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Montrose House officially opened

Time capsule buried on site to mark opening

REPORT
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Arran's new state-of-the-art Montrose House care home and resource centre was officially opened on Monday by health secretary Shona Robison at a special celebratory ceremony.

The new home in Brodick provides islanders with a fit-for-purpose care environment which offers long-term residential support to those who can no longer be supported at home. The new Montrose House has been designed to complement existing health and social care on the island, including services offered by the independent sector.

Members of the community were involved in the project from the outset and encouraged to put forward their ideas to shape its development. And there was a large turn-out of residents, health professionals, carers and friends at the opening ceremony.

The health secretary spent time chatting to residents after she arrived with North Ayrshire Provost Joan Sturgeon and depute North

Ayrshire council leader Alan Hill, who spoke ahead of the plaque unveiling.

The new £5.6 million site was purpose built to meet the needs of its service users and has two wings comprising 20 rooms. Residents have been moving in over the past few months from the old Montrose House which is now closed.

Each bedroom has its own en suite bathroom and access to a beautiful and secure garden, designed specifically to meet the needs of residents and featuring comfortable seating and shaded areas.

There are also friendly dining spaces, quiet areas and several relaxing and spacious lounges where residents can make themselves at home and meals are prepared daily on site by experienced catering staff.

Work is also under way to develop a rehabilitation and reablement service within the new Montrose House using the remaining ten en suite rooms available.

This service aims to support individuals who need targeted, short-term services to enable them to return to their own homes safely.

Stronach day service has



Health secretary Shona Robison chats to resident Peggy Grundy before the opening ceremony.

also benefited from a new purpose-built wing within Montrose House. This modern and improved service allows islanders the chance to take part in a wide range of different activities.

To mark the home's official opening a time capsule was buried on site.

Councillor Anthea Dickson, cabinet member for health and social care, said: 'The new facility has already been well received by our service users and staff since it first opened in January and offers

improved residential care for older people on the island, as well as a resource centre and rehabilitation facility which enables us to help residents remain in their own homes.'

Ms Robison said: 'I'm delighted to have been invited to open this fantastic new facility in Brodick. Montrose House will provide good quality residential care for Arran's older residents for many years to come.'

'I was also interested to see their resource centre and rehabilitation facility that will

enable people to live in their own homes if that's what they want to do.

'This is the kind of all-round approach which we need to take when it comes to caring for our older people.'

Brian McQuade, managing director of Kier Construction's Scottish business, said: 'We were delighted we were able to use local sub-contractors for 88 per cent of the work, providing a real and tangible boost to the local economy.'

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Missing man found trapped on cliff face

A missing man who became trapped on a cliff had to be rescued by a passing lifeboat crew.

Tobermory RNLI's volunteer lifeboat crew located the 44-year-old missing man on the cliff face on Arran as they were travelling to Troon on Monday.

The crew were crossing the Firth of Clyde at 2pm on the Severn Class Beth Sell when they were asked by Belfast Coastguard to assist Arran RNLI in a search for a missing man. The lifeboat diverted to Dippen Head on the south east coast to carry out a shore search towards Brodick.

Shortly after starting the search the crew located the man some way up a cliff. Two crew members went ashore in the lifeboat's daughter craft, the Y Boat, and climbed up the cliff to give medical assistance to the man who was then airlifted by the Royal Navy's search and rescue helicopter, Rescue 177. The lifeboat then resumed its passage to Troon.

Lifeboat operations manager Ian Stevens said: 'It just goes to show that the volunteers can be called on to respond to an emergency at any time. We are very pleased to have been able to assist and even more pleased the missing man was located so quickly.'

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Total scallop dredging ban in ambitious marine plans

'It should be obvious to everyone that healthy productive seas will be a huge benefit to all marine stakeholders'

A complete ban on scallop dredging has been announced for the new South Arran Marine Protection Area (MPA).

The news has been widely welcomed and the Community of Arran Seabed Trust has congratulated the Scottish Government on listening to coastal communities, marine scientists and economists.

As well as all scallop dredging activities such as suction dredging, beam trawling or mechanical dredging will be prohibited anywhere in the 280km² MPA.

Demersal trawling, which is bottom trawling just above the sea bed, will be banned in 63 per cent of the site, including those areas of maerl beds, seagrass beds, burrowed mud, kelp and seaweed communities, ocean quahog, maerl or coarse shell gravel with burrowing sea cucumbers and shallow tide swept sands with burrowing bivalves.

Where demersal trawling is permitted, it will be restricted to vessels under 120 gross registered tonnage. And no creels, long lines or set nets will be permitted in the most

fragile 6 km² of the MPA.

Arran MSP, Kenneth Gibson, has welcomed the news.

He said: 'I am pleased to say that environment secretary, Richard Lochhead, has announced ambitious marine protection plans in Scottish waters. There will be a further consultation on such measures in September, with full implementation in spring 2016. I am delighted that the lobbying by the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) its members, the wider community of Arran and me, has resulted in this progress.'

COAST said it 'broadly welcomed' the announcement that a Marine Conservation Order (MCO) will be put before parliament this week setting out new conservation measures. However, it is concerned that it is still proposed to allow continued bottom trawling in the South Arran and Upper Loch Fyne MPAs.

COAST's executive director Andrew Binnie said: 'Mr Lochhead and senior staff at Marine Scotland are to be applauded for taking one of the

first concrete steps towards achieving a healthy and productive Clyde by 2020. The Clyde's MPAs have a significant part to play in achieving this vision and the removal of dredgers from the Arran MPA is very positive. While we have real issues with the continuation of bottom trawling in the outer areas of the MPA and within Upper Loch Fyne, we will be working with Marine Scotland to resolve these during the one month consultation period.'

However, not everyone is happy. The Scottish Fishing Federation has requested an urgent meeting with the environment secretary so that he can hear at first-hand their mounting concerns over the serious impact MPA management measures will have on fragile fishing communities.

But COAST chairman Howard Wood said: 'We had expected the SFF to show enlightened self-interest at this late stage in the process. It should be obvious to everyone that healthy productive seas will be a huge benefit to all marine stakeholders.'



Howard Wood OBE

OBE for Howard in honours list

Howard Wood has been honoured with an OBE for his services to marine conservation.

The chairman of the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) received the award in the Queen's birthday honours list.

It is more recognition for Mr Wood who, in April, won the prestigious Goldman Prize for Europe at an event in the US. But this week he was quick to play down his individual success.

Howard said: 'I am delighted to receive this honour from the Queen. It recognises the work done by everyone involved in

COAST and would not have been possible without the widespread community support both on Arran and farther afield.'

Thorn in the side

However he said he intends to remain a thorn in the side of the marine establishment until Arran's inshore waters receive adequate protection.

In a statement the Trust said: 'We are absolutely delighted to learn that our tireless chairman has now been honoured with an OBE for his dedicated work through COAST to community-based marine conservation and restoration.'

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Time capsule buried at new Montrose House

The opening ceremony of the new Montrose House also saw the burial of a time capsule by North Ayrshire Provost Joan Sturgeon.

This contained a number of items of interest, including a photograph of a salver presented by resident May Fenton commemorating her winning a SWRI competition for

wine making 11 times, a copy of the current edition of the Arran Banner presented by Ian McNicol, a day-service user, and a scroll containing details and photographs of Friends of Montrose House Association activities since its formation in 2000 by Liz Lawrie the chairwoman of FOMHA.



Performing the plaque unveiling. 20_b25mont03



Official guests: councillor Alan Hill, Kenneth Gibson MSP, health minister Shona Robison, Provost Joan Sturgeon, councillor Anthea Dickson, Montrose House manager Isobel McKenna and Iona Colvin. 20_b25mont04



The health minister shares a laugh with residents. 20_b25mont02



The Arran Banner was one of the items placed in the time capsule.



Liz Lawrie with the scroll which was buried.

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Caledonian MacBrayne ferry services to Arran face disruption next week after the RMT union announced plans for industrial action.

Members will be instructed not to 'turn to' (book on) for any duty that commences between 00.01 hours and 23.59 hours on Friday June 26. This action is intended to be discontinuous. Furthermore members will take discontinuous industrial action in the form of an overtime and call back ban between 00.01 hours on Wednesday 24 June and 23:59 hours on Thursday 25 June.

RMT members have voted by well over 90 per cent for action in a ballot that covers both strikes and action short of strikes. CalMac has previously said it would seek to minimise disruption in the event of strike action.

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Sean even has time to pose for a selfie. 20_b25sean11



The Arran Belles who joined Sean on his trip down the island. 20_b25sean12



The TV weatherman poses with the pupils and the cheque. 20_b25sean04



Sean Batty collects a cheque for £100 from Bryan and Louise Lewis at The Sandwich Station.



Sean received a cheque from Jack Hirschfield on behalf of the school 20_b25sean13



Sean with the fundraising Arran

Sean's cycle

The sun shone as TV weatherman, Sean Batty, visited Arran last week as part of his coast to coast cycle for the STV Children's Appeal Challenge

The STV weatherman took on the 168 mile cycling challenge from Tarbert to Dunbar to help fight child poverty.

He set off from Tarbert last Thursday on the four day fundraising trip cycling the short stretch to Clonaig on Kintyre to catch the ferry to Arran.

His first stop was at The Sandwich Station in Lochranza where he collected a cheque for £100 from Bry-



Sean high fives the pupils. 20_b25sea

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Youth Foundations team. 20_b25sean09

s coast to coast challenge

an and Louise Lewis. He also collected the charity box that they had displayed on our counter for the previous week.

He was joined in Lochranza by three cyclists from the Arran Belles who accompanied him to Brodick.

On route they took part in a fundraising Tearoom Tea Party at Corrie Golf Club before continuing south to Brodick Primary School.

There Sean was given a rapturous welcome by the excited children who he chatted to with the TV cameras there to capture

all the activity for an STV Children's Appeal programme later in the year.

Jack Hirschfield handed over a cheque on behalf of the school for £102.86 for the appeal raised by a dressing down day. The pupils also handed over weather pictures they had painted.

Sean then opened the school fete and barbeque before all the pupils at the school who have passed their cycling proficiency test joined Sean on a cycle parade through Brodick to the Douglas Hotel.

It was only Sean's second ever

visit to Arran and he said he had been given a great welcome.

'The sun is shining, everyone is happy and we are raising money,' he said.

'What could be better.'

Sean also met members of the Arran Youth Foundations who have benefited from money from the appeal and heard at first hand how it had been spent.

To support Sean's fundraising challenge and make a donation to the STV Appeal, visit Sean's JustGiving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/seanbatty2015/>



The TV cameras roll as Sean meets pupils at Brodick Primary School. 20_b25sean01



Sean leads out the young cyclists making the trip to the pier. 20_b25sean14



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A support group formed to help people with Parkinson's on Arran will be holding a special meeting on Wednesday 1 July, to unveil the most recent breakthroughs in Parkinson's research.

Dr Beckie Port, research communications officer at Parkinson's UK, will talk via teleconference about the latest developments in Parkinson's research from 2pm to 4pm in The Arran War Memorial Hospital in Lamlash. The event is free, and is open to the public as well as people affected by Parkinson's.

One in 500 people in the UK have Parkinson's – a neurological condition which can leave people struggling to walk, speak and sleep, and which has no cure.

Dr Port said: 'There are so many promising avenues which might lead to a cure for Parkinson's. I'm looking forward to sharing the secrets of what our researchers are doing 'behind the scenes' in the labs.

'At Parkinson's UK, we're passionate about finding a cure and improving treatments to help the 127,000 people with Parkinson's in the UK. We need the people of the Isle of Arran to get behind us so we can fund even more promising research projects.'

To register and book a place, please contact Carol Kane on 600611.

The Arran group offers information, friendship and support to local people with Parkinson's, their families and carers to make sure that no-one has to face Parkinson's alone.

The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month from 2pm to 4pm in the Lamlash Fire Station, Lamlash. To find out more about upcoming meetings, and to get involved, contact Donald McNiven on dmcniven@bt-connect.com or call 700313.

Support Parkinson's UK's search for a cure at parkinsons.org.uk/research



The Balmichael Water Treatment Works.

Project to improve water quality for 4,000 residents

Scottish Water has completed a key project on Arran which will help ensure it continues to provide clearer, fresher drinking water to thousands of customers.

The £2.8 million project has improved the water quality to the almost 4,000 customers served by the Balmichael Water Treatment Works, (WTW) as well as the thousands of people who visit the island every year.

The upgrade of the WTW, which treats water from boreholes, involved the installation of a new water treatment process on the existing site, using a filtration membrane with very fine screens.

Balmichael WTW serves more than 3,960 customers in about 2,500 properties across the the island including Brodick, Lamlash, Whiting Bay, Kilmory, Kildonan and Shiskine.

Mrs Jane McKenzie, Scottish Water's regional communities team manager, said:

'We are delighted to have completed this important project at Balmichael Water Treatment Works.

'The upgrade of the WTW and installation of new assets has enabled us to ensure that we continue to provide clear, fresh drinking water to all connected properties which are supplied with water from the WTW, which is the biggest on the island.

'Scottish Water is always serving Scotland and we are committed to providing the best possible service to all of our customers, whether they are in the biggest cities or the most remote rural areas. This investment on Arran will bring significant benefits to customers on the island, and visitors and tourists, for many years to come.'

The project was carried out by contractors, Ross-shire Engineering.

There was a construction compound opposite the WTW while the work was

carried out, but there was no disruption to local traffic. The new treatment building was designed to minimise visual impact by utilising the available boundary screening.

Mrs McKenzie added: 'We are certain that our customers in the area will appreciate that this investment will provide an improved service for many years to come and that they will welcome the completion of this important project.'

Scottish Water carried out some site investigation work in the area around the WTW before the project started and this provided important geological, environmental and archaeological information.

'We liaised with organisations such as the Scottish Environment Protection Agency and Scottish Natural Heritage and we ensured that the habitat of birds such as hen harriers and oystercatchers, which are near the WTW, were not disrupted during the nesting season.

'We also worked with the West of Scotland Archaeol-

ogy Service and ensured that our work did not disturb any local sites of archaeological significance,' she added.

When the original WTW was being built by the then West of Scotland Water authority in 1999-2000, contractors discovered a 17th century lime kiln and a flint knapping (tool-making) site with implements and artifacts such as arrowheads, scrapers and pottery.



Jane McKenzie.

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Eddi Reader on song for unique musical soiree

Alba: The Songs of Scotland. Eddi Reader with the Scottish National Jazz Orchestra, Arran Community Theatre, Lamlash Thursday 11 June

Having arrived on Arran for the folk festival, we found this concert scheduled for later in the week, ticketing problems notwithstanding. Online? On Arran? On Holiday? We managed a couple of returns and were so glad we did.

Eddi is well versed in her material and is blessed with a voice that is at home in this setting. A gentle start with Tommy Smith's Glen of Tranquility led into a more up-tempo Burns' Ye Banks and Braes with a wonderful tenor sax solo from Konrad Wiszniewski. 'John Anderson, My Jo' had appropriate smooth accompaniment, then came 'Old Lang Syne' with a bass solo from Calum Gourlay.

Two stand-out numbers

came next. Having heard both murdered in folk clubs over the years, Eddi made 'My Love is Like a Red, Red Rose' very moving. 'Ye Jacobites by Name' finally made sense when not hammered to death. The first half ended with a humorous 'Charlie is My Darling', showing this outfit can swing.

Gentle rendering

Part two opened with Eddi on Anglo concertino and Steve Hamilton on piano giving a gentle rendering of 'Deidra's Farewell to Scotland', then a venture into Gaelic with 'An Ataircachel Ard'. Martin Kershaw's superb arrangement of 'Bose and Butter' was followed by a languid version of another Burns song, 'Ae Fond Kiss. 'Jamie Come Try Me'

demonstrated how to swing in ¾ time.

Tommy Smith played a superb smooth solo on tenor sax in the 'Loch Tay Boat Song' and then the penultimate number gleaned from Eddi's childhood, Glasgow Barrowlands. The arrangement fitted perfectly, the orchestra sounding like they were in a Palais de Dance before rock and roll took over.

For a finale came a beautiful song, 'Wild Mountainside' written by Eddi's husband, John Douglas, to waft us gently on our way homeward.

All in all, a wonderful concert, vocals and arrangements sympathetic to the material making this an important and unique event that has been 25 years in the making.

Peter Tomlyn



Staff in the main Brodick store publicise the fruit and vegetable price cuts.
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The Co-op has slashed the prices of fruit and vegetables throughout the stores on the island to meet customer requests and have vowed to keep them down.

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Manager of the main Brodick store Liz McLean said: 'The new lower prices will benefit everyone who shops here.'

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Marine fight not over yet

The lobbying which has led to the total ban on scallop dredging in the South Arran Marine Protected Area is to be congratulated.

This and the other measures announced this week by environment secretary Richard Lochhead go far further than many dared hope.

But the fight is not over yet.

Already inshore fishermen in the Firth of Clyde are seeking an urgent meeting over what they say is their mounting concerns of the impact the MPA management measures will have on fragile fishing communities, and the industry has a lot of clout.

To play devil's advocate, the Scottish Fishing Federation came out with strong words this week saying they viewed the new measures with 'disbelief and anger' and said they went far beyond the proportionate and evidential approach that was promised.

So clearly the fishing industry is not going to take them lying down.

But for many decades now our inshore waters have been managed almost solely for the benefit of dredgers and bottom trawlers in one of Europe's worst cases of regulatory capture. A situation in which a commercial vested interest effectively writes its own regulations with government acquiescence.

This has been a disaster for the Clyde and the wider fishing community, particularly creelers, who represent the vast majority of inshore fishermen.

All the more reason then that there should be no let up in the community support which has been behind the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) throughout this long process.

Despite the announcement consultation is still going on and will do so until October with the final plans not fully implemented until next spring.

So let us get behind COAST as they continue to lobby not just for the wide ranging measures proposed but in getting rid of bottom trawling even in the outer areas of the South Arran MPA.

Only then will we maybe see the first steps to a healthy and productive Clyde by 2020.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

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

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Letters to the Editor



Woolly nonsense

Sir,
Arran is blessed with an abundance of walks both natural and constructed. They offer a welcome and calming relief from the towns with their double yellow lines, bus stops, satellite dishes, advertising boards and exhaust fumes – a never ending list that reflects modern civilization.

It is then wonderful, on this beautiful island, to be able to escape from the concrete jungle and within minutes relax in the bosom of mother nature, which at this time of the year offers a bountiful display of colour from bluebells, campion, broom, wild garlic and much more of nature's unfolding splendour. To stroll unhurried through this enchanting treasury of creation has long lasting therapeutic, mental, spiritual and physical values.

The last thing you expect on such a meander is to turn a bend and find a three foot sculpted toadstool with a multi-coloured woollen skirt. Yuk! It suddenly disturbs you, in the same way as if it had been an abandoned rusty dishwasher, having no place in nature whatsoever.

Who is it that thinks they can improve upon the cornucopia of nature with this woollen graffiti? Even Banksy respects nature and restricts his work to the city streets.

We need to teach our children to love and admire nature not vandalise it. They would be better learning the names of our fauna and flora, smelling the perfume, listening to the rustle of leaves and learning everything about them.

These benefits will endure with them long after this graffiti has rotted away. Is nature not enough?

Please direct these well intentioned activities to the towns which need deliverance. Nature does not need any assistance in beauty department.

In order to repair the damage already inflicted a pair of scissors and a plastic bag

may be taken on walks. It is the new dog poo but please do not put it in the dog bins. It should go in a recycle bin.

Yours,
J.A.G.
Brodick

Great weekend

Sir,
Well, that's another Folk Festival over, and I would like to use your columns to thank the following people who helped make it such a great weekend!

Firstly, the outstanding musicians who thoroughly entertained us with their skill and passion, and the audiences who sang, clapped and danced at the concerts. Also Jim and Elaine, folk music fanatic Craig, and the rest of the hard-working team at the Douglas Hotel for putting us up - and putting up with us - for three days.

Thanks to Fiddlers Bistro, for providing artist sustenance and allowing us to add another string to our bow this year with the late night sessions, and the Arran Distillery for keeping the machinery lubricated!

To the 'one and only' Keith for so ably running the Open Sessions, Michael at Brodick Hall, and our die-hard volunteers who man the doors and raffle stalls - thank you. A special mention to the fantastic local talents who performed on the Sunday night and Bobby Watt for a phenomenal impromptu set!

Finally, all the local businesses who kindly donated raffle prizes, CalMac for getting everyone here in (roughly!) one piece, and not forgetting The Banner for a great write-up in last week's edition. Once again, our thanks to everyone who supported us. Here's to keeping music on Arran live.

Sláinte!
Yours,
Andy McCallum
Arran Events

Spring clean

Sir,
Shiskine Hall continues to be one of the busiest on the island, with many regular user groups, which is superb. In

the past year, we've installed a new kitchen, and other improvements are always ongoing. Through your columns, the committee would like to invite user groups and friends, to join them at their annual Spring Cleaning day on Saturday 20 June from 2pm to 4pm, where all are welcome to help. All you need is a little enthusiasm, maybe some rubber gloves – and of course, refreshments will be provided!

If you can't make the Spring Clean, perhaps you might like to consider joining the hall committee?

We're a friendly bunch, and meetings are usually held every eight weeks or so, so it's not a huge time commitment – we even had a Facebook whisky tasting at our last AGM.

Ideally we like to have a rep from each user group on the committee, so if you or your child use Shiskine Hall, why not represent a user group? Contact myself on 860403, or any other member of the committee.

Yours,
Sheila Gilmore
Shiskine Hall
Torbeg

Be prepared

Sir,
If Deborah Anne is so worried about accidents caused by fake animals, The Banner letters page of 6 June, one must question her driving skills.

Surely fake animals are no more dangerous than garden gnomes.

However, on Arran roads one must always be on the look out for animals of all sorts in all sorts of places. So maybe the fake animals are a good exercise to hone your skills and be prepared in case you happen to meet a real one. Personally I have never run a fake animal over.

Yours,
An Arran bus driver
Name and address supplied

Tea party

Sir,
I would just like to thank everyone one for coming along to the Tearoom Tea Party last Thursday which was attended by TV weatherman Sean Batty on his cycle through Arran.

We raised £511 which will go to Mary's Meals and the STV Appeal. Amazing! Many Thanks to Bunty's, Red Door, Isle of Arran Distillery, Sannox Bay Hotel, Arran Dairies, Cladach Pottery, Shirley Sivewright, Arran Graphics, Elma Stevenson, James' Chocolates for all your generous donations and to Corrie Primary School Choir, Mike Bailey and James Clark from the Balmicheal Centre for your time; you were all brilliant.

Yours,
Claire Irving
Corrie Tearoom

The Banner on Holiday visits Angkor Wat

The good readers of The Banner have been remembering to take their favourite paper on holiday with them and lots are coming in.

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Volunteers recognised for Hear to Help service

The charity, Action on Hearing Loss Scotland, has honoured the remarkable contribution of islanders at its Volunteer Awards ceremony in Glasgow.

The award for perfect partnership was presented to Nancy Bremner, Fiona MacKenzie and Susan McNicol during Volunteers' Week.

The award is in recognition of the Arran volunteers' life-changing Hear to Help service which delivers free maintenance for NHS hearing aid wearers on the island. The Arran team supports people at a monthly drop-in, or by visiting care homes, day care centres and sheltered homes, and also paying home visits.

Their volunteering means that local people are saved a round journey of up to seven hours to visit the audiology department at Crosshouse Hospital for basic hearing aid maintenance.

Nancy Bremner said: 'We are extremely honoured to



Delia Henry, director of Action on Hearing Loss Scotland with Arran volunteers Susan McNicol, Fiona MacKenzie and Nancy Bremner and their trophy.

have received a volunteering award from Action on Hearing Loss Scotland for supporting people on Arran who have hearing loss. We all get tremendous satisfaction volunteering in the heart of our own community and working

to improve the everyday lives of people with hearing loss.' Action on Hearing Loss Scotland director, Delia Henry added: 'Volunteers are the backbone of Action on Hearing Loss Scotland and we are delighted to recog-

nise the endless enthusiasm and inspiring work the team on Arran has shown, particularly as the long-term future of Hear to Help is in doubt. Their volunteering makes life easier for people on Arran with hearing loss who

can conveniently access local maintenance support without having to make long and tiring journeys to have their hearing aids looked at.'

Action on Hearing Loss Scotland is currently seeking volunteers to fill a wide range of roles - including fundraising, information talks and support for NHS hearing aid wearers. For more information, visit www.actiononhearingloss.org.uk/volunteer or contact the charity's Volunteer Manager, Hugh Donaghy, on telephone: 0141 341 5333 or email: hugh.donaghy@hearingloss.org.uk

Kilmory walk for charity

Kilmory Primary School is holding a Race for Life event in aid of Cancer Research UK on Monday 22 June.

It will be departing from the school at 10am and anyone is welcome to join them or to donate.

Schools across the UK are holding events in aid of the charity and Kilmory decided that, rather than hold a sports day, they would take part in Race for Lives Schools.

They have planned a very scenic walk or jog through Lagg woods towards the beautiful Torrlinn beach and back to school on safe traffic-free marked footpaths. The event ends with refreshments in the playground. The route is suitable for all ages but, if anyone wants a bit more of a challenge, they can do the route twice!

New notice board in bank

The Royal Bank of Scotland in Brodick has a new community notice board in the banking hall.

Branch manager, Karen Ward, said: 'If any customers wish to advertise an event, please just drop your poster, no bigger than A4, into the branch or mobile van and we can put it up for you.'

Also, from Monday 22 June, bank staff will be holding a bric-a-brac stall in the branch to raise money for the Ayrshire Hospice. Anyone is welcome to come in for a browse.

THE ARRAN BANNER SUMMER FOOD & DRINK GUIDE

DINING OUT GUIDE

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Malt and Music Festival Isle of Arran

THE TEAM at Isle of Arran Distillers is gearing up to host the island's sixth Malt and Music Festival next weekend.

Taking place on June 26, 27 and 28, Scotland in Miniature will come alive to the sound of bands from Arran and the mainland, all enjoyed with a dram or two of the distillery's finest single malts.

The schedule of events

is broad and ranges from an exclusive White Stag Dinner (prepared by local island chef Robin Gray) on Friday 26th to the Survivors Lunch on Sunday 28th, with the main Festival itself taking place on Saturday 27th June.

Doors at the distillery site open at 11am and the £5 entry fee includes a Spey Dram Whisky glass, a drink token and the opportunity for a free

guided tour of the distillery.

Throughout the day, the team will be hosting a range of whisky tasting master-classes with sessions ideal for whisky novices and avid whisky fans alike. Free distillery tours and live music



will be available all the day as well as food, drink and a specialist Arran whisky bar in the marquee.

On Saturday evening in the distillery grounds, the weekend's headlining band 'Skipinnish' will be playing in The Grand Marquee with a mix of ceildh and traditional Scottish music, tickets on the door are £10.

Euan Mitchell, managing director of the distillery, said: 'We really look forward to our Malt and Music Festival each summer as the event is a celebration of everything we love about Arran and whisky.'

'As well as being a great

party, the festival gives people the opportunity to really get to know the team behind Arran Distillers, which is something that not many distilleries offer.

'For nearly two decades we've been producing unique malt whiskies for discerning drinkers around the world. We are delighted to again welcome people to enjoy the stunning location that is our home, some great music and the Arran Malt.'

The fun continues on the Sunday with the Survivors' Lunch and Masterclass where James MacTaggart, Arran's master distiller will

host a traditional buffet lunch, accompanied by a selection of drams chosen by the man himself.

The unique and collectable 'Arran Malt and Music Festival Bottling 2015', which has become a key souvenir of the weekend for many, will be on sale from the Saturday, only from the Visitor Centre shop priced at around £130, along with the full range of Arran Malt whiskies and associated goodies.

Tickets are available for the Festival and it's individual activities at www.arranevents.com or simply pay £5 entry on Saturday.

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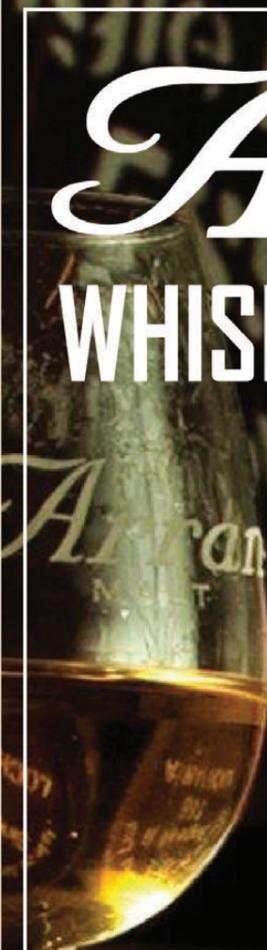
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Bethan Remington singing in the vocal solo open class. 20_b25music19



Bethany Walsh performs on guitar 20_b25music1



Whiting Bay Primary who finished runners-up in the primary c



Olivia Barker receives the Lady Jean Trophy from Derek Norval after winning the vocal solo open class. 20_b25music20



Alice Lockhart winner of Class 22 woodwind elementary. b25music02NO



Iain Gold winner of Class 9 vocal solo Gaelic primary with adjudicator, Derek Norval.



Pirnmill Primary Ukelele Group winners of class 50 primary instrumental group.



James Smith winner of class 30 brass intermediate.



Bethany Walsh with the Donald Paton Cup and adjudicator, Derek Norval. 20_b25music12



Charity May performs during the vocal solo S4-S6 contest. 20_b25music09

Young feast & Songs, mu featured in

The 86th Arran Music Festival saw a host of performers of all ages battle for a range of trophies at the Arran Community Theatre in Lamlash last week. Over three days, school pupils of all ages from across the island took part in competitions involving vocal and instrumental, speech and drama and Scottish country dancing. The whole event was rounded off with a concert-style event on Wednesday evening, which also featured adult performances, and saw the last of the trophies handed out. Festival organisers would like to thank participants for all



Bethany Walsh played the guitar, piano and violin in the final e 20_b25music11



Choir competition. 20_b25music06

Teachers serve up a great music festival

Music, speech and dance all on three days of competition

their hard work ensuring another very successful festival, and they welcome any constructive feedback regarding any aspect of this year's event.

Class winners during the festival were: Class 70b, Whiting Bay Primary; Class 70c, Whiting Bay Primary; Class 90, Torrie Primary; Class 80, Lisa Henderson; Class 81, Rhea Webster; Class 82, Harry Gilmore; Class 83, Daisy Innes; Class 84, Laila Webster; Class 5, James McCarthy; Class 86, Iain Gold; Class 91, Sam Reid; Class 56, Archie Innes; Class 1, Pirmill Early Years; Class 6, Finlay Elliott; Class 4, Brod-

ick Primary; Class 52, Whiting Bay Primary; Class 36, Natasha Nelson; Class 37(1), Freya McNicol; Class 37(2), Elyse Aitken; Class 42, Arran High School Band A; Class 41, Brodick Primary 5; Class 39, Charlotte, Iona and Luke; Class 29, Thomas Copperwheat; Class 32, Lamlash Trumpet Trio; Class 34, Lamlash Primary.

Class 33, Jessica Demazeux and Gabrielle Allison; Class 30, James Smith; Class 1, Lamlash Primary; Class 54, Hanna-Louise Fraser; Class 50, Pirmill Ukelele Group; Class 13, Abi Traill and Maggie Gaber Hammednor; Class

5, Daisy Innes; Class 6, Iona Summer; Class 9, Iain Gold; Class 10, Maili Beatan; Class 12, Charity May; Class 15, Donald Currie; Class 7, Ellie Ewing; Class 14 Charity May and Fiona Rennie; Class 22, Alice Lockhart; Class 23, Maili Beatan; Class 26 Maili Beatan and Alison Provan; Class 51, Lois Ashley and Finlay Elliott; Class 8, Bethany Walsh; Class 17, Nastassja Alberti; Class 101 Ellie Ewing and Olivia Barker; Class 38, Bethany Walsh; Class 106, Alan Reid; Class 100, Olivia Barker; Class 102, Vivace; Class 111, Angus Adamson and Alistair Paul; Class 109, Arco.



Lois Ashley and Finlay Elliot won the Festival Salver for their performance of Van Morrison's Moondance. 20_b25music08



Donald Currie winner of class 15 piano elementary.



Olivia Barker performs with official accompanist, Lorna Buchanan, as adjudicator, Derek Norval, looks on. 20_b25music21



Evening session.



Olivia Barker and Ellie Ewing lift the Stoltz Offshore Plate for their vocal duet. 20_b25music15

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Mums and babies in the swim

Mums and babies enjoyed taking part in a six week block of baby swimming lessons held at Auchrannie Spa Pool.

They were organised by Heather Allison and Mary Patterson, from Community

Health, taught by Sally Hunter and funded by the partnership forum who decide on funding for educational, health and social needs.

Sally said: 'There are a great many benefits for baby swimming for both the babies and their mums or carers.'

'The babies learned skills which they will carry on through their lives. Studies have shown that babies who swim also have improved balance and grip compared to non-swimming babies.'

'The mums gained confidence to take their babies swimming outwith the lessons and it also gave them a chance to meet other mums and carers and go for a coffee.'

Another block of lessons has now started and will be completed after the school holidays when the pool is quieter again.

Above: James Grassie swims free but mum Sorrel Neus is close at hand.

Water splash for tots!

Right: Mum Felicity Young in the pool with her baby Charlotte.



WIN!

A family ticket for the Falkirk Wheel!

Save the Children lunch guests enjoy charity talk

Save the Children's annual lunch took place on Monday 8 June with the Auchrannie Spa Resort kindly providing the venue for the event.

Carol Burge, chairwoman, welcomed all present and, after a most enjoyable lunch, she introduced the guest speaker, Sarah Broscombe, previously community fundraising operations manager for Save the Children in the north of the UK.

In a very interesting talk, Sarah told guests that the Save the Children charity operates in 120 countries.

She herself had worked in China, Tibet, South Africa and elsewhere in overseas development.

Sarah also gave a video presentation of her time in Sierra Leone during the Ebola crisis.

A total of 23,218 people developed Ebola of whom 9,365 died including 488 health workers. She praised the courage of the health workers from all the charities involved. It took 4.3 billion dollars to bring the disease under control.

Sarah then spoke of the disaster in Nepal. Save the Children has been operating in Nepal since 1976 with 400 staff there at present.

As there was always the possibility of an impending earthquake, much preparation had already been done.

But the worry now is the approaching monsoon season.

Lastly, Sarah spoke with great enthusiasm about a new Academy for Humanitarian Relief which has been opened in London.

This is the first of 20 academies worldwide. The purpose is to teach leadership development to facilitate work overseas. Wherever possible, it is hoped to work closely with local people.

Sarah concluded by stressing the importance of

the work done by volunteers in fundraising and thanked everyone present for their support.

Morag Smith, fundraising manager for the west of Scotland, then gave a quick resume of the success of one of the latest projects 'Den Day'. A short film showed children creating a den outdoors. The idea is to sponsor children to make a den either indoors or outdoors thus raising their awareness of the kind of home in which some children overseas have to live.

Carol then closed the meeting by thanking the speakers for their interesting and thought provoking talks.

She thanked the Auchrannie Hotel for its hospitality and all those present for supporting the event.

The Falkirk Wheel is one of Scotland's top tourist destinations and attracts visitors from all across the World. The best way to experience The Falkirk Wheel is by taking a trip on a breath-taking boat journey.

The 50 minute journey lifts the boat up to join the Union Canal 35m above and sails smoothly from The Falkirk Wheel onto the Union Canal. The family ticket includes 2 adults and 2 children for a boat trip.

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It's a dog on challenge for Maggie

A woman cycling 5,000 miles round the coast of Britain with her dog visited Arran earlier this month.

The 65-year-old grandmother, Maggie Scorer, and her seven-year-old golden retriever, Oscar, got the ferry to Lochranza and cycled down to Brodick as part of her route before staying overnight with a relative.

She is trying to raise £25,000, in aid of two very personal causes - Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research and Sands - with her Dog on Tour challenge.

Oscar is on hand to offer encouragement during the moments of strain while



Maggie with Oscar and her bike on Arran. 20_b25dog01

he's comfortably seated in a Dutch-designed 'Doggie Ride' attached to the back of the bike. The plucky Granny is doing the trip solo and unsupported although she hopes that family and friends will join

her and Oscar for days along the way.

Maggie started in Aldeburgh, Suffolk, in March and is cycling anti-clockwise around the coast. She is hoping to be back there by the end of August.

Based on approximately 30 miles a day, the whole trip will take her - with a bit of luck and the Great British 'summer' weather permitting - five months. She'll overnight in B&B's, with friends, or, in her own words, 'any old barn will do'.

Detailed information about making a donation can be found on her website: dogontour.co.uk

Helen's island run is a marathon at the double

A woman has completed two marathons in two days by running the whole way round the island.

Helen Gavin was raising money for Cancer Research UK and was joined on her Isle of Arran Challenge by friend, Rob Ellis.

Unfortunately, Rob was not able to complete the route due to injury, but still raised money during the trip.

The duo, who are from York now live in London, but they visit Arran with their families every year.

Rob said: 'So far we have raised £1,330. A large part of the money collected during our trip was from locals on the island who proved to be incredibly generous.'

'We even received £50 from a lady at a bus stop at one point during the run,

'In addition, the distillery provided us with a free bottle of malt, which I've sold to my dad to boost the fundraising total, and a number of the cafes and restaurants on the island we have visited this week also kindly donated.'

'Unfortunately, I was unable to complete the challenge as my knee gave up on me around mile 34.'

'Despite doing 30 miles on the Monday, I had to go to A&E on the island on Tuesday. My doctor knew all about the run though, thanks to the Arran Banner!

'Helen kept going though, and completed the full 56 miles in the early afternoon on Tuesday.'

Rob added: 'I think the fact that I was unable to finish, and the overwhelming



Rob Ellis with Helen Gavin following their challenge. 20_b24round01

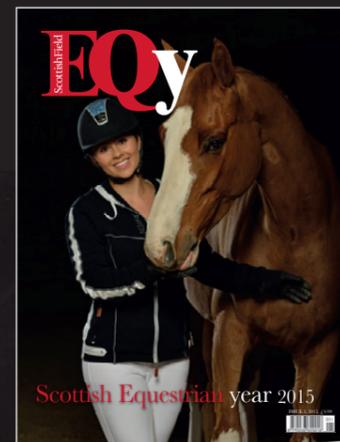


Helen has a well earned rest after her double marathon. b24round03

generosity of the locals, prove what a difficult challenge this was. Helen was an absolute superstar, and her only complaint the following morning was that she had sunburn, not a hint of an ache or pain!

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First spotted sandpiper 'lost' on Arran

On Tuesday 19 May, a spotted sandpiper, an American species, was photographed on the shore at Clauchlands.

This is the first report of this species on Arran, as reported in the Banner last week.

The original observer was initially somewhat dubious about the identification, even though the photographs taken clearly showed the distinguishing features of the well-named spotted

sandpiper. A few days later, on Thursday 21 May, the bird was seen by other observers. It has not been seen since.

Like the more familiar common sandpiper that breeds along our shores in the summer, both the common and the spotted are long distant migrants. While the common sandpiper breeds in temperate Europe and Asia, wintering in Africa, southern Asia and Australia, the

spotted sandpiper breeds in north America ranging across Canada as well as the United States, wintering in central and south America.

So how did the spotted sandpiper get to Arran? At some stage when it has been migrating, either in the spring up the east coast of America or in the autumn down the east coast of America, stormy weather conditions have moved it across the Atlantic. Now it will continue to migrate on this side of the Atlantic. These birds are described as accidentals. Another appropriate term is 'lost'.

There have been very occasional reports of pairing between spotted and common sandpiper in the UK and one report of a breeding pair of spotted sandpiper in the Highland region in 1975.

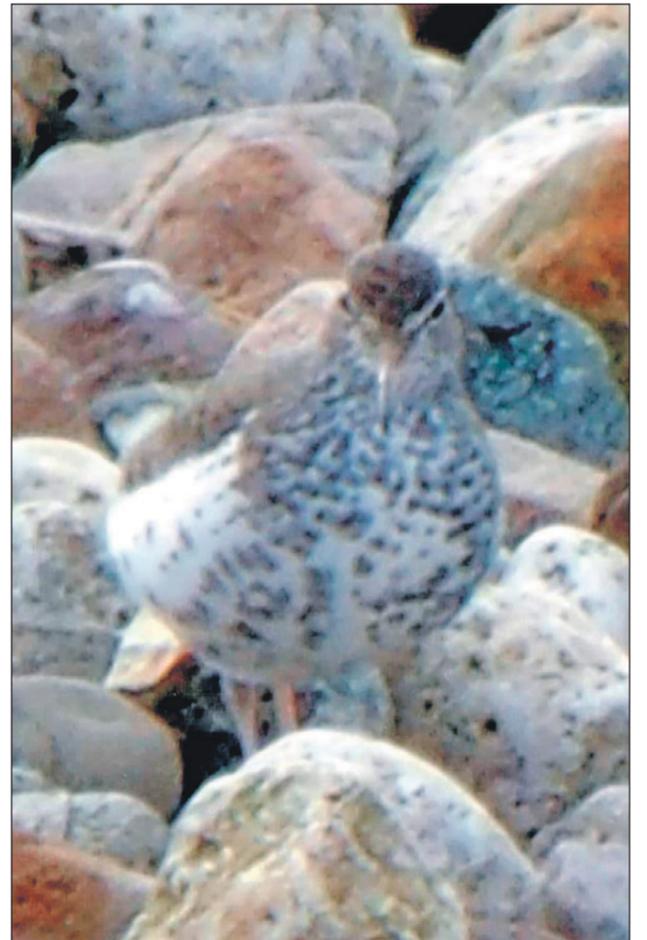
In the UK, the spotted sandpiper is rare. The first UK record was in 1849. Between 1950 and 2007 there were only 131 UK

Bird notes
by Jim Cassels
JUNE

records. There are usually only two or three records a year. This year, there was a juvenile in Aberdeenshire in January and in May an adult in Herefordshire as well as the bird on Arran. Last year there was one near the RSPB site at Baron's Haugh by Motherwell from 6 to 20 July. Whether or not that bird and the one on Arran this year are the same bird, is not known.

Enjoy your birding
Please send any bird notes with 'what, when, where' to me at Kilpatrick Kennels, Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot, KA27 8EY, or email me at jim@arranbirding.co.uk.

I look forward to hearing from you. For more information on birding on Arran buy the Arran Bird Atlas 2007-2012 as well as the Arran Bird Report 2014 and visit the www.arranbirding.co.uk website.



The spotted sandpiper is well-named.

Photo by Colin Cowley b25bird01



The more familiar common sandpiper which breeds round our coast.

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Coastal Way now featured on busiest walking website

The Arran Coastal Way now features on the UK's busiest website for walkers, publicising the route to thousands of potential visitors every day and hopefully persuading them to visit Arran to tackle the week-long route.

Project co-ordinator Rachel Sedman said: 'We are really pleased Walkhighlands now covers the Arran Coastal Way. It's such a great route with loads of variety in the types of walking and the scenery.'

The Arran Access Trust's two-year project to upgrade the route is really coming along, with new sections of path, beach cleans and footpath maintenance. We hope it will encourage walkers to come and explore our beautiful island. The route descriptions, maps and gps available from Walkhighlands are real assets to anyone wanting to tackle the Arran Coastal Way.'

Walkhighlands is the UK's busiest outdoors website and attracts more than 18,000 visitors a day. A detailed description of the Arran Coastal Way is now available free on the site and the team behind the site believe this will encourage more people to visit the island to sample the walking on offer.

Paul Webster from Walkhighlands said: 'We had a fantastic time on Arran researching, mapping and photographing the Coastal Way and many other routes.'

'We enjoyed meeting so many people who were passionate about their island, not just the walking and amazing scenery but the food, wildlife and good hospitality on offer here.'

The link to the Arran Coastal Way on Walkhighlands is <http://www.walkhighlands.co.uk/arran/arran-coastal-way.shtml>



A section of the Arran Coast Way which now features on the busiest walkers website.

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TWENTY YEARS AGO

Saturday 24 June, 1995



For three nights this week, pupils at Arran high school put on a performance of the musical Buggy Malone at Lamlash community centre. Our pictures feature the cast of the show performing 'You could be anything that you wanted to be' and four flappers in harmony - Lorna Kelly, Sarah Gouldthorpe, Louise Pattenden and Anna Kilshaw - opening the show with 'Everybody loves Buggy Malone'.

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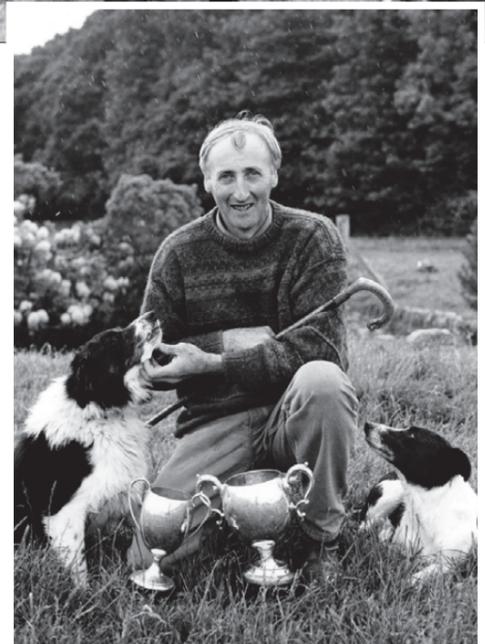
Arran rugby club held a coaching day for children in Lamlash last Sunday to nurture young talent for the future. The youngsters who took part are pictured with team members. b25twe06



Glenrose horseshoe race took place in near perfect running conditions last Saturday. This annual race takes in the three peaks around Glenrose and is open to experienced hill runners. Overall winner was Dave Cummins of Shettleston, seen here with members of Arran runners club, Gordon Allsop, who finished second, and Brian Robertson who finished third. b25twe05



Lamlash won the Irn Bru seven-a-side tournament football at Sandbraes last Sunday for the third year in a row. Another Lamlash team also won the B tournament and are pictured here. Back row, left to right: Shiona Murchie, Lesley Greig, captain, John O'Brien and Johnny McLean. Front, left to right: Ross Duncan, Scott Dwyer and Ryan Dwyer. b25twe03



At the annual Kildonan sheepdog trials held at Brodick Castle, George Tod with Belle and Merc took the Arran singles and doubles cups. George's dogs are more used to hard work than competing and in 25 years this was his first big success. b25twe04

What's on

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Everyday

Trout Fly Fishing
 Brodick Castle, Garden Open
 Arran Brewery
 Arran Brewery tour
 Lamlash Tennis Courts/Putting Green
 Arran Heritage Museum

Loch Garbad, bank & boat fishing
 9am-Dusk
 Mon - Sat: 10am - 5pm, Sun: 12.30 - 5pm
 2pm (limited spaces call for availability)
 Open all day
 Rosaburn, Brodick, 10.30am to 4.30pm

Blackwaterfoot bowling club rink game
 RunArran
 Scottish Country Dancing
 Metafit
 Open Cricket Session

Blackwaterfoot bowling club, 1.45pm
 Lamlash, 5.30pm
 All Stages, Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm
 Arran High School, Lamlash, 6pm
 Brodick Atsro Turf 7pm-9pm

Saturday 20th June

Army Cadets
 Over 21s Disco
 Family Games
 Fun in the pool
 Live music
 Brodick Bowling Club Rink game
 Brodick Market
 Blackwaterfoot bowling club rink game
 Lamlash Bowling Club Rink Game
 WBay Bowling Club Rink Game
 Arran Yacht Club Opening
 Gate 2 Gate Fun Run
 Gillian Maitland
 Live Music with Michael Clark
 Arran Dancers Show

Auchrannie Road 11am - 1pm.
 Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
 Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
 Auchrannie Spa pool, 4-5pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick from 8pm
 Brodick bowling club, 2pm
 Auchrannie Road, Brodick, 10-4.30pm
 Blackwaterfoot bowling club, 1.45pm
 Lamlash Bowling club, 2pm
 Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2pm
 Lamlash, 5pm
 Brodick Castle, Race starts 12.30pm
 Brodick Hall, 7.30pm
 Douglas Hotel, Brodick, 9pm
 High School, Lamlash, 1.30pm

Wednesday 24th June

Coffee morning (every Wednesday)
 Rock & Pop Bingo
 Tae Kwondo
 Alcoholics Anonymous
 Arran Brass Rehearsal
 Yoga
 Hydrofit
 Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy service
 Junior Tennis
 RunArran
 Yoga-Arran
 Live music
 Drift Inn Quiz
 Mixed Hockey
 Dog classes
 Brodick Bowling Club Rink game
 Knitting & Crochet drop in group
 Roundhouse Open
 Lamlash Bowling Club Rink Game
 WBay Bowling Club Rink Game
 ArCaS AGM
 Creative Up cycling workshop

Lamlash Church Hall 10.15am-12noon
 Ormidale Hotel 9.30pm
 Arran high School Kids-6.30-7.30pm Adults-7.30-8.30pm
 Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
 Brodick Church Hall, 7-9pm
 Auchrannie Studio, 9am-10am
 Auchrannie Hotel leisure, 10.15 - 11.15am
 10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30
 Shisikine Golf & Tennis Club, 4.30-6pm
 Brodick, 5.30pm
 Kinneil, Lamlash, 7-8.30pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick from 8pm
 Lamlash, 9pm
 Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7.30-9pm
 Whiting Bay Hall, 1pm
 Brodick bowling club, 6.45pm
 Brodick Library, 4pm - 6pm
 Brodick Castle, 11am - 3pm
 Lamlash Bowling club, 7pm
 Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.30pm
 Glen Cloy Suite, Auchrannie, 7.30pm
 Whiting Bay Hall, 2-4pm

Sunday 21st June

Family Games
 Fun in the pool
 AA Meeting
 Open Session - All musicians & Singers welcome
 Bike Festival

Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
 Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm
 Brodick church Hall, 5pm-6.30pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick 2.30pm
 High School, Lamlash, 10am ride, 12 noon activities

Monday 22nd June

Over 50s Badminton
 Badminton
 Live music
 Morning Fitness
 Table Tennis
 Badminton
 Arran Junior Football Club
 Yoga
 Circuit Training
 Brodick Bowling Club Rink game
 Lamlash Bowling Club Rink Game
 WBay Bowling Club Rink Game
 10/10 Total Body workout
 Citizens advice
 Lamlash Aerobix
 RunArran
 Summer Bridge
 Arran Viking Longship AGM

Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm
 Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick from 8pm
 Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
 Corrie Hall, 6.30pm
 Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm
 Ormidale Park, 6-7.30pm
 Corrie Village Hall, 11am - 12 noon
 Auchrannie Gym, 6-7pm
 Brodick Bowling club, 6.45pm
 Lamlash Bowling club, 7pm
 Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.30pm
 Arran High School, Lamlash, 6.45pm
 Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30am - 1.30pm
 Arran High School Dance Studio, 7pm
 Whiting Bay 5.30pm
 Arran High School, Lamlash, 6.30pm
 Corrie Hotel, 7.30pm

Thursday 25th June

Morning Fitness
 General Knowledge Quiz
 Yoga
 Ladies Hockey
 RunArran
 RunArran
 Paintings Tour
 Live music
 Cardiac Rehab
 Body & Mind
 QuiltArran
 Senior Tennis

Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
 Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
 Corrie Village Hall, 6pm - 7pm
 Ormidale Pavilion, 7.30-8.30pm
 Brodick, 6pm
 Blackwaterfoot, 7.30pm
 Brodick Castle, 2pm - 3.30pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick from 8pm
 Auchrannie leisure club, 2-3.30pm
 Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 6-7pm
 Lamlash Fire Station, 2-4.30pm
 Shisikine Golf & Tennis Club, 5.30pm

Friday 26th June

Yoga
 Hydrofit
 Arran Youth Foundations
 Live music
 Lochranza Kids Badminton
 Lochranza Adults Badminton
 Quiz
 Family fun night
 Brodick Market
 AA Meeting
 Live music
 Tae Kwondo
 Coffee Morning

Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9am - 10am
 Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 10.15 - 11.15am
 Church Hall, Brodick 7pm-9pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick, 8pm
 Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm
 Lochranza Hall, 8pm
 Whiting Bay Golf Club, 8pm
 Brodick Golf Club 4.45pm
 Auchrannie Road, Brodick, 10-4.30pm
 Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick, 8pm
 Arran high School, Lamlash Adults, 7pm - 8.30pm
 Corrie and Sannox hall, 10.30am

Tuesday 23rd June

Pop Quiz
 Alcoholics Anonymous
 Youth Club
 Rotary club
 Healthy Outdoors
 Live music
 Garden Walk

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
 Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
 Kildonan Hall, 7pm
 Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 7.15pm
 NTS Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick from 8pm
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CHURCH NOTICES

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Church)
St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday 21st June
Holy Communion, 11.00 am.
Mr John Roberts.
Coffee after service.
Wednesday, 24th June
Holy Communion, 12.15 pm.
ALL WELCOME

ARRAN CHURCHES TOGETHER

Sunday 28th June
at 6.30 pm,
SONGS OF PRAISE
on the Green, Lamlash
(in Lamlash Church if wet).
With Arran Brass.
Offering to the Mary's Meals.
ALL WELCOME.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Parishes of North Arran Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirmill and Shiskine Independent but working together
Minister:
Rev Angus Adamson,
Parish Assistant
Mrs Jean Hunter:
Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times to which all are invited.
Sunday 21st June
Lochranza Church, 9.30am Morning Worship.
Pirmill Church, 10.45am Morning Worship.
Shiskine Church, 12noon Morning Worship.
Brodick Church, 10.30am Morning Worship.
Corrie Church, 11.30am Prayer Meeting,
12noon Morning Worship.
There will also be a Service of Worship in Montrose House at 1.30pm.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Kilmory linked with Lamlash
"A faith to proclaim ~ a fellowship to share"
Sunday 21st June
Kilmory 10am
Lamlash 11.30 am
Rev. Lily McKinnon
In Lamlash:
Family Service and presentation of Sunday Club prizes
All welcome, including families; children's area
Scottish Charity SC015072

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)
Sunday 21st June
Morning Service 11am
Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick
Evening Service 6.30pm
5 Glen Road, Brodick
All welcome

WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(Charity Number SC014005)
Sunday 21st June
Family Worship will be conducted by the minister,
Rev Elizabeth Watson
at 10.30am.
This service, the closing service for the Sunday School, will be an all age service and all ages are most welcome.
Tea and coffee will be served after the service and there will be the sale of Traidcraft goods.

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Vigil Mass: Saturday 7.30pm
Sunday Morning Mass 11am

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev Vince Jennings
Sunday 21st June
11am Morning worship in the Ormidale Sports Pavilion, Brodick
Tea and Coffee after the service.
Wednesday at 7.30pm
Home Fellowship Group for Bible Study and Prayer.
Contact phone no 600222
Everyone warmly invited

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 21st June
Shiskine 11am (Church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)
Brodick 7pm (Church behind post office)
Finlay Mackenzie

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS, QUAKERS

Quakers meet every Sunday at 11am. For meeting venue ring - 830622, 820223

DEATHS

CAMPBELL - Elmine. Died peacefully in her sleep 12th June after a short illness. Beloved mother of Colin, Rebecca and the late Carl, Grandma to many and sorely missed by us all. Burial will be at Lamlash Cemetery week beginning Monday 22nd June; for exact date and time contact Hendrys Funeral Service 01770-302233. No flowers please but donations to ARCAS or COAST.

COLLINS - Geoffrey
Margaret and family are sad to announce the passing of Geoffrey, who died peacefully at home on Wednesday 10th June 2015, aged 76. He will be greatly missed by this loving family and all who knew him. A service will be held at Masonhill Crematorium, Ayr, KA6 6EN, on Friday 19th June at 1.15pm. A service of thanks giving will be held in Brodick church, on Saturday 20th June at 11.30am. Family flowers only please, donations to Marie Curie and ArCaS will be appreciated.



Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday 10 June, Summer Trophy round 9. On the day summer finally arrived 30 played in round nine of the summer trophy. Conditions were perfect with the greens firming up and approaching their summer pace - quite different to what we have been used to recently. 1 Adam Kelso (12) 61, 2 Ryan Armstrong (6) 63 and lowest gross, 3 John Dick (16) 64 acb, 4 Jamie Stewart (6) 64. Magic twos went to John Simmons at 14th, Corey Allen at 15th, Stan Rainey at 16th and Graeme Crichton at 17th.
Saturday June 13, Ladies Championship final. After last week's postponement and following a gruelling qualifying campaign, Lesley Wood and Lynn Walker competed in the final of this year's ladies championship. Conditions were perfect for golf with warm bright spells and a dry course. The match



Congratulations to the winners at Shiskine Golf Club. Mairi Pollock won the ladies championship, Mark Sherwood won the gents championship, Jack McNally won the Duisky, and Piet Johnston won the ladies bronze championship. Captain Martyn Ker was on hand to do the presentations

started evenly with the first two holes halved but Lynn Managed to win holes 3, 4 and 5 to go 3 up. Lesley came straight back however with wins on 6 and 7 and two halved holes thereafter brought the match to the turn on a 1 hole advantage to Lynn. The back nine opened with two halves but then Lesley won three on the spin to go 2 up and ahead in the match for the first time. Lynn fought back to win 15 but a half on 16 followed by a win for Lesley on 17 brought the match to a close with a 2 and 1 victory to Lesley. It goes without saying that the match, between two long standing friends, was played in the best of spirit. Commiserations to Lynn but congratulations go to Lesley on her third championship victory and her first since 2006.

Sunday June 14, Gents Stableford. Surprisingly, only five played on a morning that was unexpectedly chilly at times, the warm sunshine failing to arrive until after the cards had been signed. 1 Adam Kelso (12) 40pts, 2 Corey Allen (6) 35pts acb, 3 John Pennycott (13) 35pts. Magic twos went to Adam at 2nd and to Neil McKechnie at 7th.

Fixtures: Sunday June 21, Eric Wood Stableford.

Ladies Section: Sunday June 14, Eric Wood Memorial Trophy, just 6 ladies were able to play in perfect conditions but all enjoyed this Stableford Competition. 1 Gege Kroner 37 pts, 2 Patricia Tait 32 pts.

Fixtures: Sunday June 21, Medal and looking forward to our Ladies Open Stableford on Saturday August 1.

Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday June 10, Summer cup, 49 played, CSS 67. This summer cup was played in what was the best day of the summer and yet the scoring was not good, taking the CSS up by 3 to 67, however it was great to see 49 out playing including so many young members. 1 Bert McGunnigle 77-12=65, 2 Matthew Keir 71-5=66 BIH, 3 Bruce Jenkins 74-8=66. Scratch Matthew Keir 71, there were seven magic twos.

Sunday June 14, Brandon Medal, 19 played, CSS64. The scoring was much better in the Brandon, probably the players getting used to the faster greens. It was also great to see John Beattie back on the prize list. 1st and 1st class Brandon winner Gordon Hendry 70-5=65 BIH,

2nd and 2nd class Brandon winner John Beattie 85-20=65 BIH
3rd Robert McCrae 72-7=65. Scratch Gordon Hendry 70, there were 6 two's
Fixtures: Saturday June 20, first round Hope Cup at Brodick. Sunday June 21, Club Trophy. Sunday June 28, Marchioness of Graham Bogey Trophy.

Ladies section: Tuesday June 9, Centenary Quail, 14 played, CSS 68. 1 Carole Stewart, 81(17) 64, 2 Pat Adamson 86(19)67, 3 Pat Reid, 86(17)69, 9 hole Stableford, 1 Mairi Thompson 13pts, 2 Janette McNamara 11pts.

Corrie Golf Club

Wednesday 3 June, Medal, 13 played, CSS 61. 1 B Lewis 35+35=70-10=60, 2 M Elliot 34+32=76-14=62, 3 J McGovern 38+36=74-11=63. Best scratch B Lewis 70. Magic twos S Beardsley at 10th, J McConnachie at 5th, B Lewis at 13th. Twos pot now won. Saturday June 6. Match rained off.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday June 11, Summer Cup, CSS 64, 27 played. 1 Ian Taylor 82-20=62 BIH, 2 Scott Macfarlane 76-14=62, 3 Willie Currie 71-8=63, 4 Allan Winship 77-13=64
Scratch Todd Jameson 68.

Eric Wood Memorial Trophy at 16th, Dougie Macfarlane at 16th, Colin Richardson at 13th, Lee Dutton at 16th, Jim Lane at 14th, Billy O'connor at 16th. Senior Medal 1 Jimmy Gordon 68-9=59. No magic twos recorded

Sunday June 14, Fleet Cup 36 holes, 1st rnd, 10 Played CSS 65. 1 Paul Jameson 76-11=65, 2 Iain Murchie 70-4=66, 3 Todd Jameson 71-4=67. Scratch Iain Murchie 71

No magic twos recorded. 2nd rnd, CSS 64, 9 played. 1 Iain Murchie 66-4=62, 2 Todd Jameson 69-4=65. Scratch Iain Murchie 66, Magic twos Iain Murchie at 13th Todd Jameson at 2nd and 16th. Overall winner of Fleet Cup Captain Iain Murchie 66+62=128. Runner up Todd Jameson 65+67=132. Fixtures: Saturday June 20, AGA Hope Cup Lamlash v Corrie at Brodick GC. Sunday Jun 21, Jameson Cup, tee times 9.30am and 12.30pm. Ladies section: Wednesday June

10, medal and second qualifier, 13 played, CSS 65, par 65. 1 Kate McAdam 84(19)65, 2 Morag Gardner 86(19)67, 3 Liz Sinclair 84 (16)68. Scratch: Sheena Murchie 83.

Shiskine Golf Club

Wednesday 10 June, gents 12 hole medal, six played in fine conditions. 1 P Betley 51 -9=42 BIH, 2 D Price 50-8=42. Scratch D Price 50. Magic two D Price at the 10th. Congratulations to Phil on winning the medal!

Arran Golfers Association

Thompson Matchplay Cup. Semi finals were held at Corrie Golf Club on Saturday June 13 at 1pm. In the first match Nicol Hume played Jamie McPherson who won by 3+ 1. In the second match Graeme Andrew played Dougie Robertson who won by two holes after Graeme had to retire with an injured foot.

The final was held on completion of the semi-finals. Dougie lost out to Jamie's steady play by two holes after an inspired fight back. Jamie six handicap, was giving 11 strokes by index to Dougie 17.

After completion of the first nine holes Jamie was one up. Putting cost Dougie on the 10, 12 and 13 to go four down and it looked all but over when he came up short at the 14th, however fate stepped in and a magnificent long range put secured a half to keep the game alive.

At the 15th, both found the green in regulation, after Dougie had a brief visit via the Rowan Trees. Another wonderful put by Dougie earned a birdie three net two.

At the 16th Dougie drove out of bounds, encouraging Jamie to play safe with a mid iron. Dougie reloaded, driving to the low fringe of the green. Jamie on the green seemed secure of his win, Dougie proceeded to hole the long range put for a four net three to win another hole and the match ended at the 17th.

For the 17 holes completed Jamie scored 35+29 =64. Dougie 43+33 =76.

Fixtures: Saturday 20 June start of the Hope Cup at Brodick from 4pm.



Thompson Cup winner Jamie McPherson (right) with runner-up Dougie Robertson.

DEATHS

EMSLEY - Margaret

Peter and all the family are sad to announce the passing of Margaret Emsley of Pirmill, peacefully at Arran War Memorial Hospital on 9th June 2015. Private cremation. A Service of Thanksgiving for Margaret's life will be held at Lochranza Church on Saturday, 27th June at 11:30, to which all friends are invited. Catacol Bay Hotel afterwards. Black ties need not be worn.

MCKELVIE - Mary Ann (Mhaire) nee MacLeod, peacefully at Morar Lodge Nursing Home, Helensburgh on 12th June 2015 in her 98th year, beloved wife of the late Donald McKelvie, Isle of Arran, much loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother of the family. Funeral service at Kilmory Parish Church, Isle of Arran on Friday 19th June at 12noon.

MACPHERSON - Ian, peacefully at home in Lamlash, Isle of Arran on 11th June 2015, aged 86. Beloved husband of Jean, brother of Nina, Dorothy and the late Norman, brother-in-law of "the Meikle Girls" of Stevenston and much loved uncle of many!

Funeral service at Lamlash Church on Monday 22nd June 2015 at 11.30am, and thereafter at Brodick New Cemetery. (Bus will meet ferry arriving Brodick at 10.40am)

SMALL - Verner
It is with great sadness, Grace and family announce the death of her beloved husband, Verner, aged 91 years, who passed away peacefully at 8.45am on 16th June, at Montrose House.

Funeral service in Brodick Church on Thursday 25th June at 11.30am to which all are welcome. Family flowers only please.

DEATH NOTICE

RICHARDSON - William Lawson

"Big Billy" 21/9/63 - 09/06/15.

It is with absolute devastation that I have to announce the sudden death of my gorgeous husband and loving father of Eva, Logan, and wee Oli, and stepfather of Milly and Hermione.

Loved to the moon and back.

There will be a family only private funeral.

If any further information is required please contact Claire on 01770 840329.

We ask you to respect our wishes at this difficult time.



The girls learn about road safety from Arran police officers, Ian Thomson (left) and Brian Sexton.



Medals and certificates were handed out to the girls at the end of the camp.

Girls learn about safety first at pony club camp



Kirsty Morrison is put through her paces.

Members of Arran Riding Club junior pony section recently held their annual camp at Kings Cross.

Over the weekend, the girls enjoyed riding lessons of both flat work and jumping, stable management, show preparation and canoeing.

Local police officers, Brian Sexton and Ian Thomson, visited the camp where they discussed road safety when riding on the open road.

They said that hi-viz should be worn at all times, as well as suitable clothing and riding hats. They also gave advice on how to make polite hand gestures to direct traffic.

A demonstration was given using a pony and rider with hi-viz, and one without, to demonstrate how hard it is for

other road users to see them without hi-viz.

The officers told the girls that car users should slow down, pass wide and slow without revving the engine or sounding their horn. If they see a rider having a problem with the horse, they should not pass unless safe to do so.

Car drivers should be aware and watch for the signals of riders in order to avoid accidents.

The girls enjoyed a fabulous weekend and worked extremely hard with their ponies and were given medals and certificates on Sunday afternoon before going home.

One of the organisers said: 'The Arran Riding Club committee would like to thank all involved in making the camp a huge success.'



Daisy McNamara prepares to jump.



Left to right: Lily Currie, Kirsty Morrison, Daisy Morrison and Amelia Robertson check on their horses before bed.



Rosy McNamara enjoying herself on Black Beauty.



Daisy Amsing urges her pony over a fence.



Brodick defend another Southend attack. 20_b25footy01

Southend net three in top of the table clash with Brodick

Southend 3 Brodick 0
Southend played host to Brodick on Monday night with both teams having 100 per cent records going into the game, but it was the southerners who came out convincing winners.

The first chance of the game fell to Brodick's Archie McNicol with a shot which looked to be heading into the bottom corner until Stevie Judge pulled off a great diving save to deny the league's top scorer.

The first half remained fairly even with some good tussles on the park. Sandy Kelso then picked up a booking for repeated fouling.

The resulting free kick was cleared by Southend and, after some great play down the left side, the ball fell to Donnie Park on the edge of the box who then rifled it by Gordon 'Nog' Hendry in the Brodick goal to put Southend one up at the break.

In the second half, Southend were awarded a free kick just

outside the opposition's box. Ryan Armstrong stepped up and cheekily drove the ball low under the Brodick wall which had jumped and the ball snuck in the far corner to make it 2-0. At the other end when the ball fell to Archie from a cross, he struck it towards goal but Stevie instinctively palmed the ball onto the bar to make sure he kept a clean sheet.

Southend made it 3-0 when Lewis Kennedy put in a great corner and the ball was met

with a bullet header from Corey 'Sid' Allen.

Referee Iain McDonald then gave Ryan a yellow card for a rash professional foul on John Drummond. Sandy was then lucky to stay on the pitch after he put in a late tackle while on a yellow.

Ryan was given man of the match by Iain despite his yellow. He put in a solid dominating performance in the middle of the park and looks to be growing as a player in every game.

Shiskine 2 Lamlash 2
Lamlash travelled to Shiskine in the other game of the night with the fixture shaping up to be the battle of third place at the moment.

The game was too close to call and ended up being a two goals apiece stalemate. The home team's goals were scored by Matthew Clark and Joel Small, who bagged his second goal in as many games.

Former Shiskine striker

Joe Fawcett came back to bite his old team by getting Lamlash's first goal. The other goal was scored by Johnny Sloss.

Johnny was also given man of the match by referee Alan Johnston after a silky performance in the midfield.

Monday's fixtures see Shiskine host Southend with a 6.30pm kick off and Lamlash travel to Lochranza to take on Northend with that game starting at 7pm.

Swimming club makes first visit

The North Ayrshire Amateur Swimming Club is coming to Arran for the first time this weekend.

Its introductory sessions are booked for today (Saturday) and tomorrow at the Auchrannie Resort. Both sessions are from 2pm to 4pm and all swimmers are welcome.

The Saturday session will be for all swimmers only and their coaches will take the session.

Some of the committee will be at Sunday's session along with their coaches and they will be happy to answer any questions parents may have. The club is also bringing some of their swimmers.

Stuart Commins from the club said: 'We are looking forward to at long last to do our first of many sessions on Arran'

'We look forward to see you all and welcoming all Arran swimmers to the NAASC.'

Lamlash success at athletics championships

Five pupils from Lamlash Primary School recently took part in the North Ayrshire Primary Schools Athletics Championships held at St Matthew's Academy state of the art athletics track in Saltcoats.

Primary schools

This was the first year the event had

been held by North Ayrshire Athletics Club and was open to all primary schools across North Ayrshire.

Twelve primary schools took part with a total of 96 athletes getting the chance to try four events: 100m, 800m, long jump and shot putt.

The five Lamlash athletes were Alex-

ander MacBeth, Ciara Wood, Megan Duncan, James Currie and James Reid. They returned from the event with two gold medals and a silver.

Gold medal

James Reid took gold in the boys 800m and long jump while Ciara Wood took silver in the girls 800m.



The Lamlash pupils who took part in the event.



James Reid receives one of his two gold medals.

Junior hockey trip to see Scotland

The Arran Junior Hockey Club travelled to Glasgow on Sunday 7 June to watch the Scotland v Wales U21 match at the national hockey centre.

The club took 36 kids and three coaches, Lorraine Hewie, Victoria McNicol and Dawn McKinnon, along with committee members Andy Robinson, Ros Easton and Pauline Reid plus parent helper, Faith Ferguson.

Unfortunately Scotland lost 2-1 but the kids were then coached by the Scotland players for three hours with a finale on the waterside on the water-based AstroTurf.

It was fabulous fun and the kids had a ball. Everyone had a happy meal on the way home to top off their day away.

Junior hockey is on every Tuesday from 6pm to 7pm at the Ormidale AstroTurf for children aged 5 to 14.

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Athletes battle it out in new Arran Man challenges

Two brand new iron and half iron distance triathlons were held at the weekend in an event dubbed Arran Man.

A small test event in August last year proved so successful that organisers staged the full events this year in what might now become an annual event.

The weekend events were all centred in Lamlash and competitors took over the village green making the it extremely busy on both Saturday and Sunday.

Around 170 competitors

took part in the events, including a handful from Arran.

They included Mike Mellor who did the full ironman challenge and Wayne Dale, Paul Hewie and Brian Kelso, who now lives in Glasgow, who did the half ironman.

The course featured an open water sea swim in Lamlash Bay, followed by an anti-clockwise bike course using the round island 56 mile road twice, then loops of a 10.5km shore-hugging run course - described as probably the flat-

test and most scenic marathon course in the UK.

Arran Man is Scotland's only on-road iron distance event and although it has a hilly bike course, unlike others, competitors didn't have to climb a Munro as part of the run course.

One of the organisers said: 'A massive thank you to everyone who raced at the weekend. Also many thanks to all the helpers, marshals, spectators, athletes friends and families.'



The runners set off on the marathon.



The swimmers take to the water.



The swimmers get ready to take to the water with their bikes waiting behind them.

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The ironman winners with their medals.



Brian Kelso finishes the marathon.



Mike Mellor still smiling through the pain.
Photo Heather Raeside

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