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Community join in huge search for missing John

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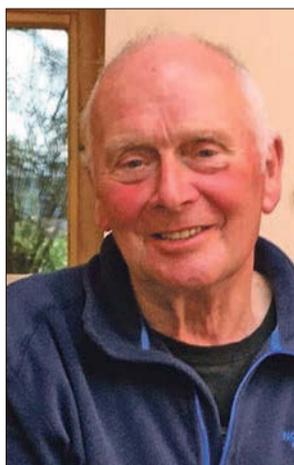
The family of a missing man said a heartfelt thank you this week as the search for Arran grandad John Smith goes on.

There was praise also this week for the strength of the community spirit which has been shown as islanders rallied round to help in the huge hunt.

One senior police officer said it was the biggest search he had ever seen in 26 years in the force. North Ayrshire area commander Chief Inspector Brian Shaw added: 'The support of the community is tremendous. I don't think it would have happened in another part of the world given the efforts shown over the past week.'

But he said: 'Mr Smith has now been missing for more than a week and we are becoming extremely concerned about his well-being.'

A statement issued by Mr Smith's wife said: 'Lily



Missing: John Smith.

and the family would like to thank all the emergency services, local businesses and individuals for their continued help, support and kindness during this awful time.

'We will never be able to express our sincere gratitude enough and can only thank each and everyone from the bottom of our hearts.'

'We ask that any information regarding John be

given to the police in order for it to be dealt with promptly.'

Mr Smith, aged 77, went missing from his home in Machrie 10 days ago and, on Tuesday, exactly a week after he disappeared, police returned to the spot of the last known sighting of him in the hope of finding a new lead.

They stopped cars, pedestrians and cyclists, but none of them had seen him. However, police were able to narrow to 20 minutes the time he disappeared. He was last seen by a neighbour on Machrie Road near Machrie Golf Club around 6.10pm on Tuesday May 30, walking towards the String Road. But he was no longer on the road at 6.30pm.

He is described as white, 5ft 4in, of slim build, with short grey hair, blue eyes and a fair complexion. He was last seen wearing a dark coloured jacket, dark

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Triathletes on home soil

The first Arran Triathlon Festival attracted a big entry at the weekend. And for the Arran Junior Triathlon Club it was their first chance to complete in a major competition on home soil.

Above, club members line up for the kayak event, while Eilidh Hamill and Jack Popplewell, left, are all smiles. For full report and more pictures, turn to page 23.



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Now council earmarks play parks for closure

Colin Smeeton
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Seven play parks across Arran are scheduled for closure as part of a cost cutting measure instigated by North Ayrshire Council more than two years ago.

Following a parks budget review, looking at ways of saving £50,000 by 2017, the initial proposal was to close 60 of the 106 play parks across North Ayrshire, a figure which was later reduced to 22.

The move has brought widespread dismay on the island, coming, as it did, on the back of the fiasco over the public toilet closures.

On Arran, seven out of a possible 23 play parks are earmarked for closure later this month. At a Locality Partnership meeting held in December last year, participants were requested to comment on the proposals prior to a final report in order 'to secure improvement and investment in play with a defined budget that removes poor quality equipment and play areas whilst enhancing alternative play sites'.

However, despite it being agreed at the meeting that

consultation would take place with local groups and organisations, Arran Conservative councillor Timothy Billings was surprised to hear of the imminent closures saying: 'It was agreed at the meeting that there would be local consultation on the issues. As a member of the Lamlash Improvements Association I am not aware that we were asked for our opinions.'

'I have written to the council asking for more information about the plan, and that no more swing sets are removed until we can, at a local level, make informed comments on the plan, and can assess all the options open to us.'

A North Ayrshire Council spokesman said: 'Arran will have 16 play parks located across the island which we are confident will provide excellent provision for young people.'

'We are removing seven facilities in total. In the main these are single swing facilities plus one small play park at Lamlash shore.



Councillor Timothy Billings at one of the swing sites scheduled for removal at Lamlash shore. 01_B23swings03

We feel that by focusing our available resources on the remaining facilities we will be providing a much better offering for communities and tourists to the area. When arriving at our proposals we looked at Arran as a whole and the 16 play parks are placed in such a way that there is excellent provision across the whole island.

'The small play park facility at Lamlash shore is being removed as it is considered the nearby play

parks at Stella's Park and at the playing fields offer a better experience. We are also going to enhance the play park at Stella's Park with some new additional equipment.

'The two single swings in Lamlash and the ones at Corrie Harbour, Whitefarland and Cordon Village are all close to other parks, while the double swing at Machrie is close to the new first tee of Machrie Golf Course and there are better, safer options close by.'



A youngster enjoys the popular play park at the Brodick seafront which is unaffected by the cuts. 01_B23swings06

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Police are baffled as not a single reported sighting of Mr Smith

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 trousers, a woolly hat and brown hiking boots.

Posters have appeared everywhere and there have been a huge number of posts on social media, but for many that was not enough and they have joined the emergency services in their massive search.

Police admit they are completely baffled, as there has not been a single reported sighting of Mr Smith. Following up one theory that he may have got a lift off the island, police traced every car on the last boat on the Tuesday he went missing, but without any luck. A detailed study has also been made of the CCTV footage at Brodick pier, but without yielding any new leads.

All the emergency ser-

vices have been involved in the hunt for Mr Smith, known across the island as Smudger, and there have been police divers and dog handlers brought over from the mainland. As the police, Coastguard and RAF helicopters flew over the search area at the weekend more than 50 searchers were on the ground every day and there have been between 30 and 50 on other days scouring every inch of Machrie Moor.

The Arran Mountain Rescue Team were out five days in a row round the clock only to be left frustrated by their failure to find him, despite their detailed knowledge of the terrain.

Ch Insp Shaw said: 'Mr Smith is believed to have been on his way to visit a friend in the Shiskine area

of the island and we are working to establish whether he may have been picked up and given a lift by someone to another part of the island. I would appeal to anyone who was travelling on Machrie Road between 6pm and 7pm last Tuesday who may have seen Mr Smith, or offered him a lift, to please come forward.

'The local community have been very supportive of our search and we would continue to urge them to assist by checking gardens, sheds and other areas where Mr Smith may have sought refuge.

'Anyone with information on Mr Smith's whereabouts is asked to please contact officers at Lamlash/Irvine police station via 101 and quote incident number 4049/30/05.'

Eco Savvy gets new micro hub managers

The first micro hub in this new network of re-use and reduce facilities is to be launched at Kilmory

The Eco Savvy Community has now recruited and employed six of the eight new reuse micro hub managers, with the remaining two still to be appointed.

They gathered at the Whiting Bay village hall on Monday to meet project manager Michael Gettins and three trustees for their induction training, which proved to be an inspiring, busy and exciting day.

The £63,500 project is funded by the Scottish Government, through the Climate Challenge Fund and the European Union's European Regional Development Fund to re-use and reduce waste and minimise the carbon footprint, thereby helping to create and support what is called a circular economy in which waste is minimised and re-used even more.

Using recycled and re-used items to indicate where the micro hub managers will be working across the island, along with the permanent shop in Whiting Bay where Michael is seated with Eco Savvy, the photo below shows a volunteer taking up position at

Kildonnan, with Dave Payn at Kilmory, a volunteer at Blackwaterfoot, Bill Stewart at Pirmill, Holly Murdoch at Lochranza, Sarah Blair at Corrie and Sannox, Chrissy Duncan at Brodick and, lastly, Lynsay Scott at Lamlash.

Each micro hub manager will recruit, train and support volunteers to arrange and deliver micro hubs in their communities across the island. This will be done in partnership with halls, churches and other venues to provide opportunities for local people to donate, or buy, clean small household items in a bag that they can take to their nearest micro hub, within four miles of where people live, by walking, cycling, bus or care share etc.

Michael said: 'The new team feel privileged to build on the success of Eco Savvy and are excited about being able to work with local communities through our new micro hubs.'

'This will create an island-wide network of re-use and up-cycling sites and is now a step nearer which will hopefully en-

courage local communities to come together to tackle waste and build a more sustainable future.

'The micro hubs will be focal points for all things environmental – promoting up-cycling through skills sharing, re-use through swap shops and delivering educational events and workshops.'

Michael has recently taken up the project manager role after many years with the local authority working on the front line in social services and health but also as an active and committed volunteer in various projects and services including disability, recycling and advocacy.

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And work is currently under way by Mr Payn to finalise the plans to include the school, Kilmory Hall and local people to make sure it gets off to a successful start on June 14 with everyone in Kilmory welcome to attend this important event which takes place at noon.



Left to right are Sarah Blair, Chrissy Duncan, Holly Murdoch, project manager Michael Gettins, Bill Stewart, Lynsay Scott and David Payn. 01_A23ec002

Bid to create schools pipe band

The Isle of Arran Music School is looking for two enthusiastic tutors to help establish a new project which will develop the teaching of piping and pipe band drumming within the island community.

The school committee is looking to appoint both a piping and drumming tutor for eight hours per week.

The teaching would be aimed initially at youngsters in P6, P7 and S1, with the aim of the project being to establish an Arran Schools Pipe Band in conjunction with the Isle of Arran Pipe Band. These posts are initially funded until December 2017 and the rate of pay is £25 per hour on a self-employed basis. Ferry transportation to/from Arran will also be covered.

Anyone wishing to apply should email a CV and a covering letter to info@arranmusicschool.org.uk. The deadline is June 19.



The new micro hub managers with Michael Gettins seated beside Eco Savvy. 01_A23ec001

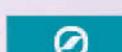
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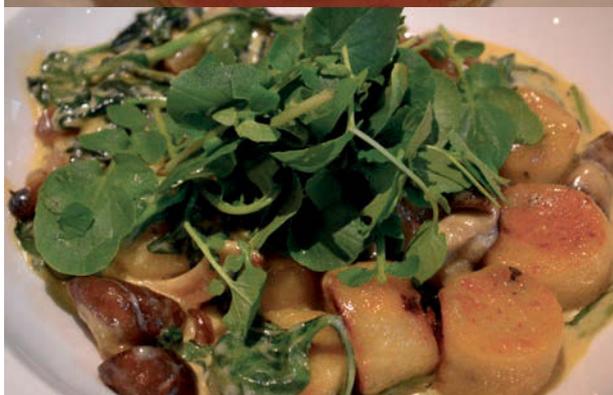
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Volunteers honoured at special island event

The work of Arran's dedicated volunteers has been recognised as part of an award ceremony and information day held by Arran Community and Voluntary Service (ACVS) at Brodick Hall this week.

The information day saw volunteer organisations on the island hosting stalls and providing visitors with information on the volunteering opportunities available. Stallholders included Hear to Help, Healthy Outdoors, Arran Lunch Club and the Talking Banner and the Arran Community Land Initiative, among others.

Members of ACVS, who support, develop and represent volunteers, their organisations and social enterprise, were on hand to

explain to visitors how they could assist organisations by volunteering and the services offered by them, including the invaluable befriending service run by Sophie Clark.

Existing volunteers, many who work at more than one organisation, were honoured with a small award ceremony where they received Arran-shaped awards created by David Furze of Kilmory.

Elizabeth Watson presented the awards with Sophie Clark, recognising and thanking the volunteers for the invaluable work that they undertake in the community and the immeasurable contribution that it can make to people's lives.

Elizabeth said: 'Volun-

teers are the only human beings on the face of the Earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience and loving one another.'

Sophie added: 'We just wanted to recognise the amazing contribution that volunteers make on Arran. They do so much for the community and often people don't even know about it.'

'There is such a diverse range of volunteers here today from the Arran Land Initiative to the lunch clubs and digital inclusion, it's great to see.'

'We hope that seeing the difference that volunteering can make will inspire more people to get involved and volunteer.'



Jim Nichols, CEO, and the ACVS team including Sophie Clark, development officer; Carol Kerr,...



Abbie Jackson and Joanna Miggin shared the Young Volunteer Award for their selfless work in the community. 01_B23ACVS07



Members of the Healthy Outdoors Team shared a joint award for volunteer organisation of the year.



Matt Searles of the Arran Community Land Initiative explains the volunteering opportunities to an interested visitor. 01_B23ACVS12



Helen Kerr receives the community champion award for her work with the Arran Youth Foundation, Elderly Forum and ArCaS. 01_B23ACVS03



Team comprising Lorraine Hewie, community connector; Vicki Yuill operations manager; Sophie Clark, administration officer; and Bobbi Mulholland, development officer. 01_B23ACV509



Members of the Healthy Outdoors Team pose with their awards at their well decorated stall. 01_B23ACV510



Fiona Mackenzie and Nancy Bremner of Hear to Help Arran receive the health and wellbeing hero award. 01_B23ACV502



Volunteer of the year Margaret Collins receives her award from ACVS development officer Sophie Clark. 01_B23ACV504



Lorraine Hewie of the junior hockey team shared the volunteer organisation of the year award with the Healthy Outdoors Team. 01_B23ACV506



Elizabeth Watson, chair of ACVS, presents Fiona Macgilchrist of RDA with her long service award. 01_B23ACV508



Volunteers Eleanor Hamilton and Elizabeth Suter provided visitors with information on the Arran Lunch Club. 01_B23ACV511

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Granddad dies on Arran charity cycle challenge

A grandad taking part in a charity cycle on Arran has died after a fall from his bike.

Retired Jim Glennie, 64, was part of a group of 19 riders taking part in the Ar-



Jim Glennie.

ran Cycle Challenge in aid of the Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice when he crashed.

Son Alan, 44, who was alongside him at the time, gave him CPR, but he died of massive head injuries.

Alan told a national newspaper: 'Four of us were coming down a hill.

'Dad moved across because he'd seen some little stones or something, then he moved back towards the verge.'

Jim had almost finished his 72-mile figures of eight ride when he crashed head-first into the verge on the hill of the The String near Brodick shortly before 4.55pm on Saturday. He was pronounced dead on arrival at Arran War Memorial Hospital in Lam-lash.

Alan's brother Keith, 38, wrote on Facebook: 'Please come back. You've no idea

how much we're hurting, dad. You truly were our hero. We're all at a huge loss. We'll get through this because you built a strong family. It's just a pity the core of it is gone.

'I'm going to finish that cycle in your memory if it's the last thing I do.'

Jim, of Stonehaven, Kincardine-shire, also leaves wife Joan, daughter Kim and six grandchildren, with a seventh on the way.

He worked offshore as a chef and rose to become operations director with ESS Support Services Worldwide, where he was responsible for a £25 million business.

Jim played centre-half for amateur teams White Heather, the Royals and West End, earning the nickname 'Nails'. He was a former manager and life president of Stonehaven Athletic, formerly White

Heather. He also enjoyed golf, tennis and keeping himself fit. He did 1,200 miles of training for the Arran ride.

A spokesperson for the hospice Jim was fundraising for said: 'The Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice lost a long-term and loyal supporter after the recent death of Jim Glennie. He has helped raise thousands of pounds for the hospice over the years and will be greatly missed by everyone in the hospice team who knew him. The hospice is supporting the family at this difficult time, and our heartfelt sympathies are with them.'

Mourners are donating to his justgiving.com fundraising page and his appeal has now raised more than £4,000 and is still growing.

A report on Jim's death will go to the procurator fiscal.



Liam and Finn wearing their Deaf Action T-shirts.

Island boys rise to Gung-Ho challenge

Liam Bremner and Finn MacArthur are still smiling after completing the Gung-Ho charity challenge in Edinburgh.

The event involves a 5k run around giant obstacles. It was a wet day which made the obstacles all the more difficult to negotiate but the boys loved every minute of it.

The final inflatable was the gigantic slide that can be seen in the photo behind them. This finished in a large foam bath as

you can see by the state of them. Due to the number of people taking part it took them just over an hour to complete the course and at some of the obstacles they had to wait their turn. They managed to raise the phenomenal sum of £800 between them but they have yet to get a total raised for Deaf Action by everyone.

Liam and Finn want to thank everyone who sponsored them or helped them to raise the amazing amount that they did.

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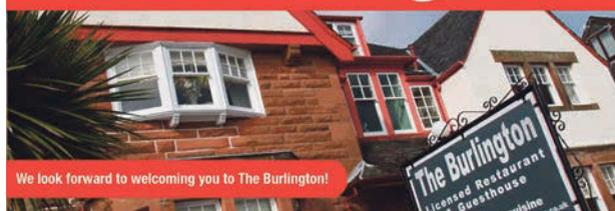
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CASE STUDY

Serge and Meg El Adm purchased their house during the summer months. However over the colder autumn and winter months it became obvious their storage heaters and immersion unit for hot water was expensive, hard to control and was not providing comfortable living conditions. We first went to see them in January and after a full survey provided them with a Smart Home Report recommending replacing the system with a Mitsubishi Ecodan Coastal heat pump with twelve radiators and 210 litre hot water cylinder.

Full assistance was provided by us with their application for the RHI incentive. In March we installed the system taking two days in all. To help provide the electricity for the heat pump a 4kwp set of solar panels was also installed. Now three months after installations this is what they think:

'We are impressed and delighted by the professional services of The Smart Group in relation to installing our Air Source Heat Pump. We were provided with lots of information and help answering queries leading up to the decision to install the system. They showed up exactly when they said they would and 2 days later everything was back to normal with all the new radiators and machinery installed and the system up and running. We previously had poor performing old storage heaters which were ineffective. It is great now to have the whole house at an ambient temperature which can be easily and quickly adjusted.. It is a pleasure too to have a bountiful supply of hot water when previously we didn't have enough to fill a bath. Smart Group also arranged the installation of our solar panels and as a result of this and the greener heating system, we have noticed a considerable reduction in our energy bills'

The Kellys

CASE STUDY

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The Cables

CASE STUDY

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Editorial

Lack of talks leads to ire over swings

While many will be angered at the loss of swings across the island owing to budget cuts – especially in light of the recent toilets debacle – it is interesting that a lack of consultation has played such a large part in this anger.

There is a deep-seated belief that prior to Arran having two councillors representing the island, Arran's interests were not given due consideration, nor were any decisions guided by local knowledge and wisdom, which has contributed to the mire.

The old adage that knowledge is power might ring true when allowing people to feel part of the decision-making process, and empowerment through knowledge and participation might even alleviate some of that anger. It might also curtail the proliferation of rumour and assumptions which can be so damaging and counter-productive.

As the council encourages more community involvement through its Locality Partnerships, let us hope this fosters mutually agreed solutions to concerning issues with thorough and continued communication acting in the best interests of all parties. That way unsafe swings, such as those at Machrie, can happily be relegated, while those that are historic and nostalgic, be retained with the community's support.

Thought for the week

'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth where moths and rust destroy. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven where moths and rust do not destroy.' (Matthew 6:19-20)

Shame on driver

Sir,
On Tuesday morning (May 30) between 10.15am and 10.45am while shopping in the Co-op at Brodick a driver hit my grey Audi and damaged the bottom of my two doors on the driver side. They then drove away without leaving any of their details with the Co-op or on my windscreen. This is Arran, not the city.

If the guilty person has a conscience they could contact the *Banner* with their details. It would be much appreciated.

Yours,
Alexander Anderson Largs

Happy days

Sir,
Delighted at the name for the new ferry. I was married many years ago and as I belonged to Arran I was taken down Brodick pier in a barrow, the ferry then was the Glen Sannox, it was draped with flags etc and sailed round Brodick Bay three times with the horn blowing. Happy days.

Yours,
Ruth Young Milngavie

Homes support

Sir,
The magnificent sum of £940 was raised, last Saturday June 3 at the coffee morning in Corrie Hall, in aid of Dr Graham's Homes.

It was great to welcome familiar faces and passing visitors who enjoyed wonderful homemaking, coffee and an interesting raffle amusingly conducted by Rev John Webster.

Thank you to all dedicated helpers; Nancy and her team in the kitchen, Alison and her girls for the raffle, Jennifer for baking stall,

Janice with Bric a Brac and our loyal supporters whose continuing interest helps provide education and care to the children of Dr Graham's Homes.

Yours,
Janice Small Brodick

Birthday thanks

Sir,
I would like to thank my two sons John and Donald and daughter-in-law Lynne for the lovely pre 80th birthday party they held for me. Family holidays were arranged for May 8.

Thanks go to Andrea for the excellent buffet; Steve and Mary Jo for music; Vicky and staff at the club for keeping everyone watered and to Kilmory Hall for the comfortable surroundings. Thanks, too, to everyone else who made it such a good night.

I specially thank all my family relations, friends and neighbours for all the lovely presents, flowers, vouchers and cards received.

It was lovely to have family who travelled from England and Fife. My grandchildren and great grandchildren, four generations, were there to celebrate this special birthday.

Yours,
Margaret Mackenzie MBE Kilmory

Triathlon triumph

Sir,
I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped make the first Arran Triathlon Festival such a success.

In particular I would like to thank Sheila and the VisitArran team who have supported us and helped us from the start.

All the island business

who donated prizes, as we wouldn't have been able to offer the level of prizes we did without their support. The club committee and volunteers on the day, Ian Staples and the outdoor centre team for the perfect venue and their support through the processes.

Kenny Bowen for letting us run through his farm, the Glenisle for saving the day with lending us their marquee and Jane at the PHT who provided food and drinks for the day.

Most off all I want to thank the junior kids as we have once again proven we are one of the best clubs in Scotland. We have a busy few weekends with the Scottish championships in two weeks time.

Yours,
Craig Wood, organiser Lamlash

Healthy options

Sir,
At Cancer Research UK, we are urging the Scottish Government to curb the rising tide of obesity and restrict the array of multi-buy offers on junk food that supermarket shoppers are routinely faced with.

Celebrity chef and food campaigner Jamie Oliver agrees. His recent open letter to Scottish ministers reinforces a campaign which has received strong public support.

It's a shocking reality that around a fifth of our school children in Scotland are carrying too much weight, meaning they are more likely to grow up overweight, placing them at risk of preventable cancers in adulthood.

Cancer Research UK believes the nation's poor health justifies strong action. Restrictions on supermarket price promotions on

unhealthy foods would be effective and feasible.

The Scottish Government has a chance to lead the way with brave new measures that would result in a healthier Scotland. Proposals for its new obesity strategy are anticipated soon and we hope they will be bold.

To those with families to feed, price does matter. We know the most deprived in our society consume the fewest fruit and vegetables. We buy what we consider to be good value for money and much more needs to be done to make healthy options affordable.

More needs to be done to help give children the best start in life. Measures to help us enjoy a better diet will make it easier for us all to take home smaller waistlines and healthier lives, as well as bags of tastier, fresher and more nutritious food.

Yours,
Professor Linda Bauld Cancer Research UK

Beautiful Arran

Sir,
I arranged the music for the Arran Choir concert on Saturday May 27 with Diana Hamilton and thought you would like this poem called Beautiful Arran:

Oh, Arran with your beauty held,

Deep-rooted in my mind so well.

The silent wonder of the hills,

The Holy Isle so sure thrill,

If in my life I had a say,

To lovely Brodick i'd stray,

For here is peace by unmarred time.

Guarded o'er by Goat-fell's sombre line.

Yours,
Norman Duffy Dunfermline

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New craft collective to hold its first fair

The first Arran crafts fair run by a new Crafts & Company collective is being held later this month.

Crafts & Company began life in 2016 with the aspiration of offering craft workshops on the island and working creatively with local, national and international charities. Since the beginning, it has offered a monthly craft club with a different craft each month and it has been very well supported. Beyond that, the project worked with charities to include Mind, RNLI, Dresses for Africa, Ayrshire Hospice and Mary's Meals. Important funds have been raised and everyone has had a chance to further explore their creative talents.

They are currently supporting two charities: Knit A Square for orphans in South Africa, to be made into blankets, and the Arran Duke of Edinburgh group. Modest targets are set for each campaign and these are usually exceeded. They had hoped for 20 little dresses for Africa and 167 left the island bound for girls who would cherish their new dresses.

Crafts & Company was originally run by Fiona Doubleday and Coral Smith but in recent months it has become clear that it is too big a project for two people so two has become seven. The new collective involves seven ladies all with a passion for crafts and looking to share that passion. Between them there is seven lifetimes of crafting experi-



The ladies of the Crafts & Company collective.

ence and much more can now be achieved. Attention has turned to a monthly event on the island that celebrates all things craft. The collective is planning to hold a monthly Arran crafts fair in Whiting Bay hall in an attempt to provide selling opportunities for local crafters. As well as the stalls, the collective are also offering a 'Make and Take' mini workshop with a different theme each month. This is a chance to come and try a new craft and meet new people, with everyone very welcome to drop in.

Preparation is well under way for the first fair which will be held on Tuesday June 20 from 11am to 3pm. The collective is currently looking for anyone who would like to run a wee

tea shop at the monthly event or even supply the cakes. Do get in touch via their website www.crafts-andcompany.net if you are interested. Bookings are also open for crafters who would like a stall at the fair.

If you run a craft club or event there is a chance to promote what you do with a small table or by offering business cards/flyers for the welcome table.

Crafts & Company is keen to support new crafters who may only have a couple of things they want to try to sell so there will be a shared new crafters table as well. Members of the collective are busy making a range of handmade gifts to sell as a fundraiser for the Duke of Edinburgh awards scheme to help them with their expedition costs. If you are interested in helping with this charity initiative, they would love to hear from you.

Crafts & Company very much hope that these monthly events are a chance to celebrate all that is handmade on Arran and all support is gratefully received. Join Crafts & Company in supporting craft on the island they encourage anyone interested to get in touch.

Budding singers are being sought

The opera students from the Royal Northern College in Manchester have become a regular feature of the McLellan Arts Festival – and this year will be no exception.

Each year anyone who wishes may join in with the students in singing a wonderful piece of choral music. No experience is required and helpful guides can be found on the internet.

This year the chosen piece is Beethoven's Mass in C and the date of performance is Sunday September 10 in the community theatre, Lamlash, at 7.30pm.

As usual the singers will be conducted by the redoubtable Alec Crowe.

If you would like to take part, you should contact Margaret on 01770 700384 or email: mwright06@btinternet.com from whom you can also get a score.



The Crafts & Company logo.



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New hotel plan 'too big' for former McLaren site

Hugh Boag

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The developers of the proposals for the site of the former McLaren Hotel faced the public for the first time with their plans.

And the residents of Brodick were quick to tell them exactly what they thought of them at the drop-in consultation session in Brodick Hall on Tuesday.

'Too big' and 'pretty ugly' were just two of the comments of the design of the 96-bedroom hotel, first revealed in the *Banner* last week.

Concerns over parking, the four-storey height of the new building plus its lack of aesthetic value, were all matters raised.

Details emerged, too, about the kind of accommodation which would be offered. The representatives of the owners, the Norfolk-based Abode Group, described it as a mid-market aparthotel, meaning that most, if not all, the rooms would have their own cooking facilities.

Directors James Metcalf and Ed Fowler deflected question after question about the viability of the project, but Mr Metcalf said: 'We have done our research and we believe there is a need on the island for affordable accommodation and believe we can deliver that with the proposals planned.'

He added that the hotel had to be the present size



Architect Jason Law of Strata and Ed Fowler and James Metcalf of Abode with the McLaren plans. 01_A23mclaren01

to make it 'financially viable' to attract a hotel operator to run it.

He said they had been in talks with North Ayrshire planning officials over the site plans and that they had

been altered significantly to what was now being proposed, which he said was nine metres narrower and four metres longer than a previous flats plan approved but never proceeded upon 10 years ago.

The hotel would have a large curved glass frontage which would house a first floor restaurant, cafe and bar.

'We have been told that people would love to see Macs bar open again,' he continued, but that was a view not shared by the 40 or so residents who attended the drop-in session.

They were more concerned about the fact that

only 53 parking spaces were proposed for the 96 rooms and others using the hotel.

'That is something we will have to look at,' Mr Metcalf said.

The meeting was attended by members of the Arran Community Council, VisitArran and the Arran Civic Trust, which expressed surprise that while the company says it has held consultations on the island no-one had contacted the trust.

But Mr Metcalf made a pledge. He said: 'I want to arrange to come back to the island and meet with the various groups to foster a good relationship as we move forward.'

The question of staff and available accommodation was also raised repeatedly. Mr Fowler said it was possible some accommodation may be available in the hotel, but that other solutions may have to be found.

Some at the meeting and on the Arran Community Forum Facebook page, which was swamped by comments after the meeting, accused the representatives of 'arrogance' and of

not really listening to the comments which were being made.

There was surprise, too, that Mr Metcalf was unaware of the proposed development of 59 new aparthotel rooms by the Douglas Hotel, which received planning permission last month.

Community council chairman Bill Calderwood said many people were concerned at the present state of the site, which has seriously deteriorated since the McLaren closed two and a half years ago. He asked if as a 'goodwill gesture' the developers would clear up the site ahead of any work commencing.

Put to Mr Metcalf later, he said: 'We will improve any goodwill we can.'

He added: 'It is a difficult and challenging site, but I believe we can make this work and bring new business to the island.'

Planning permission is expected to be sought shortly, with work commencing later this year or early next year, and the hotel being built over the following 12 months.



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Jason Law, front, and Ed Fowler discuss their plans at the drop-in session. 01_A23mclaren02

Arran Bridge Club summer results

The results of the Arran Bridge Club summer competition played at Lamlash on Monday June 5 were as follows:

N/S: 1 Tricia Martin and David Campbell, 2 David Boag and Eendy McNiven, 3 John Rowe and Jan Spearing.

E/W: 1 John Baraclough and Jim Peacock, 2 Jennifer Wales and Doug Chase, 3 Ellie Jones and Elizabeth McKellar.



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Sandy Brechin.

Accordion legend returns to Arran

Next week sees the return of accordion ace Sandy Brechin to the island, when, along with his band, he will play the Ormidale Hotel in Brodick on Monday (June 12) from 9pm.

Over the years, Sandy has played in many bands, but is probably best known for his work with the Scottish bands Bùrach and Seelyhoo, with whom he has toured extensively in the Far East, Europe, Canada and the USA. He is also renowned for his wildly popular electric ceilidh band – The Jimi Shandrix Experience.

When not performing, or recording as a session musician, Sandy is highly

sought after as a teacher. He has taught in numerous workshops and feisan such as Celtic Connections, the RSAMD and the National Centre of Excellence in Traditional Music at Plockton.

Sandy has developed his own unique approach to the art of accordion playing and his innovative style is instantly recognisable.

Lovers of traditional music, in particular, the accordion, will be beating a path to the Ormidale to discover for themselves why Sandy's funky accordion, catchy compositions and entertaining personality have made a big impact on the traditional music scene.

Pupils get hands on trophies as golf tour tees off

THE world's top male and female golfers will be desperate to get their hands on the Aberdeen Asset Management Men's and Ladies Scottish Open trophies this summer.

And prior to a ball being struck, young people are getting the chance to do just that!

Both tournaments take place at Dundonald Links this July, and it is the first time both events – which take place within two weeks of each other – have been held at the same venue.

To promote them and to inspire North Ayrshire's youngsters, the European Tour and the Council's Active Schools team have embarked on a three-week tour of local schools.

The trophy tour started in Arran on Tuesday, visiting Brodick primary before heading to the high school where they were seen by Lamlash, Whiting Bay and Kilmory primary pupils before secondary pupils also got their hands on them.

The tour will take in 60 schools before finishing in Irvine at the end of June.

As well as selfie opportunities, the tour's Robert Gordon

will give a short presentation on the events, their history and what both have to offer.

North Ayrshire Council chief executive Elma Murray said: 'This is a fantastic idea and we're sure will generate great excitement amongst our young people.'

'Having these two high-profile events provides us with an amazing opportunity and we are working hard to create a legacy in North Ayrshire. This is a fantastic opportunity to grow the levels of participation in golf and encourage boys and girls to take up the game. We have amazing golf courses in North Ayrshire, including our public courses run by KA Leisure.

'We have created lots of fun opportunities for our young people to try golf out for themselves. With immense golfers such as Henrik Stenson, Adam Scott and Lydia Ko signed up to play in July, many of our young people have already been inspired to give this great game a go.'

The Aberdeen Asset Management Men's Scottish Open takes place from July 13 to 16 with the Aberdeen Asset Management Ladies Scottish Open from July 27 to 30.

'This is a fantastic idea and we're sure will generate great excitement among our young people'



Senior Lamlash pupils with the trophies and the tour's Robert Gordon.

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Organiser Jake Miller puts his car through its paces.



Craig McNeil burns some rubber.



Steven Lammie takes on the Ormidale circuit.



Neil Falkner on his way to the championship.



Sean Paul in donut action.



Murdo McDonald in action.



Owen Popplewell taking part in his first rally.

Neil takes the title at thrilling

Neil Falkner was the big winner at the Arran Rally held over the May bank holiday weekend at the end of the month.

There was a good entry of more than 30 drivers including eight from the mainland. There were some good races over the three days of events with Neil emerging as overall champion.

The events were held at the Lamlash fish farm, the Ormidale Pavilion car park in Brodick and a field at the McMaster farm.

The Arran Car Club would like to thank all those who allowed them to use their facilities and are on the lookout for more sites they can use to hold more events to encourage and develop young drivers.

The full 2017 rally results were:

Group 1, 1550cc and below: 1 Alistair Yates, 2 Steven Lammie, 3 Alan Mair. Group 2, 1550cc and above: 1 Neil Falkner, 2 Scott Rankin, 3 Blair Gibson. Junior, under 17: 1 Bruce Dickson, 2 Blair Dickinson, 3 Rory Dickinson.

Overall champion for the weekend: 1 Neil Falkner, 2 Alistair Yates, 3 Alan Mair. Gavin Robertson Cup, for first local, Neil Falkner.

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Neil Falkner with his trophy haul



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A competitor on the field stage with Ailsa Craig in the background.



Alistair Yates in action.



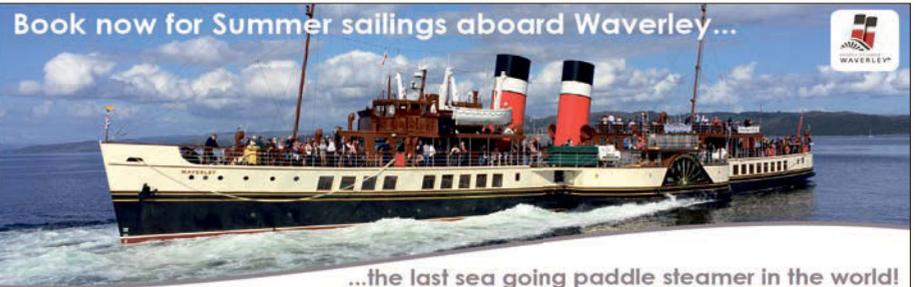
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Corrie and Sannox Hall, 6pm
Kilmory Hall, 6pm - 7pm
Meet at Visitor Centre, 2pm
Brodict Church Hall, 7.30pm
Fiddlers, Brodict, 7.30pm - 10pm

Saturday 10th June

Army Cadets
RNLI shop
Over-21s disco
Family games
Fun in the pool
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Blackwaterfoot bowls
Whiting Bay Bowling Club rink game
Brodict Bowling Club rink game
Live music - Arran Ceilidh Band
Live music - Cherry Road
Arran Folk Festival open session
Arran folk Festival fiddle workshop
Arran Folk Festival evening concert

Auchrannie Road 11am - 1pm
Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Auchrannie games hall, 3pm-4pm
Auchrannie spa pool, 4-5pm
9.30am - 11am
9.30am - noon
Bowling Club, 2pm
Whiting Bay Bowling club, 2pm
Brodict Bowling Green 2pm
Fiddlers, Brodict 7.30pm - 10pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
The Douglas Hotel, 12-5pm
Brodict Hall, 11am
Brodict Hall, 7.30pm

Wednesday 14th June

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Tae Kwon Do
Alcoholics Anonymous
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Ormidale Hotel 9.30pm
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9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm
Auchrannie studio, 9.30am-10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
10.30-12.30 and 1.30-3.30
Dunfion Carpark, 5.30pm
Kinneil, Lamlash, 7-8.30pm
Auchrannie sports Hall, 7.30-9pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 1pm
Shiskine Hall, 7.30pm
Kilmory Hall, 2pm - 4pm
The PHT, 8.30pm
The PHT, noon - 2.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15am - 12noon
Church Hall, Shiskine, 11am - noon
Felicity's @ Eden Lodge, from 7.30pm
Brodict Bowling Green 6.45pm
Whiting Bay Bowling club, 6.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall 5pm
Fiddlers, Brodict, 7.30pm - 10pm
Kilmory Hall, 12noon
Shiskine village hall, 8.30pm
Brodict Hall, 2pm

Sunday 11th June

Family games
Fun in the pool
Open acoustic session at Fiddlers'
AA meeting
RNLI shop
Angus Cook memorial trophy - open triples
Live music - Cherry Road unplugged
Arran Folk Festival survivors session
Arran Folk Festival song writing workshop

Auchrannie games hall, 3pm-4pm
Auchrannie spa pool, 4pm-5pm
Fiddlers, Brodict 2.30pm - 5pm
Brodict Church Hall, 5pm - 6.30pm
Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
Whiting Bay bowling club, 2pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 4pm
The Douglas Hotel, 12-5pm
Brodict Hall, 11am

Monday 12th June

Over-50s badminton
Badminton
Morning fitness
Badminton
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Arran Junior Football Club
Circuit training
Lamlash Aerobix
Tae Kwon Do
Summer bridge tournament
Arran Citizen's Advice Bureau
Adult tennis
Brodict Bowling Club rink game
Whiting Bay Bowling Club rink game
Arran Skinnymalinks
Arran Skinnymalinks
Live music - Mile Bailey

Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Auchrannie gym, 9.30-10.30am
Auchrannie sports hall, 7-9pm
9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm
9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm
Ormidale Park, 6-7.30pm
Auchrannie gym, 6-7pm
Arran High School dance studio, 6.30pm
Brodict Church Hall adults and over 10s, 7.00pm - 8.30pm
Arran high School, 6.30pm - visitors welcome
Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30am - 1.30pm
Shiskine golf & Tennis Club from 5.30pm
Brodict Bowling Green 6.45pm
WBay Bowling club, 6.30pm
Shiskine Church Hall, 5.15pm
Brodict Church Kitchen, 6pm
Fiddlers, Brodict, 7.30pm - 10pm

Thursday 15th June

Morning fitness
General knowledge quiz
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Ladies' hockey
Winter bowls
Arran Bridge
Quilt Arran
Chair yoga
10th Ayrshire Shiskine Cub Scouts and Beavers
Adult tennis
Live music - North Country Winters

Auchrannie gym, 9.30-10.30am
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm
9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 7.30-8.30pm
Auchrannie, 7pm
Brodict Golf Club, 7pm for 7.15pm
Lamlash Fire Station, 2pm - 4.30pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 10.30am - 11.30am
Shiskine Hall, 6pm - 7.30pm
Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club from 5.30pm
Fiddlers, Brodict, 7.30pm - 10pm

Tuesday 13th June

Pop quiz
Alcoholics Anonymous
Youth club
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Healthy outdoors
Blackwaterfoot bowls
Bridge class (beginners/improvers)

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Brodict Church Hall, 2pm
Kildonan Hall, 7pm
9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm
9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm
NTS Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm
Bowling Club, 2pm
Brodict Golf Club, 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Friday 16th June

Yoga
Hydrofit
Arran Youth Foundations
Lochranza children's badminton
Lochranza adults' badminton
Arran Vets
Arran Vets
AA meeting
Tae Kwon Do
Open mic led by Uncle Keith Robertson
Live music - Buchaneers
Live music - Arran Ceilidh Band

Auchrannie spa leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
Church Hall, Brodict 7pm-9pm
Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm
Lochranza Hall, 8pm
Surgery 9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm
Reception 9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
Arran High School, Lamlash adults, 7pm - 8.30pm
The PHT, Lamlash
Fiddlers, Brodict, 7.30pm - 10pm
Coast, Whiting Bay, 8pm - 10.30pm

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Success at food awards

Arran products had a taste of the limelight at the Scotland Food and Drink Excellence Awards where Taste of Arran scooped another top award for the outstanding contribution it makes to Scotland's food and drinks industry.

The annual awards hosted by chef and television personality Simon Rimmer, are organised by Scotland Food and Drink and run in partnership with The Royal Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland, with Asda as the sponsor.

James Withers, CEO Scotland Food and Drink said: 'Congratulations to all winners. With the new food and drink strategy, Ambition 2030, we are aiming to double the industry's worth to the value of £30 billion by 2030, so it was fantastic to see new start-ups as well as established businesses come out on top.'

'The industry is constantly growing, but there is always room for young pioneers, innovative products and enterprising businesses, and it's this that will help us achieve Ambition 2030.'

'Scotland is home to some of the most innovative producers and these awards give us the chance to celebrate this. Thanks to all



Alastair Dobson of Taste of Arran, right, receives an outstanding contribution award from Simon Rimmer and Fiona Hyslop MSP.

those who entered this year, and I hope to see you back there next year.'

The 2017 awards received 272 entries across all categories, a record number on previous years.

Alastair Dobson from Taste of Arran and Made in Scotland who won the outstanding contribution award said: 'I was delighted to receive the award. It has really shone the light on what we are collectively working hard to achieve with Taste of Arran, getting

that wonderful Arran message out there. We are also doing this through our new Made in Scotland export company where we work with another 10 Scottish companies to tell that Arran story intentionally, in a Scottish context.'

'It is really encouraging to see such fantastic food and drink being produced in Scotland and also featuring on great menus up and down the country. Arran punches above its weight in all of that.'

Cottages.com opens dedicated office in Arran

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For more information and advice if you are considering starting a holiday let, simply visit www.cottages.com/let-your-property.

Photography exhibition at library

Local photographer Kirsten Nicholson is featured artist at the Brodick Library where an exhibition of her work is being hosted during June.

Kirsten Nicholson grew up on Arran and from a young age has been interested in photography. After some time on the mainland she returned home to start her own photographic business covering a range of subjects from weddings to scenic views.

The exhibition is on now and runs until Friday June 30.



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Don has a steadying hand on Arran Show 'rudder'

Arran Farmers' Society Show Wednesday August 2, Glenkiln

Donald Robertson, Beinnview, a great stalwart of Arran Farmers' Society, was recently elected as president after the sad and untimely passing of George Tod.

Don attended his first show in 1939. In 1946, aged 11, his first exhibit was an Ayrshire in the senior stirk class. The show that year, held at Balnacool, signified a start to showing again after the war years.

Showing must have been in his genes as he continued exhibiting from then until 2003 – a very special year when three generations of the Robertson family took a role, ultimately lifting the top prize. Don won many accolades, not least eight

overhead championships, and now deservedly holds the highest position in the society.

This time round the Drakes of Hazard will be waddling down from Luss to entertain all with their antics in the main ring. Mark Wylie and his team promise not just one, but two, quacking good routines.

As an added extra, David Shaw, from Sorn, is bringing over his working threshing mill and vintage tractor to let the more mature re-live old memories, and the young see a machine they will never have heard of. A baler will be in action too.

The judges putting their reputation on the line in

August are: cattle – Eion Brown, Aoradh, Gruinart, Isle of Islay; horse showing – Susan Mitchell, Kirklee, Kilmaurs; working hunter – John Cartner, Barskimming, Mauchline; blackface/Leicester – David Jackson, Pole Farm, Lochgoilhead; texel/Suffolk/other breeds (+ fleece) – Alan Clark, North Gargnour, Lanark; dogs – M Wheeler, Corrie; sticks – R Reid, Carnwath; tractors – Campbell Scott, director Massey Ferguson. Dogs, sticks and vintage tractor classes are open to all.

Fantastic prizes are up for grabs in the grand prize draw. Over the years the contribution from the sale of the tickets has become a major part in the contin-



The Drakes of Hazard who will be entertaining this year.

uation of the show. The society is extremely grateful to the donors of the prizes – Island Meats, R Stewart Engravers, Kilmarnock, Best Western Kinloch Hotel, Arran Aromatics, R & L Miller Ltd, Dalry, Portavadie, Loch Fyne, and Andy Gray Digital; not forgetting the five £100 cash prizes donated by the society itself. Tickets are on sale now.

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A great variety of stands have already secured their

slot. If anyone is interested in joining the day and wish to book a stand, contact Christine on 01770 820291.

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Common sandpiper is a coastal summer visitor

At this time of year the bird life on Arran is enriched by the arrival of many migrants which have been wintering far to the south in Africa. While many birds are just passing through to breeding grounds further north, others stay to breed.

Among these people are familiar with are cuckoo, swallow, house martin and, with their distinctive songs, chiffchaff and willow warbler, to name but a few.

On the coast, and by inland freshwater, one such summer visitor is the com-

mon sandpiper. Look out for it. It is a smallish wader with contrasting brown upperparts and white underparts. There is a distinctive white area between the brown folded wing and the clear-cut dark breast. Another distinguishing feature is that when standing, it habitually bobs up and down, known as 'teetering'. The flight with stiff, bowed wings is also distinctive. When airborne, they tend to be vocal. They sound off with a distinctive three-note, piping-like cry - often represented as 'twee-wee-wee'.

The common sandpiper has relatively long legs that are put to good use. When seen running in groups, the birds appear to display a remarkable co-ordination of movement. Sandpipers are ground feeders that dine on crustaceans, insects, worms and other coastal creatures. They retrieve them by meticulously pecking and probing with their short bills.

The bird is a European and Asian species, but is closely related to the similar-

looking spotted sandpiper of the Americas, one of which turned up in Clauchlands in May 2015. The common sandpiper breeds in northern Europe and winters in Africa south of the Sahara.

Breeding on our shores, common sandpipers, like other coastal breeders, are vulnerable to disturbance. On our shores and beaches, if you are being scolded by flying birds and there is a great racket all around, be aware that birds are nesting on the ground above the tide line. Alternatively, birds calling in a distressed way or feigning a broken wing are trying to lead you away from a nest or young which are close by. Their eggs and young are superbly camouflaged to avoid detection and may be easily trampled upon. Move away.

Wherever possible walk close to the water's edge and please, at this time of year, keep your dog on its lead.

If you notice any disturbance to nesting birds, please report it to local police as soon as possible. Be



A common sandpiper. Photo Brian Couper

aware that under the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004 it is a criminal offence to intentionally or recklessly damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while it is being built or used.

Perhaps as a result of disturbance on the shore, some common sandpipers have been reported breeding in gardens close to the shore

in Arran. For example, for three years in a row, a pair of common sandpiper have successfully nested in a garden in Blackwaterfoot. In 2016, a garden in Lamlash and one in Corrie both had similar success from these summer visiting shore birds.

Enjoy your birding.

Please send any bird notes with 'what, when, where' to

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For more information on birding on Arran purchase the *Arran Bird Atlas 2007-2012* as well as the *Arran Bird Report 2016* and visit this website www.arranbirding.co.uk.



Eggs and young are very vulnerable to disturbance. Photo Michael Iutz

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Orienteers bring home the medals

Schoolchildren on Arran continue to navigate their way to success after securing six individual medals and two team trophies at the Ayrshire Schools' Orienteering Championships held recently at Fullarton Woods in Troon.

A total of 64 Arran youngsters took part in the event

which saw them competing in various age-related categories and courses against other young orienteers from across Ayrshire.

Six boys from Arran High School did particularly well in the 2.4 kilometre orange course which saw a large entry of 42 boys competing in the class. Par-

ticipants on orange courses have to make tricky decisions about which is the best way to navigate from control to control, and the Arran boys all came home in the top quarter, which was a significant achievement. They also brought home the boys' team prize for their class.



More than 60 Arran children competed in the Ayrshire Schools Orienteering Festival.

Their times were: 1. Finlay Eliot 18min 17sec, 2. Kyle McNicol 18min 43sec, 3. Charlie Bonner, who, despite disappointed with his run due to making a mistake, still took bronze with a time of 19min 29sec. Rory Currie was less than a minute behind in fourth place with a time of 20min 18sec. Louis Urquart-Dixon was sixth with a time of 20min 58 sec, while Ethan Willis came in 11th position with a time of 23min 10sec.



Kyle McNicol and Rory Currie approaching the run-in.

P6s and P7s ran the slightly shorter yellow course at 1.9 kilometres, but still involving decision making to find the quickest and not necessarily the shortest way. This time it was the girls who excelled. Out of 48 entries they had four finishers in the top quarter.

Daisy McNamara won the gold medal in this section, running the course in 11min 26 sec. Other strong finishers were pairs Julie Hamill and Abby Stewart, winners of the Arran competition, who came in seventh place with 20min 29 sec; Megan McCartney and Isla McKelvie who finished

in 10th place with a time of 22 min 27 sec, while Sophie Clark and Isabella Reid finished 13th with a time of 25 min 31sec.

The white course is for P4 and P5 pupils, and both the boys and girls did very well in this category.

The course was 1.4 kilometres long and designed with younger orienteers in mind. The boys won the team trophy with three strong finishing pairs.

Harry Gilmore and Jemma Totty came fourth in a time of 9min 51sec. Fraser Ferguson and Andrew McKelvie were fifth with a time of 10min 53sec, and Sev Riddle and Rueben Bowers arrived back in sixth position with a time of 11min 23sec, which was enough to beat off all the opposing teams.

The girls also fared well with Annie West and Rosie Wilkinson winning the class with a time of 10min 8sec. Other contenders who excelled were: Jenny Currie and Niamh Gosman who came fifth with a time of 12min 32sec; Kaitlin Haddow and Annie McKelvie who were eighth with

a time of 14min and 39sec, and Kirsty Hume and Lily Keir who were eight seconds behind in ninth position.

Organisers of the event complemented the Arran children on their behaviour and the effort put into their runs and the Arran organisers thanked all of the volunteers who assisted on the day.

The next large event for the Arran orienteers will be the British Schools Orienteering Championships which takes place in Yorkshire in the autumn.

Elanor McNamara



Daisy McNamara on her way to the finish.

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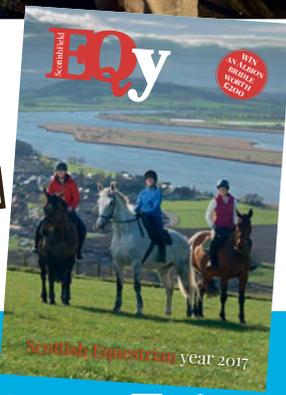
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Harry Gilmore and Jemma Totty were the best Arran pair in the boys P4/5 category, narrowly missing out on a medal.

THE ARRAN BANNER 20 YEARS AGO

Saturday June 14, 1997

Film for Arran?

The Governess, a full-length Victorian feature film may be set at Brodick Castle.

Part-funded by the BBC and proposed by the Parallax Film Company, the film's leading lady will be Minnie Driver. Set in 1839, Brodick Castle may be chosen because of its simplicity in that it is not High Victorian.

There is to be a meeting next Monday between the National Trust and the film-makers at which it may be decided whether to go ahead at the castle. We asked castle administrator Veronica Woodman if she was enthusiastic about the project. 'Yes, of course, and it's got to be very good for Arran as well. But the trust exists to protect

what we've got and I do not want to do anything which would cause problems for the integrity of the property.'

The Scottish Tourist Board published a booklet this week called *Film Tourism* which points out the benefits to tourist areas being used as film locations.

Population boom

A total of 4,643 live permanently on Arran. That is the final figure of the 1997 Arran population enumeration.

It is five years since the last enumeration when the figure was 4,537, so the island population has increased by 106, or 2.3 per cent. The Arran population was around 8,000 last century. It fell to a nadir of 3,145 in 1964 but has risen steadily since.

The figure is likely to cause some mild surprise, in that the increase is so modest. There has been a lot of housebuilding in recent years and a perception of many young families coming to the island. Quite a number of people thought the overall figures could be as high as 5,000 or even more. However, a growing population does tend to indicate a buoyant community and a buoyant economy.

Folk festival

The ninth Arran Folk Festival is over. The weather, always important, although not crucial, could have been better but then, it could have been worse. What is crucial is the music and that was good and varied. Duncan's Bar on Saturday said they had their busiest day ever.

As for the numbers, we cannot be sure, for we have heard conflicting reports that houses were full and also that they were not so full. Whatever, the festival in over, it has worked well, and we hope the 10th festival will take place and be just as much of a success.



Folk festival organisers Richard Farquhar and Maurice Dickson at the back with headline act Tim and Mollie O'Brien and the O'Boys from the US. B23twe01



Tommy Gilmore from the Arran Runners taking part in a triathlon event last Sunday. B23twe04



There's always something for the children at the folk festival and here's Giggles the Clown with nine-year-old Mark Clarke at Steamers Bar on Saturday.



Arran Open winners: handicap winner W McLaughlin with the Arran Distillers Quaich; Gillian McCready of Arran Distillers; top scoring local Stevie Bunyan; and scratch winner A Gold. B23twe05



The gardens at Duncan's Bar are packed with festival goers. B23twe02

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Public Notices

A THIRD CHURCH REPRESENTATIVE SOUGHT FOR NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL'S CABINET

In terms of Section 124 (4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the Council requires to appoint a representative of the Church of Scotland, the Roman Catholic Church and a third Church representative to serve as members of the Cabinet when it meets to consider Education Authority business.

The Council is seeking nominations from denominational groups to fill this third church representative position. Any denominational group in North Ayrshire willing to be considered as the third Church/denominational representative should submit an application in writing to the Chief Executive, North Ayrshire Council, Cunninghame House, Irvine, KA12 8EE or via email to committeeservices@north-ayrshire.gov.uk by 30 June 2017.

Letters of application should include the area or areas in North Ayrshire the church serves, length of time the church has been serving the area and the size of congregation. For further information please contact Melanie Anderson, Committee Services Team Leader on 01294 324131.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

Applications listed below together with the plans and other documents may be examined at Planning Services, Cunninghame House, Irvine, between 9am-4.45pm weekdays (4.30pm Fridays) or at www.eplanning.north-ayrshire.gov.uk

*and at The Council Offices, Lamlash

Written representations may be made to the Executive Director (Economy & Communities) at the above address or emailed to eplanning@north-ayrshire.gov.uk by 30.06.17. Any representations received will be open to public view.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1)

17/00497/PP; Auchrannie Hotel, Auchrannie Road, Brodick, Isle Of Arran; Change of use of agricultural land to form 14 lodges in association with hotel and spa resort.

Elma Murray, Chief Executive, Cunninghame House, IRVINE KA12 8EE

NORTH AYRSHIRE HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

Notice is hereby given, under the Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2014, that a copy of the Accounts for North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership (prior to audit) for the year ended 31 March 2017 will be available for inspection at the offices of the IJB Chief Financial Officer, Cunninghame House, Irvine, by all interested persons between the hours of 9am-4.45pm Monday to Thursday and 9am-4.30pm Friday, from Monday 3 July 2017 to Friday 21 July 2017 (a copy will also be placed on www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/council/performance-and-spending/budgets-and-finance.aspx).

All such persons shall be at liberty to take copies or extracts therefrom without charge. All books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts relating thereto will also be available for inspection during the same period and enquiries concerning access to those Accounts and other documents should be made to the undersigned.

Notice is also given that any person interested may make objections to such Accounts or any part thereof by -

1. Sending his/her objection in writing, together with a statement of the grounds, thereof, to the Auditor and to the Controller of Audit by no later than Monday 24 July 2017.
2. Sending a copy of the objection and statement to the Authority and to any officer of the Authority who may be concerned.

Where any person objects to the Accounts of the Council, the Auditor shall, if so requested by that person, afford to that person an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by the Auditor with respect to that objection, and any such person may so appear and be heard personally or by a representative.

The appointed Auditor of the Accounts is Deloitte LLP, 110 Queen Street, Glasgow, G2 3BX. The address of the Controller of Audit is Audit Scotland, 4th Floor, 102 West Port, Edinburgh, EH3 9DN

Margaret Hogg, IJB Chief Financial Officer, Cunninghame House, IRVINE
2 June 2017

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1973 NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS - YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2017

Notice is hereby given, under the Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2014, that a copy of the Accounts for North Ayrshire Council and applicable charities (prior to audit) for the year ended 31 March 2017 will be available for inspection at the offices of the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support, Cunninghame House, Irvine, by all interested persons between the hours of 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday, from Monday 3 July 2017 to Friday 21 July 2017 (a copy will also be placed on the Council's website - www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/council/performance-and-spending/budgets-and-finance.aspx).

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Laura Friel
Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Support)
Cunninghame House
IRVINE
30 May 2017



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CHURCH NOTICES

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Church)
St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday 11th June
11am Holy Communion.
Rev Canon Simon Mackenzie, Priest-in-Charge.
Coffee after service.
Wednesday, 14th June
2.15pm Holy Communion.
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 11th June
Lochranza Church, 9.30am
Morning Worship
Pirmill Church, 10.15am
Morning Worship
Shiskine Church, 12noon
Morning Worship.
Brodick Church, 10.30am
Morning Worship
Corrie Church, 11.30am
Prayer Meeting, 12noon
Morning Worship
There will be a Service of Worship in Montrose House at 1.30pm.

WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(Charity Number: SC014005)
Sunday 11th June

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

During worship, we will be celebrating the sacrament of baptism, when we baptise Kevin William Price, the second child of Kelly Price and Wayne Phillips. Tea and coffee will be served after the service.
All most welcome to stay and enjoy more fellowship.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Kilmory linked with Lamlash
"A faith to proclaim ~ a fellowship to share"
Sunday 11th June
Rev Lily McKinnon
Kilmory 10 am
Lamlash 11.30 am
All welcome, including families; children's area

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 11th June
Vigil Mass 7.30pm
Sunday Mass 11am

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

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

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev Vince Jennings
Sunday 11th June
Service 11am
Ormidale Pavilion
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

Shiskine 11am (church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)
Brodick 6pm

BACK IN THE CHURCH
Rev Benjamin Van Rensburg

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

BIRTH



FINDLAY POWELL
Neil & Jerry are delighted to announce the birth of Findlay Arthur Powell, their first grandchild, a son for Jonathan and Hattie.
All well.
Born 31st May 2017.

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Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday May 31, Summer Trophy, eighth round, 23 played and after a number of 'oh so nearly' Summer Trophy rounds, Pele did what he's been threatening for some time; a blistering net 57, on a day when the CSS went out to 64, to win by three shots.

1. Owen 'Pele' Quigley 20.57, 2. Nicol Auld 5.60 and lowest gross, 3. Douglas Graham 13.61, 4. Stan Rainey 11.64. Magic twos Douglas Graham @ fourth, Pele @ 17th.

Sunday June 4, The JC Reid Trophy Final. Having qualified for the final just the day before, John Pennycott met Kevin McAleney in the final. The recent practice clearly paid off as John cruised to victory by six and four, the early finish leaving both contestants free to enjoy watching the afternoon round of the club championship. Congratulations to John on his first victory in the JC Reid. Sunday



Sandy Murray receives the Duncan Sillars Cup from Machrie Bay club captain Hamish Bannatyne.

June 4, Club Championship final. Bearing an uncanny resemblance to last year's final the 2017 version saw a three-hole margin at the end of the morning round, but this time it was Danny Head who was three down to Nicol Auld.

The similarity did not end there however, as by the turn of the afternoon round Danny had clawed the deficit back and the game was all square on the 12th tee. From there Danny boomed a magnificent drive over the hill only to find a poor lie just beyond and left of the green. Playing his second shot from 20 yards short of the green Nicol elected to use his putter which he struck straight and true to hole out for a two and take him one up.

It stayed that way until the par three 17th where, neither player having found the green, Danny managed a fine up and down to level the match and ensure a grandstand finish for the many spectators who were thoroughly enjoying the tussle.

Both drove well from the 18th tee and Danny found the green with his second. Nicol's second having pulled up just short, he again elected to putt but this time mis-cued leaving a nasty down-hiller that slid agonisingly past. Danny's first putt pulled up short and Nicol holed out leaving Danny with a tricky down-hiller for the championship. It, too, slid past and it was all up the first again for a nerve-jangling playoff.

Danny's tee shot ended within a few feet of the green with Nicol's a few yards further back. Nicol played a fine pitch to the green but he needed a further two putts to secure his par. Danny was able to get down in only two more shots to secure the match and the championship, fittingly with a birdie three. The match was played in the finest traditions of the game and both players are to be congratulated and thanked for the many examples of good humour and sportsmanship on show. Nicol took his



Arran Open Trophy winners; Jamie MacGregor, champion Jonathon Davis, Captain Lindsay Keir and Iain MacDonald.

disappointment well and was, as one would expect, the first to congratulate Danny on his first club championship after two successive runner's up spots. Well played Danny and many congratulations - it is sure to be the first of many.

Fixtures: Saturday and Sunday June 10 and 11, the Whiting Bay Seniors Open. Sunday June 11, Stableford sweep. Wednesday June 14, Summer Trophy. Saturday June 17, AGA Hope Cup at Whiting Bay, 1pm and 6pm.

Brodick Golf Club

Saturday and Sunday June 3 and 4, Arran Open Championship, 113 played in excellent but breezy conditions on both days.

Taste of Arran Trophy, scratch, Jonathon Davis (Kilsyth) 69+68=137, Thomas Morrison (Kilsyth) 69+69=138, Todd Jameson (Lamlash) 70+69=139, Greg McCrae (Brodick) 71+69=140, Thomas Fitzsimmons ((Kilsyth) 68+76=144. Douglas Hotel Trophy, handicap. Jamie MacGregor (Cathcart Castle) 59+65=124, Iain MacDonald (Brodick) 61+65=126, David Coyle (Kilsyth) 63+66=129, Douglas Edgar (Loudon) 63+68=131, Alex Brand (Elgin) 67+65=132. Bo Wallace Trophy, best nett score by Brodick GC member, Iain MacDonald. Wednesday May 31, Summer Cup, 37 played, CSS 64. Greg McCrae 63-6=57, Chris Park 77-15=62, Nicol Hume 76-13=63. Scratch, Greg McCrae 63. A great score by Greg!

Ladies section: Tuesday May 30, Club Trophy 2nd round, CSS 69, 12 played. 1 Yvonne Brothers 85-18=65, 2 Brenda Livingstone 82-12=70. Scratch, Elizabeth Sinclair.

Fixtures: Sunday June 11, Fleet Cup, 36 holes, 8.30am and 3pm. Thursday June 15, Summer Cup. Make up own games, see starter for times.



Whiting Bay club champion Danny Head with the JC Reid trophy and championship finalists. B23gol02No

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

HAMILTON-RODERICK

- Nina, David and Louise would like to say thank you to everyone for their cards, flowers and support shown to us since the passing of Roderick. Thank you to Rev Lily McKinnon for the lovely service and words of comfort, Christine and her team, the Doctors and David and Clair Hendry for funeral arrangements. £705 was collected for the Arran Hospital Supports League

DEATH

MURDOCH - MARY -

Peacefully at Cooriedoon Nursing Home on Thursday, 1st June 2017. Mary, formerly of Croftlands, Lamlash, beloved sister of Alastair, Jean, and the late Jim and dear aunt of the family. Funeral service at Masonhill Crematorium, By Ayr, on Friday, 16th June at 1:15 pm to which all are welcome.

BANNER ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN MEMORY

In remembrance of
Geoff 10-6-2015
and PC Anthony Collins
29-11-13.
Much loved and missed



The swim competitors head for the rib to take them to Holy Isle.

Rory roars to glory at first triathlon festival

The first Arran Triathlon Festival took place last weekend and proved a big success with entrants from the island and the mainland taking part in a variety of events based around the outdoor education centre in Lamlash.

There was a good entry of British age group triathletes, including Arran's Rory Hunter, who the previous week won the British triathlon sprint championship, and took the sprint distance top spot on Arran.

The festival, run by Isle of Arran Junior Triathlon Club, took place on Saturday when there was racing for all, with a youth triathlon as well as middle,

standard and sprint distance races.

There was also a sea swim from Holy Isle, with biking around the island and an out-and-back run to finish.

Around 40 youngsters took part where the TriStar 1 victors were Alex Reid and Rhea Webster, TriStar 2; Harry Barr and Julie Hamill, and in the TriStar 3/youths Andrew Mitchell and Bronagh Beattie.

There was a sprint, standard and middle distance racing as well, with Rory Hunter (unattached) the clear victor in the men's sprint (1:01:11). Ian Hannah (Newton Stewart Triathlon Club) was comfortable in second (1:10:44),

and Graham Young (Newton Stewart Triathlon Club) won the battle for third (1:17:58). Fusion Triathlon's Fiona Cockburn took the female race and also finish fourth overall with her time of 1:18:42. Frances Butler (Newton Stewart Triathlon Club) and Hazel Kennedy took second and third respectively in 1:21:25 and 1:21:38.

In the standard event Kevin Brydon (unattached) was the overall winner and first male in 2:09:36, with Mike Legget second in 2:15:28. Scott McLean completed the men's podium line-up in 2:22:28.

Jemma McNeill of Newton Stewart Triathlon Club was the clear winner in the female race finishing in 2:17:06, a time that also saw her take third overall.

Jacqui Thomson (2:26:22) and Heather McKay (2:38:18) completed the 1-2-3.

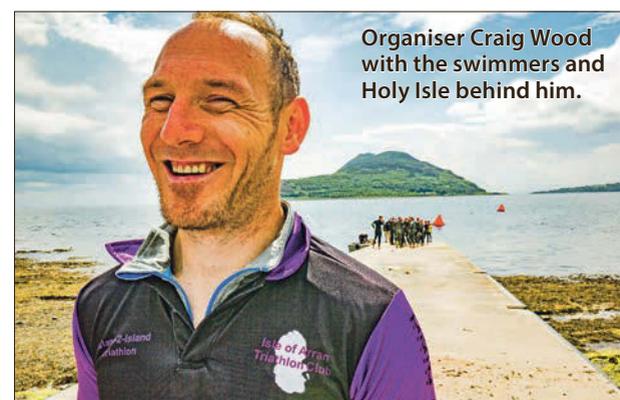
Completing the day's action was the middle distance event. Viktor Taranenko (Edinburgh Triathlon) won in 4:47:41, ahead of Mark Quinn (Craven Energy Triathlon Club) and Teemu Kyllonen, who finished in 4:58:40 and 5:08:30 respectively.

In the women's race Carol Young (Craven Energy Triathlon Club) took the top spot with her time of 5:57:28. Catherine Hill (Craven Energy Triathlon Club) and Katy Hall completed the medal winners.

Organiser Craig Wood said: 'It went really well for the club's first event. The junior kids have once again proven we are one of the best club's in Scotland.

'We have a busy few weekends with the Scottish championships in two weeks' time.'

*See letters page 8.



Organiser Craig Wood with the swimmers and Holy Isle behind him.



Determination on the face as a swimmer heads for his bike.



Brothers Archie and Gregor Gunaydi at the end of the Tristar events.



Viktor Taranenko with a winner's medal.



Rory Hunter was the sprint distance winner.

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SPORT



INSIDE THIS WEEK:
Rory roars to glory at first triathlon festival

Honours even at Sandbraes as Northend is put to the sword

Southend 3
Brodick 3

Monday night saw a feisty encounter played out at Sandbraes between Southend and league champions Brodick.

The teams looked evenly matched as the game began with some big, crunching tackles from the start.

Southend took the lead when Donnie Park was given space and hit a powerful shot beyond Finlay Sillars in the Brodick goal.

At the other end, Southend keeper Stephen Judge pulled off a terrific save from Owen 'Pele' Quigley's low strike.

Moments later Pele's quick footwork earned him a penalty as he dodged in and out the Southend defence before being brought

down. Archie McNicol did what he does best and sent the goalkeeper the wrong way to even things up.

Babbies MacNeil and Fraser Gilbert were both shown yellow cards after a collision with each other on halfway and a heated exchange.

Just before the half-time mark, Lewis Kennedy was on hand to regain Southend's lead when he met a cross to fire the ball into the net.

After the restart it was Southend who quickly extended their lead when Secuna Junior rifled a shot from the edge of the box to get his second of the season.

Brodick then upped their game and sent more boys forward to flood their attack line. They were rewarded

when left back Adam McNicol was on hand to poke the ball beyond Judge and to put the visitors within touching distance. It wasn't long before the equaliser went in when John Drummond scored a rare headed goal for the winger from a Brodick corner.

Babbies was given the captain's armband but was playing at his usual hard tackling game and was perhaps lucky to finish the 90 minutes without a red card or having to go off after his coach, Alan Murray, wiped him out when the two of them challenged for a header.

Referee Willie Sillars gave the man of the match to Judge who had a fine number of saves to prevent Brodick taking home all three points.



Northend Thistle FC pictured before the game in their new kit sponsored by the Isle of Arran Distillery. 01_B23footy01

Northend Thistle 0
Lamlash 7

Lamlash travelled north to the Ewe Camp stadium but in the first half didn't get it all their own way. Despite dominating with loads of golden opportunities and majority of possession, they were only 2-0 up at half-time.

However, some of the Northend boys started to fall out with each other and the visitors capitalised to run out 7-0 winners in the end.

Lamlash scorers were Sam Tattersfield, Grant Adamson, Dylan Smith, an own goal, captain Johnny Sloss from the penalty spot, and substitute Scott McFarland coming on to score two goals and bag himself

the man of the match award from referee Ali Brown.

Next week's fixtures will see last year's league winners and runners-up go head to head in Brodick as Lamlash try to get a result

for the first time in a long time against their old rivals.

Elsewhere, Shiskine will host Southend. Both kick offs are 6.30pm on Monday June 12.



Lamlash captain Johnny Sloss deceives the opposition with his fancy footwork and launches an attempt at goal. 01_B23footy04



Ben Tattersfield takes a tumble under pressure from Northend. 01_B23footy02

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