four-minute lead at the end was nowhere near enough when handicaps were applied.

Thanks are due to Alistair Bilsland, Geoff Norris, Colin Muir and Bill Barr for manning the rescue boat and for race committee duties.

#### Corrected times:

1 A Campbell/A Keir (GP14) 1.26.49. 2 G MacLeod/E Borland (GP14) 1.27.07. 3 G Fulton/D Schofield (GP14) 1.27.44. 4 M Kerr/S Knox (Albacore) 1.27.54. 5 D Boyle/D Hutchison (Albacore) 1.29.26. 6 C & J Nisbet (GP14) 1.43.27. 7 J & J Anderson (Albacore) Retired

## Hartley double at McKinnie Cup

This is a momentous year for all McKinnies. Auntie Jean turned 80, Robbie MacDonald was first in the junior caber and second in the Lady Jean Cup and the majority of McKinnies paid to get into the Highland Games.

This was encouraged by all the family to attempt to reduce the number of begging letters from Kenny Morrison. How a man of 74 finds the time to write letters, do accounts, paint bridges, cut roddies and repair paths is beyond us.

Anyway, 20 McKinnie members entered the golf this year, the best entry so far with relatives travelling from Canada, Dubai, South Africa and Glen Rosa.

Last year's winner, Captain McCrindle, requested an extra shift on the Stornaway ferry, so was unable to play as he heard that the trophy holder bought the first round of drinks in the club-

house. Mike McKinnie won the best shot of the day - teeing off at the first, his ball hit a stone in the burn and bounced back to land at his feet - Mike also won the best-dressed male with a very fetching orange T-shirt (circa 1970's). Elaine Hartley won the best dressed lady, John Hartley won the oldest competitor and Robbie MacDonald won the youngest. Nicol Hume (2004 winner) won the prize for most deterioration in their golf and his lovely lady wife Fee won the prize for least points.

The team prize, with 107 points, was won by Len Hartley, Robert Watt, Billy Armit & Isobel MacDonald. This year a magnificent quaich has been presented by Suzy in memory of Robin who we all miss very much but is now home.

The broccoli prize was won by Kate Nichols for a between-the-eyes shot to her husband Jim.

The lady winner for 2006 was Ailsa Weir with 32 points. Last year Ailsa won the prize for least points so has spent the year watching the golf channel, not listening to advice from Scott and this has obviously worked with a vast improvement in her game.

This year's mighty winner of the Triple J with 39 points was Lenny Hartley, co-sponsor.

Len was ably presented with his prize by Auntie Jean resplendent in birthday T-shirt. A new prize this year is the Green Jacket bought from overseas (a charity shop in Saltcoats).

Lenny wore this with pride in the clubhouse, at the Ormidale and the next day. The clubhouse was full for the prizegiving with 55 family members present.

Next year's competition will be held on the Friday night before the games, to enable us to discuss our airborne entry to the games.



Ailsa Weir, Len Hartley and Jean Nicolls. Photo courtesy Len Hartley.

**Golf...golf...golf...golf...golf...golf...golf...golf...golf...golf...golf...golf...golf**

**Shiskine Golf Club**

**Gents**  
Wednesday 2 August medal, 18 holes:  
First class: 1 J Dobson 76-12=64, 2 D Duthie 76-9=67, 3 D Zeglenan 81-11=70 bih. Scratch G Martlew 75.

Second class: 1 G Martlew 75-16=59, 2 A MacKay 85-17=68, 3 K Alexander 84-14=70.

McCutcheon Cup, Saturday 5 August: First class: 1 D Hardie 46-7=39, 2 C Aitken 47-6=41bih, 3 J Smith 46-5=41 bih. Scratch I Smith 44bih.

Second class: 1 I Black 50-8=42, 2 M Sherwood 55-12=43, 3 J Smith 59-15=44.

Ladies flag competition Thursday 3 August

1 P Adamson 84-15=69, 2 J Turnbull 95-23=72, 3 A Anderson 96-24=72. Scratch C Maxton 82.

**Fixtures**

**Gents:** Saturday 12 August, gents captains prize and veterans trophy

Saturday 19 August, Victory Shield.

Sunday 20 August, 12 hole medal

**Ladies:** Saturday 19 August, K Maxwell trophy

Thursday 24 August, 12 hole medal.

**Brodick Golf Club**

**Ladies**

Tuesday 1 August. First August Medal, SSS 67, CSS 70, 23 played.

First silver: S Anderson (16) 70, 2 C Arthur (16) 71. First bronze K Kitson (23) 65, 2 P Holmes (35) 69 bih. Scratch: B Livingstone 77.

Magic Two's: E Bayne, B Livingstone.

**Gents**

Summer cup Wednesday 31 July, css 64, 58 played.

1 Jimmy Armit 6 62 bih, 2 Stuart Cameron 8 62, 3 Andrew Martin 10 63 bih. Scratch Jimmy Armit 68.

There were 13 twos David Mckinnon getting 2.

Sweep Sunday 6 August css 64, 14 played.

1 Chris Pattenden 14 63 bih, 2 Terry Raeside 8 63, 3 Sam Mccalla 12 65. Scratch Peter Mccalla 67. There were 4 twos

**Whiting Bay Golf Club**

Wednesday 2 August. 36 played in the Betty Black Trophy. First Class: 1 I. Peebles 72-8=64, 2 John Pennycott 74-9=65 (bih). 2 Class 1 John Dick 76-14=62, 2 James Hartley 83-18=65 (bih).

The overall trophy winner was John Dick - well done John on winning your first golfing trophy! (Definitely not your last!)

Sunday 6 August, 26 played in the Lifeboat Open Competiton. The winner was Adam Kelso with 74-15=59, narrowly beating Peter Towndrow on the better inward half. Peter scored 67-8 for 59 and at least he had the consolation of winning scratch with his gross 67. Third was Crawford Paterson with 73-12=61 bih and 4 John Pennycott with 70-9=61. The Junior winner was Douglas Hartley with a net 58. Thanks to all who played and contributed, and the sum of just under £300 was raised for the Lifeboat Funds from the Ladies, Gents and Juniors.

**Fixtures**

Sunday 13 August Aitken Rosebowl (Greensome)

One draw only for partners at 11.00. Wednesday 16 August, Summer Trophy.

**Lamlash Golf**

**Ladies**

Wednesday 2 August, Fleet 5 Competition. CSS: 64

1 J. McArthur 80-18=62 BIH, 2 M. Hepburn 87-25=62, 3 B. Livingstone 71-6=65. Best Scratch B. Livingstone 71.

**Gents**

Thursday 3 August, Summer Cup, 45 played, CSS64.

Sweep: 1 Colin Hunt 75-16=59,

2 Tom Vella Boyle 81-20-61, 3 Ian Murchie 67-4=63bih, 4 Hamish McArthur 77-14=63, 5 Dougie McFarlane 65-1=64. Best scratch Dougie McFarlane.

Well done to Dougie in aicing the second hole collected the 2 sweep.

Sunday 13 August, Hamilton Bowl, 9.30am and 1pm.

Congratulations to Eddie Cannon (junior) winner, Stewart Campbell runner up and Neil Young third and Euan Merry fourth and Jim Short fifth and not forgetting Miller Crawford (booby) in Lamlash Open over 36 holes on Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 August.

**Corrie Golf**

Tuesday 1 August, Sam Aitkenhead Cup. First. J Rae 37-8.5=28.5, 2 L Dickson 35-5.5=29.5.

Wednesday night medal, Wednesday 2 August. 1 D Logan 68-8=60, 2 A Napier 67-5=62 bih, 3 H B McKinnon 71-9=62.

Saturday 5 August, Stableford. 1 A MacDonald 17+21=38 points, 2 R Logan 20+18=38 points, 3 B Sherwood 20+18=38 points.

**Fixtures**

Saturday 12 August, James Bunyan Cup, tee off times as on sheet, late entries possible. Course closed to public Saturday 12 August until 6pm.

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Winners from this years Shiskine Ladies Open. Thursday 27 July, ladies open First: K McKinlay, Elaine Hillis 38.5, second L Tod and J Arthur 39, third M Christie and K Traves 40.5. Scratch F Crawford and W McCallum 46. Proceeds of the raffle which amounted to £524 was donated to Shiskine Hall Committee for improvements to the hall carpark.



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## Cannon is Lamlash open champion

A 'highly delighted' Eddie Cannon with the Lamlash Cup which he won last week at the Lamlash Open.

Eddie also won the trophy 18

years ago. Now resident in Dorset his mother Nancy said at home in Lamlash: 'We are absolutely delighted for Eddie. He won the trophy in 1988 so it was

doubly special to win it again.'

Club president Jim Henderson said the event was extremely successful, with the weather being very good despite an unpromising forecast. The competitors included Scotland's First Minister Jack McConnell. Eddie is a 20 handicapper and won with 119, scoring 62 on the first day and 57 on the next. Full story and results in next week's *Arran Banner*.

Left: Eddie Cannon at his parents home in Lamlash with the open cup. b32gol3



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### Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday 1 August, medal. 1 Donald Campbell 62, 2 Alan Jeffrey 64, 3 Brian Sherwood 70bih. Scratch Alan Jeffrey 72. Magic twos Alistair MacDonald.

#### Fixtures

Tuesday 15 August final day of Peter Sutton/Lady Mary 12.30 - 5.30pm.

Tuesday 22 August. Final Lawson Cameron trophy 5.30pm.

Thursday 24 August, 5.30pm challenge match between Elizabeth Ross ladies champion and Brian Sherwood mens champion. No strokes but Brian to play left handed, spectators welcome.

### Football fixtures

Next week's football fixtures:

Brodick/Shiskine v's Southend, Wednesday 16 August 6.30pm.

Lamlash v's Northend, Wednesday 16 August at 6.30pm

Football Dance Presentation Night 26 August, Brodick Hall at 9pm.

### Brodick Bowling Club

Results: Monday 24 July: Skip C Hendry, F Brown, I Hendry. Wednesday 26 July: Skip J McConnachie, A Hollingworth. Wednesday 2 August: Skip J McConnachie, A Hollingworth., B Hendry.



Brodick runner Nicole Bunyan with her three gold medals. b32med1

## Triple gold for Brodick's Nicole

There was another first for Brodick runner Nicole Bunyan last month when she won gold in all her races at Ayr.

She won the 100, 200 and 300 metres scoring a hat trick and claiming three gold medals at the Ayrshire Harriers Club's Association Track and Field Championships held at Dam Park.

Earlier in the year Nicole won a bronze scottishathletics medal - her first at national level.

For the year alone she now has ten medals and two trophies with plenty of other events still to compete in. In total she has 43 medals of which six are gold and she has seven trophies.

Her mum Jill said: 'Nicole had a rubbish start in the 100 me-

ters, she seemed to be asleep but then she really got going.

'In her other races she was much quicker and left the rest of the field standing.'

When Nicole first joined the under 17 groups she initially struggled but now she is really beginning to find her feet.

As with many of her mainland races this recent one at Dam Park involved an overnight stay.

Nicole's mum Jill said: 'As they get older women disappear from the races but Nicole is keen to keep going.

'There were a lot of veteran men running at Ayr.'

Nicole's next mainland event

is on Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 August when the talented athlete makes her way to Grangemouth for the Bank of Scotland under 17 championships - home of her first scottishathletics medal, something Nicole is hoping to add to.

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