



ARRAN EVENTS & FESTIVALS DIARY 2023



DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
4th April - 1st July	SALTWATER GALLERY SPRING SHOW	Spring Show, featuring new work from our artists.
26th May	WIZARD SCHOOL WAND MAKING CLASS	Welcome to Wizard School and have fun in our Wand Making Class. Come along and make your own willow wand to take home. nts.org.uk/visit/places/brodick-castle 'Events' .
26th May	WIZARD SCHOOL POTION MAKING CLASS	Welcome to Wizard School and have fun in our Potion Making Class. Come along and make your own magical potion to take home. 11am-12pm Wand Making, 1pm - 2pm Potions Class. £5 per class + Eventbrite fees. nts.org.uk/visit/places/brodick-castle 'Events' .
27th May- 31st May	ARRAN VISUAL ARTS ART EXHIBITION	Annual exhibition every year, which can attract more than 600 visitors who vote for their favourite art work in the 'People's Choice' and many sales are made. We are proud of the reputation our exhibitions have earned. This year's exhibition will take place from Saturday 27th to Wednesday 31st May 2023 in Corrie Hall. www.arranvisualarts.co.uk/exhibition
28th May	ISLE OF ARRAN PIPE BAND	Come along and hear the wonderful sounds of the pipes and drums from the Isle of Arran Pipe Band. nts.org.uk/visit/places/brodick-castle 'Events' .
28th May	ARRAN FARMERS MARKET	11am-3pm 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.

3rd June	ANIMAL FUN IN PAINT WITH JOAN LAWSON	Joan studied at Glasgow School of Art and taught for many years before establishing her own art school, Robinwood, in Ayr. She is a successful practising Scottish artist. Using photographs of animals for reference, Joan will take you through some mixed media techniques and help you to produce some colourful and quirky animal paintings. Watercolours, oil pastels, inks, pastels and acrylics will make this a fun workshop!
3rd - 4th June	ARRAN PRIDE	A fun-packed celebratory day out - starting with the Grand Parade at 12.30pm along Brodick seafront, Picnic in the Park 1-4pm, Celebration Ceilidh 7.30-11pm & the Douglas Dook & BBQ 11.30am-3pm on Sunday 4th June. www.arranpride.com
3rd - 4th June	BRODICK GC ARRAN OPEN	£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. www.brodickgolf.com
9th - 11th June	ARRAN FOLK FESTIVAL	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.
11th June	CORRIE FILM CLUB	The Quiet Girl (Ireland. 2022. Colm Bairread. Cert 12.) A warming film. Starts 7.30pm at Corrie & Sannox Village Hall.
11th June	TRADITIONAL CRAFTS & SKILLS	Skills & Crafts 12.30-3.30pm at the Arran Heritage Museum in Brodick - join us for spinning & weaving, crochet & knitting, butter making & tasting with pancakes and more!
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16th - 18th June	ARRAN ISLAND ADVENTURE WEEKEND	Come and explore this beautiful Island with three days of mountain hiking, hill & glen walks and informative geological and coastal adventures, with a choice of three walks each day. All walks led by experienced and knowledgeable Mountain Leaders: Mark Reid, Richard Duckworth and Malcolm Wilkinson (who lives on Arran).
17th June	CHRISTINE BOVILL	Enjoy sociable evenings in Brodick with your fellow walkers.

17th June	FANCY DRESS CRICKET FUN DAY	Six-a-side fun cricket tournament, come along in fancy dress and enjoy some good food, drink and music.
17th - 18th June	ULTRA TRAIL SCOTLAND (ARRAN)	Come and soak up the unique island atmosphere, explore the mountains and glens, savour the stunning coastline.
17th - 18th June	WHITING BAY GC SENIORS OPEN	See www.whitingbaygolf.com for details.
18th June	ISLE OF ARRAN PIPE BAND	Come along at 2pm and hear the wonderful sounds of the pipes and drums from the Isle of Arran Pipe Band. nts.org.uk/visit/places/brodick-castle 'Events'.
23rd - 25th June	ARRAN WHISKY FESTIVAL - MALT & MUSIC	A fun and fabulous event held over 3 days and 2 locations combining the best of music and malt Arran has to offer.
25th June	HANSEL & GRETEL STORYTIME	In the Bavarian Summer house (Brodick Castle) - join us and read the story of Hansel & Gretel together. 10am & 11am. 2pm & 3pm. £2 per class +Eventbrite fees. nts.org.uk/visit/places/brodick-castle 'Events'
25th June	MOTORCYCLE SHOW	Event at Arran Heritage Museum starts 9am, pipe band playing from 2pm, prizegiving 3pm. For pre-entry or more info contact Derek Shand arranmotorcycleshow@gmail.com or 07833755684.
1st - 2nd July	LANDSCAPES IN GOUACHE WITH KORI STEWART	This will be a 2-day course open to any level of artist - from beginner to experienced - to explore the wonderful medium of gouache paint. Held at the High School, Lamlash www.arranvisualarts.co.uk
4th July	DOUGARIE ESTATE CHARITY GARDEN OPENING	Tuesday 4 July 2023, 2pm - 5pm. Dougarie Estate Charity Garden Opening. Most interesting terraced garden in a castellated folly built in 1905 to celebrate the marriage of the 12th Duke of Hamilton's only child to the Duke of Montrose. Good selection of tender and rare shrubs and herbaceous border. Small woodland area with trees including azara, abutilon, eucryphia, hoheria and nothofagus. Nominated charity: Pirnmill Village Association. Cash payments only. There is free parking. Admission £5.00, children free. Separately, the garden can be viewed by appointment 22 May - 30 August 2023 (£5.00 pp). Please email office@dougarie.com
4th July - 11th November	SALTWATER GALLERY SUMMER SHOW	Summer Show, featuring new work from our artists.

5th July	CURLY'S HIDDEN TREASURES - COAST DISCOVERY CENTRE, LAMLASH	Can you find all the Curly Octopus hidden around the Discovery Centre? If you do, and can unscramble the letters they are holding to give us a marine themed word, you can win a goodie bag of prizes! No need to book, just come along. Suggested £2 donation per entrant.
7th July	CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE GARDEN	Join us in celebrating National Chocolate Day Friday 7th July. Golden Ticket Treasure Hunt . . . find a Golden Ticket hidden in the gardens, take it to the Chocolate Fountain Stand and enjoy a chocolate-y treat half price! 1pm - 3pm nts.org.uk/visit/places/brodick-castle 'Events'.
8th July	DANIEL MARTINEZ FLAMENCO COMPANY	7:30PM, Brodick Hall, £12 per ticket and free for under 18's. The Daniel Martinez Flamenco Company is a Spanish flamenco company based primarily in Edinburgh, hosting guitarists professional singers dancers and musicians
8th July	OTTER'S TAIL/AYROC ORIENTEERING COMPETITION	A fun orienteering competition for all levels at Whiting Bay Community Land Initiative. For more information, please contact info@otterstail.co.uk
10th July	McLELLAN POETRY COMPETITION	Open from 8th March - closing 10th July, main competition plus separate competition for poem in Scots.
11th July	KILDONAN SEALS & SHORE	Join us (COAST) as we watch the seals and discover the myriad of creatures living on Arran's sandy shores and in our tidal rockpools - Kildonan Village Hall car park. Book via www.arrancoast.com/octopuscentre/whats-on
14th July	LAMLASH GC JUNIOR OPEN	Free entry, start at 12pm. For details visit lamlashgolfclub.com
14th - 17th July	ARRAN OPEN STUDIOS PREVIEW EXHIBITION	See Arran Open Studios main event (11th-14th August).
15th July	OTTER'S TAIL HOLY ISLE KAYAK CHALLENGE	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.
18th July	WHITING BAY SHORE SCRAMBLE	10-11.30am by the putting green, Whiting Bay. Join us to explore the rocky shore of Whiting Bay as part of Whiting Bay's Fun long-weekend! Stick around afterwards for the Teddy Bears Picnic too! No booking needed - just come along.
19th July	LAMLASH GC LADIES OPEN	Tee off times 11am - 5pm, entry Fee £10. For further information and to enter email sheenamurchie10@aol.com

22nd - 23rd July	WHITING BAY GC GENTS OPEN	See www.whitingbaygolf.com for details.
23rd July	CHILDRENS DAY	Childrens Day Special Events 12.30-3.30pm at the Arran Heritage Museum, Brodick - join us for story telling, model railway, face painting, children's tombola and more!
25th July	BRODICK SHORE SCRAMBLE	Join us (COAST) as we explore Merkland Shore off Brodick Bay, where we'll have a guddle in the rock pools to discover the myriad of marine creatures exposed by the falling tide. Book via www.arrancoast.com/octopuscentre/whats-on
25th - 28th July	FEIS WEEK	A week-long event open to young people from the age of eight. Over the 4 days participants will have the chance to try out or improve their skills in a number of musical instruments, song, drama, art and shinty as well as improving their Gaelic language skills.
27th July	SHISKINE GC LADIES GREENSOME OPEN	Entry £20 per pair, prizes for 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd & Scratch, tee times 10am-4pm. Email info@shiskinegolf.com
29th July	WHITING BAY GC LADIES OPEN	See www.whitingbaygolf.com for details.
29th - 30th July	THE EXCITING WORLD OF WATERCOLOUR WITH FRANCES DOUGLAS	Discover the exciting world of watercolour! Over the weekend you will be shown various watercolour techniques and how to apply the paint in a clear fresh way to create translucent and vibrant paintings. You will learn how these methods can be combined with tone, colour and composition to convey the beautiful shapes and textures of a landscape in watercolour. This course is designed to introduce beginners to watercolour or, if you are more experienced, to help you develop your own style. www.arranvisualarts.co.uk
30th July	ISLE OF ARRAN PIPE BAND	Come along at 2pm and hear the wonderful sounds of the pipes and drums from the Isle of Arran Pipe Band. nts.org.uk/visit/places/brodick-castle 'Events' for more details and booking.
30th - 31st July	THE NATURE LIBRARY	10am-4pm COAST Discovery Centre. See www.arrancoast.com/octopuscentre/whats-on for details.
2nd August	ARRAN FARMERS SHOW	A big event in the Arran calendar, the Arran Show always draws a crowd and has something for everyone to enjoy.

5th August	BRODICK HIGHLAND GAMES	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!
5th - 6th August	LAMLASH GC GENTS OPEN	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 lamlashgolfclub.com
6th August	TRACTOR SHOW	Classic, modern & working tractors, 12.30-3.30pm at the Arran Heritage Museum, Brodick.
7th August	K9'S AT THE CASTLE	A fun day celebrating our furry friends, with special games and doggy treats, 12pm - 4pm
9th August	BLACKWATERFOOT SHORE SCRAMBLE	Join us (COAST) as we explore the rocky shores in Blackwaterfoot, where we'll have a guddle in the rock pools to discover the myriad of marine creatures exposed by the falling tide. Book via www.arrancoast.com/octopuscentre/whats-on
11th - 14th August	ARRAN OPEN STUDIOS	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.
13th August	CORRIE FILM CLUB	<p>Drawn to War (UK. 2022. Cert PG With Arran Open Studios)</p> <p>One of Britain's greatest landscape artists, Eric Ravilious, is killed in a plane crash while on commission as Official War Artist in Iceland in 1942. His life is as compelling and enigmatic as his art, set against the dramatic wartime locations that inspire him. This film brings to life this unique and still grossly undervalued British artist caught in the crossfire of war 80 years ago, whose legacy largely sank without trace, until now...</p>

13th August	FESTIVAL OF THE SEA	The aim is to celebrate everything that the sea means for an Island community: livelihood, leisure, ships, boats, swimming, sea-life, nourishment, and even transport. It blends thanksgiving, awareness of the damage we have done to the sea and its ecology, our dependence upon our Good Mother Earth, and the acts of penitence and intercession. The ancient Gaelic heritage of our lands and islands came alive in the recitation of the prayers of Blessing handed down to us both orally and in Carmichael's Carmina Gadelica, calling us to renew our ecological awareness along with our sense of wonder.
20th August	ARRAN BRASS BAND	Come along at 2pm and hear the fantastic Arran Brass Band. nts.org.uk/visit/places/brodick-castle 'Events'
22nd August	LAMLASH SHORE SCRAMBLE	Join us (COAST) as we explore Lamlash's old pier, where we'll have a guddle in the rock pools to discover the myriad of marine creatures exposed by the falling tide. Book via www.arrancoast.com/octopuscentre/whats-on
25th August	SCOTS POETRY EVENING	Celebrating the life and work of Robert McLellan and featuring the winners of the McLellan Scots Poetry Competition with judge Hugh McMillan - Corrie hall.
25th August - 3rd September	McLELLAN ARTS FESTIVAL	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 Robert McLellan's work, traditional and classical music, poetry, theatre and film.
26th August	McLELLAN POETRY WINNERS NIGHT	With judge Joelle Taylor at Corrie hall.
26th August	BLACKWATERFOOT BEER FESTIVAL	This ever-popular annual beer festival takes place in the stunning seaside location of Blackwaterfoot - you don't want to miss this one!
27th August	ISLE OF ARRAN PIPE BAND @ BRODICK CASTLE	Come along at 2pm and hear the wonderful sounds of the pipes and drums from the Isle of Arran Pipe Band. nts.org.uk/visit/places/brodick-castle 'Events'
27th August	ARRAN POETS & MUSICIANS JAM NIGHT	Taking place at Corrie hotel. See www.arrantheatreandarts.co.uk/mclellan-festival for full details.
2nd - 3rd September	THE ART OF PAPER CUTTING WITH FEN WOLTERS-SINKE	Day 1 - introduction to the history of papercutting and its influence on other art forms; how to use the materials and techniques to create a papercut. Day 2 - learn how to present your papercut design in a small artists' book. www.arranvisualarts.co.uk

3rd September	ARRAN BRASS BAND @ BRODICK CASTLE	Come along at 2pm and hear the fantastic Arran Brass Band. nts.org.uk/visit/places/brodick-castle 'Events'
9th September	SCOTTISH ENSEMBLE	7.30pm, Brodick Hall, £12 per ticket and free for under 18's. Scottish Ensemble (as part of McLellan Arts Festival).
13th - 24th September	ARRAN FESTIVAL OF FOOD & DRINK	An exciting island-wide programme of foodie events running over two weeks showcasing Arran's award-winning food and drink.
24th September	ISLE OF ARRAN PIPE BAND @ BRODICK CASTLE	Come along at 2pm and hear the wonderful sounds of the pipes and drums from the Isle of Arran Pipe Band. nts.org.uk/visit/places/brodick-castle 'Events' for more details and booking.
24th September	ARRAN FARMERS MARKET	As above.
21st October	STROUD ZHANG DUO VIOLIN & PIANO	7.30pm, Arran High School, £12 per ticket and free for under 18's.
21st October	STRAW WEAVING & PLAITING WITH JULIA BOVEE	You will learn how to select and prepare straws, how to tie them, and a selection of weaving & plaiting techniques. By the end of the day you should have several small pieces of decorative straw work to take home, helping to keep this endangered and beautiful craft alive. No previous experience required. www.arranvisualarts.co.uk
14th November	SALTWATER GALLERY THEMED WINTER SHOW	Themed Winter Show, inspired by the novel Jonathan Livingston Seagull by Richard Bach
17th - 19th November	SHOP ARRAN	More information to follow.
25th November	THE TIM KLIPHUIS TRIO	7:30PM, Venue TBC , £12 per ticket and free for under 18's. The trio are touring the world with their genre-defying brand of high-energy gypsy jazz and classical mash-ups to perform in Memory of Django on Arran. This programme with pieces by Django and his musicla partner Stephane Grappeli brings a smile to all faces and gets toes tapping.
25th November	SANTA'S SPARKLE	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.

2nd - 3rd December	BAS RELIEF IN CLAY FOR HOUSE OR GARDEN WITH TIM POMEROY	This 2-day workshop will be an introduction to low-relief (bas-relief) sculpture in ceramic, terracotta or stoneware. What is produced over the two days will be fired ready for mounting in the garden or on a wall. The workshop will cover the rudiments of achieving a sense of depth in a clay panel using strong lights and modelling tools. Anything you can portray in drawing or painting can be portrayed in bas-relief - think drawing with clay! www.arranvisualarts.co.uk
3rd December	ARRAN FARMERS MARKET	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.