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New vet surgery needed to cope with growing demand

'It is very hard to attract any vets to Arran,' says Charlotte

REPORT

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Arran's only veterinary practice is planning to double in size, with two new vets also on their way as Arran Vets expands to cope with the increasing demand for its services.

Island vet Charlotte Clough has applied for planning permission to create a new surgery by converting a private residence in Knowe Road, Brodick.

And she is being joined by husband and wife vet team Holly and Hugh Simon, who move from Devon later this month. Their arrival will mean extended opening hours at the practice and enhanced services, which is good news for the many animal owners on the island.

Charlotte, who took over the practice in April last year from long-serving island vet Malcolm Wheeler, has been single handedly running the surgery and on-call services for both domestic and farm animals.

There has been a veterinary practice in Brodick since

1975, which from start up, was operated out of three Portacabins. Over time a shell building was formed around these with a further extension added some six years ago. However, these buildings are no longer fit for purpose, which is why the new surgery is being planned.

If approved, the ground floor of the new surgery will have a reception and waiting room, a private consultation room, a prep-room, separate cat and dog wards, as recommended by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, and a purpose-built operating and x-ray room.

Externally the driveway will lead to a new car park and will provide six client and staff parking bays with vehicle turning and a large area for vehicles with trailers and an area to receive deliveries.

At the moment Charlotte works at the Lower Balmore practice with nursing assistant Gemma Ferguson, who is studying for a level 2 diploma in animal care and

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The ever-popular Isle of Arran Pipe Band pictured at the Heritage Museum in their new Arran tartan. Photograph by Colin Smeeton. 01_B27pipe01

Pipe band are a tartan treat

The Isle of Arran Pipe Band have been seen performing in their smart new uniforms in the eye-catching Isle of Arran tartan.

The new uniforms were bought with donations from their various performances, as well as assistance from the Brodick Highland Games Committee because, for many, the

band are often heralded as one of the highlights of the show.

Appreciative

The pipe band regularly play at events throughout Arran and they never fail to draw a large appreciative audience and well deserved applause.

Pipe Major Malcolm Wheel-

er thanked the committee for their contribution and added: 'The band always welcomes new members who are interested in joining our popular and friendly band.'

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Getting crafty at heritage museum

The Arran Heritage Museum at Rosaburn, Brodick, holds its second special event day of the season on Sunday.

At their annual Craft Day visitors can see all kinds of local traditional skills and crafts in action. Experts will demonstrate fleeces, wool dyeing, spinning and weaving, quilting, embroidery, baking, butter making, painting, and many other skills throughout the afternoon, from 1.30pm onwards.

The Isle of Arran Pipe Band will be performing; and other traditional music-making will also be evident throughout the afternoon. Additionally a local group of Gaelic singers will sing the songs used in days gone by to 'waulk' newly made cloth to make it thicker after washing, soaking, beating, and shrinking by rhythmically moving the cloth in time to the music.

Surely an event which will appeal to all the family, and organisers say it is certainly not to be missed.

For museum motorcycle rally coverage, turn to page 5.

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Vet surgery needed

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veterinary procedure, and part-time receptionist Shona Hume.

The new vets will job share and live in the flat above the new Brodick practice. And with Charlotte planning to move to Shiskine, it will mean better cover across the island.

Charlotte said: 'It will be good for the practice. Trying to run the surgery on my own and do all the on call as well would eventually have led to burn out. But by bringing this couple on board it means that not only can we extend the opening hours at the surgery, but we can also share the on-call workload which includes a lot of farm visits.'

The couple found out

about the jobs on a chance meeting with Charlotte when they were on holiday on Arran. And Charlotte explained how hard it had been to find them: 'No Scottish vets or Scottish graduates applied for the assistant job here and the situation was the same when Malcolm advertised the practice for sale. No Scottish vets or graduates were interested.'

Interested

'I was one of only two English vets who were interested and I was the only one prepared to make the investment, to raise the funds and make it happen.'

'It is very hard to attract any vets to Arran as most vets now use out of hours services or are in bigger



Charlotte and Ted in the present consultation room. 01_B27vet01

practices where the out of hours work can be shared. Far fewer vets are interested in mixed practice nowadays as there is more specialisation - for example, just small animal, just equine, just farm.'

The extended hours from later this month will see an evening surgery from 4pm to 6pm every weekday.

Charlotte continued: 'The growth in the small animal work, which is now 75 per cent of the practice work, has enabled me to take on another vet and we are trying to make more appoint-

ments available to people coming in after work.' Charlotte, who has been a qualified vet for 31 years, is originally from Derbyshire but lived in Hampshire for 25 years before coming to Arran with her border collie Ted.

She said: 'I am really enjoying being here. I feel very privileged to have become an accepted part of the community.'

'Though my work I have got to know so many people and the work of the practice is much more varied than I am used to.'

Concern over ambulance helipad move

Concerns have been raised following the air ambulance helipad having been temporarily moved from Brodick to Whiting Bay due to the new ferry terminal construction.

The helipad was previously located on Market Road where Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd (CMAL) are now building the £22.2 million pier. Air ambulance transfers are currently operating to and from Sandbraes Park in Whiting Bay.

The site is also being used by the new HM Coastguard helicopter, which has replaced the Sea King, and has sparked complaints that it is leaving ruts in the field as it lands on its wheels.

Concern has also been expressed over the fact that the ambulance is not allowed to drive onto the field to greet the helicopters, with the result that patients are exposed to the elements during their transfer.

Residents are asking that CMAL pay for a new helipad at a suitable site.

A Scottish Ambulance Service spokesman said: 'The air ambulance is currently operating from a temporary landing site at Whiting Bay due to construction work on the new ferry terminal in Brodick. We are reviewing options for a new permanent site on the island.'



Gemma Ferguson at work on administration. 01_b27vet03

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Co-op goes red in aid of charity

The staff at Brodick Co-operative are continuing with their fundraising efforts in aid of the British Red Cross with a charity raffle which saw them dressing up in bright red colours in support of their nominated charity.

The proceeds of the raffle will go towards the Co-op group's charity partnership with the Red Cross as well as a percentage going towards various local charities. The first prize for the

raffle was a rustic, hand-made, double bird table. A bottle of Arran Gold and a bottle of whisky were the second and third prizes, available for a £1 raffle ticket.

Around 78,000 Co-op group members and colleagues voted in favour of the British Red Cross as their nominated charity for 2016, for which they have set a target of £3.5 million, which they hope to raise by January 2017.



Fundraising for the British Red Cross are store manager Liz McLean, John Paton, Maya MacLean, team manager Carol Harwood and David Wilson.

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A friendly and reliable service from Mainland Taxis

Mainland Taxis, a company that has been set up solely to accommodate and serve the residents and visitors to Arran, has recently taken on another driver to meet the growing demands on the company.

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The restless lens of Robin

A new exhibition of photography opens at Arran Library in Brodick today (Friday).

Robin Parker shows his work under the name 'Restless lens 57'. He concentrates on landscape photography particularly, having had a resurgence in photography in 2013.

Robin started out many moons ago with 35mm black and white film developing and printing all his own work. Recently retired from teaching, he has found much more time for his passion and pursues the light wherever it takes him, as often as he can.

Night-time photography is a major part of his work, as modern digital sensors allow not only the long exposures necessary but crucially the ability to check and correct on the spot and the extra magic of quiet solitude under the stars in the great outdoors. This makes it the perfect combination for his stunning pictures.

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New section of coastal way is a most ambitious scheme

A new section of the Arran Coastal Way is being created between Lamlash and Whiting Bay.

A new two-kilometre linking path between Ardlui and Cordon, which will join up with existing footpaths, is the coastal way project's most ambitious scheme yet. And it has only been possible thanks to a generous donation of £3,500 from the Arran Trust.

The new route will mean that Glenashdale Falls will no longer be on the coastal way route, but a side trip can be taken and the 67-mile walk will now include Whiting Bay, which is an often-used stopover point where walkers either stay

overnight or stop for provisions and refreshments.

The new pathway that is being built will snake its way on and off the beach to go around natural features in the landscape that will allow for more variety in the walk. Approximately one third will be on the beach, in sections of a few hundred metres at a time, with the other two thirds being made up of a one-metre-wide boardwalk in the woods just above the high tide mark.

It is anticipated that the route will be finished in the autumn, but walkers can still take advantage of parts of the finished path this summer, walking on the beach for the sections that

are yet to be completed. An updated route map is available on the Arran Coastal Way website where the new section of the route can be seen.

Along with the improvements being undertaken in Lamlash by the coastal way team the group is also well ahead with a much anticipated project in Brodick where it is building a two-metre-wide section of boardwalk between the Cloy Burn and the concrete slab bridges on the Fisherman's Walk. The existing pathway that had completely eroded will be replaced with an elevated walk along an altered route.

Works are also being undertaken in the area by North Ayrshire Council, which is doing rock revetment to prevent erosion and path is currently closed, except at weekends, due to the use of heavy machinery in the area.



Receiving a cheque from the Arran Trust is the coastal way path group in Brodick: left to right, Scott Murdoch, Xabi Landaberea, Rachel Sedman, Leah Hughes, from the trust, and Iain MacDonald.

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Coastal Birds	27nd June, 9:30am to 12:30pm	£5.00
Landscape Photography Walks	5th July and 14th July, 3-5pm	£17.50 (accompanied under 16s £7.50)
Wild Flower Wander	8th July, 2-4pm	£5.00
In Search of Geology	12th July, 9:30am to 12:30pm	£5.00

For more details and to book your places, please phone the National Trust for Scotland RANGER Service on 01770 302462

2016 Arran Coastal Way Walks



Neil Currie with his 1973 Honda CR 250 Elsinore that won best in show. 01_B27bike02



Lenny Hartley with his first place winner in the racing category, a 750cc, 1972 Rickman Trident Matisse. 01_B27bike04

Classic motorbikes on show at museum

The fourth annual Arran Classic Motorbike Show attracted a large number of exhibitors and a big crowd to Arran Heritage Museum last Sunday.

One exhibitor, Lenny Hartley of Brodick, proudly displayed 10 of his 30 motorcycles, one of which took first place in the racing and specials category and another which won people's choice/bike of the year.

Representing Shiskine in the off-road category was Neil Currie, who brought five bikes to the show, his 1979 Honda Red Rocket taking first place in the category, as well as a 1973 Honda CR250 Elsinore which won best in show.

There were also three classic cars on display, a Willys Jeep, a stunningly original E-Type Jaguar



Museum secretary John Lauder and chairman John Sillars with Joanne Orr and Martin Harrison, Lenny Hartley and judge John Hartley. 01_B27bike01

from 1970 and a Triumph TR6.

The event was judged by John Hartley and Martin Harrison, an international racer and Isle of Man TT participant. Trophies were presented by Joanne Orr, well-known racer and chief executive officer of Muse-

ums and Galleries, Scotland. The museum thanked organisers Ian Leitch and Lenny Hartley, AJS and Matchless Owners Club (Scottish Section) and visitors and participants, including the Isle of Arran Pipe band who performed.

Results – Classic: 1 Ian

Leitch, BSA, 2 Geoff Pennycook, Matchless 758 Uxp. Post-classic: 1 Murray Boal, Kawasaki 1300, 2 Kenny Ross, Honda Fireblade. Modern: Andy Surridge, Ducati, 2 Ian Leitch, W800 Kawasaki. Offroad and motorcross: 1 Neil Currie, 1979 Honda Red Rocket, 2 Stewart Fotheringham, Honda TL. Racing and specials, 1 Lenny Hartley, 1972 Rickman Trident, 2 Billy Smith, Triumph Bobber. Interesting vehicle: 1 Ronnie Logan, Willys Jeep, 2 Billy Smith, Triumph TR6. People's choice/bike of the year: Lenny Hartley. Best in show: 1 Neil Currie, Honda CR250 Elsinore, 2 Billy Smith, Triumph Flat Tracker.

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As part of the initiative to utilise and transform 80 acres of disused farmland into a wildlife-friendly allotment area and orchard, as well as creating a wide range of recreational and educational resources on

the land, the initiative will be hosting a series of sessions for people to make use of and enjoy the land.

Starting on Tuesday July 12, between 11am and 1pm during the school holidays, children and their parents can enjoy the outdoors with a host of creative activities in the growing area. After the holidays these sessions will become a monthly group.

A growing group also takes place every Wednesday at 2pm where local growers network and learn valuable tips from others. Allotment owners generally attend these but anyone with an interest in growing is welcome to join, including prospective allotment owners of all abilities.

Every Saturday there will also be a workshop on the community land which promises something for

everyone, with topics ranging from green woodworking through to herbal first aid and composting. Session workers and fellow green-fingered enthusiasts are always on hand and happy to share their skills and experience.

The land is there for the enjoyment of everyone and, with the wide array of events on offer, now is the perfect time to visit and take advantage of the great outdoors and the skills that are being shared.

The Arran Community Land Initiative is signposted off Golf Course Road in Whiting Bay. Take along refreshments, waterproofs and sturdy shoes. All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. For further details, check the Facebook page or email developments@arranland.org.



Donald Currie, Euan Kinniburgh, James McCarthy and George Andrew with their certificates and mugs at Strathclyde University.

Shiskine boys success at maths challenge

Four boys – Donald Currie, Euan Kinniburgh, James McCarthy and George Andrew from Shiskine Primary – received awards from Strathclyde University after taking part in the Scottish maths challenge.

Euan and James received gold certificates and a mug while Donald and George received bronze certificates.

The certificates and the

much-coveted maths challenge mugs were awarded to the boys at a ceremony held at the university.

Fèis Arainn letters go out

This week Fèis Arainn has sent out information letters to all youngsters who have registered to come to the Fèis (July 26 to 29). Could all parents or guardians please make sure they see this letter.

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Sunshine draws crowds to Brodick school fair

Crowds of people flocked to the Brodick Primary School summer fair on a balmy Wednesday evening last week.

Besides the pleasantly warm weather, parents and children were drawn to the fundraiser by the host of raffles, face painting, quirky competitions and plant and book stalls, as well as the ever-popular tombola.

Drawing in a large number of people too were the food stalls, which included a burger stand as well as a

waffle and a barbecue outlet, which proved to be incredibly popular as a queue of more than 30 people were seen snaking across the playground.

The stalls were manned by parents, teachers and pupils of the school and one of the most innovative and creative ones was undoubtedly the human fruit machine. Players pulled on the human arm lever and through some holes in the 'machine' three items of fruit magically appeared at random and

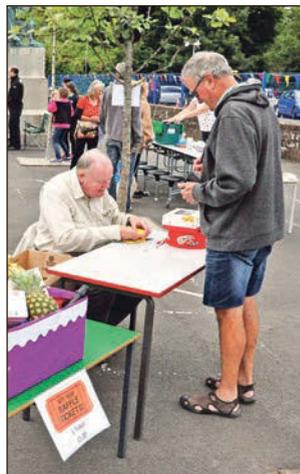
if you matched all three, you won a prize.

Star goalkeeper Luke Nelson set a sporting challenge for people to beat the goalie, which many youngsters attempted, some succeeding, much to the delight of the young crowd that had gathered.

Head teacher Susan Kelly said the proceeds of the summer fair would be used for the various school outings and events that the children enjoy throughout the year.



Wiktor Jablonski and Frazer Ferguson try selling their books to an interested Eric Milton. 01_B27fair04



Alan Kelly did a roaring trade selling raffle tickets. 01_B27fair01



Luke Nelson was the star of beat the goalie. 01_B27fair02



Jackie Colwell helped transform the youngsters into all kind of characters with her face painting. 01_B27fair05



The human fruit machine had participants giggling. 01_B27fair03

Corrie event boosts school funds by £800

The annual Corrie summer fair that was held during the Whitson week ensured a steady stream of locals and visitors who supported the event which raised £800 for the school coffers.

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A heritage worth holding on to

Those who attended last weekend's vintage and veteran motorcycles rally might of been surprised at the number of people there.

The crafts day this weekend is likely to be just as busy with visitors and locals alike who attend these events, which are regularly held at the Arran Heritage Museum during the summer season.

Could it be that there is a large vintage motorcycles following on Arran? Could it be that Arran also holds a large following for long-forgotten crafts and skills, or possibly even a hidden fanbase of classic tractor enthusiasts who ensure each and every event held at the museum seems to be filled to capacity?

The answer may lie elsewhere and the clue could be in the name – heritage museum. The many, many selfless volunteers at the Rosaburn institution understand and promote our appreciation of the meaning of heritage, the historical events, processes and ways of life from a bygone era that have special meaning to people and artefacts that we hold dear. The modern world, it would seem, is constantly changing and, while we sometimes view nostalgia as unnecessarily clinging to the past, the truth is that we do place value in our heritage. We take comfort in the stability of how it has always been done before and that the past does not change, while the future can change suddenly, leaving some to feel like the rug has been pulled from under our feet.

It is for these reasons that the gatekeepers of our social history are delighted with the future expansion plans of the museum, which will see the volunteers playing an important part in the recording of the lives of our people, how we live and how we do things.

It is as important to look to the past as we look to what appears to be a very uncertain future.

The staff and volunteers do a great job and the museum is a terrific asset for the island. Let's get out there and continue to support it.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

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

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Letters to the Editor



Mobile monstrosities

Sir,

I read with interest the letters page of the *Banner* of June 24. Was the content indicative of the correspondence you received on the subject of campervans? There were no letters against them.

The island has been littered with these monstrosities for months, fuel and victuals topped up at Asda in Ardrossan, and many not using the available campsites for overnight parking. During the recent half-term holiday, they were frequently found parked up in the car park at the entrance to Glen Catacol, one morning four, as well as obstructing other places at the side of the road, now not an A, along the west coast. Oh, and ask the council workers who empty the litter bins how often they have found them full of bulging black bin liners?

A couple of weeks ago, I came across a lady standing beside one of the tartan VWs, which was in the ditch halfway down the hill above North Glen Sannox car park. Who put her there? A campervan coming up the hill the other way which was too wide for one carriageway. The driver didn't even stop. All she could remember was that it had German number plates – and this was pre-Brexit, so heaven knows what they will do now! Fortunately, a white knight was on his way from Brodick.

I have just followed one too wide to pass safely from outside Brodick school at between 20mph and 25 mph (at one stage we reached the giddy speed of 28mph), but who was not for pulling over to let anyone pass. It sailed past Lochranza campsite, but came to an

abrupt halt at the Sailor's Grave, where it turned off the road. They obviously wanted a sea view for their overnight sojourn and will probably still be there in the morning.

What can be done? Take a ferry over to Great Britain and head north. Laybys and roadside car parks have no overnight parking signs, which are enforced. What could be simpler?

Yours,
P W Yates
Catacol

Please bring the anvil down

Sir,

Big Davy and the anvil looked great on Goatfell but please don't leave the anvil up there. All there should be at the top of Goatfell is fresh Arran air.

Surely the anvil should go to the Arran Heritage Museum where its tale of love and lunacy can be appreciated for generations to come.

If the mountain rescue team would bring it down, I'm sure the guys at the museum would find just the right place for it and install it with due ceremony.

If Tom and team are agreeable to creating a special event day at the museum, we would be happy to fire up the forge at the smiddy for the day so folk can see other things to do with an anvil when you're not hauling it up a mountain.

Bringing the anvil down the mountain would be a different challenge and worth recording, especially if the mountain rescue would also do it in kilts. Given the original publicity, it could be a massive fundraising event for diabetes research, Arran Mountain Rescue, Arran Heritage Museum and the NTS. Arran at its best.

Please pass on best wishes to Roisin for health, happi-

ness and a sweet future.

And a special thank you from me to Davy for doing it in a kilt.

Yours
Mo Cree
Whiting Bay

Idiotic to stop the open-top bus

Sir,

As a second-home owner on Arran and a lover of the island, I am shocked to read in the *Banner* that the open-top bus from the ferry to the castle has been axed.

What sort of idiots would make such a decision like that at the start of the season? Do they not realise that many visitors to Arran are day visitors, and the bus from the ferry to the castle is really their only mode of transport to possibly the number one attraction on the island?

Do they not realise that Arran competes with the other islands for 'visitors of all ages' and to remove that facility plays right into opposition hands? I can just see Bute cancelling the bus from Rothesay ferry to Rothesay Castle or Mount Stuart.

Visit Rothesay must be laughing all the way to the bank. Surely somebody will see sense and re-introduce the service ... if only for the summer months.

Yours,
Jack Cowan
Giffnock

Wanton desecration

Sir,

Last May and early June many miles of rural roadside verge across Arran were cut. I, and others, wrote to North Ayrshire Council (NAC) pointing out that this removed daffodils, bluebells and other wild flowers in full bloom. This prevented seeds setting, feed for insects, seeds for birds and

the following year's floral display. This year, on May 30, many miles of rural road on Arran were again cut. As well as the above ecological disadvantages, this also deprives visitors and residents of the beauty of spring.

Many councils throughout the UK now delay the first cut till late June and save money as well as behaving environmentally.

What is the point of NAC publishing a comprehensive environmental policy on the web when the actual practice can be described as wanton environmental desecration?

Yours,
Victor Iutz
Blackwaterfoot

Jazzy request for a new bass player

Sir,

Back in the mists of time, I wrote a letter to the old black and white *Arran Banner* wondering if there was anybody on the island interested in playing jazz.

A number of musicians emerged from the woodwork and the Jazz Cafe Band began. Within a short time we began assaulting the musical sensibilities of the good people of Whiting Bay.

Over the years, personnel has changed and the band extended its range of music and venues.

Now, not for the first time, we find ourselves in need of a replacement bass player, and hope that a letter to the modern *Arran Banner* may produce the desired result.

If there is anybody interested in being the latest in the line of illustrious Jazz Cafe Band bass players, please let me know. My telephone number is 870224.

Yours,
John Gibson
Kilmory

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Blackwaterfoot Beer

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It has already attracted loyal followers who

are already planning buses to come over specially for the festival, where the focus is on family fun for visitors and locals alike.

Saturday July 9 is the date for your diaries and organiser Fraser Hendrie of the Kinloch Hotel promises festival goers won't be disappointed.

This year there are even more real ales, ciders, wines and champagne to try from all over the UK. and, of course, the Kinloch's

own Usige Dubh beer.

There will be food marquees and fresh local produce for sale thanks to the backing of a host of island businesses, including hog roast by Robin Gray and speciality breads from the Blackwaterfoot Bakehouse, while the burger stall is being run by bourbon producer Jim Beam to promote a range of new sauces.

The event is on from 11.30am to 7pm and there will be a whole host of entertainment throughout the day, from the Arran Brass Band and the Arran Jazz Cafe Band with special guests this year the Perth duo The Mad Ferret Band.

The band are known on the folk scene for their hard-hitting blend of traditional and contemporary folk music. Their lively, energetic performances are packed with 'blister-



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beers and ciders they may otherwise not get the chance to savour. This year there will be a wide range of beers and ciders from across the country, many of which Fraser said have not been at the festival before.

There will be beers from Wolverhampton and Nottingham, as well as closer to home from Ayr Brewery and Edinburgh's Caledonian Brewery. Strongbow will also be showcasing its new cloudy cider.

There will also be a wine and champagne tent and the Famous Grouse will be hosting a free whisky tasting while afternoon teas with home baking will be supplied by Shiskine SWI.

There will also be loads to do for kids including a magic show by Scotland's magician Scott Cuthbertson and a special appearance by Shadow the Rabbit.

There will also be a children's corner, face painting and balloon modelling and aqua

zorbing. Entry is £1 per person and the child entry fee includes admission to the magic shows at 2pm and 4pm.

Fraser said: 'It is all shaping up to be a terrific day. There is already a bus-load of 50 coming from Ayr and loads from the central belt. In previous years we have had both sunshine and rain. So I believe, whatever the weather, everyone is set for a great day out.'



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Innes performs *Over and Done With*. 01_B26leith07



Oisean and Gabs in a quieter moment. 01_B26leith09



The call centre staff in full voice. 01_B26leith13



Fi Rennie in a song-and-dance number with the Royal Britannia cleaners. 01_B26leith03



The cast perform another stirring number. 01_B26leith05



Sam Hirschfield (with scarf) performs *Let's Get Married* with Innes and Oisean. 01_B26leith02

New kids deliver sunshine show

Words and pictures by Hugh Boag

The cast of this year's Arran High School show certainly brought the sunshine to Lamlash last week.

The talented youngsters did a remarkable job of bringing the hit musical of The Proclaimers music *Sunshine on Leith* to the community theatre stage.

It's a show that is fun, frivolous but also a little poignant, and all these elements were brought to the fore in the four nights of near sell-out performances last week.

The quality of the high school productions are always top notch and director Heather Johnstone certainly did not disappoint this year.

The months of hard work – both on and off stage – that goes into every show is there for everyone to see year after year.

There was a view that some of the best actors and singers at the school had left over the last couple of years – well, let me tell you, the new kids on the block certainly stepped up to the plate.

Sunshine on Leith, Stephen Geenhorn's acclaimed jukebox musical follows the highs and lows of Ally and his friend Davy as they return home to Leith from the army. But families, friendships and life are not all plain sailing in this funny and moving story about love and life.



The entire cast perform *I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles)*. 01_B26leith20



Ally, left, and Davy back in Leith after leaving the army. 01_B26leith04



Kitchen sink drama with mum Jean and dad Rab and daughter Liz. 01_B26leith06

er a sparkling at high school



Jack Ewing takes centre stage this time as an effervescent barman. 01_B26leith23



Ally gets down on one knee to propose to Liz, but it doesn't go to plan. 01_B26leith16



Jack Ewing is the call centre training instructor quizzing Ally as the others intently look on. 01_B26leith11

Oisean Gold and Innis Thorborn shone in the title roles, but perhaps the best performance on the opening night came from Ally's girlfriend Liz, played by Katie Morrison, who has the best scene in the show when she rejects Ally's marriage proposal.

There was strong support, too, from mum Jean, played by Fi Rennie, and dad Rab, played by Euan Rains, whose acting was first class.

The other stand out performance of the night came from Jack Ewing, who played various roles with aplomb, not least his camp call centre training instructor. And Gabs Allison as Davy's love interest was excellent, as always.

But the whole cast deserve nothing but praise and while there were a few forgotten words on the opening night, we are sure that over the week these little slip-ups would have been ironed out.

The show is packed with hit after hit from The Proclaimers, including *I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles)*, *I'm on My Way*, *Letter From America* and, of course, my personal favourite, *Sunshine on Leith*, and the singers on stage were accompanied by a fine live band of pupils, past pupils and a few older musicians.

This show was a fun night out and I still can't get those Proclaimers songs out of my head.



The cast pose for the 'wedding photographer' in the pub. 01_B26leith15

Scottish government steadying the ship after Brexit

Sir,
For more than 40 years, Scotland has experienced, what I believe are the many social, economic and cultural benefits of European Union (EU) membership.

The EU is not and nor will it ever be, simply an economic construct. It provides valuable social protections and employment rights and mutual support, providing an opportunity to address pressing challenges such as economic globalisation, energy security and climate change collectively.

Last Thursday, the EU referendum saw England vote 53.4 per cent to 46.6 per cent to leave Europe. In Scotland the picture was very different, with 62 per cent backing Remain and 38 per cent Leave.

As a nation, Scotland voted to protect its place in the world's biggest single market and the jobs and investment that depend on it. We

voted to safeguard our freedom to travel, live, work and study in other European countries. We voted to renew our reputation as an outward looking, open and inclusive country.

Regrettably in my view, the result in Scotland was not mirrored across the UK and as things stand, Scotland faces the very real prospect of being taken out of the EU against our will, less than two years after being told that the only way to ensure Scotland remained was to reject independence and vote No. Many of those who did vote No in the independence referendum are now justifiably aggrieved that this is a promise that 'Better Together' has failed to deliver.

Of course, the EU referendum was only called due to deep splits in a Conservative Party riven by division over Europe for decades. The Prime Minister believed that a knock-out

blow to the Euro-sceptics in his party would bury this issue once and for all. In fact, the decisive victory for Leave has caused shock waves far beyond the narrow confines of the Tory Party.

Following the Prime Minister's resignation, political paralysis has gripped the Westminster establishment. Tory grandees, so vociferous in the referendum only days before, have gone to ground and civil war has – yet again – erupted in the Labour Party. Only the SNP in Scotland is united and capable of governing with strong and effective leadership.

First Minister Nicola Sturgeon has made it clear she will act in the Scottish interest, committing to explore all options to secure our continuing place in the EU and the single market, whilst making it clear that the SNP Government must be fully and directly in-

involved in any and all decisions about the next steps the UK Government will take. The SNP Government has also approached EU institutions and other EU member states to explore all possible avenues to safeguard Scotland's economy and EU status.

Last Friday, Scottish Government ministers, began immediate discussions with key stakeholders, particularly in the business community, to minimise potential economic shocks and emphasise that, at this time, we are still firmly in the EU. Trade and business should continue as normal and we are determined that Scotland will continue in the future to be an attractive and stable place in which to invest.

The situation is rapidly changing and may indeed have moved on by the time this column is published. However I want to reassure *Arran Banner* readers that the SNP Government is working hard, seven days a week, to protect Scottish interests while ensuring day-to-day government in Scotland continues.

As Westminster is engulfed in political turmoil and as the UK Tory Government's Leadership vacuum continues, Scotland will continue to be led by a stable and effective government at Holyrood, focussed on the day-to-day work of government, determined to continue improving education, NHS, infrastructure and our economy.

Yours,
**Kenneth Gibson SNP
Cunningham North MSP**

Respect choice of majority

Sir,
By now, just days after the EU referendum, the rational, fair-minded members of Remain have accepted and respected the result of the poll and moved on.

However, a deluded minority of Remain have the arrogance to question the democratic choice of a clear majority of The UK electorate. Unsurprisingly, this arrogance is the very same pomposity displayed by this particular faction at all stages of the referendum process.

During the campaign, the complacency of this self-righteous group beggared belief. They assumed, wrongly, that the result would be a shoo-in for Remain. From their smug standpoint, the opinion of Leave campaigners and undecided voters would somehow be easily influenced by scaremongering lies complemented by the inane ramblings of politically inept luvvies and spent sports personalities sycophantically attempting to curry favour with the Establishment. They were wrong.

Almost immediately after the result was declared, the barefaced conceit intensified with the declaration that the result was in some way invalid. What reasons were advanced for this fatuous claim? Answers on a postcard, please. The winner will gain a place on the Shadow Cabinet. The runner-up will fill the soon-to-be vacant position of Leader of the Opposition.

On a more personal and Scottish note, I have always been a supporter of our current First Minister. It saddens me, therefore, that even she, an Ayrshire lass of considerable political savvy, but understandably staggered by the unexpected result of the referendum (not by her pointy heeled shoes), now misguidedly conflates independence for Scotland and the result of the UK's EU referendum. Did the ballot paper even mention Scotland? Was there prior secret agreement that if the electorate in Scotland, or some other relatively small area of the UK, voted overwhelmingly in favour of Remain, this in some way justifies the current puerile tantrums and vacuous unconstitutional claims of a disgruntled, defeated minority in the UK?

There is nothing more pathetic than a bad loser. Although a worthy contender for such an appraisal would be any member of the electorate who openly admitted voting for Brexit because they believed their vote would not count, but now wishes they had backed the losers (duh!)

Let us all respect the choice of the majority in this context and face the challenges ahead as a united country.

Yours,
**Peter Milne
Lochranza**

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WEDNESDAY 6TH JULY

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11am

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OBITUARY

Country's best known flautist had a passion for the island

George MacIlwham: May 15, 1926 – June 23, 2016

George MacIlwham, who died last week at the age of 90, was perhaps Scotland's best known flautist and an all-round musician, performer and composer who delighted audiences for more than 70 years. He was also a musician who considered Arran to be his second home and was equally at ease playing at an Arran village hall as in the Royal Albert Hall in London.

Piper, flautist and player of the piccolo, George in later years was one of four performers who set up the Summer Serenade at Corrie Church. Along with singer Jean Bowden, pianist and organist David Inglis, and raconteur (and much else besides) John Forgie, this began as a one-off concert in Corrie Hall around 1990. So successful was it that it became a summer fixture, two nights every July, and it attracted enthusiastic and devoted audiences until only a few years ago.

They brought in other musicians too, and most recently, at what was to be their final concert, two of them now being octogenarians and knowing they could not continue forever, introduced a number of young Arran players. George would play the flute, but also the pipes, and the finale tended to be a moving and choreographed piece where he began outside the church with the audience hearing the distant sounds of *Highland Cathedral* approaching until he entered the church in full Highland regalia to conclude the concert from the altar. These wonderful concerts not only provided summer entertainment in Corrie but raised money which went towards church funds and other Arran charities.

Born in Glasgow in 1926, the only boy in a family of four children, George attended Hutcheson's Grammar and studied flute at the Royal Scottish Academy. He began to learn the flute, and also the pipes, as a boy and gained the Hutcheson's annual music prize.

At the age of 21 he joined the Scottish National Orchestra and began a musical career which found him playing with famous names such as James Galway, Benjamin Britten and the recently deceased Sir Peter Maxwell Davies. Indeed, when Sir Peter's *An Orkney Wedding with Sunrise* was chosen to be played at the Last Night of the Proms in 1992, it was George who played it and his appearance in kilt was the first time a piper had ever played in the Royal Albert Hall.

In 1954, he was appointed principal flute and piccolo player in the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra. In addition, he played in concerts all over the UK but perhaps most frequently on Arran while on holiday and, while his children were young, often playing in duet with his son Stewart who also became a flautist.

He was a frequent judge at piping competitions, and he made recordings and he arranged music. In 1964, he wrote his *Highland Suite*

for flute or recorder with piano. He also wrote songs including one named *Corrie*, inspired by hearing a curlew on the Corrie shore one morning and, a sign of his versatility, he even got involved in making a television arts programme from the top of Goatfell entitled *Three Men and a Goat*.

While this writer did not know him well, and mostly just as a frequent member of his audience, I recall one occasion when he agreed to play the pipes for my daughter, who was giving a display of Highland dancing sometime around 1990. Meeting him off the ferry that day, he came to our house for dinner and we recall him as delightful and charming company. And of course a very distinguished accompanist for an amateur young dancer.

In the early 1950s, he was playing flute for the summer season with Max Jaffa at the Scarborough Grand Hotel and it was there that he met Muriel, whom he married in 1955. With the BBC SSO

being based in Glasgow they lived in Bearsden and had two sons, Stewart and Cameron. Having holidayed in Whiting Bay as a youngster, the family continued coming to Arran annually, although they chose to rent houses in different parts of the island each year. Muriel was unable to decide which was her favourite but George always preferred Corrie. Cameron, an artist, died in an accident while on holiday in Thailand and is buried in Sannox cemetery. Stewart is now flautist with the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

A few years ago, Muriel had been diagnosed with dementia and George's final years were devoted to looking after her. He is survived by Muriel, his son Stewart, and three grandchildren.

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George MacIlwham, farthest from camera with the other Summer Serenade performers.

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Alternatively, you can view a paper copy of the plan during office hours at Cunninghame House in Irvine, Lamash Local Office or Brodick and Millport libraries.

If you have a QR Code app on your mobile phone or tablet, please scan the QR code below to go directly to our website:



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CRAFTS DAY

on Sunday 3rd July

Spinning, Weaving, Quilting, Embroidery, Dyeing,
Gaelic Waulking Songs, Butter Making, Tombola, etc.
Isle of Arran Pipe Band, and other Musical Entertainment,

There's always something happening at Arran's 'must see' Four Star attraction.

From 1.30pm at Rosaburn, Brodict.

Antiquarians hear history of the Glasgow rent strikes

Chairman Harry Davidson welcomed Christine Quarrell to their June meeting. In all 40 antiquarians enjoyed meeting Christine and to see Harry chair his first meeting since last November, an absence due to illness, reports Norma Davidson.

Christine is a member of a group of 12 retired Glaswegians, the oldest being 80, who rejoice in the name of 'People's Past - People's Future'. They are all members of other community groups and have a joint age of 750 years.

In 2014 they decided to stage a performance to mark International Women's Day in 2015. The format was songs and poetry of resistance and politics together with spoken dia-

logue mostly from a woman's angle. Each group member researched one character of the day. Their first performance was to an audience of 200 - a wee bit of stage fright I expect. As 2015 was the centenary of the Glasgow rent strikes it was an obvious choice of subject. They all felt aggrieved as their research continued that they had not been taught anything during schooldays about this relevant part of their local, social history.

Protest posters

Christine decorated the hall with protest posters and T-shirts, the cast wore plain black bearing a facsimile with the name and dates of birth and death of the character they portrayed.

There are only 20 statues

to females in Scotland and work is progressing to erect one to Mary Barbour. Mary was born in Kilbarchan in 1875 and moved eventually to Glasgow. She married David Barbour who was a shipyard worker. Her first born child died from meningitis, one of the diseases found in the poor conditions and overcrowding of the tenements.

When the menfolk went to war, the profiteering landlords increased their rents substantially. The women could not afford this and Mary organised an 'army in pinnies' who chased away and attacked the factors and rent collectors. Many, including Mary, served prison terms but the rent strikers won and later that year the Rent Restriction Act



Christine Quarrell gave a talk to the antiquarians on some of the influential characters during the Glasgow rent strikes.

KILDONAN FUN WEEK 2016
SUNDAY 10 JULY
SATURDAY 16 JULY

SUNDAY 10 JULY CRAFT MARKET
VILLAGE HALL 11.00 am till 3.30pm
Refreshments and Home baking available

MONDAY 11 JULY TAIKO DRUMMING (taster sessions)
Limited to 8 people per session Adults £4.00/Junior £1.00
VILLAGE HALL 2.00PM and 4.00PM
Juniors must be accompanied by an adult (not charged) to assist

TUESDAY 12 JULY SWRI COFFEE MORNING
and home baking for sale VILLAGE HALL 10.30 till 12.30
Adults £3.00 Child £2.00

ROUND KILDONAN FUN RUN
VILLAGE HALL 7.00PM Adult £3.00 Junior £2.00

THURSDAY 14 JULY SEALS AND SHORE SCRAMBLE
In conjunction with NTS & ARRAN COAST Adults £2.00/Kids £4.00
Village Hall 2.00 pm wear wellies or stout footwear
Refreshments available ALL afternoon in hall

CAR TREASURE HUNT Village hall 7.00pm
£5.00 per car B.B.Q available on return

FRIDAY 15 JULY "STILL GAME"
several episodes of the popular tv show
Plus a talk by the executive producer and Beer tasting provided kindly by
ARRAN BREWERY Ticket only Doors open 6.15pm
Tickets available from G.Guest-ring 820680

SATURDAY 16 JULY SPORTS ON THE BEACH 2.00 till high tide

Please come along and join in the fun

was passed. Mary now had a taste for battle and became a Labour councillor in 1920 and between 1924 and 1927 was Glasgow's first woman baillie. She went on to become a magistrate and finally retired as a councillor in 1931. She continued to campaign for fair wages, good housing, children and women's health, and supported the family planning clinics until her death, aged 82.

Other characters quoted were John McLean. Born in 1879 he became a teacher, served in the First World War, became a political activist for reform for which he served a term in prison. The war and ill-treatment in prison caused his death, aged 44.

Keir Hardie, born in 1856, was a socialist and a Christian. He was a strong supporter of women and styled himself the MP for the un-

employed. He pressed Lloyd George, then prime minister, to introduce the Rent Restriction Act.

This was followed by two rather sad vignettes of serving soldiers in the trenches, one confused, fearful and worried about how his wife and family were coping, and the other worrying about the rent strike and telling the story of the 'Christmas Truce'.

Fair wages

Mary Brooksbank, a trade unionist, daughter of an Aberdonian fisherwoman from the Aberdeen slums and mother of seven, worked in the Dundee jute mills. She led a strike for fair wages, was for 13 years a member of the Communist Party, was jailed twice and died in 1978 aged 81. She had been a rabble-rouser all her life and was proud of it.

There are still political

campaigners - for example, Helen John, who started protesting at Greenham Common and is still active today.

Christine ended by playing us some protest songs and reading a poem called *Easterhouse Woman*.

So, how far have we come? We have a national health service, universal suffrage, strong women in politics, better sexual health and birth control for all, and improved living conditions. But Mary Barbour and her peers would be appalled at the child poverty and food banks of the 21st century. We have come a long way but still have a way to go.

Our next meeting is on Monday July 18 in Brodick Hall at 2pm when Robbie Glen will talk about Scottish Porridge - be warned, it is nothing to do with the breakfast cereal.

THE ARRAN

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TWENTY YEARS AGO

Saturday 6 July, 1996

Harvest time

In the 1950s trees were planted on Arran and then some years ago they began to chop them down and remove them off the island by timber barge. That was only thinning, now harvesting is about to start.

At Tuesday's community council meeting two forestry officers attended to explain how they planned to set about the tree felling. The operation will begin next year for a period of about five years and will be contained within eight forest blocks of the oldest trees which will be removed at a rate of three lorry loads per day. Seven kilometres of roads will be built to facilitate extraction and the bulk of the wood will go to Caledonian Paper in Irvine.

Landscape Architect Sandra Hallum said that while the landscape would change as the clear felling proceeded, it would be done sensitively and unlike the 1950s replanting would not be a single species. It

is anticipated that clear felled areas will be restocked with broad leaved trees within a year.

Going public

Charter Towers, the development, was a contentious issue on Arran for two years until its rejection by Cunninghame District Council planning committee last January. The site had been cleared and an appeal by developer Celia Urquhart was expected but never confirmed. A final decision will now come following a public inquiry to be held in Brodick Hall on Tuesday August 6, where a reporter appointed by the Secretary of State for Scotland will determine an appeal against the former CDC for the erection of 24 flats and six houses. The inquiry will finally determine whether it may or may not go ahead.

Sky high petrol

North Ayrshire Council trading standards department has been conducting a survey of petrol prices. The finding is that the cheapest petrol prices within NAC is in Largs where unleaded costs 50.9p per litre and the most expensive petrol on Arran costs a sky high 64.5p. It has long been said that the low level of sales on Arran necessitated a higher price to keep filling stations viable but another side of the coin could be that sales levels may increase if people did not fill their tanks in Ardrossan before driving to the ferry.



The new team at Alldays pictured with previous owner Alastair Bilsland are: Dave Brambles, Mandy Barnet, Jim Milne and Mike Gordon. B27twe02



Celebrating a new 1/2lb cheese at the Torrylinn Creamery are: George Maclver, George Hotchkiss, Aileen Jackson, Alasdair Maclver, John Sweeney and manageress Margaret Maclver. B27twe05



Arran runner Tommy Gilmore was able to raise a smile near the end of the Shiskine Valley half marathon last Sunday. B27twe03



The winners of the club championship held at Corrie last Friday were Rab Logan, left, and runner up Gilbert Mckinnon. B27twe01



The Shiskine team which won the Hope Cup (l to r): Joe Faulkner, Jamie Stewart, non-playing captain Jock Kelso, Stewart Black and Willie Kelso. B27twe04

What's on

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Everyday

Trout fly fishing
Brodick Castle, garden open
Arran Brewery
Arran Brewery tour
Lamlash tennis courts/putting green
Arran Heritage Museum
Soap making and candle dipping

Loch Garbad, bank fishing
9am-dusk
Mon - Sat 10am - 5pm, Sunday - 12.30pm - 5pm
2pm (limited spaces call for availability)
Open all day
Rosaburn, Brodick, 10.30am - 4.30pm
Arran Aromatics, Brodick, 10am - 4pm

Saturday 2nd July

Army Cadets
Over-21s disco
RNLI dhop
Family games
Fun in the pool
Arran Vets surgery
Live music
Arran Physiotherapy and Acupuncture Clinic
Lamlash Bowling Club rink game
WBay Bowling Club rink game
Blackwaterfoot Bowls
Brodick Bowling Club rink game
Flow Yoga
Live Music - The Debt Collectors
Live Music - Jamie McGeechan AKA Little Fire
Volunteer Day - Arran Land Initiative
Malt and music festival

Auchrannie Road 11am - 1pm
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-noon
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, 9pm
Whiting Bay, 10am - 1pm
Isle of Arran Distillery, Lochranza, 11am - 5pm

Sunday 3rd July

Family games
Fun in the pool
RNLI shop
AA meeting
Open session - all musicians and singers welcome
Craft day
Shiskine Valley half-marathon
Arran Riding Club Annual Showing Show
Heather McLeod on harp

Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm
Lamlash, 2pm - 4pm
Brodick church Hall, 5pm-6.30pm
Fiddlers, Brodick 2.30pm
Arran Heritage Museum, Brodick, 1.30pm
Kinloch Hotel, noon
Balgowan, Shiskine, 11am
The PHT, Lamlash 4pm

Monday 4th July

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 aerobic
RunArran
Tae Kwon do
Summer bridge
Coffee morning

Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Auchrannie gym, 9.30-10.30am
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm
9am - 10.30am and 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 and over-10s, 7.00pm - 8.30pm
Arran High School, 6.30pm
WBay and Kildonan Church Hall, 10.30am - noon

Tuesday 5th July

Pop quiz
Alcoholics Anonymous
Youth club
Arran Vets surgery
Rotary club
Healthy outdoors
Blackwaterfoot Bowls
RunArran run coaching
RUNFIT
Open cricket session
Lamlash Drama Club
Flow Yoga
Scottish country dancing
Children's Secrets tour
Landscape photography walks
WBay drama club
Garden Walk

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
Brodick Astro Turf 7pm-9pm
Arran High School, 6.30pm - 9pm
Corrie & Sannox Hall, 6pm
Brodick Church Hall, 7pm
Brodick Castle, 2pm
Brodick Rangers Centre, 3-5pm
Whiting Bay hall, 7pm
Brodick Castle, 2-3pm

Wednesday 6th July

Rock and pop bingo
Tae Kwon do
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
Parkinson support group
Roundhouse Open Day
Vile Victorians
Unplugged music night
Montrose House summer fete

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
Lamlash Fire Station, 2pm - 4pm
Brodick Castle 10.30am - 3.30pm
Brodick Castle 2pm - 3.30pm
The PHT, Lamlash 8.30pm
Montrose House, Brodick 2pm

Thursday 7th July

Morning fitness
General knowledge quiz
Arran Vets surgery
Ladies hockey
RUNFIT
Cardiac rehab
Burger and quiz night
Winter bowls
Tennis senior club night
Mixed Martial Arts/XFit
Quilt Arran
Flow Yoga
10th Ayrshire Shiskine Cub Scouts and Beavers
RUNFIT
Factory tours
Caring for the Castle
Woodland Survival Skills
Save the Children summer fair

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
Felicity's @ Eden Lodge, from 7.30pm
Auchrannie, 7pm
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
Brodick Castle, 2pm - 3.30pm
Brodick Ranger Centre, 2pm - 4.30pm
Brodick church hall, 10.30am - 12.30pm

Friday 8th 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 Kwon do
Factory tours
Wild flower wander

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
Brodick Rangers Centre, 2-4pm

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Recruitment



auchrannie job vacancies

Aspa Receptionist

We are looking for a Full time and Part Time receptionists is needed to join the Aspa team. You will be the first point of contact for our Aspa guests, therefore customer service experience is required and be computer literate. Flexibility is required to work weekends.

Receptionist

We are currently looking for customer focussed individuals to join the front of house team. This is a full time position. You will be computer literate and have great customer service skills. Shifts patterns are working 5 days over 7 earliest start time 6.30am and latest finish time 11pm.

Recreations Assistant

Full time position available, who is flexible to work between 6.30am-9pm. Candidates must have customer service background. Full training will be provided.

HR & People Development Manager

We have a fantastic opportunity for a CIPD qualified HR professional. We require a dynamic, committed & enthusiastic professional to be responsible for the recruitment, training and development of all staff. You must be customer focused, personable and have the vision to help Auchrannie provide "hospitality with passion and personality. This is a full time position and will require flexibility to work Duty Manager shifts.

Grounds Person

We are currently looking for a full time grounds person to assist the existing team mainly with grass cutting, strimming, etc. Experience in a similar role is preferred, however full training will be given. It is essential that you are physically fit and have a full clean driving license is required

Arran Adventure Seasonal Instructor

Arran Adventure is look for a seasonal Instructor from Mid-June to end of August. Covering key activities like kayaking, abseiling, gorge walking, archery, Mountains biking and Segway's. Experience is essential and relevant qualifications are required. Additional training given.

All positions will benefit from **free leisure club membership worth up to £800** with 28 days holiday per year and various other discounts within the resort. Full descriptions can be found at www.auchranniejobs.co.uk or contact hr@auchrannie.co.uk



Job Vacancies

This is an opportunity to join the team at the multi-award winning Glenisle Hotel.

Deputy Duty Manager

We are looking for an outgoing and dynamic person to act as duty manager and cover managers' days off. This is a varied role that will include working in the restaurant, reservations and reception.

The ideal person will have previous hotel and/or restaurant experience, be able to supervise teams, and know what good service means to hotel guests.

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Coffee after service
Wednesday, 6th July
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ALL WELCOME

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With Arran Brass
Tea/coffee in Church Hall afterwards
ALL WELCOME
There will be Taizé worship
Thursday 7th July
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ALL WELCOME

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(continuing)
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Sunday 3rd July
Rev Lily McKinnon
Kilmory 10 am
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(in Lamlash Church if wet)
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(Charity Number: SC014005)
Sunday 3rd July
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Sunday 3rd July
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Shiskine pose for a pre-match photograph. 01_B27footy01

Brodick maintain winning streak

Brodick 7 Southend 2

Southend were given the biggest and most humiliating defeat of the past eight years by a rampant Brodick side at Ormidale Park on Monday night.

The visitors were missing a couple of key players and Brodick took full advantage, especially through their attacking prowess. Owen Quigley, better known as Pele, bagged a hat-trick, including a couple from some great runs and a header beyond goalkeeper Lee Russell. Pele linked up well with the league's top goal scorer Archie McNicol who added another two onto his tally for the season.

McNicol's speed kept the Southend defence on their toes throughout the game. Pele also became provider

when he swung in a corner which was met by the head of young Alistair McMillan who scored his second goal of the season. Southend's frustration showed as central midfielders Ryan Armstrong and Donald Park both received yellow cards for persistent fouling. Gregor Adamson was also given a caution by referee Iain McDonald for handling outside his area.

Armstrong bagged two consolation goals for Southend, one of which being a powerful strike past Adamson. Toby Wingham also scored for Brodick with, for the second week in a row, a man of the match performance. He dominated the midfield, showing both skill and strength to outplay his opponents.

After the first round of fixtures, Brodick now looks like the hot favourites to make it three league titles in a row after scoring 29 goals and only conceding five.

Lamlash 3 Shiskine 0

Lamlash moved into second place in the league on



Lamlash player Johnny Sloss dribbles the ball through the Shiskine defence. 01_B27footy03

Monday as they triumphed in a tough game against Shiskine at the back of the high school. The away team were missing their goalkeeper, Finlay Murchie, so Stevie Crawford was called into action but unfortunately he suffered an injury early on.

Last season's Arran footballer of the year runner up, Danny Currie, opened his account for the season scoring the first goal before the Lamlash top goal scorer, James Todd, took advantage and was on target to bag his seventh of the season. PE teacher Jack Simons, who is sadly leaving

the island, scored in what could be his final game for Lamlash to round off the scoring at 3-0.

Willie Sillars picked up his second yellow card of the season with a foul on Sean Higgins. John Murchie also received his third yellow of season to earn himself a ban in his next match against Southend.

Fraser Anderson got a caution too. The game finished with fireworks as David McAllister came on with 10 minutes to go for Lamlash and got booked twice in quick succession to be sent off. A red card has been all too familiar to Big Dave, who was playing his first game for a couple of years. Referee Jean Demazeux handled the game very well and gave man of the match to goal scorer Danny Currie.

On Monday the fixtures will see Shiskine vs Southend and Lamlash vs Northend, both games starting at 6.30pm.

DEATH

WRIGHT - Pat
Suddenly at home on Friday, 17th June 2016. Funeral service at Holmsford Bridge Crematorium, Dreghorn on Monday, 4th July at 3:00pm, to which all friends are welcome.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

MORTON - Archie
Wilma, David and Susan would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for the love and support shown to them in the past few weeks. The beautiful flowers, cards and in particular the messages were a great source of comfort. Our sincere thanks go to Angus for the lovely service and to David and Clair Hendry and Fiona for their invaluable help. Archie was a kind and caring man who will be greatly missed.

THANK YOU

THANK YOU
Martha would like to thank everyone for their messages, cards and presents received on her 90th birthday. It was a very special day.



More than 100 primary and secondary pupils took part on the night.

All-night fundraiser held to help give slaves a sporting chance

A combination of Arran High School and local primary pupils have raised the phenomenal total of £1,766.16 for 'Sport for Freedom' by taking part in an all-night Sportathon at the high school.

The event took place on the night of Friday, June 3 and saw pupils taking part in activities ranging from trampolining and Tae Kwon-Do to ultimate frisbee and softball between the hours of 7pm and 7am.

Sport for Freedom is a global charity which was started by ex-Sky Sports presenter Julia Immonen after watching the Liam Neeson film, *Taken*.

She couldn't comprehend how atrocities such as human trafficking and slavery were still present in the world today – and indeed in Britain – and therefore now dedicates her time to reducing such instances through educating, rehabilitating and

inspiring others to undertake gruelling challenges to raise money and awareness.

Julia is the cousin of local minister Lily McKinnon, who spoke passionately to school pupils before Christmas about slavery, which still exists in the world and the importance of reflecting on the value of freedom – something perhaps all of us take for granted. It was this stirring speech which gave Jack Simmons the impetus to organise a memorable fundraiser for the young people of Arran.

He said: 'As part of being a newly-qualified teacher I was obliged to undertake some form of project which addressed real world issues with the young people in my school. I thought that it would be most worthwhile if I did something that would benefit the school, the pupils and even better, a charity of local interest. Naturally, as soon as I



Rugby coach Stuart McMaster looks on, perplexed by the strangely shaped ball used for midnight football.

mentioned my thoughts to the ever-enthusiastic Archie McNicol, he was immediately on board and together we planned and ran the event with the help of several friends and locals.

'On that note, we would like to thank our fantastic community coaches who came in to deliver rugby, triathlon, Tae Kwon-Do and football sessions. Can I also say a huge thank you to our

very understanding neighbours, the residents of Lam-lash, who selflessly put up with our noise and floodlights late into the night, and again at sunrise!

'I'd also like to mention the generosity of both Mitie and KA Leisure who granted us the facilities free of charge in order to complete this fantastic challenge, but most importantly a huge thanks goes out to those



Active Schools' Ewan Jamieson celebrates wildly with the pupils after scoring a world for the red team.

who donated and the young people who put their fatigue to one side for a great cause.

'Archie has been at the heart of everything sport-related at the school over the last year, and was delighted to be part of such a unique and inspirational charity event.'

Archie added: 'When Jack approached me with his all night sportathon idea I couldn't wait to get in-

involved. In our day-to-day work we strive towards giving each and every pupil on the island opportunities to compete and perform in sport on a level playing field to mainland pupils.

Giving them this opportunity to raise money and realise just how lucky they are to be brought up in the surroundings and freedom of Arran provides a great learning experience.'



Mr Evans helps out by running sunrise softball at 4.50am.



Mr McNeice led four night-time mountain bike rides.



A group struggle through an hour of volleyball at 03.30am.

ArranMan proves to be a big challenge

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This race was by far the most competitive, with the lead changing hands several times with Grangemouth's Derek Simpson first off the bike and young athlete Ruairaidh Wells finishing in third place after being first rider up The Ross.

Largest field

The standard distance triathlon, including a ride over The Ross, had the largest field of athletes from Arran. Results from islanders include: Greg Hamill, Shiskine, 2hr 56m; Gerard Tatersfield, Lamlash, 3hr 16m; Christopher Hogge, Brodick, 3hr 37m; and

Lorimer MacKenzie, who was last out the water, but had the incentive of riding past his family home at the bottom of The Ross, finishing in 4hr 58m.

Jellyfish sting

Several athletes withdrew from the swim due to jellyfish stings while Arran's roads proved too much for some competitors, with several withdrawing from the race at the South End due to multiple punctures and a couple of buckled wheels.

Gemma Beedie of Clachan of Campsie, however, was not one of them, completing the standard distance with a sit up and beg Amsterdam bike, replete with



Craig Wood is joined by junior triathlon club members as he heads for the finish line.

large wicker shopping basket. A massive thank you to Sgt Allen Dodds from the

final athlete to finish, Edinburgh's Elaine Sandeman, who was last out the water

for the middle distance swim and suddenly realised she had forgotten her cycle

helmet, Sgt Dodds thankfully had a spare in the back of his police car.



Arran Golfers' Association

Saturday June 25, Hope Cup at Corrie Golf Club. This year's semi-finals got under way on a dry but breezy day at Corrie. The condition of the course was absolutely stunning and a big thanks to Pablo for his usual huge effort. Thanks also to Corrie for providing the referees, to Rab for doing the honours at the prize-giving and to Claire in the tearoom for feeding some of the teams.

Last week Brodick, Machrie and Lamlash all came through their first round matches. In the first semi-final, champions Brodick played host to Corrie. Despite a valiant effort from the visiting team, Brodick proved too strong and came through in convincing fashion to book their place in yet another final. Next out were Lam-

lash against Machrie. Again Lamlash proved too strong and went in to the final to meet Brodick.

The final didn't disappoint the 50 or so spectators and was as entertaining as any other finals from recent years.

The match swung to and fro with the wind playing a big part in things and some of Arran's best players were, at times, made to look decidedly ordinary in the conditions. A good amount of birdies kept things exciting.

The first match ended three up to Brodick at the 18th and, with the back pair of Lamlash two up, they needed to win the last to go to extra time. A classy tee shot from Ewan McKinnon and a neat chip from Greg made things hard for the Lamlash pair and, despite a good up and down for birdie by Todd and Dougie, it was left to Arran's best, big Ewan, to tap in for their third win on the bounce.

It was thoroughly deserved and it's hard to see past them making it four next year.

The match was played in the best spirits of the island's most loved competition and the Lamlash boys headed back to Brodick

to join their opponents for drinks at Brodick clubhouse. The Dougie Macfarlane Award was presented in front of about 50 people to the island's smallest but best greenkeeper, Pablo Moran, much to everyone's delight. Rumour has it he's retiring soon.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday June 22, the Ballantyne Cup. 26 played in one of the closest Ballantyne Cups in years with the top three places separated only by a countback. CSS stayed at 63 and first place went to Gus MacLeod with his second net 62 in a week. 1 Gus MacLeod 10, 62, ACB, 2 Wolfi Kroner 13, 62, ACB, 3 David Brookens 12, 62, 4 Jamie McKechnie 7, 63 and lowest gross. Gus bagged the only two of the day at the 11th.

Sunday June 26, the Morton Quach. 14 played in this popular event on a morning when the weather forecast suggested the earlier finishers might be lucky. John Dick took full advantage of the conditions to storm home with a magnificent net 58 to claim first place. CSS stayed at 63. 1 John Dick 15, 58, 2 Andy Martin 11, 60, 3 Danny Head 6, 62 and lowest gross, 4 Gus MacLeod 99, 62. Magic twos were scored by Gus MacLeod at the fourth, Andy Martin at the 11th and Danny Head at the 15th.

Fixture: Friday July 1, AGA Corrie Hotel Cup, Brodick, at 5pm.

Sunday July 3, medal.

Wednesday July 6, Summer Trophy.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday June 21, Peter Sutton, eight played. CSS 64. 1 B Sherwood 74-13=61, 2 R Betley 96-28=68, BIH, 3 A MacDonald 79-11=68. Magic twos, B Sherwood. Tuesday June 21, Lady Mary, two played CSS 68 R/O. 1 E Ross 98-23=75, 2 F Scott 102-26=76.

Fixture: Saturday July 2, Captain's Day at 12.30pm. Nine holes



The three in a row Brodick Hope Cup winning team.

of fun and prizes.

Tuesday July 5, Peter Sutton and Lady Mary at 12.30pm and 5.30pm.

Corrie Golf Club

Wednesday June 22, Wednesday Cup. 21 turned out to chase the Magic twos pot. 21 returned home empty handed. 1 Graeme Andrew 69-10=59, 2 Allan Napier 65-6=59, 3 J Adams 68-9=59. Scratch, A Napier 65.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday June 23, yellow medal. CSS 61, par 61. 1 Jim Gibson 74-12=62. Thursday June 23, Summer Cup, CSS 64, par 64. 1 Iain Murchie 67-5=62, 2 Jon Smith 75-12=63, 3 Calum Rae 78-15=63, 4 John O'Sullivan 83-18=65, 5 Allan Winship 78-13=65. Best scratch, Dougie Macfarlane 65. Magic twos; Iain Murchie at the fourth, Matt Harvey at the 12th and 16th, Dougie Macfarlane at the 16th, Neil Young at the 16th, Ian Bremner at the 14th, Mark Wren at the fourth. Magic twos rollover at the fourth hole, winners Iain Murchie and Mark Wren. Sunday June 26, Medal Shield,

CSS 64, par 64. 1 Paul Cowan 68-5=63, 2 Graeme Andrew 74-9=65. Best scratch, Paul Cowan 68. Magic twos: Paul Cowan at 17th, Andy Smith at 16th. Twos rollover still in place.

Fixtures: Saturday July 2, first qualifying round for club championship and qualifying cup. 9.30am, 12.30pm and 5pm draws. Sunday July 3, Jamieson Cup and second qualifying round for club championship. Thursday July 7, Summer Cup and Tom Graham Trophy. Make up own groups.

Ladies section: Wednesday June 15, stroke 3, CSS 64, nine played. 1 Jackie Winship 92-29=63, 2 Morag Gardner 85-19=66, BIH, 3 June Richardson 91-25=66. Scratch Morag Gardner 85.

Wednesday June 22, medal 4, CSS 64, nine played. 1 Kate McAdam 86-20=66, 2 June Richardson 93-25=68, BIH, 3 Jenny Pattenden 99-31=68. Scratch Kate McAdam 86. Anne MacVicar had magic twos at 13th and 16th.

Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday June 22, Summer Cup, 32 played, CSS 65. Robbie

Duncan 72-11=61, Calum Duncan 72-10=62, Billy Armit 71-9=62. Scratch, Ewan McKinnon 67. Sunday, June 26, Marchioness of Graham Trophy (Bogey), 16 played, CSS 63. Brian Smith 12, six up, John McKean 13, four up, Douglas Robertson 16, three up. Fixture: Sunday July 3, Brandon qualifier.

Ladies section: Tuesday June 21, Captain's Prize. Twenty ladies played a 12-hole stableford competition for the Captain's Prize. The winner, with an excellent 25 points, was Ellie Jones, and runner-up was Ann May with 24 points. The team prize went to Brenda Livingstone, Pat Reid, Margaret Bryce and Trish Martin. Lifestyle members took part in a fun golf and putting competition before the ladies, both members and past captains, enjoyed one of Trish Spencer's highly praised cold buffet suppers.

Fixture: Tuesday July 5, medal and nine-hole stableford.

Shiskine Golf Club

Thursday June 23, Nancy McCutcheon Trophy, 13 played. 1 Jenni Turnbull 27pts, 2 Pat Adamson 24pts. Bronze: 1 Mary Jo Tod 24pts, 2 Mary Tod 23pts. Congratulations Jenni.



Jenni Turnbull with the Nancy McCutcheon Trophy that she won at Shiskine.



The Lamlash team who were runners-up in the Hope Cup.

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Jamie takes the ArranMan title as locals rise to the challenge

The third ArranMan challenge attracted 200 athletes who competed in five races over the weekend.

Centred in Lamlash, the events were held in very different conditions over the two days last weekend with the Saturday hot and sunny and the Sunday wet and windy. However, the conditions did not deter the many visitors as well as a number of locals who took part this year.

Kicking off at 6am on Saturday morning with the ArranMan iron distance, where athletes completed a 2.5 mile swim, cycled twice round the island, then ran a marathon.

They were joined in the water by a very curious seal who swam among the athletes for half an hour, then on Saturday afternoon by runners 'just' doing a marathon.

The final ArranMan finished at 10.15pm.

On Sunday morning, the largest number of athletes awoke to perfect racing conditions for the middle distance, standard distance and relay team events.

Not to be outdone by the wildlife from the previous day, the slower athletes had tough, muddy obstacles to contend with as the cows at Cloughlands decided to sit right across the race course.

Falkirk's Jamie Anderson has knocked a massive 25 minutes off the record for the iron distance event,

while, in the female race, Alicia Lauckner of London also broke the course record, knocking an hour off Anna Gilmour's record from last year. Second place Elaine McGeachy, from Campbeltown, was two minutes faster than Anna last year.

David McLure, from Troon, was 11 seconds off beating Greenock Harriers Kevin O'Donoghue's record marathon time from last year. However, in the female race, Angela Reid, from Ardrossan, knocked 26 minutes off the record.

The biggest field of the weekend was again for the middle distance race. Having finished second last year, Mark Arndt improved by one place, winning and setting a new record by 32 seconds, an improvement on his own time last year by five minutes, two seconds.

Arran Junior Triathlon Club coach Craig Wood, of Lamlash, got Arran's best result of the weekend coming second in the middle distance event, finishing with a guard of honour when a dozen members of the club ran the last kilometre cheering alongside him.

He was first out of the swim and onto the bike then, with only the safety motorcycle for company around the island, first into the run. However, around the 11km mark, last year's winner passed Craig. He said: 'I knew Mark Arndt was a



ArranMan iron distance winner Jamie Anderson can still manage a smile and a wave as he approaches the finishing line. 01_B27Arranman01

better runner than me over that distance but had no one with me on the bike to push the pace and make the gap too big.

But I experienced my best ever triathlon feeling when the triathlon club children ran the last 200m with me and I'm not scared to admit I had tears in my eyes, so thank you to the AJTC children for giving an old man a good memory.'

Wayne Dale, of Whiting Bay, completed the middle in 6hr 48m and Eliot Stedman of Lamlash completed in 6hr 1m and Barry Smith of Lamlash in 6hr 26m.

First out of the water by over 100 metres and finishing in a fantastic fourth place overall, the female middle distance race was won by last year's LOCH loMAN and Celtman Triathlons winner Siobhan Prise. Siobhan knocked 56 minutes off last year's record set by Dorset's Ginny Mills.

Aberdeenshire's Siobhan was joined on the podium by her younger sister, Kerry Prise, who won the standard distance female race in a time of 2hr 36m.

Fireman Graeme Croll won the standard distance



Raymond McCurdy, taking part in his 201st marathon, is cheered by other competitors at a briefing on Lamlash green.

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