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Hospital transfer service axed over lack of funds

There was widespread concern on the island this week that a vital hospital transport service, operated by the Red Cross, is to be axed.

The charity has confirmed that it is to end its transfer service at the end of the month because, it says, it costs more to run than to pay for a taxi for every patient.

The service has been running since 2003 and has helped hundreds of people complete thousands of journeys to hospital appointments on the mainland. It remains available until next Thursday.

One Brodick resident, who has used the service for five years, said: 'It is going to make life very difficult for those folk who are elderly or infirm. I can't see them making it to Princes Street to get the bus - I know I couldn't.'

Now a number of moves have been made to have the decision reversed, although so far it is not looking promising. Complaints have been made to the Red Cross, the health board and

REPORT
by **HUGH BOAG**
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Arran MSP Kenneth Gibson, who is looking at 'possible solutions'.

One resident, Irene Reid, has contacted Eunice Goodwin, the patient feedback manager for NHS Ayrshire and Arran. She told her: 'As I am sure you must understand, the loss of this service will be hugely detrimental to the islanders who so wholly rely on this service to meet their transport needs. As the daughter, neighbour and friend of those who have used, and continue to rely on, this service, I know first-hand how much of an impact this will have on both their physical health and mental well-being due to the increased stress they will encounter as a direct result of this service being withdrawn.'

'Many of these patients are ineligible for support from the Scottish Ambulance Patient Transport Service and ArCaS support. Thus this was their only vi-

able support service. Without this vital service, trying to arrange alternative support or even missing their appointments, which has happened and will continue to happen when no alternative can be arranged, can only exacerbate their worries at a time when these patients are already vulnerable and in need of additional support.

'I am contacting you in the hope that you can suggest a viable alternative to this service or take this matter forward and serve as a voice for Arran patients with your managers in the hope of rectifying the situation and going some way to minimise the distress the withdrawal of the service is likely to have.'

Ms Goodwin replied: 'I do appreciate that many individuals will be disadvantaged by it. I am not sure I can find a solution to this but I am on the case. If this was put on the forum - www.patientopinion.org.uk - it would be very helpful to highlight to the public and

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The anvil of love

The couple at the anvil of love. Photos: Jim Main

A newly-wed couple climbed Goatfell two days after their wedding to declare their undying devotion at the 'anvil of love'.

Dawn Anderson from Shiskine got married to James Johnstone, originally from Glencaple, Dumfriesshire, in the Red Church last Saturday. But they were also keen to get some unique wedding shots at the summit of Goatfell and, with wedding photographer Jim Main, climbed the 2,866ft where they found the anvil which was recently hauled up the mountain by big Davy Ballantyne.

For Dawn, whose family have lived in Shiskine for generations, it was an emotional moment. The couple are to make their home in Torthorwald near Dumfries.



Dawn in her wedding dress at the top of Goatfell.



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Transfer service is axed

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may give us some more leverage.'

A spokesman for the British Red Cross said: 'It is with regret that we have to end the Arran hospital transport service on June 30.'

'We are very grateful to Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT), which has grant-funded this service since 2008, enabling the Red Cross to help hundreds of people from Arran to make thousands of journeys to and from mainland hospitals.'

'Unfortunately, the Red

Cross has been unable to secure funding this year to continue the service. We have written to all our service users explaining the situation and suggesting other routes they can explore to make their hospital travel easier.'

Arran MSP Kenneth Gibson said that the Red Cross used to receive grants from the Scottish Ambulance Service (SAS) as well as Scottish Patient Transport (SPT).

Over the years, it has become more and more difficult to have such applications accepted and, last

year, the Scottish Ambulance Service informed the Red Cross that it would no longer provide any funding for this service and since then the charity has worked to find funding partners both on Arran and on the mainland, but to no avail.

SPT too has now advised the Red Cross that the model is no longer viable, as it is often only one patient who has to be transferred.

Mr Gibson said: 'I appreciate that this is not the response islanders would have hoped for.'

'However, I am exploring possible solutions and I will

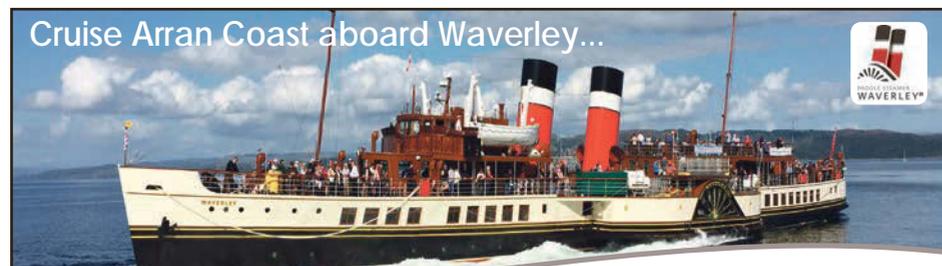
keep *Arran Banner* readers updated regarding any developments.'

And he added: 'The Red Cross are now exploring any and all possible op-

tions to provide support to regular service users for time being. While solutions are being explored, patients are advised to contact Jim Nichols, who is

with the Third Sector Interface on Arran, so that a solution can be sought. He can be contacted on 01770 600611 or via e-mail at jim.nichols@arrancvs.org.uk.'

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The Eos pictured in Brodick Bay. Photo by Zabdi Keen

Bay watchers' treat at Brodick

Brodick Bay had a very special visitor last weekend – one of the largest private sailing yachts in the world.

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Diane von Fürstenberg, who are thought to have been on board.

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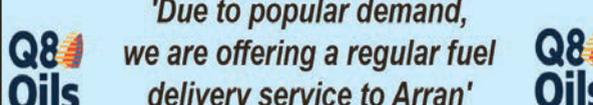
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Bringing a little sunshine to the Arran stage

The Arran High School musical *Sunshine on Leith* has been playing to packed audiences all week. The final performance is tonight (Friday) but is already a sell-out. Here we see some of the cast performing one of the many Proclaimers' hits during the routine set in a call centre. For a full report and picture special see next week's *Banner*.

Arran now ranked best for accommodation in Europe

Arran has been ranked as the top destination for hotels among all European islands, according to hotel search and review website Trivago.

After Arran, the Greek islands feature heavily on the list with 15 entries, while Jersey and Guernsey and Italy's Capri also make an appearance in the top 20.

The Trivago ratings index is compiled from a list of

more than 220 million reviews from 34 websites and aggregates them to create the index called the European Island Ranking which it releases annually.

Praise

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Ten golden tickets up for grabs

Arran is staging its very own Willy Wonka-esque golden ticket contest.

This summer Arran Dairies are giving customers the chance to win some fabulous prizes with their golden ticket ice-cream competition.

They have teamed up with some of the island's finest hotels, visitor attractions and food producers to put together a range of top prizes, including two-night bed

and breakfast breaks, VIP tours and delicious hampers packed full of Arran goodies.

Hidden

The 10 golden tickets are randomly hidden in the bottom of their 120ml impulse tubs which come in six delicious flavours.

The competition is open to anyone around the world where Arran Dairies ice-cream is sold and the finders of the lucky tickets will

be entitled to claim the top prizes.

The competition runs alongside the firm's social media campaign that also offers a prize for the best selfie taken with an Arran Dairies ice-cream. Entrants can post their selfies on Twitter and Facebook, where the winning selfie will be selected. More details of the competitions can be found on the website at www.taste-of-arran.co.uk.

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Senior pupils learn how new ferry terminal is taking shape



Above: Project manager (civil) Scott Rowan explains what is happening on site. 01_B26site02

Right: Scott explains how the primary rock armour will protect the new retaining wall. 01_B26site08

Students enjoy guided tour of Brodick site

Senior pupils from Arran High School have been shown how work is progressing at the new Brodick ferry terminal.

The 19 pupils, studying technical and design and manufacturing, were given full access to the site after a safety briefing and being kitted out in hard hats, goggles and hi-vis vests.

They were given the technical guided tour of the entire site by project manager (civil) Scott Rowan of contractor George Leslie Ltd as part of the community benefits scheme offered by the company. One of the pupils, Cailean Robertson, is also undertaking a summer placement with the company for four weeks from early July.

The company also plans to visit the high school to speak to students about its ICE Bridges For Skills projects, which present a practical evaluation on engineering and the construction industry to encourage children to choose this path as a career.

Scott has also visited Brodick Primary School

for a discussion with P1-P3 classes. This was a very pictorial session to give the young pupils an insight to what the contractors are doing. A site visit is also planned for the children.

A spokesman for pier owners Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd said: 'CMAL, as client on Brodick ferry terminal development, is delighted that our contractor George Leslie Ltd is engaging with the local primary and secondary schools on Arran in such a positive way.'

'We hope that the presentations, activities and visits to such a large and complex civil engineering project being built right on their doorstep will encourage them to consider a future career in engineering.'

A defibrillator is also being donated to the Arran paramedics team by George Leslie Ltd. It will be available to the public but kept on site until the end of the project and will then be gifted to the island for use at a suitable location.





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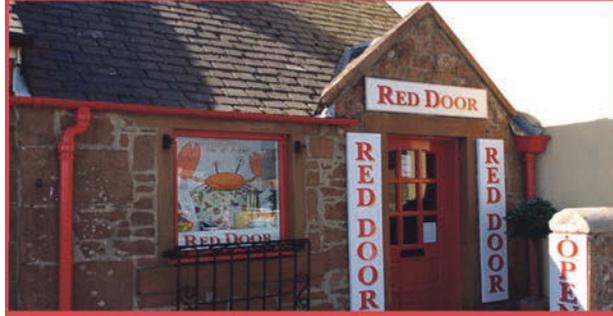
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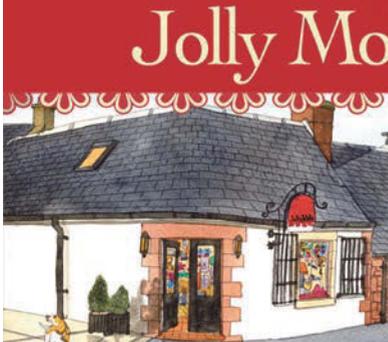
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Scott explains how the piling rods will be hammered into the seabed. 01_B26site03



The senior pupils who took part in the site visit. 01_B26site09



Right: The pupils watched as workers buried a giant oil filter tank. 01_B26site06

Left: Cailean Robertson, who has secured a summer placement at the site. 01_B26site11



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The pupils are told how the pier will be constructed with the frame of the terminal building behind them. 01_B26site04

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Partnership takes one step closer after public meeting

A large group of interested participants attended the island's first Locality Partnership meeting at Brodick Hall last Monday.

The framework for the new body, which is aimed at providing better local representation for the Arran community, was discussed.

Chaired

The meeting was chaired by Arran councillor John Bruce with representatives from various sectors of Arran and North Ayr-

shire Council (NAC). On the panel were Jim Nichols of Arran Community and Voluntary Service (ACVS), Audrey Sutton, head of connected communities at NAC, and John McKnight, senior manager of community development for NAC.

Also in attendance and providing input was Sergeant Allen Dodds representing Police Scotland, as well as representatives from other emergency services.

The meeting started with

an introduction and background to Locality Partnerships and, after a short tea break, a public discussion on how the Arran group will take shape was held and agreed upon.

Discussion

The first official meeting for the Locality Partnership, one of a minimum of four which will be held a year, will take place later this year with much of the input and discussions and framework based on the outcome from the evening's event.

The North Ayrshire Council Initiative is in response to the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act which seeks a more efficient method of delivering resources with community involvement at a local level.



The audience listen intently as Councillor John Bruce outlines how the Locality Partnership will work. 01_B26locality01

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MP calls for 'respect and tolerance' in personal tribute to murdered Jo

Following the appalling murder of Jo Cox, MP for Batley and Spen, last week, Patricia Gibson, MP for North Ayrshire and Arran, has expressed her shock at the events.

Mrs Gibson said: 'That anyone should be murdered in broad daylight as they do their job is truly horrific. Jo Cox was well respected by her constituents and worked hard to promote humanitarian causes.'

Deprived

'Above all, she was a loved wife and mother who now will not see her children grow up. Two very young children have been

deprived of their mother in the most cruel way imaginable.

'However, Jo would not want her death to change the way elected representatives do their work and that is why all MPs and MSPs must continue to go about their business in their constituencies, having the very necessary direct contact with their constituents, of which she was so fond.'

'Fortunately, such attacks are rare but this should serve as a timely reminder that we all need to work harder to ensure our politics is respectful and tolerant, with no place for hatred.'

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Tourist bag drop idea sees pupils lift prize

Arran High School has finished joint third in a Dragons' Den-style competition.

The Sir Tom Hunter Challenge saw pupils from across Ayrshire come up with an original idea for a product, innovation or business.

Eight pupils from Arran High School's S3 business class came up with 'Drive n Drop', a service which would pick up tourists' luggage from the ferry when they arrive and drop it off at their hotel.

This would mean that visitors would be free to explore the island without the worry of hauling their luggage around, as it would be delivered directly to their accommodation.

They had to present their idea to judges, including Sir Tom Hunter himself,

at the final, held last Monday at the Park Hotel in Kilmarnock. Sir Tom said: 'The Ayrshire and Arran schools taking part were a huge inspiration and should be roundly congratulated, as should the teachers and councils supporting them.'

'The ideas the teams came up with, the teamwork they put in, the opportunities they identified, all contributed to an exceptional outcome.'

The pupils received £1,000 for the school after winning third prize.

Head teacher Barry Smith said: 'We are very proud of the achievements of this group of young people and the way they confidently presented their ideas to the judges on the evening. Entrepreneurial spirit is certainly alive and well in the young people of Arran.'



The Arran pupils with Sir Tom Hunter and other judges.

North Ayrshire councillor John Bruce, cabinet member for education attainment and achievement, added: 'For Arran High to finish joint third is a great

credit to the pupils and their teachers. The pupils have learned a huge amount from the process and we're very proud of their achievements.'

The winning team was St Joseph's Academy from Kilmarnock, with Prestwick Academy coming joint third alongside the Arran team.

Classic motor cycles on show

Arran Heritage Museum is hosting its fourth annual Vintage and Veteran Motor Cycle Show tomorrow (Sunday) and this year's event promises to be even bigger and better than ever.

Invitations to members of mainland clubs and local enthusiasts have been given to show their machines – including off-road machines – and the response so far indicates that there will be a very memorable turnout. The show starts at 1.30pm when a parade of gleaming machines will be lined up on the lawn, and their owners will be on hand to discuss and explain their machines.

As musical accompaniment, the Arran Pipe Band will play a set at approximately 2.15pm. In addition to Café Rosaburn's usual attractive fare, there will also be a stall selling locally sourced beef and venison burgers. There will also be the famous museum tombola stand.

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End of a vital lifeline

The ending of the Red Cross hospital transport service is a big loss to the island.

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It has become a vital lifeline for many elderly and infirm residents who have to travel for regular hospital appointments on the mainland and not just in Cross-house but in Ayr, Glasgow and even further afield.

There has been concern about the service for some time – but the Red Cross has always insisted it would find the funding to keep it going.

The charity used to apply for, and receive, grants from the Scottish Ambulance Service (SAS) as well as Scottish Patient Transport (SPT). Over the years, it has become more and more difficult to have such applications accepted and, last year, the SAS informed the Red Cross that it would no longer provide any funding for this service.

What has emerged this week is that the SPT indicated that it would be only be willing to continue to provide part of the grant until the end of June, if the Red Cross chipped in until a different provider was found. But while the Red Cross has worked to find funding partners ever since, both on Arran and on the mainland, this has been to no avail.

That is not much comfort to the dozens of users who received letters this week telling them the service was to end in a matter of days and we feel the Red Cross could have been more transparent in outlining its difficulties in the past months when, if it had been known it was in real trouble, an alternative situation may have been able to be found.

Now from next week the service – which has been operating for 13 years – will come to an abrupt end.

Possible solutions are being investigated but it is not looking hopeful that any public body or charity is in a position to take over the transfer service any time soon.

But let's hope a solution may come from an unexpected source.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'There is nothing in all creation that can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.' (Romans 8:39)

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Letters to the Editor



The Banner's front page article last week on the problems being caused by the large increase in the number of motorhomes and camper vans coming to the island provoked a big response from owners and drivers both on the island and the mainland. Here our letters special continues the debate.

Tourism is the Arran mainstay

Sir,
I was very disappointed by the tone of the leading *Banner* article of June 18, with its repeated use of the inflammatory word 'menace'. As the voice of the community, what sort of message does that send to the very visitors you often bemoan don't visit the island in large enough numbers?

Tourism is the Arran mainstay; most local businesses depend on it.

Reading the article itself, there are only three negative points made (lack of adequate facilities/Lochranza ferry overcrowding/Shiskine Golf Club incident).

Only the last of these deserves the word 'menace' and appears to be an individual criminal act, not part of a trend – unless you are suggesting that typical motorhome owners have a propensity towards criminal behaviour.

Come on the *Banner*, motorhome owners should be welcomed, not shunned or insulted by provocative language.

Yes, there are problems, such as inadequate parking areas, insufficient disposal facilities and so forth but why not speak out on ways the island can solve these problems and seek to provide a positive welcome instead?

Why not ensure that they (and the locals) have a good experience while they're here contributing to the island's most vital industry?

Yours,
**John Cunningham,
Macclesfield.**

Motorhomes are a good thing

Sir
Surely campervans and motorhomes are a good thing. They bring tourists to the island who then support the local businesses, return home and tell their friends and families what a truly wonderful island Arran is.

The islands of Harris and Lewis have welcomed campervans and motorhomes with open arms. There are several simple sites at beaches with toilets and showers and for those who choose to stay by a roadside rather than on a site, there are flattened areas with either a 'donation post' or a sign with details on how to pay by Pay Pal, suggested donation £5. Some community buildings offer the use of their showers too. This 'model' appears to be mutually beneficial to both the islands and their campervan/motorhome visitors.

With a positive approach, maybe Arran could turn this increased influx into an opportunity to fund the much needed public toilets.

Yours,
**Lesley Hennedy,
Kildonan.**

Dennis is not a menace

Sir,
I read the headline story in last week's *Arran Banner* entitled 'Action planned on the motorhomes menace' with interest. The dictionary definition of 'menace' is 'a threat or a danger'.

I'm a motorhome

driver myself so I've thought about the possible reasons why I may be classed as a menace. Too large and slow? Nope, there are many much larger vehicles on our roads (tractors, buses, lorries) and others about the same size (ambulances, vans).

Maybe I'm too fast then? I can honestly say that I have never done any doughnuts in my motorhome.

Am I badly behaved or rude? Nope, I don't usually require a police presence. Ironically, at a time when all the public toilets are about to close, I will be the only one on the road who will have his own facility, surely a bonus.

Do I not contribute? I always shop locally, and regularly eat out and buy fuel when touring.

Should I not be on the road at all? Nope, I paid my road tax (twice).

Lastly, don't forget that, when all the other accommodation is full, I provide my own, another bonus.

Visit Arran's stated aim is to 'move Arran towards becoming an all year round world class tourist destination'. I feel that this aim should now be appended by '... apart from for motorhomes and their occupants (menaces) ... oh, and cyclists (we don't like them either) ... and possibly caravans too'.

When we start picking and choosing who we welcome, we stop being a tourist destination with any 'class' whatsoever.

The problem is simply that increased vehicle numbers (mostly cars) have led to congestion on our roads and our infrastructure is inadequate.

We shouldn't let this problem lead to misplacing the blame onto motorhomes and discriminating against people like me.

In the meantime, I'm changing my name to 'Dennis' Yours,

**David Black,
Whiting Bay.**

All visitors welcome

Sir,
Last week's *Banner* headline and editorial with its absurd premise that motorhomes on the island are a menace needs to decide if tourists are welcome here. While there are a large number of campervans/motorhomes owned by island residents, most are tourists bringing much trade to the island. Is that not what RET was supposed to do?

Either RET was a mistake in that it should only have applied to island residents and hauliers, or the problem is simply lack of ferry capacity.

The Curries car park would be empty at night, so what is the problem if campervans are parking overnight? They are not inconveniencing anyone. If Gus MacLeod is to be asked to look into putting up more council signage it should be to state that all responsible visitors are welcome.

With the council threatening to absolve itself from its most basic duty of maintaining public toilets, it will not be campervans with their onboard facilities, but the general public being caught short with nowhere to go but the nearest bush that could be a menace.

Yours,
**Dave Furze,
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Isle of Arran Distillery

Today Arran can boast one of the finest ranges of malt whiskies in the world. Using only traditional methods of distilling with wooden washbacks and copper stills designed to an exact specification, the distillery produces award winning whisky which is now distributed all over the globe. Arran Distillery uses no peat in the production process, with the exception of the Machrie Moor bottling, and does not use any caramel for artificial colouring - unlike most other distilleries - and as a result the malt produced can rightly be described as 'the true spirit of nature.'; Today the distillery is producing whisky day and night to make single malts that range from a 10 year old to a delectable new 18 year old, speciality cask bottlings, as well as Arran Gold whisky liqueur. The distillery has also forged close ties with 14 other food producers on the island to develop mustard, ice cream and chocolates all flavoured with this wonderful whisky.

The Arran Butcher

The well established Arran Butcher shop has lots of different products to tempt you. They also have a mobile shop which services customers around the north end of the

island, and they can deliver to your home anywhere on Arran. Their products are also available in many retail outlets around the island, and appear on many local menus. Their main shop is in Blackwaterfoot on the west coast of the island, only 15 minutes by car from Brodick. Here they offer an extensive selection of quality meats including traditional cuts of naturally reared beef, pork and lamb and wild venison. They also have a fantastic selection of fresh fish and an ever growing range of homemade produce including delicious steak pies, sausage rolls their very popular Arran haggis and mash bridies. It is here that they proudly make their very own Isle of Arran black pudding and haggis - which is available to buy online at: www.taste-of-arran.co.uk If you can't get to their shop, their mobile shop travels round the north of the island on a Friday morning. If you would like it to stop outside your door to see what they have available, or to drop off your order, just call on 01770 860354. You can also find a wide range of Arran Butcher products in all three Co-operative Food stores and local shops around the island. And when you're out for a bite to eat, look out for their products on the menu.

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A right royal day for two Kilmory charity workers



Amanda's photo of Prince William with the Duchess of Cambridge and Prince Harry.

'The rain cleared up about 2pm in time for the royals to come down The Mall'

Amanda McDonald and Phyllis Picken were invited recently to the Queen's Patron's Lunch in London where they enjoyed some royal hospitality in recognition of the hard work that they have done over the years with the Kilmory Community Bus which is run as a charitable organisation.

Chairwoman Phyllis and Amanda, the treasurer, were contacted by the Lord Lieutenant of Ayrshire and Arran, John Duncan, to say that they had received free tickets to attend this event due to their commitment to the community

bus. The charity has previously been presented with a Queen's Award and attended a garden party at Holyrood House.

Amanda said: 'The Queen is patron to hundreds of charities and we were very proud to be able to fly down to London for this. The weather was not the best and as we queued the heavens opened and everyone was issued with waterproof ponchos. We then had to go through security and were issued with a goody bag and commemorative cups and saucers to take home, plus a special hamper filled with locally sourced food from Marks and Spencer.'

'The rain cleared up about 2pm in time for the royals to come down The Mall and mingle with guests. The weather did not dampen the spirits of the 10,000 people who attended this event. We were treated to bands and dancers performing and were very proud to be able to attend this memorable occasion and see the Queen and the other royals.'



Amanda and Phyllis with their hampers after the weather improved.



Amanda and Phyllis took their Arran Banner with them to the Patron's Lunch which started in the rain.

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The group consists of three Scottish musicians, all of whom come highly commended and experienced in performance both here and in Europe. They are Ruth Morley on flute, Hannah Craib on viola and Sharron Griffiths on harp.

The combination will be unfamiliar to many, but the resulting sound promises to be very attractive. Reviewers write of 'an absolutely magical performance' and 'dedication and splendid musicianship'.

At the concert they will be playing music ranging

from Bach to the contemporary Scottish composer Thea Musgrave, and the pieces will be introduced by the performers themselves.

The evening should prove a special treat for fans of classical music, but not only for them. All are invited to go along

for a most enjoyable musical experience.

The concert is in Brodick Hall with seating in café style, and starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are available at the door on the night, in advance from Inspirations of Arran in Brodick, or online from www.arranevents.com.



The Echo Chamber Ensemble.



Isle of Arran Distillery comes of age

Big birthday party as 21st anniversary of whisky production is celebrated

An island institution has come of age. The Isle of Arran Distillery is celebrating a very special birthday this month becoming 21 years old.

It was built in the foothills of the village of Lochranza in 1994 and the first spirit ran from the stills on 29 June 1995 bringing legal distillation back to Arran after more than 150 years.

The distillery was a brand new enterprise and since that first day in June 1995 when the first ever cask was filled, it has gone on to produce a world class single malt whisky which has won international acclaim. Isle of Arran Distillers remains the only whisky producer on the island, and has plans for a new second distillery to be built near Lagg in the south of the island.

These are certainly exciting times for this innovative island company who are celebrating their 21st anniversary with their Arran Malt & Music Festival in their Lochranza grounds next weekend (Friday, July 1 to Sunday, July 3).



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Isle of Arran Distillery comes of age

The Isle of Arran Distillery has come a long way in the last 12 years, but where did it all begin.

The site was first chosen as is home to the purest water in all of Scotland water that's been cleansed by granite and softened by peat as it slowly meanders from the mountaintops into nearby Loch na Davie.

Building work started in December 1994 and the first spirit ran through the spirit safe at 2.29pm on 29 June 1995 - two months before the official opening of the distillery on August 17.

The Visitor Centre was opened by Her Majesty the Queen exactly two years later and in 1998, after three years of maturation, the first cask of Arran single malt was opening on July 25 by actor Ewan McGregor and the rest, as they say,

Double-distilled from un-peated malt, the Arran single malt is matured in both ex-sherry and ex-bourbon casks for perfect balance. The result is a fuller bodied dram with a delightful sweet-fruity

character that shows maturity far beyond its years. They only use the traditional methods of distilling, with wooden washbacks and copper stills, designed to their exact specification. The Arran Single Malts are mostly made from un-peated malt, with the exception of the two expressions of their peated Machrie Moor single malts, and they don't use caramel for artificial colouring. All of their single malts are non-chillfiltered, which means they're natural in pigment and exactly the way whisky should be!

The first ever 10 year-old from the distillery was launched in 2006 and their 14 year-old followed in 2010. In February 2016 they released their first ever core range 18 year-old which brings their staple offering to a 10, 14 and 18 year-old single malt. This is a massive achievement this forward-thinking 100 per cent Scottish distillery and they are proud to carry the history of whisky distilling on Arran into the modern whisky market all over the world; their single malt is now distribut-

ed in around 45 different worldwide markets and this network is growing every year. A special 21st anniversary bottling will be released in September.

Arran is a welcoming island, its people are open and friendly and nowhere is this better demonstrated than in the Visitor Centre. The Visitor Centre welcomes around 88,000 visitors every year and was awarded distillery visitor experience of the year two years running in 2014 and 2015 by Scottish Field Magazine. Officially opened by Her Majesty the Queen in 1997, the Visitor Centre is situated right next to the distillery. It affords you the opportunity to learn about the art of whisky making from professional guides who have become well known as being among the very best in the industry. You can tour the distillery and witness the magic for yourself and at the end of the tour enjoy a dram in the company of like-minded people. There are several different types of distillery and tasting tours to choose from depending on the



Master distiller James MacTaggart and his team. Photo courtesy of Luigi di Pasquale



Actor Ewan McGregor raises a glass to the first cask of Arran single malt.

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For the festival the distillery will be opening a brand new building as part of their Visitor Centre experience. The new blending and tasting room will house the most extensive collection of Arran Single Malts and be a dedicated space for distillery manager James MacTaggart to work on new expressions and host groups from all over the world.

Right: One of the three cupola is lowered on to the roof by a giant crane. B26whisky11



The Queen is all smiles at the opening of the Visitor Centre as distillery founder Hal Currie looks on. B26whisky13



Gordon Mitchell who was distillery manager from the opening until 2007.



Managing director Euan Mitchell and staff in celebratory mood.



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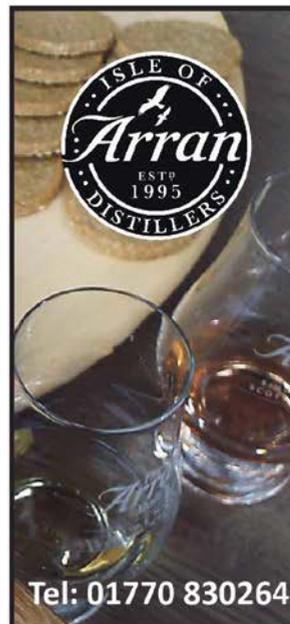


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The Arran Malt & Music Festival 2016



Anniversary Malt & Music Festival will be one to remember

Every year, the annual Arran Malt & Music Festival is held in the grounds of the distillery and this year a very special 21st anniversary celebration will take place from Friday, July 1 to Sunday, July 3.

This has become a real date in the calendar for whisky and Arran enthusiasts, bringing together

some of the best island food producers, local musicians and bands from the mainland in a celebration of all things Malt and Music! Of course, the backdrop to the weekend is the Single Malt, with the White Stag Whisky Dinner in the Visitor Centre on the Friday evening which has become a much

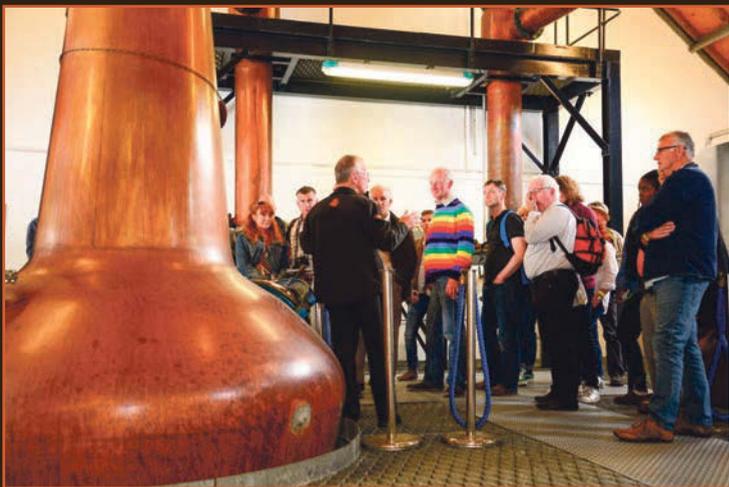
sought after ticket with waiting lists for those who want to join in. On the Saturday, the festival starts at 11am and features fantastic whisky masterclasses where you have the opportunity to get really involved with the people who make the whisky and hear about their experiences in the industry.

Their annual special festival release will be available to purchase on the day – a small batch bottling which is chosen each year by the participants of their Ultimate Masterclass. This year, a brand new book 'Arran Whisky – An Island Renaissance' which documents the first 21 years of the distillery

will be launched at the festival and author Neil Wilson will be available to sign copies and discuss the book with visitors. The event is also a family friendly affair with activities for younger visitors, including a bouncy castle, face painting and craft activities. The festivities are set to continue long into

the evening with a celebratory ceilidh led by band 'Whisky Kiss'.

Euan Mitchell, Managing Director of Isle of Arran Distillers said: 'We are a proudly independent Scottish company, and great care and attention is given to making sure that our Single malt remains true to its roots. We



Visitors hear all about the distillery stills.



The sun sets over the distillery Visitor Centre.



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are one of the few remaining independent distilleries in Scotland, free of corporate chains, and this authenticity and desire to stay in close touch with our consumers makes us stand out from the crowd. 'Our whiskies are full of personality – we are not just independently owned, we are also independently minded. We have an online community of Arran friends known as The White Stags and we are looking forward to welcoming many of them to Lochranza for our Festival in July. We are proud to take our whiskies all over the world and promote our beautiful island – it is a very special occasion to welcome them to or home in celebration of our 21st Anniversary.'

The White Stag Gazette newsletter is sent out regularly to keep everyone up to date with Arran news and new releases and you can sign up for this on the Arran web site at www.arran-whisky.com



The festival always attracts big crowds



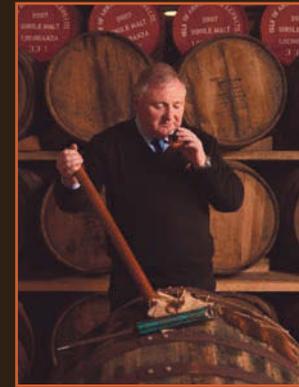
A young performer at last year's festival.



Visitors enjoy a tour of the distillery, which will be available next weekend.



All dressed in white to enjoy the famous White Stag dinner.



Master distiller James MacTaggart at work. Photo courtesy Luigi di Pasquale



Janet Haley serving drinks at the White Stag dinner.

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Commemorative exhibition to be held for Arran artist

A commemorative art exhibition of artist and printmaker Stephen Gill's works is to launch at Arran Active in Brodick on Wednesday July 6 and will run until the end of August.

Open to public viewing,



One of Stephen's prints entitled High Dive.

the exhibition of Stephen's work will feature a variety of prints and paintings, alongside examples of his printing work.

Born in Durham England, Stephen spent most of his life on Arran, working at St Columba's Gallery in Whiting Bay, which was started by his parents in 1955. For decades he created and printed letterheads, business cards and other branded materials for a variety of local businesses.

As an award-winning printmaker and member of the British Printing Society, Stephen specialised in creating lino-cuts, woodcuts and litho prints at his studio in Kildonan, where he lived and worked for 20 years until his death at the age of 83 in March this year. He

also produced paintings, sketches, pastel drawings and watercolours among other media, and exhibited at local galleries and art shows.

Arran's rocky mountains and coastlines were to be Stephen's main inspiration throughout his career. The seashore, cliffs and soaring birds became a regular feature of his artwork, the scenes that he had seen and sketched as he enjoyed regular walks through the Arran landscape.

A founder member of the Arran Mountain Rescue Team, Stephen was a keen walker and hiker, and he also loved amateur dramatics, being a long-time member of Whiting Bay Players. Simon Ross-Gill, Stephen's youngest son, said:



Stephen in his studio in Kildonan.

'Stephen's family are really pleased that Arran Active is hosting this special exhibition of his works. As someone who relished the outdoors and walking, my dad would have smiled to see his work surrounded by outdoor equipment and gear and with a view of the Ar-

ran mountains.'

Juliette Walsh, of Arran Active, added: 'It's a pleasure to host this exhibition of Stephen's work. Many of his prints and paintings reflect the beautiful landscapes that can be explored on the island. We hope the public and visitors alike

will stop by to see his works and enjoy his unique depiction of Arran.'

A preview of The Stephen Gill Commemorative Art Exhibition will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday, July 6 and it will run until Wednesday August 31, upstairs at Arran Active.



Community Land Summer Sessions

Loads of great free activities are going on at the Community Land in Whiting Bay this summer, hosted by our new Session Workers. All welcome. Come and enjoy the Community Land!

Family Holiday Group

Five fun sessions for carers & kids to enjoy growing & being outdoors! Held every Tuesday 11am-1pm in the school holidays starting on 12th July (last one 9th Aug).

Growing Group

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9th July 11am-1pm	Composting
16th July 11am-1pm	Basic Herbal first aid
23rd July 11am-1pm	Using pallets in the garden
30th July 2-4pm	Natural Cosmetics
6th Aug. 11am-1pm	Volunteer day
13th Aug. 11am-1pm	Green woodworking
20th Aug. 11am-1pm	Composting
27th Aug. 2-4pm	Using gluts in preserves

All welcome!

All free!

Come and enjoy the Community Land!

The Community Land is signposted off Golf Course Road in Whiting Bay. There is a small amount of parking for those who can't walk to sessions, in our new car park.

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Federation pushing ahead with plans for annual SWI show

The June meeting and also the AGM of the Arran Federation of the SWI were held in Kilmory Hall this year in accordance with the decision to rotate the venues of meetings to give more members the chance to attend.

President Anne Pringle, welcomed those present and apologies from absentees were noted. Minutes of the December meeting were amended and passed.

On show

The banner provided by headquarters displaying the new name of the organisation was on show and the date of the rally was agreed, as was the speaker.

A full report detailing many changes at headquar-

ters was read. This information will be relayed to members at the start of the new session, as will the minutes from the latest meeting at headquarters when the minutes are received.

A report on progress of the planning for the annual show was provided and institutes now know their duties on the day.

The president provided an update on the very enjoyable south-west area lunch held recently in Alloway.

Some institutes represented there had already finalised plans for how they intended to mark the SWI centenary next year.

The local federation is looking for ideas on how Arran can celebrate this

milestone so get those thinking caps on.

The date of the next committee meeting is Thursday September 1 in Kildonan Hall at 2pm. A full turnout of federation reps would be appreciated at the start of this very historic year for the SWI.

Encourage

Copies of each institute's plans for the coming session will be on display at the annual show and, hopefully, this will encourage new members to join.

Finally, the federation wishes the very best of luck to the four golfing members who will be representing Arran at this year's golf competition to be held at Fortrose and Rosemarkie.

Memory event taking shape in Whiting Bay

A huge turnout is expected at a Whiting Bay Memories reunion next month.

The event is being held on Saturday July 16 at the village hall to reunite old friends and families, and to share stories and memories to preserve for future generations to enjoy.

Guests are expected from

all over Scotland and many are flying in for the reunion from abroad.

Whiting Bay Memories is a Facebook group created in 2012 by Barbara I'Anson, and has taken only three years to reach a membership of 700. Many people have contributed to the group by adding an amaz-

ing collection of photographs and memorabilia with hundreds of images to enjoy.

Eleanor Lockhart, a founding member of the group, said: 'Some of the photos are just out of this world. All the images cover a substantial timeline, going all the way back to the early 1900s. We have old films of Whiting Bay that we are going to be showing as well. We're hoping for a big turnout as the day kicks off the Whiting Bay gala week.'

The reunion will consist of three events throughout the day, including the free exhibition at 2pm, a licensed buffet dinner at 6pm, courtesy of the Sandwich Station, and a licensed dance with the Arranach

Ceilidh Band and live band The Vests at 8.30pm.

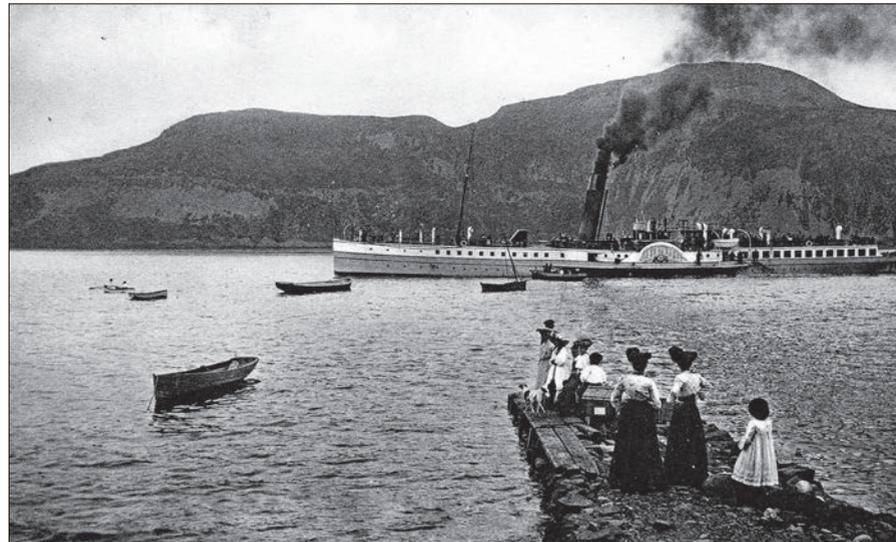
Storytelling of treasured memories will also be held at the Big Blether Cafe in the village hall at 11.30am by older generations and a drone provided by Mark West will take a picture of

all in attendance that afternoon.

Whiting Bay Primary School will be open to former students throughout the day, which, it is hoped, will bring in a lot of alumni to the event.

Tickets can be purchased

from Arran Eco Savvy Community Shop in Whiting Bay or online from Arran Events. All proceeds from the events will go to Whiting Bay and Districts Improvements Association and Whiting Bay Village Hall.



A Glasgow and South-Western Railways steamer off the ferry jetty at Kingscross in the early 1900s.



One of a series of glass plates from John Cook's Kingscross Post Office taken around 1920.

Days out on Arran

There's always something going on around the island. And for the next 10 weeks our days out on Arran feature will help guide you through just some of them. There really is something for everyone and whether your looking to be active, chilling out or are just in need of somewhere to eat, you can be sure that what suits your taste can be found somewhere on the island.

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Signing off

The school session has ended and with it two teachers have now retired. One is John Dick, who has been principal of music since 1981 and who leaves the school having helped develop the string and woodwind instruction that pupils receive, as well as the advent of an orchestra and a instrumental group. John, who is originally from Ardrossan, will spend more time with his wife and two daughters and four grandchildren.

Also retiring, this time from the English department, is Liz Sinclair, who was brought up in Glasgow and who has spent her entire 27-year teaching career at Arran High School. Liz admits to feeling sad that her teaching days are now behind her but will have some extra time to spend on practising her driving on the golf course.

Missing explorers

The Perth Climbing Club went into the Arran hills last Sunday with 103 people in the party. On returning from the day's walk they caught the last ferry home where they discovered that there were only 99 of them on board. Four elderly people aged between 65 and 71, who had been walking up Glen Sannox to the Saddle, had taken the wrong route and continued walking until they reached Dougarie at 11pm. The party had been staying at Strathwhillan House and, by the following day, everyone made it safely home.



The Arran Hospital Supporters' League started their annual round Arran walk last Saturday at 6am in Whiting Bay where Maurice Deighton set the runners off with a 12-bore shotgun. B26twe02

Store change

Curries of Brodick will change hands next Wednesday and become Alldays. Announced a month ago, the changeover has taken a little longer than expected. Owner Alistair Bilsland has run the shop since 1980, at first with Bob Brass then on his own, and says customers should notice little difference. Mandy Barnett remains as store manager.



Shiskine Primary pupils celebrated their last week of term with their end of year concert that was performed in front of their parents and family members. B26twe01



Caren Miller and Geoff Brookes took most of the cups in the confined class at the Kildonan and District Dog Trials held at the Home Farm last Friday where 71 competitors and their dogs took part. B26twe04



Teachers Mr Freeman and Mr Parker dress up for the Arran High School 1940s. B26twe06



Arran High School resurrected a fun sports day last week with a 1940s-themed fun day as part of the school's 50th anniversary celebrations. Teacher Mr Moran competed with other teachers in the sack race that used to be a regular tradition at the sports days. B26twe05

Could ospreys be looking to breed on Arran?

May was warmer and drier than last year with the temperatures in the 20s on some days. And the rainfall was some 30 per cent less than 2015.

Having said that, the winds were often from a cool north-easterly direction, not conducive to birds trying to migrate north. May, like April, was an interesting birding month, again with more than 100 species recorded.

Here are some highlights. Further to the April reports of nuthatch on Arran, there were more reports from Brodick Castle grounds on May 3 and 5. This species is spreading its range north and this may be the year that it first colonises Arran.

Unusually, there were two reports of ospreys last month, one in Whiting Bay on May 20 and a week later a report from Shannochie shore. There is a breeding pair on Bute but perhaps these sightings may suggest an interest in breeding on Arran. Time will tell.

Other highlights included a male tufted duck in Strabane on May 18, a hawfinch in a garden in Cordon on May 21 and a red kite in Sliderry on May 27. This is the third record this year.

Our regular summer visitors continued to arrive. Here are May 'firsts' with the 2015 arrival date in brackets for comparison: grasshopper warbler in Mayish on May 1 (April 20), whinchat in Glen Rosa on May 2 (April 24), sedge warbler in Corriecravie on

May 4 (April 21), spotted flycatcher in Sliderry on May 8 (May 13), swift also in Sliderry on May 9 (May 8), Arctic tern in Kildonan on May 18 (May 23) and garden warbler in Strabane also on May 18 (May 12).

In addition, throughout the month the numbers of familiar summer visitors such as swallow, house martin, willow warbler and cuckoo continued to build up; perhaps more slowly than in recent years because of that wind direction. To date, there have been no reports this year of wood warbler, nightjar, corn-crake or common tern.

Species who breed further north continued to pass through including: 17 wheatear in Sliderry on May 1, six white wagtail at Kilpatrick Point on May 4, a black-tailed godwit on Sliderry Shore on May 5, eight turnstone at Drumadoon Point on May 8, eight whimbrel at Kildonan also on May 8, a Wigeon on Sliderry Shore on May 14, a great northern diver at Drumadoon Point on May 17, 24 dunlin at Kildonan on May 18 and seven sanderling at Drumadoon Point on May 21.

Occasionally this northward migration could be seen at the same time as local breeding. For example, on May 18 on the shore at Blackwaterfoot, groups of up to 20 ringed plover were heading north while 'local' ringed plover were sitting on eggs.

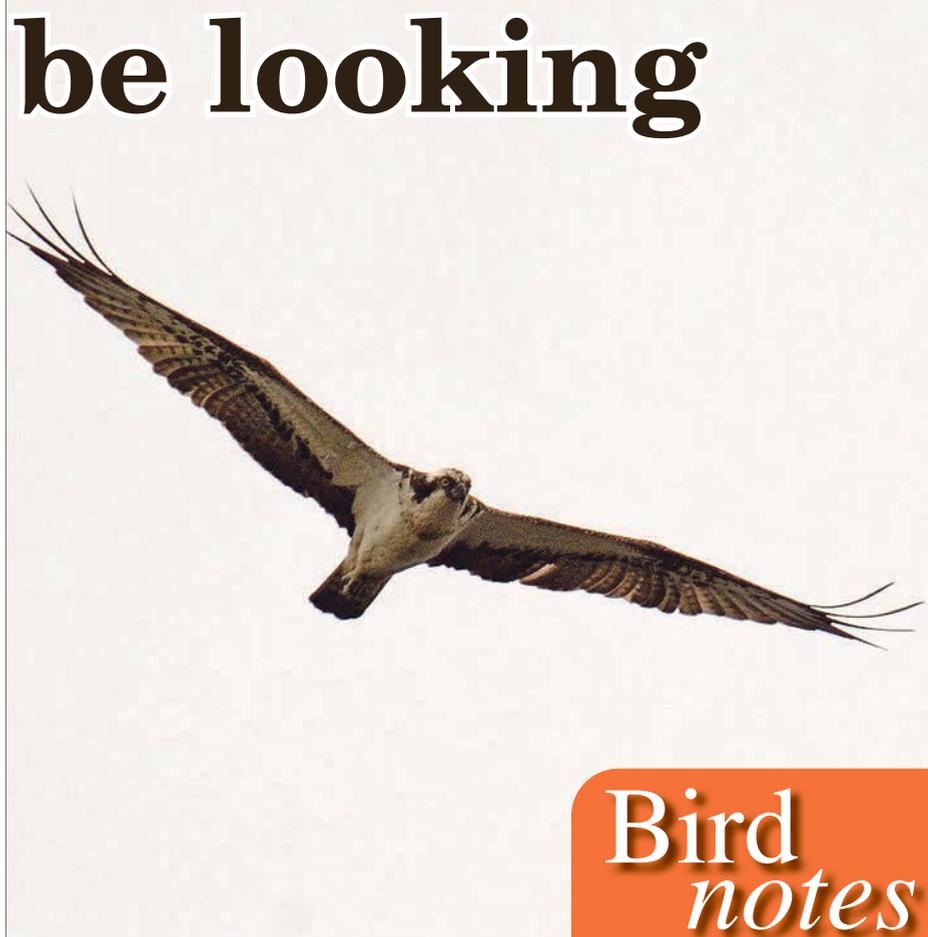
In May, breeding was well under way for many spe-

cies. Encouraging signs included reports of ring ouzel, short-eared owl and hen harrier all holding breeding territories. In addition, breeding stonechat were reported from widespread areas including Auchenhew, Machrie, Kilpatrick, Glen-scorrodale, Glen Rosa, Sliderry, Clauchlands and Newton. Perhaps these delightful birds are beginning to recover after the two consecutive very cold winters. Other breeding records included recently fledged starling in Blackwaterfoot on May 19, shelduck with 14 young also in Blackwaterfoot on May 24, a family group of eight long-tailed tit in Whiting Bay on May 25 and little grebe with four young on Mossend Pond on May 27. Towards the end of the month, there were lots of reports of garden birds carrying food and feeding recently fledged young.

With the long daylight hours, it is a great time of year to be birding. Most birds are getting on with the business of breeding. Please take a moment to report any signs of breeding birds to me, but please also remember that under the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004 it is an offence to intentionally or recklessly damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while it is being built or used. Do not hesitate to report any criminal activity to the local police. Particularly, take care on our shores and please keep dogs on their leads at this time of year.

Enjoy your birding.

Please send any bird notes with 'what, when, where' to me at Kilpatrick Kennels, Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot, KA27 8EY, or email me at jim@arranbirding.co.uk. I look forward to hearing from you. For more information on birding on Arran purchase the Arran Bird Atlas 2007-2012 as well as the Arran Bird Report 2014 and visit this website www.arranbirding.co.uk.



Bird notes

by Jim Cassels

MAY

There were two osprey sightings on Arran in the same week at two different locations. Photo Brian Couper



Shelduck with 14 young. Photo Jim Cassels

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Lamlash Bowling Club rink game
WBay Bowling Club rink game
Blackwaterfoot Bowls
Brodick Bowling Club rink game
Flow Yoga
Live music - Little Miss Debby & the G Men
Live music - Michael Clarke (Acoustic Butterfly)
Acers trees/art sale (in aid of Arran House, Kathmandu)
Community land summer sessions - taster talk
Women in Black

Auchrannie Road 11am - 1 pm.
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Lamlash, 2pm - 4pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Auchrannie Spa pool, 4-5pm
Brodick, 9.30am - 11am
Fiddlers, Brodick from 7.30pm
arranphysiotherapy.co.uk 9-12noon
Lamlash Bowling club, 2pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2pm
Bowling Club, 1.45pm
Brodick Bowling Club, 2pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 9am
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
The Douglas Hotel, Brodick, 9pm
Prospect, Corrie, 10am - 6pm
Community Land, WBay, 11am - 1pm
Coastal Way marker, Brodick, 1pm

Sunday 26th June

Family games
Fun in the pool
RNLI shop
AA meeting
Open session - All musicians and singers welcome
Live music - Little Miss Debby & the G Men
Acers trees/art sale (in aid of Arran House, Kathmandu)
Vintage and veteran motorcycle rally

Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm
Lamlash, 2pm - 4pm
Brodick church Hall, 5pm-6.30pm
Fiddlers, Brodick 2.30pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 4pm
Prospect, Corrie, 10am - 6pm
Arran Heritage Museum, Brodick, 1.30pm

Monday 27th June

Over 50s badminton
Badminton
Morning fitness
Badminton
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Junior Football Club
Circuit training
WBay Bowling Club rink game
Brodick Bowling Club rink game
Citizens advice
Lamlash Aerobix
RunArran
Tae Kwondo
Summer bridge

Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm
9am - 10.30am & 3pm - 4pm
Ormidale Park, 6-7.30pm
Auchrannie Gym, 6-7pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.30pm
Brodick bowling club, 6.45pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30am - 1.30pm
Arran High School Dance Studio, 6.30pm
Drift Inn, Lamlash 5.30pm
Brodick Church Hall Adults & over 10s, 7.00pm - 8.30pm
Arran High School, 6.30pm

Tuesday 28th June

Pop quiz
Alcoholics Anonymous
Youth Club
Arran Vets surgery
Rotary Club
Healthy Outdoors
Blackwaterfoot Bowls
RunArran run coaching
RUNFIT

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
Kildonan Hall, 7pm
9am - 10.30am
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 6.30pm
NTS Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm
Bowling Club, 1.45pm
Lamlash, 5.30pm
Ormidale Park, 6.45am

Open cricket session
Lamlash Drama Club
Flow Yoga
Scottish country dancing
Castle Treasures tour

Wednesday 29th June

Rock and pop bingo
Tae Kwondo
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Brass rehearsal
Arran Vets surgery
Yoga
Hydrofit
Arran Heritage Museum archives and genealogy service
RunArran
Yoga-Arran
WBay Bowling Club rink game
Live music
Drift Inn quiz
Mixed hockey
Dog classes
Knitting and crochet drop-in group
Brodick Bowling Club rink game
Flow Yoga
Lamlash coffee morning
Spring snacks
Coffee morning

Ormidale Hotel 9.30pm
Arran high School Kids-6.30-7.30pm Adults-7.30-8.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
Brodick Church Hall, 7-9pm
Brodick, 9am - 10.30am & 6pm - 7pm
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am-10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30
Auchrannie Spa, Brodick, 5.30pm
Kinneil, Lamlash, 7-8.30pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.30pm
Fiddlers, Brodick from 8pm
Lamlash, 9pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7.30-9pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 1pm
Brodick Library, 4pm - 6pm
Brodick Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Shiskine Hall, 7.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15am - 12 noon
Lochranza Field Centre, 11am - 2pm
Brodick Church Hall, 10.30 - 12noon

Thursday 30th June

Morning fitness
General knowledge quiz
Arran Vets surgery
Ladies hockey
RUNFIT
Cardiac rehab
Burger and quiz
Winter Bowls
Wildflower ID & folklore tour
Castle paintings tour
Evening garden walk
Tennis senior club night
Mixed Martial Arts/XFit
Quilt Arran
Flow Yoga
10th Ayrshire Shiskine Cub Scouts and Beavers
RUNFIT
Factory tours

Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
9am - 10.30am
Ormidale Pavilion, 7.30-8.30pm
Lamlash Front Green, 6.45am
Auchrannie leisure club, 2-3.30pm
nightFelicity's @ Eden Lodge, from 7.30pm
Auchrannie, 7pm
Brodick Castle, 2pm - 3.30pm
Brodick Castle, 2pm
Brodick Castle, 7pm - 8pm
Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club, 5.30pm
Balmichael Centre, 7pm
Lamlash Fire Station, 2pm - 4.30pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 6pm
Shiskine Hall, 6pm - 7.30pm
Lamlash Green, 6.45am
Arran Aromatics, Brodick, 6pm - 8pm

Friday 1 July

Yoga
Hydrofit
Arran Youth Foundations
Live music
Lochranza kids badminton
Lochranza adults badminton
Quiz
Arran Vets surgery
AA meeting
Open mic and karaoke
Live music
Tae Kwondo
Factory tours
Dave Newton, Euan Stevenson and Joni Keen

Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
Church Hall, Brodick 7pm-9pm
Fiddlers, Brodick, 7.30pm
Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm
Lochranza Hall, 8pm
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 8pm
9am - 10.30am and 3pm - 4pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Fiddlers, Brodick, 7.30pm
Arran High School, Lamlash Adults, 7pm - 8.30pm
Arran Aromatics, 11am - 3pm
Altachorvie, Lamlash, 8.30pm

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

Format: Application No; Address; Proposed Development

16/00545/PP; Cottages 1, 3 & 4, Kilmichael House Hotel, Brodick, Isle of Arran; Amendment to planning permission N/05/00248/PP for change of use from holiday letting cottages (cottages 1, 3 and 4) to permanent dwelling houses in respect of condition 7 of planning permission N/05/00248/PP.

16/00536/PP; Ormalinn, Knowe Road, Brodick, Isle of Arran; Change of use of dwelling house to form a veterinary centre on ground floor, formation of a residential flat (in association with the vets) on the upper floor and erection of store to rear.

15/00768/PP; Carradale, Shiskine, Brodick, Isle of Arran; Removal of condition 1 of planning permission N/01/96/0713/PP relating to occupancy restriction.

Elma Murray
 Chief Executive
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Whiting Bay Golf Club
Wednesday June 15, Summer Trophy, round 10, saw 28 play.

At the top end of the leader board, scoring was good with four players beating or matching par and separated from each other by only one shot. CSS stayed at 63. 1 Stan Rainey 10, 60, 2 Nicol Auld 5, 61 and lowest gross, 3 Gus Macleod 10, 62, 4 David Morrison 9, 63. There were magic twos at the 2nd from Danny Head and John Dick, @ 13th from David Morrison and @ 17th from Stan Rainey.

Fixtures: Sunday June 26, the Morton Quaich. Wednesday, June 29, Cancer Relief gents and ladies open competitions.

Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday June 15, Summer Cup saw 39 play, CSS 64. Angus Raeburn 73-12=61, Jimmy Armit 72-10=62, Robbie Duncan 74-11=63. Scratch, Ross Duncan 66.

Sunday June 19, Club Trophy saw 27 play, CSS 64. Jim Reid 77-15=62, Chris Park 79-16=63, Donald McKinnie 73-10=63. Scratch, Ewan McKinnon 65.

BIRTH

James Innes born on 29/5/16, 7lb 9oz

A wee brother for Natalie, Alastair, Ben, Archie, Daisy, Michael & Jack!

Big thank you to Donna & Elaine for all their care over the years and to Mary & Jill who supported us on the day!

DEATH

MACLEOD - Allan, aged 55 years, passed away suddenly on 20th June 2016. Beloved son of Tom and Mhari and brother of Gordon. Cherished husband of Linda, much loved dad of Scott and Alison. Will be sadly missed. Family flowers only but donations if desired to the British Heart Foundation. For funeral arrangements please contact Paul Stevenson Funeral Directors on Tel: 01294 607001



Winners of the Machrie Bay Golf Club Championship were: gents, Sandy Murray, ladies, Jenni Turnbull and President's Cup, Brian Sherwood.

Congratulations to the Hope Cup team on beating Whiting Bay in the first round.

Fixture, Sunday June 26, Marchioness of Graham Trophy.

Ladies section: Tuesday, June 14, Centenary Quaich saw 14 play. CSS 66.

1 Susan Butchard 76-12=64, 2 Ann May 70-05=65, 3 Gege Kroner 84-19=65. Scratch, Ann May.

Tuesday, June 14, nine-hole stableford. Four played. 1 Jennifer McArthur, 15 pts, 13, 2 Chris Brown, 14 pts, 18.

Fixture: Tuesday, June 28, Wilkie Trophy and nine-hole sStableford.

Corrie Golf Club

Saturday June 11, Summer Cup. 1 D Currie, net 53, 2 W Paton, net 59, 3 R Logan, net 60. Scratch, W Paton 64. Amazing net score by D Currie.

Wednesday June 15, Wednesday medal. Large entry again and seven magic twos recorded but again the machine picks another number. Well done to Marvin who won by a mile. 1 M Elliot 71-14=57, 2 B Innes 79-18=61, 3 D Logan 72-10=62, BIH. Scratch, R Logan 70. Magic twos, J Innes, J Adams, S Beardslley, B Lewis and A Napier.

Fixture: Saturday June 25, AGU, Hope Cup semi-finals and final. Come and support your team.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday June 16. Summer Cup. CSS 64, Par 64. 1 Danny Currie 77-17=60, 2 D MacFarlane 61-0=61, 3 Iain Murchie 67-5=62. Best scratch, D MacFarlane 61. Magic twos, D MacFarlane, Iain Murchie 2, Alan Smith, S MacFarlane, J Todd, D Currie.

Thursday June 16. Yellow medal. CSS 61, Par 61, 1 J Gibson 74-12=62.

Sunday, June 19, Jamie-son Cup, round two. CSS 65, Par 64, 1 M Wren 73-10=63, 2 L Dutton 89-24=65, scratch, M Wren 73, Magic two, Andrew Smith.

Fixtures: Friday June 24, Hole-in-one accumulator draw followed by Arran United FC race night (fundraiser) at 7pm.

Saturday June 25, Hope Cup semi-final and final, 1pm and 6pm at Corrie Golf Club.

Sunday June 26, Medial Shield, 9.30am and 12.30pm. Thursday June 30, stableford second round. Make up own games, see starter for times.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday June 14, Peter Sut-

ton, seven played, CSS 64. 1 P Betley 73-12=61, 2 R Woods 84-18=66, 3 A MacDonald 78-11=67. Lady Mary, one played, CSS 68 R/O. 1 F Scott 104-26=78

Fixtures: Tuesday June 28, Peter Sutton and Lady Mary, 12.30pm and 5.30pm. Saturday July 2, Captain's Day, nine holes of fun, all members welcome, 12.30pm.

Lawson Cameron draw is now up on the club notice board. First round to be played by July 5.

Arran Ladies' Golf Union

Sunday June 19, President's Prize. In all, 20 stalwart ladies turned out to play in this competition and, although midsummer day was almost upon us, the weather took on monsoon proportions and they were all thoroughly soaked. Fortunately, the competition was over nine holes and the ladies have to be congratulated for staying the course.

The winners were Jackie Winship and Pat Adamson on the last three holes from Ann MacVicar and Mary Todd. Great scores, girls, despite the conditions.

Outgoing president Yvonne Brothers provided afternoon tea, ably assisted by some of the Lamlash ladies and, despite being drenched, the ladies were in good form. Sincere thanks girls for turning out on such an awful day. Much appreciated. Have a good golfing summer and fingers crossed for good weather.

Arran Golfers' Association

Saturday June 25, Hope Cup 2016 at Corrie Golf Club, semi and finals day. Semi-finals, Corrie v Brodick at 1pm followed by Machrie v Lamlash at 1.20pm. Final will be 6pm sharp, teams please note catering is limited at Corrie now and if going for food between rounds you have to be back for 6pm ready to go otherwise you risk disqualification. Full competition report in next week's *Arran Banner*.

Friday July 1, Corrie Hotel Cup 2016 at Brodick Golf Club at 5pm. Draw: Brodick A v Lochranza B at 5pm, Shiskine B v Brodick B at 5.10pm, Shiskine A v Lamlash A at 5.30pm, Whiting Bay A v Lochranza A at 5.30pm, Lamlash B v Machrie A at 5.40pm, Corrie A v Machrie B at 5.50pm, Corrie B v Whiting Bay B at 6pm.

CHURCH NOTICES

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Church)
St Margaret's, Whiting Bay
Sunday 26th June
Holy Communion, 11am
Mrs Janis Gallagher
Coffee after service
Wednesday 29th June
Holy Communion, 12.15 pm.
ALL WELCOME

ARRAN CHURCHES TOGETHER

Sunday 3rd July
at 3pm,
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Hall afterwards.
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Sunday 26th June
Lochranza Church, 9.30am
Morning Worship.
Pirnmill Church 10.45am
Morning Worship
Shiskine Church, 12noon
Morning Worship.
Brodick Church, 10.30am
Morning Worship.
Corrie Church, 11.30am
Prayer Meeting, 12noon
Morning Worship.
There will also be a Service of
Worship in Montrose House
at 1.30pm.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Kilmory linked with Lamlash
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Sunday 26th June
Rev Lily McKinnon
Kilmory 10 am
Lamlash 11.30 am
In Lamlash:
Sacrament of Baptism
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ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)
Sunday 26th June
Morning Service 11am
Trust Housing Lounge,
Glen Estate, Brodick
Evening Service 6.30pm
5 Glen Road, Brodick
Prayer Meeting
Wednesday 29th June
at 7pm
5Glen Road

WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(Charity Number: SC014005)
Sunday 26th June
Worship will be
conducted by the
minister,
Rev Elizabeth Watson
at 10.30am.
Tea and coffee will be served
after the service.
All most welcome to stay and
enjoy more fellowship.

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 26th June
Vigil Mass 7.30pm
Morning Mass 11am

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev Vince Jennings
Sunday 26th June
Service 11am
at Ormidale Pavilion
Tea and Coffee after the
service.
Wednesday at 7.30pm
Home Fellowship Group for
Bible Study and Prayer.
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ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 26th June
Shiskine 11am (Church on
road between Blackwaterfoot
and Machrie)
Brodick 6pm (Church behind
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Team Arran races to a top three position

The Arran Junior Triathlon Club (AJTC) competed at a national level last weekend and raced against more than 400 of the best young triathletes in Scotland to secure a top three finish and a place on the Scottish team.

With the team racing for the first time in the club colours and new racing bikes to suit, they were full of nerves and excitement but ready to see how they would stand up against the best. Team Arran in their new colours, thanks to sponsors Auchrannie Spa Resort, Old Byre Visitor Centre, Filtec WC, Arran

Cheese Shop, A Team and Arran Active, managed to obtain one of the best suits at the nationals which was noticed by the commentator on the day.

The day began with the club checking in and placing their bikes and kit into transition, then a quick walk of the course before the final preparations.

AJTC were off to a good start when the Tri Star race began with the youngest triathlete Rhea Webster coming third in her age group (seven to eight years) and the first podium finish for AJTC. Not only that but

she posted the fastest transitions with her 25-second bike/run transition split and the second fastest bike split.

Next the team then entered Tri Star 1 girls (nine to 10 years) which had Beth McCarthy finishing 17th, Ruby Wright 18th and Abby Stewart finishing 26th, with all three girls producing excellent run times.

Tri Star 1 boys then took to the course and representing AJTC, Ruairidh Lindsay-Smith finished 10th, Archie Gunaydi finished 13th and Myles Lindsay-Smith finished 29th, all three boys posting very competitive bike and run splits.

They then moved to Tri Star 2 (11 to 12) where the competition heats up with the average training hours for an 11-year-old triathlete being around eight hours a week. Julie Hamill finished 20th, Erin McNiven finished 25th and Isla McKelvie finished 24th. Isla posted one of the fastest T2 and run times in her age group.

The Tri Star 2 boys saw James McCarthy finishing 16th and only three minutes outside of a podium place. James has only just started training with the club five months ago and coach Craig Wood said: 'If I was to lay my cards on the line, with hard work dedication and commitment, James could be one of the best tri-



The Isle of Arran Junior Triathlon Club pose for a team photo.



The youngest triathlete in the seven to eight years age group, Rhea Webster, came third.

athletes Arran has seen and maybe one day a future ArranMan in the making.'

Tri Star 3 girls are a very competitive age group as these girls are not only training with the club but also racking up the miles on their own, before and after school.

T2 is full of carbon bikes and aero wheels and the times that these girls post would scare most age group triathletes with both girls finishing a 300m swim, 10km cycle and a 2.5km run in 35 minutes. Ciara Wood finished 21st and Eilidh Hamill 22nd. These two girls are also heavily involved in helping to train

the younger children in the club.

Finally, in the youth category (15 to 17), not only is a position on the podium available but sponsorship and scholarships can also be secured. This is also where most children drop out of the sport. Not Kirsty Kerr, though. She decided to give triathlons a go when most athletes who have been training for years for small second gains in performance levels and times are competing.

Kirsty who has just started her journey, finished in 16th position.

Coach Craig Wood added: 'I have no doubt that the

times that Kirsty reaches will drop drastically over the next few years as she is just starting on that triathlon curve.

'I asked her at the end of the race if she thought that it was difficult to which she replied yes but then after a couple of deep breaths, and with a smile, she said, "But I enjoyed it". This is a young lady whom the rest of the club can look up to and the very reason why I started AJTC,' Craig said.

Anyone between the ages of seven and 16 can take part in the triathlon club by contacting Craig Wood at isleofarrantriathlon@outlook.com.



Arran Bowling Federation winners were (l to r): Colin Haggarty, Keith Kelsall, Ian Davidson, Johnnie McGovern, Jenny Douglass, Charlie Weir and John Sloss.

Lamlash take bowls trophy in federation finals

Whiting Bay Bowling Club hosted this year's Arran Bowling Federation event which saw Lamlash winning the Laidler Gardner Trophy.

The results of the final played on Thursday June 16 were as follows. Ladies singles: Jenny Douglass, Whiting Bay. Gents singles: Charlie Weir, Brodick. Pairs: John Sloss and Colin Haggarty, Lamlash. Triples: Ian Davidson, Keith Kelsall and Johnnie McGovern, Whiting Bay.



Erin McNiven competed in the 11- to 12-year-old category.

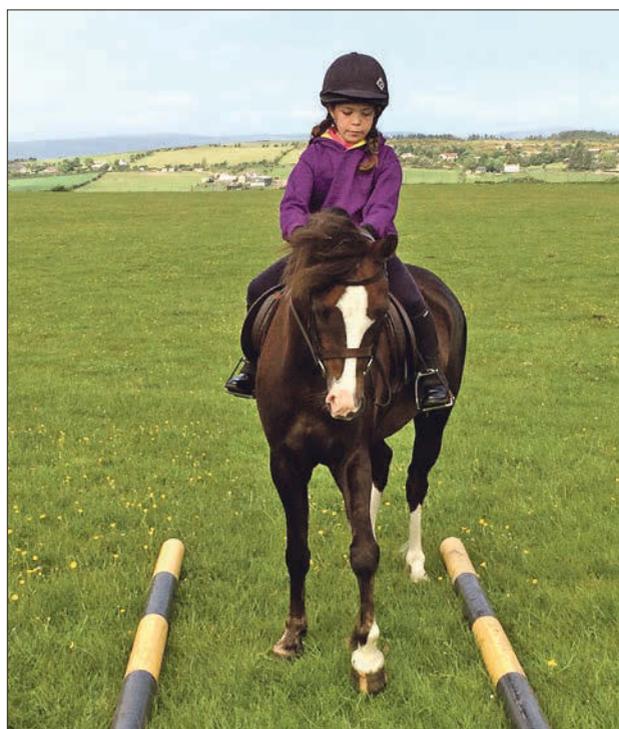


Archie Gunaydi with his Tri Star 1 Boys medal.



Left to right Rosie and Paebal, Niamh and Fred, Annie and Harry, Chloe and Lily, Daisy and Beauty, Kirsty and Pearl, Daisy and Kizzy, Lily and Missy, Rosie and Milo, Emma and Teddy and Grace and Fudge.

Fun in the sun at pony camp



Annie and Harry practice going backwards.

In all 11 children enjoyed a weekend away with their ponies at a riding club junior camp recently.

Arran Riding Club chairwoman Jen McNeish spent 12 hours teaching each group on the flat and over fences, getting the best out of each rider. In between these times, groups had the chance to try some TREC obstacles, practice their gymkhana games and try out orienteering with their ponies.

George Tod gave up his Shiskine farm for the sunny day, allowing the children and ponies to take part in the fun activities. While the ponies rested, the

riders spent time learning how to look after them properly: how to wash their tails, clean their tack and plait their manes. There was even time for all the ponies to go out together on a hack round the farm.

Club committee member Elanor McNamara said: 'It was a full weekend, thoroughly enjoyed by all, including the ponies. Many, many thanks to all the children and ponies for their positive attitudes and the grown-ups for making it happen, especially George and Jen and, of course, Alison, who provided the catering and looked after the children at night.'



Jen spent lots of time getting the best out of every pony and rider.



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Weakened Northend put to the sword by on-fire Brodick

Brodick 14 Northend 0
Brodick defeated Northend on Monday night in a one sided battle largely due to a significantly weakened Northend team.

They were hurt by six players being unavailable and coach Chris Trail having to use some younger, less experienced players.

Brodick, playing at home for the first time since winning the league last season, were in fighting spirit right from kick off, possibly defeating Northend in the

first 10 minutes with three quickfire goals. The first two came from the right boot of Archie McNicol and the third a crisp finish from Toby Wingham, who ironically plays through the middle.

Midge-infested

This resulted in the Brodick support at junior Monday night football singing 'There's only one Archie McNicol' and 'You're getting sacked in the morning' towards a very dejected Chris Trail in the midge-infested Northend dugout.

Brodick continued to play some great three-touch football with Greg McRae stepping out from the back to join Iain 'Keeno' Keen and captain Matthew Dobson in pulling the strings in the middle of the park. A further four goals came before half time with the score standing at 7-0, Toby with four and Archie with three.

The second half continued in the same vein and without any target up top, and the gap between defence and midfield getting wider,



A melee at the Northend goal saw the ball going over the crossbar. 01_B26footy01



Northend players desperately try to thwart Archie McNicol's attempt at goal.

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the Brodick onslaught continued. A further seven goals followed with the pick being a great Brodick move culminating in Alistair 'Super Ali' McMillan turning the Northend left back inside out and whipping the ball in for Toby to miraculously finish with his left 'standing' foot.

Clean game

The game was well refereed by William Sillars of Shiskine and a clean game resulted in no cards being dished out, possibly due

to Babbies McNeil being off on a romantic summer break.

The goalscorers were: Toby Wingham (six), Archie McNicol (six), Ian Keen and Alistair McMil-

lan, and man of the match was Toby Wingham.

This Monday the fixtures see Brodick at home to Southend and Lamlash at home to Shiskine. Both games kick off at 6.30pm.



Goalscorer Alistair McMillan with a neat back flick.

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Charity golf in memory of Eddie Cannon

An annual charity Am-Am tournament is to be held by Lamlash Golf Club in memory of the late Eddie Cannon, who died in July last year.

The club has announced the inaugural competition is to be held this year on Friday, July 22. It will be known as the E I Cannon Charity Am-Am. The annual memorial trophy has been presented by the Cannon family.

It is being held in associ-

ation with the Arran Golfers' Association with Eddie being an official from 1998-2011 as well as a past captain of Lamlash and committee member for many years.

For the competition, the Lamlash club will be giving courtesy of the course and will be open to all members of the Arran golf courses.

The competition will be made up of four-man teams, making up their own

fours, in a four-ball, better ball. A stableford competition with best two net scores added together on each hole. Players will use 90 per cent of their handicap with maximum of 20 giving maximum of 18 with each competitor's net score based on course index at Lamlash.

Entry fee for each team is £20 towards charity of Nancy's choice. Individual 50p sweep for magic twos. The

competition will run all day from 9am until final time of 6pm, excluding time allocated for the Lamlash Junior Open around noon.

Teams to register entry with the starter to confirm their tee-off time. Participants able to play during the day should do so to free up time in the late afternoon for those who work.

The prizegiving will be held on completion of the day at approximately 10pm.



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