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Glen Rosa to be fenced off

Hugh Boag

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A plan to fence off a large area of Glen Rosa as part of a major conservation project has been unveiled.

The National Trust for Scotland is discussing the proposals with community groups on the island in a bid to let as many people as possible have their say.

Under the plans, which have yet to receive final approval, 400 hectares of the glen would be ringed with a new electric fence to allow replanting in the glen, which has been overgrazed for many years by deer and sheep.

However, the fence, which would be split-level, would be low in height to make it as unobtrusive as possible. It would also mean that the three small enclosures in Glen Rosa, where tree planting was started 15 years ago, could be opened up again.

The plan would cost the trust in the region of £150,000, which would be paid for by funding from the players of People's Postcode Lottery, who will

contribute £116,000, and the Leslie Wheeldon Bequest.

If final permissions are granted from the landowners, including Arran Estates and the Forestry Commission, work on the fence could start in August, with tree planting over the winter months.

'This project is all about conservation. We have no intention of spoiling the vistas'

However, head ranger at Brodick Castle and Country Park, Kate Sampson gave the assurance: 'This project is all about conservation. We have no intention of spoiling the vistas and views in the glen by planting wall-to-wall trees.'

Indeed, only 40 hectares of the 400-hectare site will be planted with trees native to Arran – mainly upland birch, but also hazel, aspen and whitebeam.

These will be planted in areas where there is 'good

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Summer officers settle in to island life



PC Craig Parker, left, PC Dani McMonagle and PC Robert Lambie on Lamlash green. 01_B22police01

These are the friendly faces who will be bolstering the numbers of police officers on Arran over the summer.

Having already started duties last month, the additional police officers are on secondment on the island until the end of October.

PC Dani McMonagle, who is usually stationed at Hamilton, applied for the secondment to experience island policing to further develop her abilities and skills.

Maryhill-based PC Craig Parker said: 'Having been involved in urban and city policing for eight years as a community-based officer, the opportunity to work on Arran is an exciting development opportunity.'

For PC Robert Lambie, who is usually stationed at Loch Lomond, Arran is familiar territory. 'Having holidayed on the island on numerous occasions, this posting will allow me to give something back to the community that has given me so many nice memories,' he said.

Owing to the vagaries of shift patterns and other police commitments, PC Gary McLaggan from Fife is also on secondment but was unable to be photographed with his colleagues.

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Perfect storm causes a gridlock in Brodick

There were growing calls this week for an urgent solution to be found after Brodick was left gridlocked last Saturday by ferry traffic.

Cancellations and fog delays to the ferries, which lasted most of the morning, saw huge queues of cars, bikes, motorhomes and vans along the shorefront as far along as the Book and Card Centre.

And it was not only ferry traffic caught up in the queues but cars and other vehicles trying to head for Lamlash and further south. Traffic coming from the Co-op and other businesses also faced lengthy delays as police tried to help clear the road.

Much of the blame was levelled at the position of

the car ticket kiosk at the new ferry terminal. This was questioned as being too near the main road even before the ferry terminal was built.

Since the terminal opened there have been several instances of cars spilling on to the main road, but Saturday's incident was the worse drivers, and those going about their business in Brodick, had seen.

Many residents took to social media to vent their frustration as well as trying to come up with a solution. 'They should swap the entrance and the exit for the ferry, bad design fault,' was one suggestion.

Another said: 'Just wondering if they could move the queue into Market Road when it's busy, so

cars won't block the main road?'

Caledonian MacBrayne blamed a 'perfect storm' of circumstances for causing the long traffic queues. A spokesman said: 'It was a combination of one sailing being delayed due to the fog so two sailings worth of traffic arrived at the same time and the fact that there were temporary traffic lights 25m south of the port entrance which compounded the situation.'

The Banner contacted North Ayrshire Council but it said ferry traffic management was the responsibility of CalMac in liaison with Police Scotland.

Arran police sergeant Dougie Robertson said: 'Police Scotland received two calls regarding the

congestion on the A841 at Brodick on Saturday morning and as such local police

attended to assist with traffic management.

'Several factors com-

bining resulted in the tailback, which was cleared as quickly as possible.'



Cars were queued the length of Brodick shorefront.

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Busy week for rescue team

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It has been a busy time for the Arran Mountain Rescue Team, with the good weather seeing a lot of people out on the hills.

However, hillwalkers were urged to continue to take care and be properly prepared after four emergency call-outs for the team in a week.

In the latest incident the team were called out at around 4pm last Sunday to assist a female walker who had slipped descending the Goatfell path and sustained a lower leg injury. The woman was located quickly, treated for her injuries and stretchered from her location to the team Land Rover where she was



evacuated off the hill to an awaiting ambulance.

In another incident around 5pm on Wednesday May 30, the team were required to assist a male walker with a suspected lower leg injury below the whin stone dyke area in

Glen Sannox. On reaching the casualty, he was treated for his injuries, stretchered down to the bottom of the glen and evacuated via the team's Argocat to an awaiting ambulance.

On Monday May 28 at around 8pm Arran Moun-

An injured walker is stretchered down Glen Sannox by the rescue team.

tain Rescue Team attended at the Fairy Dell/Cock of Arran area after reports of an injured walker along the coastal path. The Arran RNLI were also called – the crew reached the casualty quickly and evacuated them to safety.

On Sunday May 27 the team were called out at around 7.15pm after reports of an injured male walker on the Goatfell path.

After a quick search of the area and some investigation, thankfully the walker had managed to get off the hill safely and the team were stood down.

Douglas back for another organ recital

Lamlash Church is delighted to welcome back Douglas Bruce for another organ recital which will take place tomorrow (Sunday) at 3pm, lasting about an hour.

Last year 80 people attended and Douglas gave a wonderful recital with

his own blend of humour, informing the audience about the various composers.

Douglas donated £400 to the church as well as a grant of £250 from a European trust. Proceeds from Sunday's concert will go to the mainte-

nance of the church organ. Douglas, who spent the week on holiday on Arran, was born in Perth and now lives in Switzerland. He is a renowned organist who has played in some of the world's major cathedrals throughout Europe and the USA.

He is playing in Ukraine before coming to Lamlash.

His programme will include Bach, Fugue in E flat; Dubois, Toccata; Rawsthorne, Aria; Mendelssohn, On Wings of Song and Haydn, Pieces for Musical Clocks.



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Urgent funds needed to save Nepal's Arran House

An emergency charity appeal has been launched to save Arran House in Nepal.

The halfway house set up by Arran artist Gordon Davidson urgently needs £3,000 or it could face closure. Now a collaboration of Arran crafters has joined forces with Gordon to raise the urgent funds.

Arran House, which caters for orphans and destitute children, was set up with the help of a donation from the Isle of Arran Distillery and the groundwork done by Gordon with the support of the people of Arran.

Facing increasing challenges and providing ref-

uge for a greater number of children, the Kalaa Jyoti project, which provides accommodation and skill learning through art, is facing a funding crisis.

An emergency charity appeal to save Arran House will run alongside the Craft & Company craft fair on Sunday June 17, in the lesser hall at Whiting Bay Hall from 11am until 3pm.

Utilising artworks and images from the children at Arran House, Craft & Company will have for sale, a range of product that they have created and whose profits will go towards the charity.

A spokeswoman said: 'We were upset to find out that Arran House was in danger of closing unless £3,000 could be raised. With this in mind Craft & Company collaborated with Gordon and we hope to be able to help raise the funds to save Arran House through our emergency appeal. We would be very grateful for your support of this very worthy cause'.

Gordon will be at the event on the day and would be happy to explain to visitors what the charity does and the life changing effects it can have on the children's lives.



Gordon Davidson pictured with some Nepalese children during a recent visit.

Craft fair at Brodick Castle



Coral Smith from Crafts and Co with some of the goods for sale in support of Arran House in Nepal. 01_B23craft01

The sun shone for the Friends of Brodick Castle craft fair held in the forecourt of the castle cafe last Saturday.

Stalls selling everything from art to knitting and craft work, jewellery, photography and woodwork, to name but a few, did brisk trade during the day. Bags, cushions and other works created by Crafts and Co in aid of Arran House in Nepal were also for sale. (See story above.)

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War of words over new hotel

The war of words over the new hotel proposed for the former McLaren site in Brodick is really heating up.

Arran Community Council, Arran Civic Trust and VisitArran have all come out against the plans and there have been calls for the developers to hold a 'proper consultation meeting' at which residents can ask questions and see large-scale drawings of the proposals.

A number of submis-

sions have also been made to North Ayrshire Council from individuals, and the Brodick Improvements Committee has submitted initial correspondence which has been passed to the applicant. As a result, they have asked for the deadline for responses to be extended.

As reported in the Banner last month, the Norfolk-based AbobeGroup has made an application for a new £9 million aparthotel on the site of the former

McLaren Hotel on Brodick shorefront.

The mid-market hotel would have 97 rooms which could accommodate more than 300,000 visitors a year and would create 30 to 40 full- and part-time jobs. But the hotel would have just 52 car parking spaces.

As well as objections to the size and design of the building, the Arran Civic Trust has parking concerns for residents and staff.

In its planning submission the Trust says: 'This is a prestige site and deserving of a building that fits the culture and history of Arran, rather than the flat block idea which will dominate the Brodick seafront.'

'The very principle of introducing such an oversized project into the vil-



An artist's impression of the new hotel.

lage character of Brodick is flawed from the outset. It seems likely, although not conceded by the developer, that the market sought for the proposed accommodation is the group visit driven by coach trips and escorted tour parties.

'This approach to mass tourism has not been endorsed as the constructive future for the island.'

'It is suggested that at the very least this proposal should be put before a full

planning committee meeting so that the implications of progressing with this scheme as presently constituted are fully debated by elected members of the planning committee.'

The VisitArran submission has been made collectively by the board which tells planners: 'The existing building of the McLaren Hotel has deteriorated, and there is obviously a will to have the site developed to improve the visual appearance of the Brodick front.'

'It is obvious that any hotel will need to get the right number of rooms to attract the necessary return on investment.'

'However, it has to be said that VisitArran believes that this site cannot take a 97-bedroom hotel, restaurant and bar, and that all other issues flow from this; size and scale, staff

accommodation, parking and the limited amenity offered by small room size. If this issue was addressed, it would transform perceived negative comments to positive support for the proposal, which is where we would all like to be.

'Sadly, if the plans remain set as it is, we cannot support the application.'

Arran Community Council has stated 'that this application should be carefully considered against the current Local Development Plan and, in particular, the policy which states that any development should be of a scale and character which is not detrimental to the amenity and landscape of the area.'

'Given the standard of the drawings currently supplied with the application, we feel that we are unable to support the application at this stage. We are also aware that other local groups have submitted representations to which we broadly agree and support.'

In its design statement the AbodeGroup argues: 'There is a mix of Victorian traditional and post-war/modern buildings within the proposal site and the immediate surroundings dominated by the later.'

'This results in quite a varied architectural display and is especially so with regards to the existing site and the two modern developments to each boundary. These two buildings are quite noticeably "different" to better examples of local design.'

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Arran top hotels scoop major awards – again

Arran has sailed away with two of the top honours at Scotland's most prestigious awards ceremony for hospitality, tourism and catering, writes Hugh Boag.

Both the Douglas Hotel and the Auchrannie picked up awards in the 15th year of the Catering Scotland (CIS) Excellence Awards.

The Douglas Hotel was named best independent hotel at a packed gala dinner in Glasgow last Thursday night, attended by more than 500 of the country's leading hoteliers, caterers, chefs, colleges and suppliers, ahead of Duns-tane House in Edinburgh's West End and the Lovat

Loch Ness, at Fort Augustus.

Judges said: 'The standard of customer service set the Douglas apart. It looks after each guest from the front door onwards. The fabric of the hotel is first class, it takes care to involve the local community and there's a lovely diversity to the food from the bistro to the restaurant.'

The Auchrannie was the winner of the training and employee retention award.

The lifetime achievement award was presented to Ayrshire hoteliers Bill and Cath Costley, said by the judges to have created 'one of the greatest business



success stories in Scotland'. Their establishments include Highgrove House and Lochgreen House in Troon, the Brig o' Doon Hotel in Alloway, and Ellisland Hotel in Ayr.



Above, the Douglas team with their best independent hotel award; and left, Auchrannie managing director Linda Johnston with the winning certificate and Claire Johnston, HR and people development manager, with the trophy.

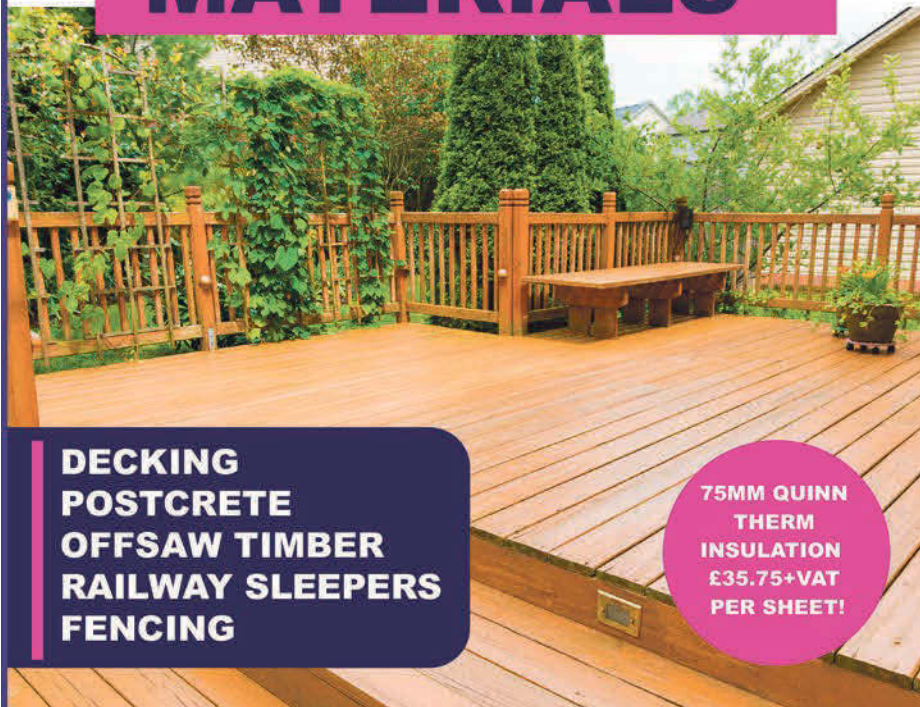


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Editorial

Brodick's traffic troubles

Brodick is not known for its traffic jams. Indeed, despite the island being much busier with cars than it once was, gridlock is not often a word associated with Arran.

Well, last Saturday morning was to prove that a 'perfect storm' of circumstances can bring Brodick to a standstill.

But while fog cancelled ferries and the temporary traffic lights on Brodick hill, may have contributed to the mayhem – it was not the root cause. That, in our opinion, is the fact that the car ticket booth is far too close to the main road.

This was being said even before the new terminal was built and since the ticket office began operating, while the old pier was still in use, there have been a number of occasions when cars have been queued out along the main road. Sometimes in the early morning this has been blamed on the ticket booth not being opened soon enough, but there have been other occasions as well.

We believe that what is now needed is for CalMac, North Ayrshire Council and the police to come up with a solution to stop a repeat of last week's gridlock, or it will happen again.

Thought for the week

'Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.' Philippians 4:4

Arran Banner letters special

The planning application for the proposed demolition of McLaren Hotel in Brodick and erection of new hotel and restaurant has sparked a major debate. Here are just some of the individual objections which have been submitted to North Ayrshire Council planners.

Monday June 4

Sir,
I object to these plans in their present form for the following reasons:

1. Too large for the plot, overly tall, and does not suit the architecture of Arran with its flat roof and faux sandstone facing.

2. Inadequate parking.

3. Inadequate accommodation for housekeeping, restaurant staff and I ask the planners not be fluffed off with suggestions that staff accommodation will be built or purchased!

4. This is one of the prime sites on Arran. This is not Largs in a large urban setting but an island community.

5. Several hotels on Arran are closing, changing their use, often to holiday flats or up for sale. Further, Altachorvie in Lamlash with many rooms and chalets wishes to be classed as urban rather than countryside with a wish to build up to 10 homes on the site. This suggests hotels are less of a financial proposition on Arran than previously, unless they offer additional facilities. The larger hotels such as Auchrannie Resort and Kinloch Hotel in Blackwaterfoot, have these additional facilities, be they swimming pools, beauty centres, fitness facilities or general spa and leisure facilities, gyms and even play barns. This proposition has nothing of this sort and apparently will rely on cheap group travel.

6. Airbnb is changing the island, and how individuals are booking rooms. There are now 125 Airbnb places on Arran. Since, increasingly, people

bring their cars because of the cheapness of RET, reaching accommodation is less problematic than in previous years and not public transport dependent when visitors are on the island.

This must be considered when looking at the economic projections for this huge hotel. Airbnb is changing tourism, whether it is good for long-term viability of the island or not.

What it does mean is less accommodation available for those actually working on the island, except in slack winter times, when staff are often laid off from employment and land up in expensive and damp holiday lets for a few months before having to leave again.

So what might be alternative options for this site?

It would seem to me that what might work is a boutique hotel, with a small number of rooms and high-end market set-up. Perhaps with a maximum of 25-30 rooms. A prestigious addition in design to Brodick.

There is, however, an urgent need for relative low-cost, small flat, rented accommodation to house staff of many types appointed to the island to keep services viable and operational: care staff, nurses, teachers, social workers and other professional staff, including doctors, or police on the island might make a sound financial proposition for these developers.

Not to be sold as a speculative development, but to be earmarked for those providing medical, social and teaching services to islanders of all ages. There is an increasing need for such flats. The viability of Arran as a viable residential proposition is reaching a critical point. Are we to be a holiday only island with fewer and fewer islanders resident 24/7?

Without these critical support staff across many NAC functions including social care, home care and education, North Ayrshire and Arran NHS, including nurses, doctors, ambulance staff

and ancillary staff supporting the hospital, islanders will be forced to leave.

The planners of NAC and the executive team in the Economy and Communities function must think beyond numbers of tourists and economy, economy, economy. Quality of environment, sustainability and the social networks of the communities are vital ingredients to the future of Arran. Numbers of 'tourist beds' is a lousy way to measure success. Should planning considerations be dictated by previous use of this site permission? Should it only be contingent on the capacity and physical size of the existing McLaren Hotel building being retained? It is, however, hoped that any developers should have more imagination than that.

Friday June 1

Sir,
I wish to oppose the proposed plan on the following grounds.

Too tall. Four storeys is taller than any other hotel on the island and not in keeping with the seafront in Brodick

Too large. A previous application for a development of apartments on this site was refused. That proposal was for a wider, but shallower, development which did not project as far towards the seafront as this plan.

Not in keeping with other developments on the seafront. It is more in keeping with a large, mainland, town or city.

Lack of staff accommodation for the 30-40 staff.

Currently there are always appeals from hoteliers and businesses for accommodation for their staff members, so where will these staff members stay?

Lack of parking. Ninety-seven rooms, plus staff and restaurant diners, will generate more vehicular traffic on the already congested front. Whilst not every room will have residents arriving by car, a high percentage will have arrived by vehicle in order that they can further explore the island at their leisure.

Thus the parking spaces pro-

posed would appear to be inadequate. Further, the parking on the front is usually packed with the cars of locals, workers, visitors from elsewhere on the island visiting Brodick, and with the cars of locals who, unable to get their car booked on the boat, have left their car and gone as foot passengers. There will not be the space available for the overflow of residents' cars, staff cars and cars used by visitors to the restaurant, assuming it is open to the public.

Whilst sure the company has done its market research and looked into the financial viability of this hotel, if it fails to give cognisance to the difficulty of recruiting, and retaining, staff then the Arran community and Brodick in particular, will be left with, potentially, a much larger eyesore in the future; not what one wants visitors to the have as their first impression of the island.

I am all in favour of the site being regenerated but do not think just anything should be accepted as an alternative to the current eyesore.

Visitors come to Arran, and islands in general, because their architecture, villages and townships are different from their experiences on the mainland.

Why try to build something 'mainland' when 'island' is what is being sought out by visitors?

Perhaps a smaller building more in keeping with the nature and ambiance of Brodick seafront is more acceptable.

Friday May 11

Sir,
I support this application to demolish the current eyesore and replace it with a the proposed building. Not only will this return this street to looking less run down but it will provide much needed accommodation on the island to complement the increase ferry traffic. It will also bring more direct employment and investment to the island which will trickle down to many other businesses on the island helping to sustain the island economy.

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Fashion show raises funding for COAST

A fashion show has raised £424 for the environmental charity the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST).

The Passion for Fashion event, jointly organised by Lynn Walker of Chameleon Ladies Boutique in Lam-lash and Lorna Gunaydi of the Old Byre Showroom in Machrie and Brodick, was well attended with more than 100 women in the audience at Brodick Golf Club, as previously reported in the Banner.

During a short interval, COAST secretary Jenni Martin ran a humorous quiz on the fauna and flora of Arran's seabed. Raising additional funds, a

prize draw was held with attendees receiving prizes throughout the event.

Lynn Walker of Chameleon said: 'We wanted to showcase a variety of stylish fashions available on Arran. It is great to be able to do that while supporting a worthwhile cause such as COAST.'

COAST secretary Jenni Martin said: 'Thanks to Lynn and Lorna and the 100-plus women who attended the fashion show, an amazing £424 was raised for the trust.'

'It is an important year for COAST, which will be celebrating the 10th anniversary of the designation of the No Take Zone in Lam-



Lynn Walker hands over a cheque on behalf of herself and Lorna Gunaydi to COAST director Paul Chandler.

lash Bay later this year. Events like this help to raise the profile of the work being done to protect the fantastic sea life that surrounds our island.'

Dougarie gardens open day

Since 1931, Scotland's Garden Scheme has been raising money for charities by opening gardens of horticultural interest throughout Scotland. Many of the gardens are privately owned and therefore not usually open to the public.

This year, for the 35th year, Dougarie Lodge gardens will be open on Tuesday July 3 between 2pm and 5pm. There will be teas in the 19th-century boathouse and stalls.

Sixty per cent of the funds raised at the garden openings goes to charities of the garden owner's choice, which will be Pirmill Village Association, whilst 40 per cent is shared between Maggie's Cancer Care Centres, the Queen's Nursing Institute and the National Trust for Scotland gardens fund and Perennial.

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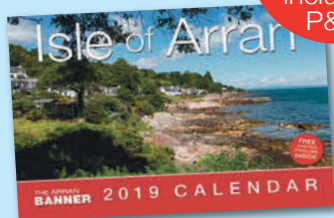
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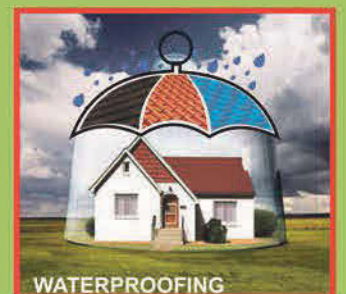
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Volunteering celebrated at the Big Arran Lunch

The Big Arran Lunch was held last Sunday to celebrate the army of volunteers on Arran.

The island relies heavily

on people giving their time and effort freely, so the Arran Community and Voluntary Service (ACVS) decided to bring everyone

together to celebrate both formal and informal volunteering with a community meal, as part of the national volunteers' week.

Community groups also set up stalls around the hall, including Eco Savvy and the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST), who had a particularly impressive display detailing their work.

Promote

Eco Savvy was particularly keen to promote its free energy audits for residents' homes in order to help them save money and reduce energy consumption.

It will be doing this all over the island, starting in



The Eco Savvy team: Whiting Bay shop manager Sarah Kelly, project manager Jude King and Ruth McLaren.

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Tea for two. Volunteers Elizabeth Ross and Eileen Auld enjoy tea and cake at the Big Arran Lunch. 01_B23volunteer01

Whiting Bay this month. All advice will be given by trained energy auditors and is completely impartial.

Ruth McLaren from Eco Savvy said: 'We hope that we've already managed to help Arran residents become more energy efficient.

'This week our energy

auditor, Derek Morgan, helped one homeowner discover that their family member's 20-minute showers were costing them 65p each time equating to approximately £237.25 per year for only one person.

'Derek helped another homeowner with advice on insulation for a very cold

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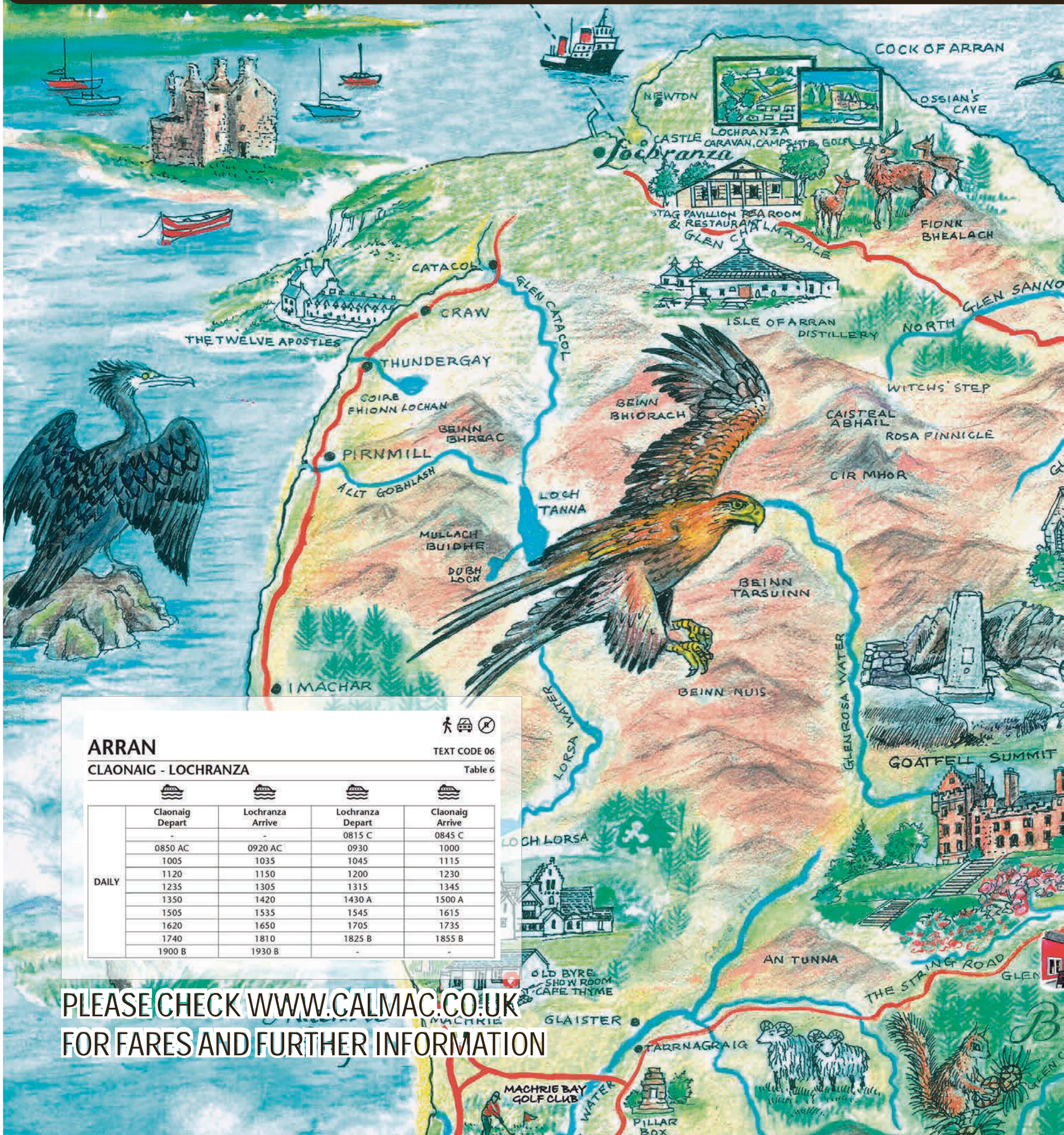
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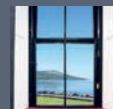


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 Arran Heritage Museum Rosaburn, Brodick, 10.30am - 4.30pm
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Saturday 9th June

Flow yoga Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 9am
 Dr Graham's Homes coffee morning Corrie and Sannox Village Hall, 10.30 - noon
 Folk festival open session Douglas Hotel, 12pm - 5pm
 RNLI shop open Lifeboat Station, Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
 Rink game Brodick Bowling Club, 2pm
 Sannox Christian Centre AGM Christian Sannox Centre, 3pm
 Family games Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
 Fun in the pool Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm - 5pm
 Folk festival evening concert - Old Blind Dogs and Jenny Sturgeon Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm - 5pm
 Live music - Mike Edwards Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8pm - 10.30pm
 Live music - Re-Start, Mod-revival and Britpop The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
 Over-21s disco Ormidale Hotel, 10pm

Sunday 10th June

Open farm day Bellevue Farm, Blackwaterfoot, 10am - 4pm
 Survivors' session Douglas Hotel, Brodick, 12noon
 Live music - Hingin by a Threed Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 1pm - 4pm
 Angus Cook Memorial Trophy (open) triples Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2pm
 RNLI shop open Lifeboat Station, Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
 Organ recital, Douglas Bruce, £5 at the door Lamlash Church, 3pm
 Family games Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
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 Live music - Re-Start The PHT, Lamlash, 4pm
 Alcoholics Anonymous meeting Brodick Church Hall, 5pm - 6.30pm
 Folk music session Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Monday 11th June

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

Tuesday 12th June

Healthy Outdoors NTS Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm
 Castle garden walk Brodick Castle, 2pm
 Alcoholics Anonymous meeting Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
 Blackwaterfoot bowls Bowling Club, 2pm
 Technology with Duan Bruce Glen Estate Lounge, Brodick, 2pm
 Bridge class (beginners/improvers) Brodick Golf Club, 2.30pm - 4.30pm
 Flow yoga Corrie and Sannox Village Hall, 6pm
 Trev's pop music quiz Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm
 Body Blitz Auchrannie Spa Leisure 9.30pm - 10.30pm

Wednesday 13th June

Yoga Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am - 10.30am
 Hydrofit Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
 Coffee morning Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15am - 12noon
 Chair yoga exercise class St Molios Church Hall, Shiskine, 11am
 Arran Heritage Museum archives and genealogy service 10.30am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 3.30pm
 Dog classes Whiting Bay Hall, 12.30pm
 RUNclub, mixed ability, qualified coaches Invercloy Co-op car park 5.30pm
 Flow yoga Shiskine Hall, 6pm



Rink game Brodick Bowling Club, 6.45pm
 Tae Kwon Do Arran High School, Kids-6.30-7.30pm, Adults, 7.30pm-8.30pm
 Burger and quiz night Felicity's @ Eden Lodge, from 7.30pm
 Alcoholics Anonymous meeting Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
 Live music - Arran Dawn Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8pm - 10.30pm
 Family friendly pub quiz PHT, Lamlash, 8.30pm
 Rock 'n' pop bingo Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Thursday 14th June

Morning fitness Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
 Chair yoga exercise class Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 10.30am
 AC L I, volunteer gardening day Golf Course Road, Whiting Bay, 11.30am - 3.30pm
 Lingo Flamingo, Spanish, Pablo Illera Glen Estate Lounge, Brodick, 11.30am
 Arran ladies' netball Arran High School, 6 - 7pm
 Body Blitz Auchrannie Spa Leisure 9.30pm - 10.30pm
 Arran Soul Choir Arran High School, Lamlash, 7pm - 8.30pm
 Tommy's general knowledge quiz Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Friday 15th June

Yoga Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
 Hydrofit Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
 T'ai Chi with Sue Thurogood Glen Estate Lounge, Brodick, 11.30am
 Alcoholics Anonymous meeting Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
 Tae Kwon Do Arran High School, Lamlash, adults, 7pm - 9pm
 Friday night quiz Whiting Bay Golf Club, Whiting Bay, 8pm
 Live music - Shindig Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8 - 10.30pm
 Live stand-up comedy from Scott Gibson The Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9.30pm
 Karaoke night hosted by Joe Dangles The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm - midnight

Saturday 16th June

Gents Seniors Open - Stableford Whiting Bay Golf Club
 Flow yoga Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 9am
 Pop-up bike workshop - free MOTs Blackwaterfoot Harbour, 10am - 1pm
 Arran Coastal rowing regatta Lamlash Pier, 11am - 4pm
 RNLI shop open Lifeboat Station, Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
 Rink game Brodick Bowling Club, 2pm
 Family games Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
 Fun in the pool Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm - 5pm
 Live music - Fatman and the Angel Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodick, 8pm - 10.30pm
 Live music - Backwater, Status Quo tribute band The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
 Over-21s disco Ormidale Hotel, 10pm



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Get set for high flying Arran Farmers' Show

Plans are well under way for the 182nd Arran Farmers' Show on Wednesday August 1 and everyone is invited to come along and enjoy a fantastic day out.

Entertainment to keep the spectators on the edge of their seats will be provided by The Clan, Scotland's premier cycle stunt team – back by popular demand after four years.

Somersaulting over to Arran, bikes too, this team will wow with their jaw-dropping antics in the main ring, not once but twice. Two different spectacular displays, one in the morning, and one in the afternoon so no-one misses out.

The judges, putting their

reputation on the line in August, are: Cattle, D Logan, Alva; Horse Showing, C Anderson, Forfar; Working Hunter, F Flynn, Broxburn; Blackface/Leicester/Fleece, D Redpath, Kello; Texel/ Suffolk/ Other Breeds, A Johnstone, Galston; Dogs, H Lamb, Brodick; Sticks, D Conning, Stewarton. Tractors, James Hood, J & S Montgomery Ltd. Dog, Stick and Vintage Tractor classes are open to all.

As an added incentive the Arran Farmers' Society is pleased to announce £200 of prize money for the Vintage Tractor section this year, kindly donated by Angus Lambie Motor En-



The Clan performing at the Arran show in 2013.

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gineers Ltd, Brodick, John McDonald, Auchenhew, and John McBride, Shannochie.

Over the years the contribution from the sale of the tickets for the Grand Prize Draw has become a major

part in the continuation of the show.

The society is extremely grateful to the donors of the prizes – Island Meats, R & L Miller Ltd, Dalry, County Carpets (Arran) Ltd., Auchrannie Resort, Lamlash Bay Hotel, Grant Downie, MCFC Academy, Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club and Best Western Kinloch Hotel – not forgetting the five lots of £100 cash donated by the society itself. Tickets are on sale now, so don't miss out on the chance to win one of the fantastic prizes on offer.

The society would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge and thank their

sponsors also the many agricultural suppliers/stockists, from fuel companies to animal feeds, for their tremendous support and prizes.

Exhibitors in the cattle, sheep and horse sections are reminded that for entries in the catalogue the closing date is Friday June 15, and for the first time, members of the society are being asked to pay their membership by the same date to enable badges to be given out prior to show day. This will help our gatemen to easily identify members entering the show field. Car parking is free.

Stance space is still available – please contact Christine on 01770 820291.

Arran Coastal Rowing Club Annual Regatta



Saturday 16th June

Lamlash Pier from 11am

11 East and West Coast skiffs competing

Come along and support.

All welcome.



An evening of adventure with Mark Beaumont

Cycling and adventure fans will have an opportunity to meet adventurer and cycling world record holder Mark Beaumont when he hosts a talk during his visit to Arran in July.

Having documented his journeys through more than 100 countries, the event will provide the audience with a fascinating in-

sight into his career of adventure which includes the Arctic, the high mountains and around the Commonwealth, also surviving capture in the mid-Atlantic.

Titled Around the world in 80 days – An evening with Mark Beaumont, the visit will take place on Sunday July 22, at the community theatre in Lamlash and

will include films and photography.

Having smashed the circumnavigation cycling world record twice in his career, Mark Beaumont now holds the 18,000-mile title in a time of 78 days and 14 hours, averaging 240 miles a day.



Mark Beaumont



8th - 10th June

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Friday 8th June

Open Session. Douglas Hotel. 12-5pm. FREE

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Sat 9th June

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Evening Concert. Brodick Hall. 7:30pm. £20

Old Blind Dogs, Jenny Sturgeon Trio

Sun 10th June

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Pupils getting ready for some Madness

With the Arran High School production of *Our House* only a matter of days away, pupils are in the final stages of rehearsing their routines, memorising their lines and struggling to get the featured songs by pop band Madness out of their heads. The *Madness* musical is a story of the kinship and the heartache of teenage years, starring Londoner Joe Casey whose exploits

lead to the exploration of topics such as love, family, responsibility and, importantly, hilarity, and all set to fantastic music of the band.

Talented

Produced by Ayrshire-based Steven J Swan with the musical direction being led by music teacher James O'Neil – and featuring seasoned and talented school actors – the show is destined to be a hit, with

tickets expected to sell out quickly.

Our House will be performed at the Lamlash community theatre in Lamlash from Tuesday June 19 to Friday June 22, starting at 7.30pm. Tickets are available from the Arran High School office or the Book & Card Centre in Brodick priced at £8 for adults and £6 for children.

Photos by David Hogg



Delivering his lines, actor James Smith rehearses with cast members.



It will be all right on the night, as pupils take instructions from the director.



Pupils get ready to rehearse their dance moves.



Always time for a laugh, cast members remember to have fun while rehearsing.

A classic in Corrie

The Last Picture Show
(USA 1971, Cert 15, 118 mins)

The June Corrie Film Club presentation is the glorious Bogdanovich classic – *The Last Picture Show*.

Shot in black and white, which was unusual for its day, and with a wonderful Hank Williams score, this film was nominated for eight Oscars and won two. The nominations including best picture, best actor, best actress and best supporting actor and actress. It also won three Golden Globes for best picture, best director and best leading actor. On top of that it won three Baftas for best screenplay and best supporting actor and actress.

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This classic will be screened at Corrie and Sannox Village Hall tomorrow (Sunday) at 8pm. All welcome.



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 Fare: Cruise Arran Coast £21 SC £19

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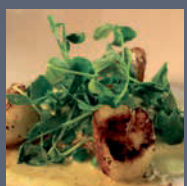
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Members of the Arran Historical Society are pictured in Lochranza enjoying the scenery and learning about Hutton's Unconformity.

Historical Society visits Hutton's Unconformity

Arran Historical Society members recently enjoyed a guided tour of Hutton's Unconformity during a field trip to Lochranza which was attended by 24 members, writes *Hugh Brown*.

Meeting at the Lochranza Field Centre on a bright spring day, the guides directed the group along the

shore, stopping on the way to see the metamorphic rocks of Dalriadian age. These were formed approximately 500 million years ago.

The action of heat, immense energy and pressure had distorted the original flat-bedded sedimentary rocks causing twisting and distortion originally form-

ing mountains which are now eroded.

Members then continued round to Hutton's Unconformity where they saw Devonian age sandstone on top of Cambrian age metamorphic rocks. The unconformity was explained to the group: 'The Cambrian rock was eroded for approximately 150 million years before the Devonian sandstone was deposited. The dip of the Cambrian rock is now steep. The Devonian rock was laid down as a horizontal bed over this but now has a slight dip down toward the sea.'

James Hutton was one of the fathers of geology who observed the feature when he came to Arran in the 18th century. He observed a similar unconformity feature in East Lothian near his home. He was a farmer and observed soil being washed away off the land into rivers and eventually into the sea and de-

posited. He postulated that such a process had deposited sedimentary rock. He realised this took a long time and therefore the age of the Earth was much older than the religious authorities had decreed. It was very controversial for the time as it put him at odds with the religious establishment.

Society members returned to field centre for a complimentary lunch and a collection was taken for the formation of new paths for the Arran Geopark. They thanked everyone at the centre for making their visit an enjoyable and informative one and for showing them around the new geology room.

The next meeting of the society will be in Brodick Hall on Monday July 16 where Fiona Laing will talk about the history of the village of Pirmill. This is a change as the advertised speaker, Dr Clare Ellis, who is unable to attend.

Advertorial

Robin's Supper Club opens

Chef Robin Gray, well known for his salad leaves and herbs which he grows on the island, has now opened up a restaurant at Lamlash Golf Club called Robin's Supper Club.

Robin is passionate about using local produce and what he is unable to grow or rear himself he gets from local sources, including the goat for his delicious goat curry. Robin's menu also includes locally sourced squat lobster and lamb, his home-made burgers and falafel burgers and fish and chips.

Robin will also be serving Blackwater Bakehouse bread along with his very own, extremely tasty home-grown salad leaves and vegetables.

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Down memory lane

David Ross of Hawick made a recent trip down memory lane by visiting Holy Isle, where his grandfather, also David, had been a tenant farmer in the 1930s.

Travelling over to the island earlier this month, the Buddhists had shown David his former home and that had triggered his memories as a young boy living off the coast of Arran. Although too young himself, his big cousins attended school in Lamlash and they had to stay on the 'mainland' all week, coming home only on the weekend. Young David would sail over with his grandparents to the Old Pier Shed market in Lamlash to sell the produce they had grown on their farm and to buy the basics of flour, salt, oatmeal which they needed to complete their normal diet of goats' meat, rabbit and fish.

Arran call up

Gordon McIlwham, whose parents own a chalet in Brodick, received his first Scotland rugby cap on Tuesday. A regular visitor to Arran and occasional player for Arran Rugby Football Club, his wife was in Brodick when he was told of his call-up. Unfortunately, the chalet in Brodick has no telephone so friends and family passed

on the good news to let his family know of his first cap.

Gordon, who is a full-time professional with Glasgow Hawks, was called to the team to replace front row player David Hilton. He may not, however, remember his first full Scotland appearance with much fondness as the Scots lost the match 52-26 to Fiji in Suva.

Millennium assistance

Lochranza hall is to be knocked down and rebuilt. This was voted almost unanimously at a meeting in the hall last Monday. Called to discuss the future of the hall, only two people were in favour of repair out of a total of 62. Previously, a questionnaire had been sent around houses and eight had voted for repair out of 111 responses.

Ideas of knocking the hall down and starting again came as a result of its poor condition and the availability of millennium grants. A new hall is expected to cost around £300,000 plus £100,000 for additional cost.

The village would have to raise 10 per cent of this. Outline planning permission would have to be sought by September and, to gain financial assistance, the project would have to be completed by September 2000.



The opening of the new Inspirations shop, at the site of the former Coopers at Invercloy, was welcomed by local MP Brian Wilson, who joined owner Sandra Bentley at the official opening last Friday. 01_B23twe01



Left to right, open class winner John McKillop, Geoff Brookes, Willie McConnell, Tony Brookes and local winner Neil McEachern after last Saturday's sheepdog trial at Kilpatrick.

01_B23twe04



MP Brian Wilson cuts the ribbon at the official opening of the long-awaited Brodick slipway last Friday afternoon watched by committee members of the Brodick Boating Club. 01_B23twe02



The cast of the Arran Music and Drama Club – previously known as the Isle of Arran Gilbert and Sullivan Society – production of Me and My Girl, which has been performed in the Brodick Hall all week. 01_B23twe05



The new manager at the Royal Bank of Scotland is Derek Shand. Aged 42, he comes from the Dalmellington branch and has worked all round Scotland. He replaces Sam Judge. 01_B23twe03

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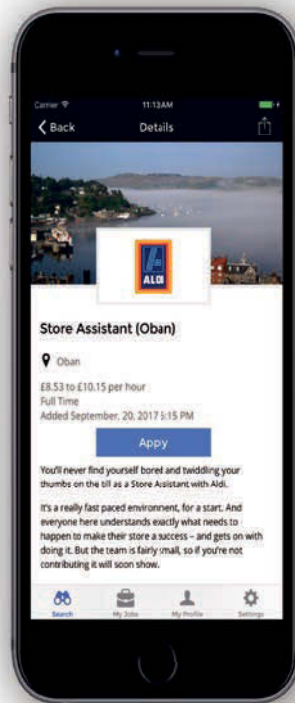
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Clare Marriott of Whiting Bay and Struan Ferguson, originally Elgin, were married on 19th May 2018 by Rev Elizabeth Watson at Whiting Bay & Kildonan Church. Clare and Struan would like to thank everyone who was involved in their special day. Photo: Kenny Ferguson

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Minister:
Rev Angus Adamson
Parish Assistant:
Mrs Jean Hunter:

Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times to which all are invited.

Sunday 10th June

Lochranza Church, 9.30am. Morning Service.

Pirnmill Church, 10.45am. Morning Service

Shiskine Church, 12noon Morning Worship.

Brodick Church, 10.30am. Morning Worship.

Corrie Church, 11.30am Prayer Meeting, 12noon Morning Worship

There will also be a Service of Worship in Montrose House at 1.30pm.

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Church)

St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.

Sunday 10th June

Holy Communion, 11am. Rev Cannon Simon MacKenzie.

Coffee after the service.

Wednesday 13th June

Holy Communion, 12 noon

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)

Sunday 10th June

Morning Service 11am Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick
Evening Service 6.30pm 5 Glen Road, Brodick

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)

Sunday Worship at 11am Brodick Library
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ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev Vince Jennings
Sunday 10th June
Service 11am, Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick
Tea and coffee after the service
Wednesday at 7.30pm Home fellowship group for bible study and prayer.
Telephone 600222

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

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Sunday 10th June

Mrs Aileen Brookens
Kilmory - 10am
Lamlash - 11.30am.

In Lamlash: prayer time 10.45am

In Lamlash: Organ Recital Douglas Bruce, 3pm £5 at door

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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

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

Sunday 10th June

All Age worship will be conducted by members of the Messy Church Team at 10.30am. Tea and coffee will be served after the service. All most welcome to stay and enjoy more fellowship.

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

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

Rev Benjamin Van Rensburg

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Saturday 9th June

Vigil Mass, 7.30pm

Sunday 10th June

Sunday Morning Mass, 9.30am and 11am

Three children are to make their first Holy communion at the 11am mass. The church could be crowded and for the convenience of those not directly involved an extra mass has been provided at 9.30am.

BIRTH



McCartney (nee Kelso): Kevin and Gillian are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Edie Meg McCartney on 23rd May 2018. A second granddaughter for Willie and Elizabeth Kelso



Whiting Bay Golf Club

A lovely June day on Sunday June 3, saw the two Jamies, Macpherson and Stewart, contest the final of the 2018 WBGC Championship.

One down after four holes, Jamie Macpherson went on a five-hole rampage to go to the turn four up. The back nine saw only two holes change hands to leave Jamie Macpherson four up after 18. He start-

Two Jamies battle for supremacy



Winner Jamie Macpherson with Stan Rainey, Paul Robson and runner-up Jamie Stewart after the Whiting Bay Club Championship final.

DEATHS

BURNS: Isobella McNicol Fullarton. Peacefully at Montrose House on Sunday, 3rd June 2018. Service in Lamlash Church on Tuesday, 12th June at 11:30am followed by a cremation at Woodside Crematorium on Wednesday, 13th June at 2:00pm. No Flowers please.

COOK: Dr William Ronald Peacefully at home surrounded by his family. Ronnie, loving husband, father and granddad. Funeral service at Clyde Coast and Garnock Valley Crematorium on Tuesday, 12th June at 10:00am. Friends respectfully invited, family flowers only please. Transport provided from 8:20am ferry and return for 12:30pm. Anybody unable to attend the service are still welcome to join the family at the Kinloch Hotel from 2:00pm onwards.

COWIE: Ella Passed away peacefully with her daughter's Fiona, Susan and Ailsa by her bedside at Simeon House, Bielside, Aberdeen on Monday, 7th May 2018. Widow of the late Jim Cowie, Coffee Engineer. Ella was in her 90th year. Jim and Ella were founders and proprietors of The Dyemill Chalets, Lamlash till their retirement in 1987. Ella will be greatly missed but remembered often with love by her daughter's, her six grandchildren and her sisters Thyra and Rita.

INNES: William Suddenly on Monday 4th June 2018 at Arran War Memorial Hospital, Willie aged 86, beloved husband of the late Nan, dear father of Beth and Lindsay, proud papa of Laura, Emily, Sarah, Cameron and Rachel, Lucy and Mairi. Funeral Service at St. Bride's Church, Brodick Thursday 14th June at 11.30am and thereafter at Sannox Cemetery. Transport available from the pier.

ed the afternoon round with three wins in succession to go seven up only for Jamie Stewart to win the next three. Unfortunately, he then miscued an iron at the 8th, leaving him unable to match Jamie Macpherson's up and down for a par four.

With nine to play, Jamie Stewart was five down and with a mountain to climb and despite him winning the 12th with a fine birdie three, the match ended with a concession on the 13th green for a comprehensive victory, and his third club championship, to Jamie Macpherson. It's fair to say that, as with many matches, the contest was closer than the six and five score might suggest but the new champion's short game, always a strong point with him, was especially good on the day.

Congratulations to the new club champion on his victory and to both finalists on the sporting and friendly manner in which the match was played. Thanks to the small band of supporters who turned up and to John and Louise in the clubhouse for the catering and refreshments, superb as always. Last but by no means least, grateful thanks to Stewart and James for their hard work over the past few days getting the course, especially the greens, back into shape after the hot dry spell of weather; an amazing turnaround considering the conditions they faced just a week or so ago.

Friday June 1, Ladies Smiddy Brae Stableford. A total of six ladies played in fine conditions. The trophy

was kindly donated by Marjorie Brown a few years ago. The winner was Patricia Tait, who continues her good form, with 37pts, 27. The nine hole part of the competition was won by Margaret Auld with 16pts, 11.

Sunday June 3, J C Reid Trophy final. In a closely fought match, Paul Robson held off 2104 winner Stan Rainey to win the J C Reid by one hole.

Fixtures: Sunday June 10, Medal. Wednesday June 13, Summer Trophy. Saturday July 28, Ladies Open. All welcome.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday May 31, Summer Cup, CSS 64. 1 Ian Taylor 80-18=62, 2 Iain Murchie 68-5=63 BIH, 3 Willie Currie 72-9=63. Scratch Dougie MacFarlane 65. Magic twos Iain Murchie @4th and 16th, Ian Taylor, Alan Smith, Ian Bremner, Scott Campbell and Paul Jameson, all @16th.

Sunday June 3, Hamilton Bowl, Bogey, CSS 65. 1 Ian Taylor -2, 2 Ian Bremner -3. Scratch Ian Bremner -8.

Ladies Section: Wednesday May 23, Championship round one, 11 played, CSS 66, par 65. 1 June Richardson 94-26=68, 2 Ellie Jones 87-18=69. Scratch, Sheena Murchie 85.

Wednesday May 30, Championship round two, Fleet 3, 11 played, CSS 64, par 65. 1 Sheena Murchie 81-15=66, 2 June Richardson 93-26=67. Scratch, Sheena 81.

Fixtures: Saturday June

9, AGA Thomson Cup, semi and final, 1pm and 5pm. Sunday June 10, Fleet Cup, 36 holes, 8.30am and 3pm. Draw for local Thomson Cup. Thursday June 14, Summer Cup. Make up own games, see starter for times.

Shiskine Golf Club

Sunday May 20, CCQ round one, 23 played. 1st Class: 1 B Kelso 82-12=70, BIH, 2 A Kerr 81-11=70, BIH, 3 T Mitchell 76-6=70. Scratch, T Mitchell 76. 2nd Class: 1 B Sherwood 90-15=75, 2 W McNally 98-16=82, 3 C Laing 104-18=86. Magic twos, T Mitchell, P Betley with a hole in one.

Saturday June 2, CCQ round two, 24 played. 1 W McNally 74-16=58, 2 A Stewart 72-12=60, 3 T Gowan 70-8=62, BIH. Scratch, Tom Mitchell was 68. Magic twos, J Faulkner, T Gowan, W Kelso and D Logan.

Sunday June 3, CCQ round three, 24 played. 1 W Kelso 74-10=64, BIH, 2 J McNally 71-7=64, 3 T Gowan 72-7=65 BIH. Scratch, J McNally 71. Magic twos, R Crawford, C Allison, T Gowan, D Markham and B Howie.

Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday May 30, Summer Cup. 27 played, CSS 63. David Hendry 76-13=63, acb, Iain MacDonald 69-6=63, Gordon Hendry 69-5=64. Scratch, Gordon Hendry 69, acb.

Saturday June 2, and Sunday June 3, Arran Open Championship. 114



Continued from page 24 played, CSS Saturday, Home 64, Visitors 65. Saturday H&V 65. Championship (scratch), Taste of Arran Trophy: 1 Craig Young 62+68=130, 2 Ewan McKinnon 68+68=136, 3 Ross Duncan 70+68=138, 4 Thomas Morrison 68+71=139, 5 Jonathon Davis 71+69=140 ACB. Handicap, Douglas Hotel Trophy: 1 Alan Hunter 60+67=127, 2 Ronald Meldrum 64+64=128 ACB, 3 Jamie MacGregor 64+64=128, 4 Robin Davidson 67+62=129 ACB, 5 Bob McCrae 63+66 129. Bo Wallace Trophy, Bob McCrae.

Fixture: Sunday June 10, Brandon Qualifier, 8.30am and 12noon.

Corrie Golf Club

Saturday May 26, Medal. 1 E McKinnon 60-0=60. 2 I Keen 73-10-63. Scratch E McKinnon.

Wednesday May 30, Wednesday Medal and Magic twos. 1 R Logan 67-6=61 and scratch, 2 A Napier 70-8=62. There was only one two recorded by John Adam @5th which turned out to be the magic one. Well done John.

Fixtures: Saturday June 9, 18 Hole Medal. Ballots at 9am and 2pm. Wednesday June 13, 18 Hole Medal and Magic twos. Ballot at 5pm.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Saturday June 2, Duncan Sillars and second round of gents Club Championship. 1 Ross Trail 61, 2 John Pennycott 62, 3 Phil Betley 66.

Ladies Championship qualifier second round, CSS 66. 1 Piet Johnson 91-21=70, 2 Elizabeth Kelso 95-21=74, 3 Jenni Turnbull 93-17-76.

Tuesday June 5, Peter Sutton, CSS 66. Hamish Bannatyne 73-6=67, Brian Sherwood 84-15=69, Reuben Betley 99-27=72.

Fixtures: Monday June 11, ladies and hents Club Championship and President's Cup semi finals, 5.30pm start. Tuesday June 12, Peter Sutton/ Lady Mary. Tee off at 12.30pm and 5.30pm.

'I'm doing it for you granddad,' says Nathan

An athlete from London will be undertaking an epic 300-mile cycle during three consecutive days of cycling around Arran next week in order to fulfil a childhood pledge to his grandfather.

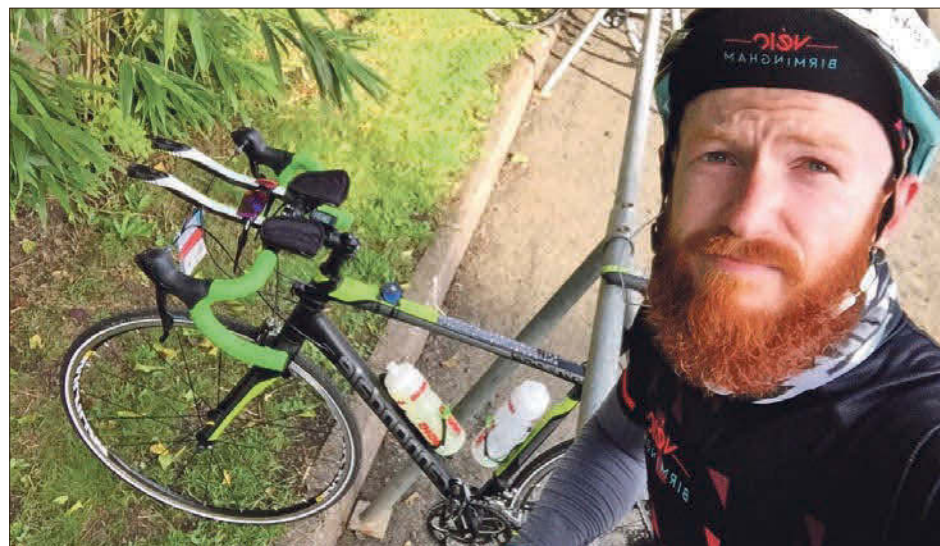
Nathan Burge, 24, is not only undertaking the cycling challenge but is also competing in marathons, sponsored skydives and various other fundraising events as part of his year-long campaign to raise money for Cancer Research UK.

At the age of 9, after his grandfather passed away from an asbestos related cancer, Nathan pledged that he would cycle around Arran to honour his grandfather and raise money in his name. He will start on Monday (June 11) and will be circumnavigating the island roughly six times in just three days.

He has also issued an open invitation to any local cyclists and cycling groups on Arran to join him on some of the route, which he says will be a massive help to keep him going.

Fresh from competing in Europe's Toughest Mudder Challenge earlier in May, Nathan will also be attempting the London to Brighton Bike Ride during June, the Kilimanjaro Challenge in September and is currently rescheduling a 10,000-foot sky dive after his last attempt was hampered by poor weather.

The year-long series of events, known as N8C-RUK, has a JustGiving page at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/nate2018cruk and a Facebook page where supporters can follow his progress and keep up to date with any new challenges.



Nathan Burge will be cycling round Arran six times next week while fundraising for Cancer Research UK.

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Donald Park spins away after scoring Southend's opener.

Southend shine in the sun as Brodick hit seven against Shiskine

Arran Dairies League	
Southend	4
Lamlash	0

Sandbraes was bathed in sunshine for Southend's home game against Lamlash on Monday night in the Arran Dairies league making it hot night for football.

Southend began the game strongly and scored through Donald Park with just minutes gone.

However, Lamlash steadied the ship and the game

was much more even for much of the first half.

But, when Stephen Judge scored Southend's second the game turned again with the home side eventually running out 4-0 winners thanks to another two goals from Gregor Crichton and Ryan Armstrong, who was named man of the match.

Arran Dairies League	
Brodick	7
Shiskine	0

Over in Brodick, the home

side scored seven without reply with Joel Small earning himself a hat-trick.

Man of the match Toby Wingham scored a brace, with Adam McNicol and Babbies MacNeil each on target to make the score 7-0.

The next fixtures in the Arran Dairies League will see Brodick facing Southend at Ormidale Park at 6.30pm and Shiskine with a home game against Northend at 7pm on Monday June 11.

Brodick Bowling Club results

May has proven to be a kind month for members of the Brodick Bowling Club who have enjoyed a month of rink games in fine weather.

The opening day of the season bode well for the month ahead as it, too, was a lovely sunny day, and a good turnout of 22 bowlers enjoyed a full set of rink games without a midge in sight. The afternoon was completed with refreshments in the newly redecorated clubhouse.

Best rink games scores for the first month of the season were: April 28, Lavinia Hendry, Jim Gourlay and Kenny Mabon +21; April 30, Robert Crawford, Kenny Mabon and Ann Hollingworth +15.

May 2, Ernie Stanger and Robert Crawford +22; May 5, Garry Black and Andy McCrindle +11; May 7, David Macdonald and Ernie Stanger +16; May 10, Charlie Weir and Kenny Mabon +13; May 12, Charlie Weir, John Robinson and Charles Hendry +9; May 14, Peter McCalla and Charlie Weir +24; May 16, Aileen Latona, Kenny Mabon and Charlie Weir +12; May 19, John McConnachie and Aileen Latona +13; May 21, Aileen Latona and Kenny Mabon +5; May 23, Andy McCrindle and Robert Crawford +21; May 26, Colin Haggarty and John Lauder +8; May 28, Charlie Weir and Aileen Latona +11; May 30, Kate Nichols and Jim Nichols +5.




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Lamlash Heather Queen Alyssa McGarrie made an appearance to wish AJTC athletes well during their races.



Contestants set off from Holy Isle to swim to Lamlash.



James McCarthy with his medal.



Jack Popplewell is clearly determined.



Cara Wood makes excellent time.



Archie Gunaydi pictured during his run.



Julie Hamill looked relaxed.

Island-2-Island Triathlon proves a sparkling success

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plete the standard distance in 2.08.29, after carrying out a 1,500m swim, a 40km bike ride – taking in the loop at Kildonan – and finishing with a 10km run. First female back was Jemma McNeill in 2.15.01.

The final race of the day for the adults was the sprint distance, which saw local participation from mother and son Carole and Myles Johnson as both finished with loud cheers from the local supporters. The winners of this event were Craig Armour (male, 1.08.24) and Suzie Drummond (female, 1.12.56).

After watching and waiting all day, the junior triathletes were ready to enter the sea and start their

aquathlon races. With ideal swimming conditions, the young triathletes were off and ready to show their open water swimming and running skills.

The final podium places for the day went to Tristar 1 Rhea Webster (female, 11.03), Joseph Greening (male, 11.21). Tristar 2 Ruaridh Lindsay-Smith (male, 17:34) and Abby Stewart (female, 20:46). Tristar 3 and youth Matthew Ross (male, 28:11.09) and Alexandra Ross (female, 28:13.85).

Feedback from the event has been fantastic with one competitor saying: 'My first triathlon and you really made it a special day for me in fantastic scenery. Arran is beautiful.'

Club coach Craig Wood said: 'All of this would not have been possible without the amazing support from so many businesses across the island, the local residents and the dedicated volunteers who stayed all day to ensure that the event ran safely.'

Thank you

'The club would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all supporters, including the Big Co-op Brodick, The Old Byre Showroom, Arran Outdoor Centre, Auchranie Resort, Machrie Tea-room, the Pierhead Tavern, James of Arran, the Lagg Hotel, Velo Café and Arran Kayak Club.'

'There are so many more people to thank and we'll

be coming to see you soon with a personal thank you, only this time we might just have to leave the wetsuits, bikes and trainers as we steadily prepare for the Scottish National Junior Triathlon at Bellahouston Park on Saturday June 16. Thank you again to all Arran residents and businesses for your continued support.'

The club is currently looking for new junior members to join their fun and free sessions. If you would like more details of our training times and locations, please contact Craig Wood at craig.wood10@yahoo.com

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Tristar 1 winner, Rhea Webster with her medal.



Grangemouth Triathlon Club were well represented at the



All part of the enjoyment of the Island-2-Island event, entrants enjoy a power boat ride to Holy Isle.



Junior swimmers prepare to set off for their swim during their aquathlon.



Jack Popplewell pictured with his medal.



Archie Gunaydi proudly shows off his medal.



Arran event.



Ben McCarthy keeps his energy levels up with a sweet treat.



An athlete sets off on the cycling portion of the race at the transition zone.

SPORT



INSIDE THIS WEEK:
'I'm doing it for you grandad,' says Nathan



All the junior winners after the Island-2-Island Triathlon.

Junior triathletes shine at Island-2-Island festival

The second Island-2-Island Triathlon Festival, held at Lamlash last weekend, attracted more than 200 entrants and proved another sparkling success.

Organised by the Arran Junior Triathlon Club, the

athletes relished the opportunity of competing on home soil and showing off the beauty of their island to fellow athletes who regularly host them at mainland events.

While fog affected the

boats making their way from Ardrossan, the competitors were ready to experience the beauty and challenging nature of this triathlon.

With only a slight delay, the day got started with the

middle distance triathletes. With wetsuits ready, Ocean Breeze Rib Tours escorted all competitors to the start of their race at Holy Isle.

As the swimmers completed their first discipline, they were quick to head off

on their bikes to complete a full lap of a very scenic and hilly bike course. The race was finished off with a half-marathon run in Lamlash. The winner of the day was Robert Debenham with a fantastic time

of 5.17.43, Nicole Morgan was the first lady to return with an equally impressive time of 5.51.55.

Dominic Sharkey was the first competitor to complete

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