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# Were you on Arran this time last year?

## New plea in search for missing John

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Police on Arran have made a new plea to visitors who may have visited the island a year ago.

It was exactly 12 months ago on Wednesday that 77-year-old John Smith of

Machrie went missing in 2017, and despite intensive searches no sign of him has been found.

However, Police Scotland have vowed they will continue the search and on the first anniversary of his disappearance have issued a new plea.

Inspector Colin Convery told the *Banner*: 'We are determined to continue our efforts in trying to find out where John is. The strain on his family during this time has been unrelenting and dealing with his disappearance has been extremely difficult for them. They are a close-knit family and not knowing what has happened to John is a heavy burden.'



Missing John Smith.

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## Take me to the beach



Fun in the sun as Euan and Katie Fleming of Whiting Bay join friends Callum and Izzy Brand at the beach near their home in Blackwaterfoot. After a delayed start to summer, Arran has been basking in sunshine for days, with temperatures reaching the high 20s ... and there's more to come next week. Forecasters are predicting a summer of sustained sunshine with above average temperatures for the next three months. 01\_B22beach01

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## Lifeboat rescues distressed swimmer

Arran's RNLI crew rescued a distressed and vulnerable man from the waters of Brodick Bay over the May Day bank holiday weekend.

At 11.30am last Saturday, the inshore lifeboat crew had to respond with haste as the pagers sounded to reports of a person in the water in Brodick Bay. The crew assembled and

launched the inshore lifeboat Rachel Hedderwick and while enroute the crew were informed by Belfast Coastguard that extra care would need to be taken as the young man was in a vulnerable condition.

After arriving on scene and finding him holding to the side of a rigid-hulled inflatable boat the crew assisted him into the inshore lifeboat before transporting him ashore to a waiting ambulance team.

Arran RNLI trainee helm Dave Nicholson said: 'Any time the pager sounds we know we need to respond as quickly as possible. When we find out we're responding to a person in the water it makes things even more urgent. We're all thrilled that we managed to get on scene quickly and help the young man out and wish him all the best for a swift recovery.'



Arran Lifeboat

# Arran Dairies cele

## Fouth generation means it is a real family affair

One of the oldest family firms on the island, Arran Dairies, is celebrating 40 years in business.

It was set up in 1978 by Russell Dobson and his wife Sheila, and is now in its fourth generation of family members. But the Dobson family tradition on Arran goes back a whole lot farther, as the family first began farming at West Knowe in Brodick in 1937.

The firm is now run by Alastair Dobson and the company recently held a birthday lunch at the Auchrannie to celebrate the milestone with their em-

ployees and to thank customers, suppliers and supporters over the years.

Alastair told the lunch: 'I am extremely proud to be currently leading Arran Dairies, especially as we are now into our fourth generation of family members now that I see Susan and my children and Russell and Sheila's grandchildren joining the business - Matthew in production and management, Hannah about to return to support me with Taste of Arran, and Ross who comes in to help out when he can. 'My Papa Dobson came



Alastair, centre back, with his mum and dad Russell and Sheila Dobson, Sylvia Allison the current staff at Arran Dairies. 01\_B22dairy



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## Were you on Arran this time last year?

'Arran is very popular with holidaymakers and it's possible someone on holiday last year has come back this year. I am asking people to think back and consider if they saw or remember anything about John which would help in our inquiries.'

John, who was widely known as Smudger, was last seen by a neighbour, walking near to Machrie Golf Club around 6.10pm on Tuesday May 30, 2017. He was on the Machrie Moor Road at the cattle grid near his home and was heading towards the String Road.

On the day he went missing, John was heading towards a friend's house in Shiskine but he never reached there and appeals for anyone who may have given him a lift or who saw him on Machrie Moor Road have proved negative.

His disappearance prompted a huge community response, with one senior police officer describing the search as one of the biggest he had ever seen in his



The section of Machrie Moor Road where John was last seen. 01\_B22missing02

26 years in the force. Extensive enquiries have been carried out, with a number of specialist resources being used to try and locate him. Both Police Scotland and HM Coastguard's helicopter have been used to search for John.

A number of land searches have been carried out by specially-trained search officers. The Force's dog branch was also deployed with assistance from members of the Arran Mountain Rescue Team and a coastal search of the area on the west of the island was conducted by a team from the RNLI.

One week on from John's disappearance, officers conducted a stop and speak

operation in Machrie Road in an effort to jog people's memory and gather any information which could help in locating John. Unfortunately, efforts to locate the pensioner have proved unsuccessful.

When last seen, John was wearing a dark coloured jacket, dark trousers, a woolly hat and brown hiking boots. He is around five feet, four inches in height, with a slim build, short grey hair, blue eyes and a fair complexion.

Anyone with information on John's possible whereabouts is asked to contact officers at Lamlash/Irvine Police Station via 101 and quote incident number 4049 of May 30, 2017.

# celebrates 40 years in business



Brakes organisation and their portfolio helped us to develop even more business and a number of years ago we developed a full grocery service, with ambient goods and non-food items.

'I thank them from the bottom of my heart. Their vision to start Arran Dairies in 1978 and their hard work over the formative years of the business and over the rollercoaster that every business faces, prepared a fantastic platform for me when I took over about 20 years ago.

'My wife Susan also needs special mention. If she had not been there to give me and our children the fantastic support she did for years and still does now, when I was working long hours both at home and away developing the business, there would be no way Arran Dairies and Taste of Arran could have grown as they have.

'Arran Dairies would be nothing without our small,

to Arran from Ireland via Lanarkshire in the 1930s to start farming at West Knowe Farm where I still stay. We have always sold produce of milk and potatoes etc to businesses, in Brodick initially then when my mum and dad started Arran Dairies, to the rest of the island.

'Very quickly they realised there was an opportunity to develop the range of products we offered our customers as they noticed the rise in the demand for frozen food. A quick discussion with the then main supplier to the island – Caterfrost, based in Glasgow – saw a secondary wholesale deal done and Arran

Dairies food division was started, quickly moving into chilled foods to fill demand as trends changed.

'Around 30 years ago Caterfrost sold to the Brakes Group and a new deal was done. The size of the



Sheila Gilmore recites a witty Ode to Arran at the lunch.

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Alastair delivers his birthday speech at the lunch. 01\_B22dairy02

diligent and fantastic team. Every day they make sure we give you the best service possible. They always look at ways of improving what we do, whether it be deliveries, our management of your account or making ice-cream. I am eternally grateful for all they do and I really hope you agree they deliver.

'Four years ago, due to changes and customer trends, and extreme low prices due to global issues within the dairying industry, we decided to stop processing liquid milk and concentrate on our ice-cream manufacture and to give us more time to look after our valued customers on Arran. This was a tough decision to make, but has proven the correct one.

'Always listening to what our customers want and understanding their needs, and to grow our core busi-

ness, we decided we needed to bring in specialist supplies of some categories. We now use the purchasing and culinary services of The Full Range and have to date introduced, fruit and veg through a partnership with Mark Murphy, sometimes having up to five vans on the island. We introduced a wider range of non-food items through Bunzle and Lockharts and a fish offering through M&J Seafood while continuing to grow our business with Brakes to supply your core products.

'Arran Dairies would like to continue to develop our services to you and increase purchasing solutions for all your needs potentially, including utilities, alcohol and more of the non-food options.

'We will also be developing our ice-cream sales across the UK and into ex-

ports. While doing this we will continue to look at new opportunities to support our Arran customers to get best quality and service – perhaps utilities and alcohol being key categories.

'As always, we will always be looking at more green and sustainable options for us and our customers, and are already engaged with reduction of single-use plastics and introducing more sustainable product options for our customers.

'We will develop and commit to our plan to deliver our ambitions, to be a successful, sustainable, profitable Arran company, serving our customers to the best of our ability, providing meaningful employment and career development for our people, and play our part helping Arran to be an exciting place to live and work.'

□ Editorial: page eight.

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# Appeal for sculpture's safe return



The springstone sculpture was  
carved by Zimbabwean artist  
Peter Gwisa.

The owners of a garden  
sculpture that went miss-  
ing from their Blackwater-  
foot garden over the week-  
end are appealing for any  
information on its wherea-  
abouts in the hope of having  
it returned.

The sculpture which  
stands at between three and  
four foot tall, and rests on  
a plinth, is made of spring-  
stone, also known as black  
serpentine, a dense stone  
with fine grain that is in-  
credibly durable and heavy.

## Sculpted

Sitting proudly among  
a flowerbed, the sculp-  
ture was the centrepiece  
of Gordon and Carole  
Stewart's garden. Orig-  
inally purchased in Fran-  
schhoek, South Africa, two  
years ago, the artwork was  
sculpted by Zimbabwean  
artist Peter Gwisa whose  
work can be seen in gal-  
eries around the world, in-  
cluding South Africa, Ger-  
many, the United States and  
the Netherlands.

Gordon said: 'This sculp-  
ture was stolen from our  
garden overnight and we



Situated in a flowerbed the sculpture was the centrepiece of the Blackwaterfoot garden.

would love to have it back  
home. It is very heavy and  
would probably have been  
taken by two people who  
kindly trampled over the  
flowers to steal it.

'Any information lead-  
ing to its recovery would  
be gratefully received and a

reward is being offered for  
its safe return.'

Police on Arran have been  
informed of the theft and  
considering its size, Cal-  
Mac have been requested  
to be vigilant, in case the  
perpetrators try to remove  
it from the island.

PC Scott Weir distributed  
a photo of the sculpture at  
a meeting of Arran Commu-  
nity Council this week.

He said: 'It is fortunate  
that this kind of incident on  
Arran is very rare, but peo-  
ple should always be vigi-  
lant about their security.'

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# Community support for maternity unit

Members of the Arran community have shown their support for the island's maternity unit with the donation of new equipment

Presenting midwife Elaine Kelso with the equipment at Arran War Memorial Hospital were three mums, who have used the unit, and Jim Arnold and Sandra Hall from the Isle of Arran Hospital Supporters' League.

TJ Lambie, Kirsty Park and Kitty Pointer-Dalton donated a comfortable

chair for new dads to make use of when meeting their newborn for the first time. The chair and footstool idea came about after TJ's husband commented on meeting his child for the first time on a standard NHS chair. Believing that she could make the experience more comfortable for new dads, TJ said: 'After giving birth my husband got to cradle our newborn, and, while it was a magical moment, it could have

been a more comfortable experience. Hopefully this new chair will add to the first time bonding experience for Arran fathers.

### Highly valued

'The maternity unit, and midwife Elaine Kelso, are highly valued and regarded on Arran and we just wanted to show our appreciation and support with this small gift. We are still fundraising on behalf of the unit and have further plans for the future.'

Equally generous in his praise for the midwifery service on Arran, Jim Arnold, who presented a state of the art breast pump on behalf of the league, said: 'The league is very appreciative of the support and generous donations from the people, family and friends of the island and those from further afield.'

The supporters' league supplements but does not replace NHS funding and the donations are used to provide additional comfort for the patients and staff at the Arran War Memorial Hospital and members of the community.

So far this financial year the league has been able

to assist with donations of a bladder scanner, an ECG, recliner chairs, safety equipment and various other supplementals totalling almost £18,000 towards medical improvements on Arran.

Midwife Elaine Kelso, who recently won a prestigious Scottish Midwife Award for her work on Arran, thanked everyone for their generous donations and support saying: 'A huge thank you to all who have helped make these donations possible. The equipment will be put to good use and will be appreciated by mums and dads making use of the maternity unit on Arran.'

## Koffee for Kalimpong

The Friends of Dr Graham's Homes are holding a coffee morning in Corrie and Sannox Village Hall on Saturday June 9, from 10.30am until noon to raise funds for the children's homes in Kalimpong, India.

As usual there will be delicious home baking, bric-a-brac and some plants for sale. Not to be missed is the fabulous raffle, stimulating company and interesting chat. A warm welcome is extended to all.



Community fundraisers join midwife Elaine Kelso to donate a comfortable chair and breastfeeding equipment to the Arran maternity unit.

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## Blood donations to be halted on Arran

Donors will no longer be able to give blood on Arran.

National changes to the blood collection programme will see the end of Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service donation clinics visiting the island.

All regular and previous donors on Arran were notified of the decision by letter, thanking them for their donations – which they stressed were appreciated – but telling them there would be no further sessions taking place at this time.

Citing a steady reduction in demand for blood, owing to improvements in transfusion practice and the reduction of the programme nationwide, the service also mentions location-based difficulties that have contributed to the decision.

The letter states: 'We strive to give all our donors the opportunity to donate at a location which suits them. However when distances are long and logistically complex, with a risk of unpredictable adverse weather conditions, this can be challenging.'

'These important changes have been made to ensure that we continue to make best use of both our donors valuable gifts and NHS resources.'

Thanking them again for their donations and support, the notification letter confirmed that the decision will have no impact on the supply of blood to remote and rural areas.

## Artist opens curtain-making service

### ADVERTORIAL

Arran artist Josephine Broekhuizen has decided to expand and diversify her artistic talents to provide a new curtain-making service for the island.

She has just successfully completed a curtain-making course at the National Design Academy in Nottingham and plans to offer a full range of drapery services, from standard curtains to the grander-sounding swags and tails. Tie-backs and pelmets, Roman blinds and alterations are all part of this successful painter's newest palette.

Fabric and material is nothing new to Dutch-born Josephine. Growing up in Holland, her father ran a very successful sleeping-bag and down manufacturing business. Bolts of material were part of her family background. Consequently, familiarity with fabric, threads and sewing machines were an integral part of her upbringing. This familiarity is also evidenced in many of her still-life paintings where



Artist Josephine Broekhuizen in her workshop.

her rendering of fabrics is masterful. She is currently represented in Scotland by

Glasgow's Compass Gallery.

The new initiative came about in friendly collaboration with Janelle of Lam-lash who traditionally made and continues to make curtains. Janelle still has fabric sample books from which materials for Josephine's curtains can be chosen. And Josephine is hap-

py to take orders through Janelle's or any other shops on Arran.

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# Business as usual as new Torrylinn cheese launched

The Torrylinn Creamery may be up for sale but it has not stopped owner First Milk from launching a new range of cheeses in a major marketing push.

The owner, who put the creamery on the market last month, said it was 'business as usual' as it launched its new cheeses in the Co-op in Brodick last week.

In addition to its popular extra mature cheddar, the creamery has produced a range of flavoured cheese which include cracked black pepper, lime and chilli and a caramelised onion. It has also launched a new cheese with a seaweed extract in Marks and Spencer.

The extra mature cheddar is now available in a much wider range of pack sizes and has a much bigger display in the main Brodick Co-op. Their distinctive island-shaped cheeses are also still available at the creamery but, due to their time consuming nature and considerable waste, they are not available elsewhere.

The new products were in develop-

ment before First Milk announced that the creamery, along with one in Campbelltown, were to be put up for sale in April.

It said the two sites were 'not a strategic fit' for the company which is Britain's biggest farming co-operative.

A number of discussions are already said to have taken place with interested buyers and the Scottish Government has given a commitment to assist with any sale.

A spokesman for First Milk said: 'It is business as usual throughout the sale process. As we've said before, we are committed to finding a buyer for the site and will work with any prospective buyer to ensure a smooth transition.'



Lisa Connie and Paul Stewart of First Milk hand out samples of the new cheese in the Co-op.  
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## SSPCA needs your help

Animals' charity SSPCA is doing vital work on Arran.

Last year alone, 32 calls came from concerned members of the public on the island about animals in distress or needing help.

Inspectors from the charity regularly visit the high school and primary schools to talk to pupils about their work saving animals' lives.

They rescue and treat pets, farm stock and wild animals.

It is also the only charity that can enforce the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006, which means people mistreating animals can be taken to court.

The Arran branch of the charity needs help to keep funding this fantastic work.

A meeting is being held today (Saturday) at 12.30pm in the Ormidale Pavilion, and the branch invites animal lovers to come along and see how they can get involved.



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## Editorial

### Happy birthday!

Great to see an island institution celebrating 40 years in business.

Arran Dairies is one of the oldest family firms on the island, with the business now run by its fourth generation.

Many visitors will only know them for their ice-cream but it is also Arran's only locally-based catering wholesaler serving the island. Add the Taste of Arran work that goes on at the dairy's base in Market Road and you get some idea of the thriving business hub it is today.

It may be a far cry from the dairy set up in 1978 by Russell and Sheila Dobson to process the milk produced on their Brodick farm but, as their son Alastair has said, if it wasn't for their vision, the firm would not be what it is today.

Four years ago, it was sad to see the dairy stop producing milk due to increasingly difficult market conditions, but it has proved the right one and the company now concentrates on producing its award-winning ice-cream, which has just been given a complete rebranding.

Arran Dairies may now be a real family affair, but Alastair was quick to praise the 'small, diligent and fantastic team' he has around him. That must all bode well for the next 40 years.

#### Thought for the week

'Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.' Deuteronomy 31:6

## Unanswered questions

Sir,  
Having lived, worked, and now having my own business on the island, I read your article regarding the proposed redevelopment at the McLaren Hotel in the Saturday May 19 edition with great interest.

The site, formerly an attractive and popular 30-bedroom hotel, restaurant and bar, has sadly been allowed to fall into disrepair. Not a great first impression for visitors and an eyesore for the rest of us.

A new facility is to be welcomed, however, the scale of this proposed development concerns me greatly. It will totally dominate the seafront. Parking, which is already a problem – increased traffic flow, etc, will be made more difficult.

The potential of 97 rooms brings the possibility of at least 60 cars per night during April to October and the 30 or 40 staff mentioned will also need spaces as no staff accommodation is provided. Non-residents using the restaurant are likely to bring cars as well which brings us to the 150 additional spaces that are mentioned in the application (along the front). People from outlying villages park on the seafront if catching the ferry as foot passengers and it is used by camper vans and so I worry slightly.

The effect of the approved plans for additional accommodation at The Douglas on traffic/car parking we obviously don't know yet, but this will also impact on the current situation.

Regarding visitor accommodation on the island, I feel it is necessary to point out that, in addition to the

two main hotels mentioned in the application, there are quite a few other large hotels as well as guest houses, bed and breakfasts and an increasing number of holiday lets/second homes offering a range of accommodation. Many individuals have registered and make a living through Air B&B (currently more than 100) offering a local 'visitor experience' and many catering for the budget traveller.

The new jobs, training, etc are great but will these jobs provide secure, good, all-year round employment, which is crucial to those trying to live and work on the island?

Yes, over the summer months accommodation is at a premium, but do we need 97 bedrooms?

Are these going to operate over the winter months? (I know it is not viable for us to open and we are a small business).

There are many unanswered questions as yet.

Yours,  
**Caroline Logan Brodick**

## Hypertension hearing

Sir,  
Are you living with high blood pressure, also known as hypertension, or do you care for someone who is? Are you a health professional working in this field? If so, the Cross-Party Group (CPG) on heart disease and stroke in the Scottish parliament wants to hear from you.

The CPG is holding an inquiry into the prevention, detection, treatment and management of high blood pressure in Scotland.

The inquiry will gather information from people living with high blood pressure, those who care for

someone with the condition, and clinicians and organisations with an interest in high blood pressure services.

A report of the findings will be published in January 2019 and will make clear recommendations to the Scottish government.

If you live in Scotland and have ever been told that you have high blood pressure (even if you don't need to take medication to manage this) you can share your views through answering the questions in the survey at [bhf.org.uk/hbpinquiry](http://bhf.org.uk/hbpinquiry)

You can also share your views there if you are a clinician or work for an organisation with an interest in hypertension services in Scotland.

Yours,  
**Kylie Strachan  
British Heart  
Foundation Scotland**

## Kilmory thanks

Sir,  
We would like to say a big 'thank you' to all the local businesses that donated raffle prizes, the wider community for buying raffle tickets and the help and support from parents and staff.

We had a beautiful sunny evening for the event and raised a massive £1,100 for school funds.

Thank you again.  
Yours,  
**Kilmory Primary  
Parent Council**

## Stroke support

Sir,  
I'm inviting your readers to get their walking boots or trainers on for the Stroke Association and sign up to the summer marathon challenge, Walk Your Way.

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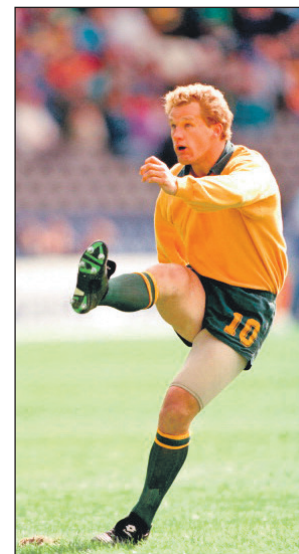
was a huge step in my recovery and helped to draw attention to this devastating condition while raising money for a wonderful charity that I'm proud to be an ambassador for.

Walk Your Way takes place between June 17 and July 1 to raise money to support stroke survivors and their families. You can walk the whole 26.2 miles in one go, do it over a few days or spread the distance over the two-week period and get sponsored to do it. It's your chance to take on the distance of a marathon on your own terms.

For many stroke survivors, like me, getting your life back means overcoming life-changing disabilities and emotional difficulties. By taking part in Walk Your Way you'll be helping to reduce your own risk of stroke, and the vital funds you'll raise will help the charity to support more stroke survivors to regain their independence.

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Yours,  
**Michael Lynagh  
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# First affordable housing on Arran plans unveiled

The new Arran Development Trust has held the first of a series of drop-in sessions to explain its work to the community.

The first one was held in the Ormidale Pavilion on Tuesday at which members of the public had the chance to see at first hand the housing study feasibility work which has already been undertaken as well as drawings and plans of future potential developments.

Two sites in Brodick and another two in Lamlash have been earmarked for possible housing sites for affordable housing, rent to buy, or plots of land for private development for primary use homes. Possible kit home designs have also been drawn up by Ayr architectural design company Denham Benn.

The next event will be held in Lamlash on a date to be confirmed, with others to follow in the coming weeks. Their purpose is to give interested residents the chance to see the scope of work around housing which has been carried out and is proposed

by the Arran Development Trust. It will also allow time for discussion by individuals on a one-to-one basis, as not everyone has the confidence to speak up in a public meeting and it is important the trust takes on board the various opinions and views.

At the event, members of the public are asked to leave their comments and, as the trust states, the feasibility work has so far only been carried out in Brodick and Lamlash. 'If you know of any land which could be made available elsewhere on Arran, where the owner may be willing to sell to accommodate affordable homes, please let us know.'

Tom Tracey, chairman of the Arran Economic Group, which has set up the Arran Development Trust to help address Arran's chronic housing needs, said: 'We are still at the very early stages and while some sites could be progressed relatively quickly, to realise other developments could take 20 to 30 years, but we believe it is a good starting point.'



Trust member Margie Currie, Tom Tracey and Sheena Borthwick-Toomey with the draft housing plans. 01\_B22housing01

## Landmark legislation passed to support island communities

On Wednesday the Scottish Parliament unanimously voted to pass the historic Islands (Scotland) Bill, which will enshrine the interests of Scotland's island communities within the legislative process.

The key provisions of the bill include the creation of a National Islands Plan, which will set out an agreed strategic direction, not only for the Scottish government, but for all Scottish public authorities that have an interest in improving outcomes for island communities.

The bill also places a duty on Scottish ministers to carry out an island communities impact assessment whenever a new or revised policy, strategy or service is likely to have a significantly different effect on island communities from its effect on other communities. Known as 'island-proofing', this duty will make sure communities are not disadvantaged by their location.

A regulation-making power for the SNP government to create a licensing scheme will also be intro-

duced, following a request from a local authority, in relation to works in or under the sea in the coastal waters surrounding islands for up to 12 nautical miles.

This will help protect the natural coastline and wildlife, and bring decisions that affect local communities closer to them.

Kenneth Gibson MSP, who spoke at Holyrood in support of the bill, said: 'This is a landmark piece of legislation, which will put the distinct needs of island



Kenneth Gibson MSP.

communities like those on Arran and Cumbrae at the heart of decision-making across the public sector.

'The bill will mean the end of the Ardrossan and Arran multi-member council ward, with Arran becoming a ward in its own right, something I have long lobbied Scottish Ministers for and which they have listened to.'

'The SNP Government has already shown its commitment to enhancing island communities and economies through policies such as the introduction of Road Equivalent Tariff; as well as an investment of more than £48.5 million on the *Glen Sannox*, which will serve the Arran to Ardrossan route, and £12.6 million on the *MV Catriona*. This bill will further complement these policies and help address island-specific challenges.'

There will now be a four-week period during which the bill can be challenged by law officers. After this period, if there is no challenge, the presiding officer will submit the bill to the HM Queen for Royal Assent.

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# Showing the skills of Arran's artists

Lochranza and Catacol Village Hall was once again the location for a week long appreciation of artistic endeavour during the Arran Visual Arts summer exhibition.

Exhibiting artworks from many of their members, Ar-

ran Visual Arts is a charitable organisation aimed at the advancement and skill sharing of more than 140 artists across Arran.

On display were a host of works by popular and lesser-known artists in various mediums and forms.



Artworks covered every available inch of wall space in the village hall. 01\_B22AVA03



Painstakingly detailed, a vase of more than 70 individually crafted flowers drew admiration from visitors. 01\_B22AVA04

From pencil drawings to oil on canvas, the exhibition also featured various mediums which included etched glass, photography, textiles and wood carving.

Attracting a large amount of appreciation for the time-consuming nature of the work, an exhibit by Karen Bell featuring more than 70 hand crafted – and each one unique – paper

flowers, demonstrated the skill and craftsmanship of the exhibiting artists.

On show, too, were the works of two local organisations, The Umbrella Project and Art in Mind.

Catering for visiting fam-

ilies and young artists, children were given the opportunity to create their own works of art at various craft tables offering painting, wool crafting and colouring in.

In addition to enjoying the

artworks on display, most of them were available for purchase and a fun people's choice vote was held where visitors could vote for their favourite piece of art. The exhibition finishes at 5pm today (Friday).

## OFFERS & competitions

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An admirer steps forward to appreciate the detail in a painting. 01\_B22AVA06



Visiting from Yorkshire, cousins Alex Young and Milly Entwistle enjoy some painting with granny, June Young. 01\_B22AVA05



Visitors take in the photographic and floral artworks on display. 01\_B22AVA01



Visitors cast their vote for their favourite painting in the peoples choice prize. 01\_B22AVA07

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# Three in a row for Daisy as she lifts engineering prize

**Rory Cowan**  
editor@arranbanner.co.uk

Three determined young women were celebrating recently after taking the top spots in the annual engineering competition held in Lamash church hall.

For the third year in a row, Daisy McNamara, 12, took first prize.

This year's event was well attended – despite it being held on the same day as the royal wedding – with judges and supporters having an enjoyable time watching the efforts of the 10 entries – individuals and teams – as they demonstrated their solutions to the task.

Competitors had to fire/project four table tennis balls from the floor into a dustbin a metre off the ground. A range of techniques were employed, with a

long lever solution being the most popular.

Competitors were permitted a few 'sighters' and then they were off – with eight minutes to get four balls into the bin.

It's a daunting prospect at a young age to undertake the task, and with only eight minutes to do it in, that takes some determination. Many congratulations to all who persevered - and everyone did.

A good crowd watched with bated breath as the competition progressed, with loud cheers greeting each successful shot.

The judges saw some innovative solutions and clearly the competitors understood the principles, judging by how their entries were made and how they worked. Marks were awarded for the quality of demonstration and presentation of each idea.



Above, engineering competition winner Daisy McNamara, centre, with runners-up Rosie McNamara and Olivia McNeice; and left, some of the contestants who took part in the engineering competition.



Thanks were given to all who took part, to those who helped and to parents, relatives and friends who turned up to support the children.

Winner Daisy McNamara designed her own solution – carefully guarded from industrial spying – which she built and operated herself. She got four balls into the dustbin in 20 seconds. Second was Rosie McNamara with four balls in 26 seconds. Third was Olivia McNeice

with four balls in 51 seconds. Scotland is renowned for producing good engineers. Today more than ever we are dependent upon engineers for everyday living – from pencils and wall paint to central heating and telephones. It is not all about the large-scale projects such as bridges and space ports.

In fact, it would be impossible to get up each morning, dress, eat breakfast and go to work without the influence of engineers. After

all, who makes the bed, the bed-clothes, the clothes you wear, your transport, the road surfacing materials – even if they are seldom applied? Who makes the buildings you live and work in? And so it goes on. We simply cannot exist today without the help of engineers.

For those reasons this competition is important, because it encourages us all to think about the importance of engineering and to possibly consider a career in it.



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# Co-op helps in the fight against doorstep crime

Staff at the main Brodick Co-op have shown their support for a joint operation by Police Scotland and Trading Standards officers aimed at tackling bogus callers and doorstep crime.

Members of the public who stopped for a chat after doing their shopping at the store received information on how to avoid being a victim of bogus callers and rogue traders as well as dealing with nuisance calls.

The joint campaign is part of a nationwide initiative called Operation Monarda in which Police Scotland, and their partners, highlight how members of the public can protect themselves against doorstep crime in

the Highlands and Islands and what people can do to deter perpetrators.

PC Colin Johnson, from safer communities, discussed with members of the public the best methods of avoiding becoming a victim of doorstep crime and best practise when dealing with cold callers at the door.

Andrew Wyllie and Steven Bodys, both trading standards officers, were also on hand to explain the methods that are being used to tackle rogue traders and methods of protecting households from them.

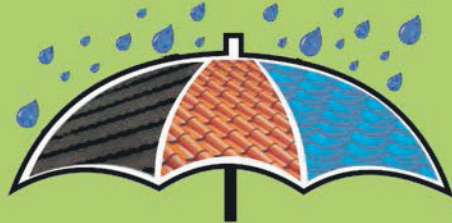
Included in his advice is the utilisation of a trueCall Secure device which attach-

es to a telephone line and scans and protects against unscrupulous sales people and scammers. Citing recent examples of a Largs resident who was scammed out of £28,000 and an Arran resident who nearly lost £4,000, a limited number of these part-funded devices are available from the North Ayrshire Trading Standards Service to those who qualify by calling 01294 310101.

Further information about doorstep crime and prevention can be found on the Police Scotland website at [www.scotland.police.uk/](http://www.scotland.police.uk/) and Trading Standards Scotland at [www.tsscot.co.uk/](http://www.tsscot.co.uk/)



Co-op team members Dara Mathieson and Zack Ruland show their support for the crime prevention campaign led by PC Colin Johnson and Andrew Wyllie and Steven Bodys of Trading Standards Scotland. 01\_B22crime01



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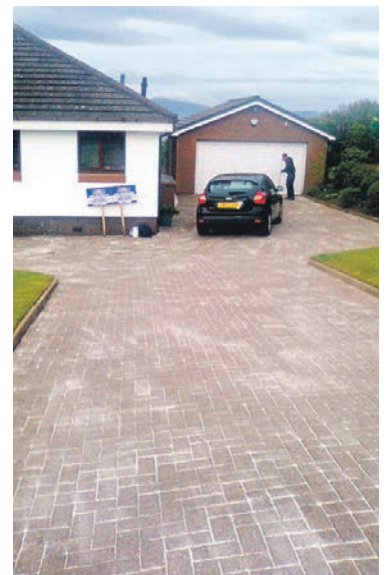
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# Inter-school gala is a



Head teacher Barry Smith and volunteer Ross Dobson present the children with their medals. 01\_B22gala01



Teachers keep a close eye on pupils as they set off. 01\_B22gala02



Starter Sally Hunter explains the rules of the race to P2 pupils. 01\_B22gala06



Competition was fierce for the popular front crawl category. 01\_B22gala05

## Words and pictures by Colin Smeeton

The annual primary school swimming gala held at the Auchrannie Hotel attracted a healthy entry of 85 pupils and almost double the number of supporters from all seven primary schools on the island.

Sally Hunter once again took on the race supervisor and starter duties with head teacher Barry Smith

and volunteer Ross Dobson handing out the medals. On the poolside teacher Julie McGhee helped organise the swimmers into their age and swimming categories with the help of volunteers including Eilidh Macpherson and Ellie Bonner.

Starting with the youngest, P2 pupils swam a breadth of the pool while the heats continued up to

**Results:** P2 girls' race 1: 1 Isla McKinnon, 2 Layla Cociuban, 3 Nadia Filpkowska.  
 P2 girls' race 2: 1 Evie Southwick, 2 Millie Dwyer, 3 Stella Brunasso Cassinino.  
 P2 boys' race 1: 1 Toren Litton, 2 Mathew Lindsay Smith, 3 Finlay Bowers.  
 P2 boys' race 2: 1 Lucas Pearcey, 2 Charlie Gilmour, 3 Victor Gwizdowski.  
 P2 boys' race 3: 1 Reece Popplewell, 2 Harry Popplewell, 3 Connor Inglis.  
 Girls' champion's race: 1 Beth McCarthy, 2 Ruby Wright, 3 Abby Stewart.  
 Boys' champion's race: 1 Ruaridh Lindsay Smith, 2 Archie Gunaydi, 3 Jack Popplewell.  
 P3 girls' race 1: 1 Nara Wood, 2 Eva McRae, 3 Hollie Buckbey.  
 P3 girls' race 2: 1 Julieta Gray, 2 Kayla Hewie, 3 Keira Webster.  
 P3 boys: 1 Jamie Ferguson, 2 Herbie Helliwell, 3 Kellen Craig.  
 P4 girls: 1 Grace Popplewell, 2 Kitty Townsend, 3 Ella Bowers.  
 P4 boys: 1 Jake Early, 2 Alex Haddow, 3 Alfie Gilmour.  
 P5 girls' backcrawl: 1 Rhea Webster, 2 Tilda Litton, 3 Alfie Gilmour.  
 P5 boys' backcrawl: 1 Myles Lindsay Smith, 2 Logan Park, 3 Ben McCarthy.  
 P6 boys' backcrawl: 1 Jack Popplewell, 2 Joe Owen.



Supporters and fellow pupils cheer on their class mates. 01\_B22gala04

# a splashing success



Champions of the gala, Beth McCarthy and Ruaridh Lindsay Smith show off their medals. 01\_B22gala08

the P7 pupils swimming numerous lengths of the pool in various styles.

The events culminated in the medley and freestyle relays which saw the gathered supporters and parents loudly cheering the pupils on during the races.

The girl and boy who secured the most medals were Beth McCarthy and Ruaridh Lindsay Smith,

who both received championship medals.

Organisers thanked the Auchrannie Hotel for the use of the pool and all of the participants and their families who went along to support. A large thank you was also expressed to all of the helpers, volunteers and school teachers who enabled the children to take part in the event.

P7 girls' backcrawl: 1 Ruby Wright, 2 Beth McCarthy.

P5 girls' breaststroke: 1 Rhea Webster, 2 Rosie McNamara, 3 Caylyn Millar.

P5 boys' breaststroke: 1 Andrew Currie, 2 Myles Lindsay Smith, 3 Ben McCarthy.

P7 girls' breaststroke: 1 Beth McCarthy, 2 Abby Stewart, 3 Ruby Wright.

P7 boys' breaststroke: 1 Ruaridh Lindsay Smith, 2 Archie Gunaydi,

3 Jack Popplewell.

P5 girls' frontcrawl race 1: 1 Rhea Webster, 2 Rosie McNamara, 3 Lily Keir.

P5 girls' frontcrawl race 2: 1 Caylyn Millar, 2 Lucy Blair, 3 Nina Szwalec.

P5 boys' frontcrawl race 1: 1 Myles Lindsay Smith, 2 Andrew Currie, 3 Harvey Dale.

P5 boys' frontcrawl race 2: 1 Ben McCarthy, 2 Logan Park, 3 Luke Goatley.

P6 boys' frontcrawl: 1 Jack Popplewell, 2 Harry Gilmour, 3 Reuben Bowers.

P7 girls' frontcrawl: 1 Beth McCarthy, 2 Ruby Wright, 3 Isabella Reid.

P7 boys frontcrawl: 1 Ruaridh Lindsay Smith, 2 Archie Gunaydi.

Medley relay: 1 Lamlash, 2 Shiskine, 3 Brodick.

Freestyle relay: 1 Lamlash, 2 Shiskine, 3 Brodick



Immensely proud of her medal, Kitty Townsend came second in the girls' P4 race.



Isla McKinnon proudly shows off her first place medal in the P2 category. 01\_B22gala07



Children dive in as Sally Hunter blows the starter's whistle. 01\_B22gala03

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## Saturday 2nd June

Flow Yoga	Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 9am
Craft Fayre	Brodick Castle, 11am
RNLI Shop Open	Lifeboat Station, Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
Rink Game	Brodick Bowling Club, 2pm
Co-op Salver (members only) Pairs	Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2pm
Family games	Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
Fun in the pool	Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm - 5pm
The Arran Singers' Summer Concerts	Lochranza and Catacol Village Hall, Lochranza, 7.30pm
Live Music - Buchaneers	Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8pm - 10.30pm
Live Music - Southbound, The best of rock from both sides of the Atlantic	The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Over 21s' Disco	Ormidale Hotel, 10pm

## Sunday 3rd June

Live Music - Mike Edwards	Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 1pm - 4pm
RNLI Shop Open	Lifeboat Station, Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
Family games	Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
Fun in the pool	Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm - 5pm
Live Music - Charlie & Cori Gorman	The PHT, Lamlash, 4pm
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting	Brodick Church Hall, 5pm - 6.30pm
Folk Music Session	Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

## Monday 4th June

JogScotland mixed ability running group	Whiting Bay 5.30pm
Circuit Training	Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 6pm - 7pm
Summer Bridge, visitors welcome	Arran High School, 6.15pm for 6.30pm start
Rink Game	Brodick Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Tae Kwon Do	Brodick Church Hall, Adults and over 10s, 7.00pm - 8.30pm
Live Music - Shindig	Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8 - 10.30pm

## Tuesday 5th June

Healthy Outdoors	NTS Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm
Castle Garden Walk	Brodick Castle, 2pm
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting	Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
Blackwaterfoot Bowls	Bowling Club, 2pm
Beginners & General Queries Information Technology - Duan Bruce	Glen Estate Lounge, 2pm
Bridge class (beginners/improvers)	Brodick Golf Club, 2.30pm - 4.30pm
Flow Yoga	Corrie and Sannox Village Hall, 6pm
Trev's Pop Music Quiz	Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm
Body Blitz	Auchrannie Spa Leisure 9.30pm - 10.30pm

## Wednesday 6th June

Yoga	Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am - 10.30am
Hydrofit	Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
Coffee Morning in aid of Save the Children	Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15am - 12noon
Coffee Morning	St Bride's Church, Brodick, 10.30 - 12noon
Chair Yoga Exercise Class	St Molios Church Hall, Shiskine, 11am
Arran Heritage Museum archives and genealogy service	10.30am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 3.30pm
Dog Classes	Whiting Bay Hall, 12.30pm
RUNclub, mixed ability, qualified coaches	Invercloy Co-op car park 5.30pm
Flow Yoga	Shiskine Hall, 6pm
Rink Game	Brodick Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Tae Kwondo	Arran High School, Kids-6.30-7.30pm, Adults, 7.30pm-8.30pm
Burger and quiz night	Felicity's @ Eden Lodge, from 7.30pm
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting	Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm



Live Music - Tim Pomeroy  
Quiz Night  
Family Friendly Pub Quiz  
Rock 'n' Pop Bingo  
Parkinson's Support Group

## Thursday 7th June

Morning fitness  
Chair Yoga, Exercise Class  
ACLI, Volunteer Gardening Day  
Lingo Flamingo, Spanish, Pablo Illera  
Couple's Retreat Open Day  
Arran Ladies' Netball  
Body Blitz  
Arran Soul Choir  
Tommy's General Knowledge Quiz

## Friday 8th June

Yoga  
Hydrofit  
Coffee Morning  
Folk Festival - Open Session  
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting  
Folk Festival - Evening Concert - The Poozies, Ella Munro Trio & Davy Lees  
Tae Kwon Do  
Friday Night Quiz  
Live Music - Cams Campbell  
Live Music - The Skunnered - Celtic Rock

## Saturday 9th June

Flow Yoga  
Dr Graham's Homes Coffee Morning  
Folk Festival - Open Session  
RNLI Shop Open  
Rink Game  
Sannox Christian Centre AGM  
Family games  
Fun in the pool  
Folk Festival - Evening Concert - Old Blind Dogs & Jenny Sturgeon Trio  
Live Music - Mike Edwards  
Live Music - Re-Start - Mod-revival & Britpop  
Over 21s' Disco

Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8pm - 10.30pm  
Drift Inn, Lamlash, 9pm  
PHT, Lamlash, 8.30pm  
Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm  
Lamlash Fire Station, 2pm - 4pm

Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am  
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 10.30am  
Golf Course Road, Whiting Bay, 11.30am - 3.30pm  
Glen Estate Lounge, Brodick, 11.30am  
Auchrannie Resort, Brodick, 4pm - 8pm  
Arran High School, 6 - 7pm  
Auchrannie Spa Leisure 9.30pm - 10.30pm  
Arran High School, Lamlash, 7pm - 8.30pm  
Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am  
Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am  
Corrie and Sannox Village Hall, 10.30am  
Douglas Hotel, 12pm - 5pm  
Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm  
Brodick Hall, 7.30pm  
Arran High School, Lamlash, adults, 7pm - 9pm  
Whiting Bay Golf Club, Whiting Bay, 8pm  
Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8 - 10.30pm  
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm

Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 9am  
Corrie and Sannox Village Hall, 10.30 - 12noon  
Douglas Hotel, 12pm - 5pm  
Lifeboat Station, Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm  
Brodick Bowling Club, 2pm  
Christian Sannox Centre, 3pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm  
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm - 5pm  
Brodick Hall, 7.30pm  
Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8pm - 10.30pm  
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm  
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm



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## Geraldine on show at library

A new exhibition at Arran Library in Brodick features the work of Geraldine Bruce.

Currently living in Blackwaterfoot she has always had an interest in art and used to draw and paint when she was younger and recently this year started to explore it more.

As Geraldine explained: 'I have multiple sclerosis and painting has helped to take my mind away from things relating to my illness.'

'However, I am not able to do it as much as I would like to, as I can only sit for a short while due to my MS, so some pieces can take a few days to complete.'

Geraldine mainly focuses on the sea, woodlands and flowers as references.

'We're so lucky to be surrounded by beautiful scenery for inspiration,' she said. She mainly works with acrylics, learning new painting techniques and improving with each painting.

# Brodick terminal is UK port project of the year

Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited (CMAL) has picked up an award for the extensive upgrade of Brodick ferry terminal.

CMAL received the industry accolade at the UK Port Awards 2018 for the completion of the £30 million redevelopment project which opened in March.

The project has completely transformed the terminal, delivering a new pier, a bigger marshalling area through reclaimed land and a modern terminal building, with bus stances and

parking. It is the single biggest port infrastructure construction project delivered by CMAL.

Ramsay Muirhead, head of civil engineering at CMAL, said: 'We are absolutely delighted to win this award for Brodick ferry terminal.'

'The upgrades have transformed the harbour for Arran, providing 21st century facilities that will benefit ferry users and the local community, providing passengers with a modern ferry terminal, that will offer



Brodick ferry terminal bathed in sunshine this week.

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John Quinn, CMAL construction manager, with the award.

an improved travel experience and a more resilient ferry service.

'We are committed to an on-going programme of harbour upgrades and modifications across our network to provide safe and efficient lifeline ferry services to communities around Scotland.'

The redevelopment pro-

ject at Brodick ferry terminal was led by CMAL, with support from Transport Scotland, North Ayrshire Council, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport and Coastal Communities Fund.

The awards were introduced at the 10th Annual UK Ports Conference held in London.

## See what happens down on the farm

Ever wanted to see what really goes on behind the gates of a real working farm? Well now is your chance as Bellevue Farm near Blackwaterfoot will be giving the public an insight into farm life next weekend.

The move is part of a nationwide initiative known as Open Farm Sunday which is managed by Linking Environment And Farming (LEAF).

On Sunday June 10, Donald and Ailsa Currie and their two sons, Donald and Andrew, will welcome visitors from 10am to noon and 2pm to 4pm at Bellevue Farm.

It is the first Open Farm Sunday event to be held on Arran and will provide visitors with an opportunity to discover first hand what it means to be a farmer and what is involved in producing food and managing the countryside.

Visitors will be able to see ewes and lambs, cows and calves, pigs, hens and chickens and there will be a short tractor and trailer ride through the fields.

There will also be a small vintage tractor display and a show of all the farm tractors and machinery.

Anyone requiring further information should contact the farm by email at [belleveufarmcottages@btinternet.com](mailto:belleveufarmcottages@btinternet.com), via text on 07740 986803 or via the Facebook page.

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Evening Concert. Brodick Hall. 7:30pm. £20  
Old Blind Dogs, Jenny Sturgeon Trio

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## Obituary:

# One of nature's gentlemen

## Stewart Lambie MBE: June 9 1932 to April 16 2018

Stewart Lambie was born in Lamlash on June 9, 1932.

He was the only son of James and Janet and he had two older sisters, Catriona and Nanna. His early years were spent at the South End, firstly at Lecamore and then at High Cloined but these remote farms provided a poor living and when Stewart was three years old the family moved to West Glensheraig when his father got the tenancy.

Stewart attended Brodick School and was then in the first intake at Lamlash Junior Secondary School when it opened in 1946. With a mischievous sense of fun, he and his pals were involved in a number of pranks, both in and out of school.

On leaving school, Stewart would have preferred to serve his time as a joiner but, after his father's death, at the age of just 14, he felt obliged to help his mother run the farm. The fact that he had been helping on the farm from an early age provided the experience required and, by helping neighbouring farmers, he got to know the hills of northern Arran particularly well.

While out shepherding he regularly noticed a pretty girl on the school bus going over The String and eventually this led to romance. In October 1958 he married Ena, his beloved wife for 41 years, and a great help on the farm, es-



**A younger Stewart ready for the Brodick Highland Games.**

pecially in later years when Stewart was out on mountain rescue duty. Son Angus was born in November 1959 and Stewart in 1961, followed by two daughters, Catherine in 1966 and Fiona in 1968.

It was a close-knit family and when it was possible to get away from the farm,

holidays were usually taken up north, enjoying more hill walking.

In 1979, after a long struggle with leukemia, daughter Catherine died, a devastating tragedy for Stewart and Ena and the family.

In addition to hill walking and climbing, Stewart's leisure activities included music and dancing.

He played the pipes and was a founder member of the Arran Pipe Band. On one occasion he played his pipes whilst doing an abseil demonstration down the wall of Brodick Castle. His other musical forte was playing the mouth organ. Almost every ceilidh, and many other events, featured Stewart and his close friend Alistair McKelvie playing mouth organ duets in brilliant harmony. He was also an accomplished dancer, especially ceilidh and Scottish country dancing and, in later years, his enthusiasm and experience helped to run dancing classes. He also took up the hobby of making walking sticks with carved heads and attended some wood carving night classes.

Stewart was always physically active and had an inquiring mind. He was particularly interested in local

history, paying visits to the various sites around the island and he was associated with the Heritage Museum and Antiquarian Society.

He was an active member of a number of organisations. He served as an elder at Brodick Church for 38 years, six of these as deputy session clerk. He was a special constable who, at times, is said to have dealt firmly with a few unruly characters. For many years he was involved with the Brodick Highland Games, both as a participant, putting his considerable strength to good effect in the heavy events and tug-of-war teams, and also serving on the games committee. Stewart was also involved with the agricultural show and was at one time director of the Arran Farmers' Society. For more than 20 years he was a director on the board of The Arran Society of Glasgow and served as its president for three years.

But probably of all Stewart's activities and interests the Arran Mountain Rescue Team was pre-eminent. He was a founder member in 1964, although he had been involved in rescues prior to the formation of the team.

With his intimate knowledge of the hills, he was an invaluable member of the team and it was not long before he was appointed team leader. He developed technical rescue skills and had great leadership qualities which inspired the team and ensured its efficiency.

Over many years he led the team on innumerable rescues, with the assistance from Glenmore Lodge and the RAF Mountain Rescue Team; sometimes at night, some in terrible weather, some searches lasting days and some technically challenging. He also led monthly training exercises and helped with fund-raising activities. In recognition of this commitment, the team, through its committee, put in a request for Stewart



**Stewart Lambie as he will best be remembered.**

to be awarded an MBE. It was typical of Stewart that when he was first offered the award, his modesty prompted him to graciously refuse it, saying the work was a team effort and he did not wish to be singled out. However, on being offered an MBE the second time, which was offered for services to the community, he accepted and went to Buckingham Palace to collect it in 2003.

Sadly Stewart had suffered another blow in 1999 when Ena died but recently he enjoyed the companionship of Jean with their love of country dancing

and trips to North America. Stewart also went to the Himalayas in a group led by John Webster.

A positive and uplifting funeral service on May 3 was a tribute to Stewart and the full Brodick Church reflected the affection and respect held by many sectors of the Arran community for this truly remarkable man. He packed so much into his life, often for the benefit of others. Stewart was one of 'nature's gentlemen' with a wonderful smile and dry sense of humour. He will be sadly missed and fondly remembered.

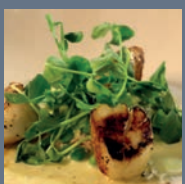
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**Stewart with the early Arran Mountain Rescue Team. 01\_B22obit03**

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# The elusive but very distinctive grasshopper warbler

**Bird  
 notes**  
 by Jim Cassels

At this time of year the birdlife on Arran is enriched by the presence of a number of species of warbler, many of which have wintered far to the south.

These include species like the grasshopper warbler. While not as familiar as willow warbler, chiffchaff and blackcap, the grasshopper warbler is a welcome addition, but it may be being under-reported because it is difficult to detect despite its very distinctive call. Last year on Arran 16 reports of grasshopper warbler were received compared to more than 300 reports of willow warbler.

The grasshopper warbler breeds across much of temperate Europe and western Asia. It is migratory, wintering in north and west Africa, India and Sri Lanka. The name grasshopper warbler refers to the characteristic insect-like song, which you can find on YouTube under the title Grasshopper warbler reeling.

The song is an unmusical long, high-pitched reeling trill performed with beak held wide open and the whole body vibrating. It lasts from a few seconds to two or three minutes with hardly a pause for breath. It varies in volume from a faint hum to a sound resembling a distant mowing machine. It is performed at any time of day from early morning until after the sun has set and is constantly to be heard from the arrival of the bird in spring until late July.

If it has such a distinctive song why could this species be being overlooked? There are a number of reasons. First of all people do not recognise it as a bird



A grasshopper warbler in full 'song'. Photo Dennis Morrison.

sound. They think it is an insect. Secondly the birds skulk in the undergrowth. They like dense vegetation often close to water, rough grass and bushes such as the edges of fens, clearings, neglected hedgerows, heaths, upland moors, gorse-covered areas, young plantations and felled woodland. This bird seldom takes to the wing but spends its time scurrying through dense vegetation, flitting from twig to twig or running along the ground. It has a peculiar high-stepping gait and long stride as it moves along horizontal stems, looking slender and tapering. It seldom flies, soon diving back into cover, and when it alights it often raises and flares its tail.

Another reason for the lack of detection is that the high pitch reel is not heard by people who, for various

reasons including age, have lost the ability to hear high notes.

When you do see it, grasshopper warbler is a medium-sized warbler about 13 cm (5 in) long. The adult has a streaked brown back and whitish grey under-parts which are unstreaked except on the under-tail. The sexes are identical, as with most warblers, but young birds are yellower below.

The purpose of their reeling song is to attract a mate. When the pair gets together, both sexes take part in nest-building. The nest is well-concealed and built close to the ground in places like grass tussocks or dense scrub. It varies in size and shape but is constructed of grass, sedge and moss and often lined with fine grass. A clutch of four to six eggs are laid. Both

parents are involved in incubating the eggs which take about 14 days to hatch. The chicks are fed on insects. They fledge in 12 to 13 days and there are usually two broods in the season. Young birds become mature at a year old and the highest recorded age for this species is five years.

Listen and look for this visitor when you are out and about this summer.

Enjoy your birding

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# THE ARRAN BANNER 20 YEARS AGO

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## Pladda no more

Six weeks ago the lighthouse keepers in Scotland were replaced by automation. All the lights in Scotland are now controlled by computer and thus lighthouse keeper is now a job that has totally disappeared.

The four men who manned the Pladda lighthouse are among those who have gone and we are sad to see them go. They had a camaraderie; they found ways to usefully pass the time, they were able to entertain themselves and, on that little island, they had made a golf course. Now, nowhere in Scotland will there be make-shift golf courses, no vegetable plots or flower gardens and above all, no human to make sure that there is light for those on the high seas.

You can still visit lighthouses, though not ones on Pladda or Holy Isle, and they are wonderful to see, even if the soul has gone out of them and tourists wander about looking at what people used to do, but which is now automated.

## Original bakery

Since the bakery at Blackwaterfoot reopened in the early 1970s it has been one of the best kept secrets on Arran. Down the access lane beside Kinloch Hotel, the

entrance was tucked behind the road side cottage. But now there will be no trouble in finding your way to the Kinloch Bakery for they have just reopened the original shop half way up the Bakery Brae.

In the late '60s the bank in Blackwaterfoot closed and the Kinloch Hotel bought the building. Then, in an agreement with grocer Alan Bannatyne, they swapped, and the Post Office and grocery shop moved up the hill. Most of the old bakery building was converted to living accommodation but the bakery itself was spruced up and reopened with Bert Livingston in charge. There have been many bakers over the years, Neil Hamilton, Graeme Kerr and the present Phil Judge, who took over in 1976, and is still going strong to this day.

## Housing proposal

The new proposal for a housing development at Kildonan comes before planning next week with a recommendation for approval with conditions. This is despite 24 representations, most objecting to the proposal.

A previous application for 13 houses was refused last November but the present application is for six buildings including four houses. Another application recommended for approval is a micro brewery at Cladach.



In the old days you would see milk churns at all road ends round the southend. Now it is the other way round with cartons of milk being left, not for collection, but for delivery to households. The tradition lives on in a manner, as can be seen by Janet Mulholland and Morag Reid of Torrylin, who still collect their milk from an old box at the roadside.

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The future of the Lochranza tennis courts and the village hall which requires structural repairs will be the subject of discussion at next week's public meeting. Pictured are the tennis courts when they opened in 1988. 01\_B22twe02



Pictured at the pool finals night are Sammy McGeachy, singles champions, Davie Symington and Fred Wood, doubles runners-up; Dougie Macfarlane, doubles champion; Bobby Sloss, singles runner-up; and Arthur Duncan, doubles champion. 01\_B22twe05



Swedish administrators from north of Upsalla were on Arran as guests of North Ayrshire Council learning about education, social work and health care. Here they are seen with their hosts including council convener George Steven. 01\_B22twe04



Marion and Wren Gentleman with the new owner of the Glenartney Hotel in Brodick. Maria Palmer has taken over from the couple who are retiring after 13 years in the hotel industry. 01\_B22twe03

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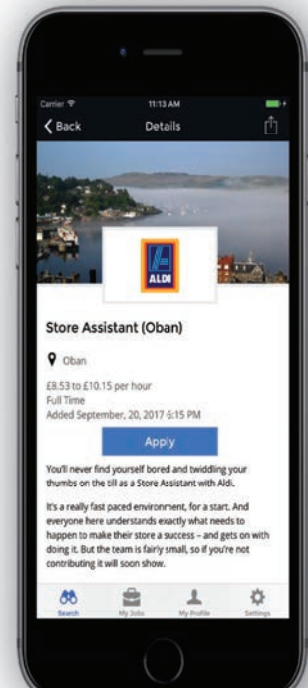
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Sunday 3rd June

Lochranza Church, 9.30am. Morning Service.  
Pirnmill Church, 10.45am. Morning Service  
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.

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Sunday 3rd June

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(continuing)

Sunday 3rd June

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Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church of Scotland, Charity Number: SC014005

Sunday 3rd June

Worship will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson, at 10.30am.

Tea and coffee will be served in the transept after the service.

All most welcome to stay and enjoy more fellowship. There will be service in Cooriedoon at 2.30pm to which all friends are invited.

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev Vince Jennings

Sunday 3rd June

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HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Saturday 2nd June

Vigil Mass, 7.30pm Sunday 3rd June Sunday Morning Mass, 11am

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

**ROBERTS:** The Arran Civic Trust greatly regrets the passing on of its Vice-Chair, John Roberts.

John held this position since 2004 with consistency and distinction, much of his time being spent on the sometimes arduous task of reviewing planning applications and commenting on them to North Ayrshire Council. He was a lecturer in Mediaeval German History at Glasgow University before retiring to Arran and we were fortunate to benefit from his good mind, incisive comments and always friendly association. He will be much missed.

Our condolences go out to his family and friends.



Brodick Golf Club

Ewan McKinnon won the Club Championship for the 11th time when he beat Matt Keir two up in the final last Saturday and is now just one victory off tying with the record 12 of Stevie Bunnan.

The match, which was all square after a fairly average front nine, came to life as they headed for home.

In windy conditions, Matt's level par score for the back nine was excellent, but Ewan prevailed with birdies at the 11th, 12th and 18th, where he hit a four iron to three feet.

Many compliments were paid to the greatly improved condition of the course.

In the semi-finals, the previous night, Ewan McKinnon beat Gordon Hendry and Matt Keir beat Greg McCrae.

Ladies' section: Friday May 25, Ladies' Championship. Two sporting semi-final matches played on Friday evening; one between Ann May and Kate McAdam, with Ann going through to the final; the other, between Fiona Henderson and Susan Butchard, was littered with birdies and worthy of a final in itself. Fiona just pipped Susan at the 18th hole, to join Ann in the final.

A wonderful display of well-wishing posters and silverware was on show in the clubhouse and shop, courtesy of Jackie and Graham, when Fiona and Ann arrived for the final on Saturday afternoon.

Captain Dougie started the final and, accompanied by caddies Kate and Susan, the match was played on a lovely sunny day on a dry manicured course. The game progressed in the true spirit of golf, with Ann managing to retain the championship title. Fiona was unfortunate with at least four putts shaving the hole, the ball refusing to drop.

Fiona, a past Ladies' Champion, the first time 42 years ago, demonstrated a remarkable achievement in reaching the final in 2018, still playing superb golf and maintaining a great competitive attitude.

Thanks went to everyone who took the time to speculate, support and contribute to a wonderful Championship Day at Brodick Golf Club.

Wednesday May 23, Summer Cup, 33 played, CSS 64. 1 Iain Sillars 78-15=63, 2 Christopher MacNeil 88-24=64, 3 David Hendry 78-13=65 ACB. Scratch Ewan McKinnon 67.

Sunday May 27, Sweep, 16 played, CSS 64. 1 John May 85-21=64 ACB, 2 Bill Donaldson 81-17=64, 3 Donald McKinnie 75-11=64. Scratch Bob McCrae 75 ACB,

Fixtures: Saturday June 2 and Sunday June 3, Arran Open Championship Ladies: Tuesday June 5, medal and medal finals, ballots at 12.30pm and 4.45pm.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday May 24, Summer Cup, CSS 66. 1 Stuart Campbell 71-6=65, 2 Colin Richardson 83-16=67 BIH, 3 Iain Murchie 72-5=67. Scratch Stuart Campbell 71 BIH over Dougie MacFarlane. Magic twos Allan Colqhoun @4th, Ian Bremner @16th,

Ewan secures 11th club championship



Champions at Brodick Golf Club, Ann May and Ewan McKinnon.

Willie Currie @5th, Todd Jameson @13th.

Sunday May 27, Summer Stableford, CSS 65, 35pts to Stableford. 1 Paul Cowan 35pts, 2 Andy Smith 33pts, 3 Alistair Ferrier 32pts. Scratch, Paul Cowan 30pts. Magic twos Billy O'Connor @16th.

Fixtures: Sunday June 3, Hamilton Bowl round two, 8.30am, 9.30am and 12.30pm. Draw for local Thomson Cup. Thursday June 7, Summer Cup, make up own games, see starter for times.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Friday May 25, Ladies' Medal. A total of five ladies played in magnificent weather and conditions with a dry course making for fast greens and extra distance. 1 Tricia Tait 38pts, 28, 2 Jean Davidson 38pts, 25. Magic twos Jean Davidson @4th. Congratulations to both ladies who each had their handicap cut by one.

Friday May 25, Medal (Club Championship qualifier), 22 played, CSS 63. 1 John Pennycott 13, 63 ACB, 2 Jamie Macpherson 6, 63, 3 Andrew Martin 12, 64, 4 Corey Allan 7, 65. Lowest gross Danny Head 69. Magic twos Kevin McAleney @4th, Ryan Armstrong and David Morrison @7th, Corey Allan @ 14th.

Sunday May 27, McKelvie Cup round two. 24 played, CSS 63. 1 Kevin McAleney 12, 61, 2 Nicol Auld 5, 63 and lowest gross, 3 Wolfi Kroner 15, 64, 4 Paul Robson 15, 64. Magic twos Stuart Paterson @17th.

Fixtures: Friday June 1, postponed Smiddy Brae Stableford at 10am. Sunday

June 3, Club Championship and JC Reid Trophy finals all day. Wednesday June 6, Summer Trophy.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Ladies' section: Tuesday May 29, CCQ round one, CSS 68, R/O. 1 E Kelso 98-21=77, 2 Piet Johnston 100-21=79, 3 Aileen Latona 104-23=81. Kema Kenda 97, Elizabeth Kelso 98, Piet Johnson 100, Jenni Turnbull 100, Aileen Latona 104.

Men: CCQ round one, CSS 66. 1 Hamish Bannatyne 72-6=66 BIH, 2 Ross Trail 84-18=66, 3 D Jeffrey 80-8=72. Hamish Bannatyne 72, Sandy Murray 79, David Jeffrey 80, Ross Trail 84, Willie Kelso 89, Donald Logan 90, Brian Sherwood 92, Alistair MacDonald 93, Colin Rutterford 94, Phil Betley 96, Campbell NR.

Fixtures: Saturday June 2, Duncan Sillars Cup and second round Gents' Club Championship qualifier, 12.30pm tee off. Monday June 4, Gents' quarter finals, 5.30pm tee off. Tuesday June 5, Ladies' second round Club Championship and Peter Sutton, 12.30pm/5.30pm tee off. Thursday June 7, Quarter finals of President's cup, 5.30pm tee off.

Corrie Golf Club

Wednesday May 23, Medal and Magic twos. 1 J Adam 73-9=67 and scratch, 2 J McGovern 81-13=67. Magic twos Graeme Andrew @8th but not magic.

Fixtures: Saturday June 2, Medal, ballots at 9am and 2pm. Wednesday June 6, Wednesday Medal and Magic twos, ballot at 5pm.



Winner of the McKelvie Cup at Whiting Bay, Kevin McAleney receives the trophy from match secretary Dave Hackett.



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# First UK win at Connor Smith Trophy meeting

The fifth annual Connor Smith Memorial meeting was particularly poignant this year at the Quad x Des Nations motocross competition at Cingoli, Italy, owing to the trophy being brought to the UK for the first time after being won by a British motorcyclist.

The meeting, and the Connor Smith Memorial Trophy, is in honour of Shiskine quad racing champion, Connor Smith who tragically died during a quad racing event in 2013.

Last year the American riders took home the bulk of the prizes but at the most recent Quad x Des Nations – where eight riders represented the UK over the two days – four riders took podium finishes, bringing the silverware back to the UK.

A very on-form and consistent Harry Walker took a win in moto 1, then a p2 in class behind Mastronardi on Moto 2.

Saving the best for last in the superfinal, he took the win with a breath-taking pass on Patrick Turrini on his Weinen Yamaha in the

last lap with 500 metres to go right in front of everyone to see.

The grandstand and pit box both lit up and he instantly became the star of the day with the Italian crowds and the only British rider to bring the trophy back to the UK in its five years' existence, under the close observation of Connor's father, Bill Smith.

## Cautious

Alfie Walker on his new 250cc Yamuski started with a cautious approach to day one, but with a night to sleep on it spared the Italians no mercy with two confident wins and winning the youth 250cc class by some margin ending up fourth overall in the adult support and vet group.

Ayrton Knowles, who had a mixed Saturday with a spill on one of the large double jumps, pulled his way back through to third in the sport class with three very strong rides for the youngster.

Scot Murray Graham, who has had the pleasure of riding most of the five visits to Cingoli, set a blis-

tering pace in timed training and looked to be going to the gate first on Sunday only to be summoned to P3 after both Walker and Mastronardi pulled their best laps out with seconds to spare. Murray slept on it and in warm-up proved again he could still go fastest. He took runner-up honours on the weekend with p3/2/3 in class.

Both Steve Pinder and Matt Alberti experienced the perils the big tracks can bring with a couple of spills in the vet class too. Adam Robinson finished a very respectable fifth in class and Mark Wilson fourth.

The whole event was a heartfelt tribute to the life of Connor with all participating pro and sport riders demonstrating a fitting tribute by revving their bikes at Connor's memorial stone on Saturday evening.

The meetings manage to maintain their momentum due to the generosity of the Smith family to keep the memories alive of Connor's hobby and the solidarity of the UK quad clubs and the supporters.



Winners podium left to right: Connor's dad Bill Smith, Matt Alberti, Ayrton Knowles, Steve Pinder, Alfie Walker, Murray Graham, winner Harry Walker, Adam Robinson, Mark Wilson and Patrick Turrini.



Winning riders Alfie Walker, Harry Walker and Darren Bridge.



Attendees at the meeting were treated to a Sunday lunch under the grandstand by the Motorcycle Club of Cingoli.



The Quad x Des Nations is held in Cingoli, Italy where the Connor Smith Memorial meeting takes place.

# Arran orienteers track down the silverware

It was a smaller Arran team that travelled to the Ayrshire Schools Orienteering Championships this year but that did not stop them from bringing home a healthy haul of medals.

The team of 14 pupils – many having won medals at the recent inter-school competition – took part in the Dean Park event hosted by the Ayrshire Orienteering Club in Kilmarnock.

With three first place winners, one silver med-

al winner and three bronze medals, Arran was well represented on the podium.

Winners of the various age groups were: Louis Urquart-Dixon, bronze medal winner in the S3 boys' race; Oscar Inglis, bronze medal winner in the P6/7 boys; Myles Lindsay-Smith, winner of the P4/5 boys' race; Charlie Bonner, winner of the S3/4 boys and also fastest overall on the orange course; Rosie McNamara, winner of the P4/5

girls' race; Ruaridh Lindsay-Smith, bronze medal in the P6/7 boys with Oscar; Megan McCartney, silver medal in the S1/2 girls' category.

Children of school-going age on Arran are all well versed in orienteering owing to the inter-school orienteering championship which is held in Brodick Castle and Country Park each year. This year's winning school was Whiting Bay.



Rosie McNamara on her way to the finish and an overall category win.



Charlie Bonner put in a fantastic run to win his class and finish fastest person on the course.



Arran entrants work out their strategies in the start lanes.



Medal winners, from left, Louis Urquart-Dixon, Oscar Inglis, Myles Lindsay-Smith, Charlie Bonner, Rosie McNamara, Ruaridh Lindsay-Smith and Megan McCartney.



Arran high and Lamlash primary pupils were joined by two Ayrshire Orienteering Club members from Brodick and Whiting Bay.

# Island-2-Island Triathlon

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sunny day out with fantastic racing was held by the older triathletes for the Bishopbriggs Triathlon.

Prestwick Aquathlon proved to be another sunny competition which saw over 20 club members head off by coach for a great day's racing.

There was much cheering for the many competitors and there was success with two podium places.

The day was finished off with a frantic dash to the

ferry when the coach broke down, with the children and parents thinking that it might have to be a swim. CalMac saved the day by ensuring that with minutes to spare they were all safely on their way home, no additional swimming or running required.

Arran Junior Traithlon Club is looking to recruit new members.

It offers five free and fun sessions throughout the week which are open to any child from seven years

upwards. There is no commitment to attend all sessions or competitions.

Details of training times can be found on the club's Facebook page or by contacting head coach, Craig Wood at craig.wood10@yahoo.com.

Craig said: 'We hope that the sun will continue to shine at the weekend so that we are able to raise funds to be able to provide bikes, wetsuits and training equipment for years to come.'



James McCarthy, left, in first place on the podium.



Nara Wood, centre, on the Tristar podium.



Siblings James, Ben and Beth McCarthy with their finisher medals.

## Double hat-trick as Southend put Northend to the sword

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Southend travelled to Lochranza on Monday night and put in an impressive performance to thrash Northend.

Stephen Judge and Ryan Armstrong both bagged themselves hat-tricks on the night. One of Stephen's strikes was an early contender for goal of the season as the ball fell on the volley on to his wrong foot from 35 yards and he blasted it into the corner of the net.

Lewis Kennedy also

scored twice along with a host of assists up top. However, one of his goals was a replica of Diego Maradona's hand of God as referee Andy Pattison had his view obstructed.

Two of Southend's high school players put in brilliant displays as Liam Bremner scored twice with the first being a bullet strike which gave Northend keeper Bryan McCallum no chance. James Currie, aged just 14, made his Southend debut and was given man-of-the-match as he impressed with his control and runs down the left

flank. He was rewarded for his efforts with a goal after some neat trickery and cool finish into the back of the net.

Northend's only goal came from a mistake from Southend goalie Fraser McKenzie after Ross Traill hit a shot and Fraser opted to kick it instead of catching it and he sliced the ball into the net.

The next fixtures in the Arran Dairies League will be on Monday June 4 when Southend face Lamlash and Brodick play against Shiskine with both matches starting at 6.30pm.

## Anniversary darts contest hits the mark



Winning team Niall McMaster and Margaret Easdale and organiser Margaret Mackenzie at the 30th anniversary of the Donald and James Mackenzie mixed doubles darts competition at Kilmory. Also pictured are runners-up John Mackenzie and Vicki Milne and Phyllis Picken, who presented the prizes and trophies. The £510 proceeds from the event were donated to Kilmory hall, Kilmory community bus and the Arran branch of Action for Hearing Loss. 01\_B22darts01

# SPORT



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The group of juniors who took part in the Prestwick Aquathon.

# All set for the second Arran triathlon festival

Arran Junior Triathlon Club has been working hard over the last few weeks, training, competing and preparing for its second Island-2-Island event which will take place at the Lamlash Outdoor Centre today (Saturday) from 10am until approximately 6pm.

The Island-2-Island Triathlon is an adult and junior event which will see 250 entrants compete throughout the day on a scenic swim, bike and run.

It's a fantastic opportunity for the club to be able to show visitors what a stunning island it belongs to. All spectators and supporters are welcome to come along and join in the fun.

The event starts with competitors taking a power boat to Holy Isle for the swim start, hence the Island-2-Island name, and at the end of the day's events there will be evening entertainment on site with musicians and dance groups.

The day will begin at 10.30am with three adult events comprising of a sprint, Olympic and middle distance. In the late afternoon the children will then

compete in a junior aquathlon with a swim from the Outdoor Centre, completed with a run along Clauchlands Road.

During this time there will be a short road closure from 4.30pm to 6pm to allow the children to run safely.

The event is the biggest fundraising day held by the club to enable it to continue to offer free, fun coached

triathlon sessions throughout the year. Home baking will be available and a raffle with many wonderful prizes donated by island businesses.

The club hopes that people will come along and support Arran Junior Triathlon Club.

Over the past month the children have competed at a few competitions, the first

being Part 1 of the Borders Triathlon series, Bishopbriggs Triathlon and then the Prestwick Aquathon.

The children were able to show their skills in competitions with very different weather conditions.

Whilst the Boarders Triathlon required good bike handling skills on the damp and boggy course, a

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