



# ARRAN EVENTS & FESTIVALS DIARY 2023



| DATE              | EVENT   | DETAILS  |
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| 11th March        | <b>ISLE OF ARRAN ONE-ACT DRAMA FESTIVAL</b>                     | Back for 2023 and taking place at the High School Theatre from 3pm 11th March, this is a perfect way to spend your afternoon.  |
| 22nd - 24th March | <b>ISLE OF ARRAN MUSIC FESTIVAL</b>                             | Annual competitive (and non-competitive) community festival of music, verse speaking & country dance.  |
| 25th March        | <b>ARRAN FEST 2023</b>  | Arran's newest music festival will take place at Whiting Bay hall 6pm-12am £5 entry BYOB.  |
| 1st - 2nd April   | <b>RAT RACE ULTRA TOUR OF ARRAN</b>                             | A 2-day off-road running adventure from Rat Race on the Isle of Arran.   |
| 7th - 10th April  | <b>EASTER TRAIL - NTS BRODICK CASTLE</b>                        | Come and have some Easter fun at Brodick Castle! Follow the trail, collect the clues, solve the puzzle and win your chocolate-y reward! See <a href="https://nts.org.uk/visit/places/brodick-castle">nts.org.uk/visit/places/brodick-castle</a> 'Events' for more details and booking. |
| 7th April         | <b>SHISKINE DAFFODIL TEA</b>                                    | Cream scones with endless tea, coffee and juice. Raffle, baking stall, Easter bonnet competition with prizes for adults and children - all welcome!  |
| 8th April         | <b>LOCHRANZA DAFFODIL TEA</b>                                   | Come along for the afternoon, cream teas, egg hunt, fresh baking, raffle and tombola. There will also be a car boot sale £10 per car.  |
| 9th April         | <b>EASTER SUNDAY EGG-STRAVAGANZA</b>                            | A fun day for all the family including our Easter Trail, Easter Bonnet Parade, Wacky Races and more at Brodick Castle. Details as above.   |
| 23rd April        | <b>ISLE OF ARRAN ORMIDALE 10K</b>                               | Annual road race starting and finishing from Ormidale Pavilion in Brodick - there's always a good turnout for this event.  |
| 29th April        | <b>SHISKINE GC GENTS STABLEFORD OPEN</b>                        | Entry £15 (£7 members), prizes for 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> in both classes. Email <a href="mailto:info@shiskinegolf.com">info@shiskinegolf.com</a>   |
| 30th April        | <b>ADRENALISM THEATRE - THE GOOD, THE BAD &amp; THE POULTRY</b> | The Good, the Bad and the Poultry is an outdoor show starring a coop of cowboy chickens, created by Adrenalism. See <a href="https://nts.org.uk/visit/places/brodick-castle">nts.org.uk/visit/places/brodick-castle</a> 'Events'.  |

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| <b>6th May</b>         | <b>ARRAN RFC RUGBY 7's</b>               | Arran AFC are delighted to inform you that the annual 7s tournament will take place on May 6th this year.   |
| <b>11th - 14th May</b> | <b>McLELLAN POETRY FESTIVAL</b>          | This year's festival will take place at various venues in Brodick, Corrie & Lamlash.<br><a href="http://www.arrantheatreandarts.co.uk">www.arrantheatreandarts.co.uk</a>  |
| <b>12th - 15th May</b> | <b>ARRAN MOUNTAIN FESTIVAL</b>           | Scotland's premier hillwalking and mountaineering festival. An opportunity to meet like-minded people, discover a fascinating island and have unforgettable days in the hands of experienced local leaders. With names to inspire, like Ceum na Caillich and Caisteal Abhail, Arran's mountains are among Scotland's most amazing landscapes. |
| <b>23rd - 24th May</b> | <b>LAMLASH GC SENIOR OPEN</b>            | Qualifying age 60, entry £10 inclusive of £3 sweep. Choice of day or play both with additional entry fee. For details visit <a href="http://lamlashgolfclub.com">lamlashgolfclub.com</a>  |
| <b>26th May</b>        | <b>WIZARD SCHOOL WAND MAKING CLASS</b>   | Welcome to Wizard School and have fun in our Wand Making Class. Come along and make your own willow wand to take home. <a href="http://nts.org.uk/visit/places/brodick-castle">nts.org.uk/visit/places/brodick-castle</a> 'Events'.   |
| <b>26th May</b>        | <b>WIZARD SCHOOL POTION MAKING CLASS</b> | Welcome to Wizard School and have fun in our Potion Making Class. Come along and make your own magical potion to take home. <a href="http://nts.org.uk/visit/places/brodick-castle">nts.org.uk/visit/places/brodick-castle</a> 'Events'.  |
| <b>28th May</b>        | <b>ISLE OF ARRAN PIPE BAND</b>           | Come along and hear the wonderful sounds of the pipes and drums from the Isle of Arran Pipe Band. <a href="http://nts.org.uk/visit/places/brodick-castle">nts.org.uk/visit/places/brodick-castle</a> 'Events'.  |
| <b>3rd June</b>        | <b>ARRAN PRIDE</b>                       | A fun-packed celebratory day out - more details to follow.  |
| <b>3rd - 4th June</b>  | <b>BRODICK GC ARRAN OPEN</b>             | £55 entry, 36 hole stroke play competition, held over 2 days. Entry fee includes the 2 tournament rounds and also a practice round on Friday. All entrants are welcome to a £10 round on Monday following the tournament. See <a href="http://brodickgolf.com">brodickgolf.com</a>  |
| <b>9th - 11th June</b> | <b>ARRAN FOLK FESTIVAL</b>               | Arran's annual folk festival is back and set to be better than ever! The 27th festival will see free-to-attend afternoon sessions at The Douglas & Ormidale hotels, workshops, evening concerts in Brodick hall and late-night sessions in the Brodick Bar.   |
| <b>11th June</b>       | <b>ARRAN FARMERS MARKET</b>              | The Arran Farmers Market at Bellevue Farm (Blackwaterfoot) is a chance for the Island's local producers to come together, a place where people can see (and shop) all the fresh produce that Arran has to offer. You'll also find stalls with locally produced home made goods and handcrafts.  |

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| <b>18th June</b>        | <b>ISLE OF ARRAN PIPE BAND</b>                  | Come along and hear the wonderful sounds of the pipes and drums from the Isle of Arran Pipe Band. <a href="https://nts.org.uk/visit/places/brodick-castle">nts.org.uk/visit/places/brodick-castle</a> 'Events'.                              |
| <b>17th - 18th June</b> | <b>ULTRA TRAIL SCOTLAND (ARRAN)</b>             | A great challenge for 2023. Further details on the Ultra Trail website.  |
| <b>17th - 18th June</b> | <b>WHITING BAY GC SENIORS OPEN</b>              | See <a href="http://www.whitingbaygolf.com">www.whitingbaygolf.com</a> for details.  |
| <b>23rd - 25th June</b> | <b>ARRAN WHISKY FESTIVAL - MALT &amp; MUSIC</b> | A fun and fabulous event held over 3 days and 2 locations combining the best of music and malt Arran has to offer!   |
| <b>25th June</b>        | <b>HANSEL &amp; GRETEL STORYTIME</b>            | In the Bavarian Summer house (Brodick Castle) - join us and read the story of Hansel & Gretel together. <a href="https://nts.org.uk/visit/places/brodick-castle">nts.org.uk/visit/places/brodick-castle</a> 'Events'                         |
| <b>7th July</b>         | <b>CHARLIE &amp; THE CHOCOLATE GARDEN</b>       | Join us in celebrating National Chocolate Day Friday 7th July. <a href="https://nts.org.uk/visit/places/brodick-castle">nts.org.uk/visit/places/brodick-castle</a> 'Events'.   |
| <b>10th July</b>        | <b>McLELLAN POETRY COMPETITION</b>              | Open from 8th March - closing 10th July, main competition plus separate competition for poem in Scots.   |
| <b>14th July</b>        | <b>LAMLASH GC JUNIOR OPEN</b>                   | Free entry, start at 12pm. For details visit <a href="http://lamlashgolfclub.com">lamlashgolfclub.com</a>  |
| <b>14th - 17th July</b> | <b>ARRAN OPEN STUDIOS PREVIEW EXHIBITION</b>    | See Arran Open Studios main event (11th-14th August).  |
| <b>15th July</b>        | <b>OTTER'S TAIL HOLY ISLE KAYAK CHALLENGE</b>   | An 11km circumnavigation of Holy Isle, starting & finishing at Lamlash Pier, run by Arran Kayak Club. Open to SCA members and non-members, this is a fun day out with an optional race element.  |
| <b>19th July</b>        | <b>LAMLASH GC LADIES OPEN</b>                   | Tee off times 11am - 5pm, entry Fee £10. For further information and to enter email <a href="mailto:sheenamurchie10@aol.com">sheenamurchie10@aol.com</a>   |
| <b>22nd - 23rd July</b> | <b>WHITING BAY GC GENTS OPEN</b>                | See <a href="http://www.whitingbaygolf.com">www.whitingbaygolf.com</a> for details.  |
| <b>27th July</b>        | <b>SHISKINE GC LADIES GREENSOME OPEN</b>        | Entry £20 per pair, prizes for 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> & Scratch, tee times 10am-4pm. Email <a href="mailto:info@shiskinegolf.com">info@shiskinegolf.com</a>   |
| <b>29th July</b>        | <b>WHITING BAY GC LADIES OPEN</b>               | See <a href="http://www.whitingbaygolf.com">www.whitingbaygolf.com</a> for details.  |
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| <b>2nd August</b>                  | <b>ARRAN FARMERS SHOW</b>                    | A big event in the Arran calendar, the Arran Show always draws a crowd and has something for everyone to enjoy.  |
| <b>5th August</b>                  | <b>BRODICK HIGHLAND GAMES</b>                | Another highlight in the Arran calendar, this is a great traditional day out for all the family where you'll find heavy events, highland dancing, children's fancy dress and stalls galore!  |
| <b>5th - 6th August</b>            | <b>LAMLASH GC GENTS OPEN</b>                 | Tee times allocated on a first-come basis; entry fee for Sat-Sun £26 for members & island residents, £40 for non-members (includes practice day on Friday). For details visit <a href="http://lamlashgolfclub.com">lamlashgolfclub.com</a>     |
| <b>7th August</b>                  | <b>K9'S AT THE CASTLE</b>                    | At Brodick Castle - more details to follow.  |
| <b>11th - 14th August</b>          | <b>ARRAN OPEN STUDIOS</b>                    | A weekend-long event where talented Arran artists, coming together as Arran Open Studios, stage a wide ranging exhibition incorporating painters, sculptors, and all manner of craftspeople, usually from their own studios across the island. |
| <b>13th August</b>                 | <b>FESTIVAL OF THE SEA</b>                   | More details to follow.  |
| <b>20th August</b>                 | <b>ARRAN BRASS BAND</b>                      | Come along and hear the fantastic Arran Brass Band. <a href="http://nts.org.uk/visit/places/brodick-castle">nts.org.uk/visit/places/brodick-castle</a> 'Events'  |
| <b>25th August</b>                 | <b>SCOTS POETRY EVENING</b>                  | Celebrating the life and work of Robert McLellan and featuring the winners of the McLellan Scots Poetry Competition with judge Hugh McMillan - Corrie hall.  |
| <b>25th August - 3rd September</b> | <b>McLELLAN ARTS FESTIVAL</b>                | An annual arts festival on the Island of Arran, created in honour of Robert McLellan, an Arran resident. This year's programme is yet to be finalised but will include a tribute to  |
| <b>26th August</b>                 | <b>McLELLAN POETRY WINNERS NIGHT</b>         | With judge Joelle Taylor at Corrie hall.   |
| <b>26th August</b>                 | <b>BLACKWATERFOOT BEER FESTIVAL</b>          | This ever-popular annual beer festival takes place in the stunning seaside location of Blackwaterfoot - you don't want to miss this one!   |
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| <b>27th August</b>                 | <b>ARRAN POETS &amp; MUSICIANS JAM NIGHT</b> | Taking place at Corrie hotel. See <a href="http://www.arrantheatreandarts.co.uk/mclellan-festival">www.arrantheatreandarts.co.uk/mclellan-festival</a> for full details.   |
| <b>3rd September</b>               | <b>ARRAN BRASS BAND</b>                      | Come along and hear the fantastic Arran Brass Band. <a href="http://nts.org.uk/visit/places/brodick-castle">nts.org.uk/visit/places/brodick-castle</a> 'Events'  |

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| <b>13th - 24th September</b> | <b>ARRAN FESTIVAL OF FOOD &amp; DRINK</b> | An exciting island-wide programme of foodie events running over two weeks showcasing Arran's award-winning food and drink.   |
| <b>24th September</b>        | <b>ISLE OF ARRAN PIPE BAND</b>            | Come along and hear the wonderful sounds of the pipes and drums from the Isle of Arran Pipe Band. <a href="https://nts.org.uk/visit/places/brodick-castle">nts.org.uk/visit/places/brodick-castle</a> 'Events' for more details and booking.   |
| <b>24th September</b>        | <b>ARRAN FARMERS MARKET</b>               | As above.  |
| <b>30th September</b>        | <b>ARRAN VEGAN FESTIVAL</b>               | Arran Vegan Festival celebrates the exponential growth of the vegan and plantbased lifestyles. The festival aims to showcase Arran's vegan offerings, and to inform, educate and inspire the Arran community and visitors to the island about the benefits of the vegan lifestyle, for health, the environment, and of course for the animals. |
| <b>November date tbc</b>     | <b>SHOP ARRAN</b>                         | More information to follow.  |
| <b>25th November</b>         | <b>SANTA'S SPARKLE</b>                    | A fun family annual event which kicks off with Santa's parade, followed by music, local crafters market, children's activities, food & drink stalls, fireworks and more.   |
| <b>3rd December</b>          | <b>ARRAN FARMERS MARKET</b>               | As above.  |

**NB. All of the above events are subject to change and if planning to attend an event, its best to check/book directly for the most up-to-date information.**