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## Southend wind farm plans are rejected by the council

Plans to erect six wind turbines in the southend of Arran were turned down by North Ayrshire Council last Friday, 12 August.

This would have been the first development of more than one turbine anywhere on the island.

Oliver Hughes, chief executive officer of the applicant, Vigor Renewables, told the Banner: 'While obviously hugely disappointed by this announcement, we are reviewing the refusal for planning permission and once we have had the opportunity to assess the situation in more detail and our options for moving forward, we will obviously let you know.'

The application for this 'windcroft development' on the seaward side of the road at Lower Auchenthe, Kildonan was lodged with the Council on 17 June and advertised in the Arran Banner on 9 July.

The proposal was for six turbines with a maximum height of 19.25metres to blade tip, rotor diameter of 8.5metres and capacity of 12.1Kw per turbine.

Among the reasons for refusal were that it would 'intrude upon an area of relatively open countryside...be detrimental to visual amenity....detract

from key views' and 'establish an undesirable precedent for further wind farm development in isolated locations.'

Comments lodged with NAC about this application by members of the public included 'the choice of site is insane', 'a real blot on the landscape', and 'this seems to be a wholly inappropriate scheme for the locality'.

### Public meeting

Vigor Renewables hosted a public meeting in Kilmory Hall on Friday 27 May to discuss their plans for three windcrofting sites on the island; one at Sliddery for three turbines and two others for six turbines at Bridge Farm, Shiskine and this one at Auchenthe.

At the time, Mr Hughes said:

'We are fully aware of a vocal group of islanders who are strongly against this.'

'Windcrofting has not been designed to make farmers rich. The key driver is to lower our use of fossil fuels.'

Vigor has similar schemes elsewhere and they are designed to give the landowner an immediate cash payment, a regular annual lease payment for each turbine and a share in the profit of the wind site based on sales of power to the National Grid.

The decision for refusal on the Auchenthe site was made under delegated powers by council planning officers, and the applicant may appeal to the Local Review Body within three months.



Ewen McNeice, Robert McNeice, Glen Stewart and Struan Robertson with their sturdy home made craft after winning the Blackwaterfoot Raft Race. 02\_b33raft01

## Nuggets are raft race champions

The Nuggets, four local lads, three of them veterans of the raft race, won the revived and popular Blackwaterfoot Raft Race last Sunday afternoon.

Nine intrepid teams set out from the beach at Shiskine Golf Club and battled heavy seas to make their way round to the harbour.

And The Nuggets just nudged out Whiting Bay's Cool Runnings team for top spot.

Full report on page five.



## Daredevil gran makes giant leap for charity

A gutsy great-grandmother from Lochranza has completed a parachute jump to raise £2,000 for local charities.

Kitty Milne of Lochranza, who is a sprightly 79 years young, took a giant leap for charity when she leapt several thousand feet out of an aircraft last week.

**Kitty Milne, aged 79, has completed her second parachute jump for charity.**  
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It was third time lucky for the great-grandmother who had travelled three times to the base near Glenrothes before she finally got up in the plane.

### Perfect Day

'The weather just wasn't on my side,' she told The Banner. 'Twice I travelled up there but the plane just couldn't get up. Thankfully it cleared last week and I got a perfect day for it.'

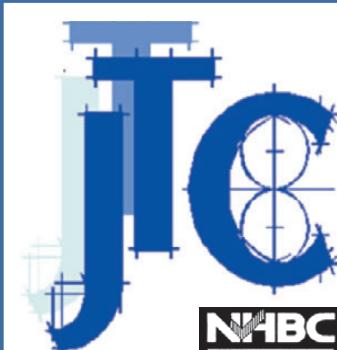
'It's so hard to explain just how amazing it is when you can see the

whole world below you.'

The charities that will benefit are Arran cancer support group (ArCaS), and North Ayrshire Cancer Care.

Kitty added: 'I don't really have a head for heights, but I have done another parachute jump before, also for charity, a few years ago.'

'I'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who sponsored me. I was truly overwhelmed by the huge support I received from the whole Arran community.'



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# Committee refutes games night dance rumpus reports

## 'A well-run and successful event'

Following the page three report in last week's Banner, Brodick Improvements Committee met to discuss the views expressed by Sergeant MacKay.

A statement from the Committee says: 'We were surprised that Sgt MacKay approached the Banner without speaking to anyone on our committee, especially since he was not on duty on the night of the dance.'

'Upon reading the report, our Chairman confronted Sgt MacKay, who denied the assertions attributed to him, claiming that his comments had been mis-reported. However, a transcript of his claims to the Banner shows this was not the case. Regrettably, the information provided by Sgt MacKay paints an inaccurate picture of what was a well-run and successful event, which raised £1,800 towards initiatives that will benefit Brodick's residents and visitors.'

'The dance was not run privately by our Chairman.'

'Contrary to Sgt MacKay's claim that between 450 and 500 people were evicted from the hall, during the entire evening a total of 310 people were admitted. With some leaving before others arrived, the number in the hall at any time was considerably lower.'

Behaviour inside the hall was generally satisfactory and closely monitored. At the end of the evening, when a disagreement between a handful of people developed into a fight, the stewards immediately evicted this small group to protect everyone else.

'There were three police officers, not six, outside the hall at the end of the event.'

'While not condoning unruly behaviour outside the hall, we wish to point out that our responsibility for stewarding any event does not extend beyond the hall premises.'

'The aggressive behaviour exhibited by a minority of

those outside the hall was sparked by what appeared to be a particularly robust arrest, as witnessed by two stewards.'

'Contrary to the caption under the posed photograph last week, the police officers did not confiscate any alcohol from anyone inside the hall.'

'Sgt MacKay's report suggests there was a two-hour period of mob disturbance, which leads us to question why there was no evidence of this the following morning and why the nearest neighbour to the hall tells us he has no complaint.'

'Notwithstanding these points, Brodick Improvements Committee takes its responsibilities very seriously and we are currently reviewing our procedures for future events in order to minimise the risk of regrettable behaviour. Our weekly family ceilidhs continue to delight visitors of all ages from all over the world and in conjunction with Arran Mountain Rescue we are hoping to run a special fundraising dance to help Robbie and Elaine Duncan send their granddaughter and her family to the USA for a critical life-saving operation. We hope to see you there!'



**The suspended dumper truck in Whiting Bay. 02\_b33dum01**

## Dumper hanging over beach

A yellow Thwaites dumper truck was driven onto the beach opposite Montrose Terrace in Whiting Bay during Friday night.

It was left hanging over the seawall for several days before being removed.

## Bronze Age roundhouse planned for castle grounds

Plans are underway to build an authentic Early Bronze Age roundhouse in the grounds of Brodick Castle.

The proposed site is in the field on the right-hand side of the exit drive, just before The Kennels.

This is part of the Arran Archaeological Project, established to help island primary schools investigate seven different sites of archaeological interest on the island.

The first stage in 2011 will involve schools in researching the techniques and materials used to construct Bronze Age roundhouses and the types of clothing and tools used by our ancestors 4,000 years ago.

Next year the schools will assist in the construction of the building. The walls will be formed with timber posts, infilled with wattle and daub and stone. The roof structure will consist of timber rafters with bracing and supports for a bracken thatched roof.

### Lasting Legacy

The aim of erecting a roundhouse is to help understand life in the period 2,700 to 1,500BC.

The roundhouse will also be a lasting legacy for the project and will be integrated into future educational events at Brodick Country Park, providing a focus for many cultural and historical workshops in the future.

## Treat for jazz fans on Saturday

There's a treat in store for music fans as this weekend as the 'Carlops Jazz Band' are coming to Lochranza and Catacol Village Hall.

The swinging and multi-talented Carlops Jazz Band features seven musicians and lead vocalist, Janet Guild.

Janet has spent a lot of time in the village and has performed with the Lochranza Choir and at various other musical events on the island in the past.

This fabulous band makes a great sound. They will be performing songs and ballads, instrumental jazz of the 50s and 60s and a few soul numbers too.

If you like the hits of Cole Porter, Gershwin, Rogers and Hammerstein, and cool tunes by Miles Davis, Dizzy Gillespie, Thelonious Monk you'll love this band.

Doors open at 7.30pm for 8pm on Saturday 20 August.

## Police Files

### Public drinking

A 15-year-old Brodick girl was reported for drinking in public in the Boat House car park on Friday 12 August.

### Drink driving

A 38-year-old Lochranza man was arrested for drink driving on the C147 in Lochranza on Saturday 13 August.

### Assault, breach of the peace and drink driving

Last Sunday 14 August a 38-year-old man was reported for assault, breach of the peace and drink driving on the C147 in the vicinity of Catacol Bay Hotel.

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## Lamlash Lookout demolition

Work to demolish the neglected Lookout building in Lamlash has started.

The former restaurant and the adjacent Bank of Scotland building has lain derelict for 16 years and is regarded as something of an eyesore in the village.

John Thomson Construction Ltd is demolishing the building to make way for a two-storey, three-bedroom detached house with garage and associated parking.

## Planning applications

Among Arran planning applications currently under consideration by North Ayrshire Council are ones for a Weekly Farmers' Market at Glencloy Garage in Brodick and an extra steel-framed warehouse at Lochranza Distillery.

Also lodged is an application to extend the car park at Brodick Castle and ones for a three-bedroom detached house to the west of Woodside Farm, Kildonan and a four-bedroom detached house opposite Channel View, Kings Cross.

# Record numbers attend Highland dancing contest

One of the biggest crowds pleasers at the Brodick Highland Games had to be held inside the village hall this year due to the huge number of entrants.

Fifty-six dancers from all over the world – including 12 from Canada – took part in the Highland Dancing Competition.

Yvonne Randell of Arran Highland Dancers said: 'With 56 dancers taking part, the stage in the field was not adequate enough to take the numbers given the time allowance.'

'The Brodick Highland Games Committee were prepared to buy a cover for the platform just in case it rained while the girls were dancing, but as it had been agreed that

it would be indoors due to the numbers, so given this it was not necessary for them to buy one.'

One of Arran's own dancers did well in the competition this year.

Heather Snowdon from Torbeg won a Bronze medal for one of her National Dances, The Lilt.



**Local Highland Dancers Heather Snowdon, far left, and young Yeshe Gautier, with other competitors at the Brodick Highland Games.**

## Top young golfers a credit to the island

It's rare for a community the size of Arran to produce just one outstanding young golfer, but to produce three in one generation is almost unheard of.

Two weeks ago Jamie Murdoch of Lamlash, Malcolm Pennycott from Whiting Bay and Ewan McKinnon of Sannox all took part in Scotland's Annual Matchplay Championship.

The three young men, all in their early twenties, travelled to Wester Gailes Golf Club in Irvine, one of the region's most testing courses.

Local golfer and former PE teacher, Joe Rae, travelled to the event to support the youngsters.

He said: 'One hundred and

thirty players started off on the first day and each had to hold a current handicap lower than 1.4 – an extremely high standard.'

'Well done to these three very pleasant young men who

## Delay to glass collection changes

Council plans to include glass in the normal blue recycling bin collection will now be introduced later this year following delays in the procurement of the new service.

The new service – which would allow residents to put glass in the blue bins rather than in separate black boxes – was due to be introduced this summer.

Unfortunately, delays in securing a contract for the new service mean that the service will be postponed for a few months.

In the meantime, residents should continue to use their black box for glass recycling and their blue bin for other recyclables.

## Donation to rescue team

Walking holidays co-operative HF Holidays, the owner of Alattachorie Country House in Lamlash Bay, has announced that its annual donation for 2011 has just been made to the local Arran Mountain Rescue Team.

### Supporting

The co-operative has been operating walking holidays in the UK for almost 100 years and has been supporting the Mountain Rescue and other similar organisations and outdoor associations for many years.

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## Jean Redpath's impromptu Brodick recital

Visitors to the Victorian Day at Brodick Castle last Wednesday had a pleasant surprise.

In the music room Yvonne Brothers was playing the piano, Denise Sherwood was on clarsach and Jean Bowden singing to entertain the public.

Then Jean recognised one of the visitors as Jean Redpath, renowned Scottish mezzo soprano, folk singer and comedienne.

Jean said: 'We managed to persuade her to give an impromptu performance, along with her friend who is a music arranger. They sang harmonised duets of well-known Scottish songs including a selection of Burns numbers.

'It was a wonderful surprise and she has promised to return.'

## Drimlabarra Herb Farm open day

Medical Herbalists Maureen and Keith Robertson are holding their annual Open Day at Drimlabarra Herb Farm on the High Kildonan road next Saturday 27 August from noon to 5pm.

There is no entry charge and you can enjoy guided herb walks of the farm.

# Arran boat launched at Kildonan Shore

A Kildonan man has taken his love for boats one step further this week after building and launching his very own vessel here on Arran.

Rory Cowan began building the boat named 'Moonshadow' in September last year.

And after almost a year of hard work it was finally launched from Kildonan Shore on Sunday.

'The launch went well and everything worked as it should have,' said Rory. 'Alisdair Lyle and I went off on

the maiden trip round Pladda having thrown champagne and Arran Malt at all the right places and named the boat Moonshadow.'

Rory started building the polytunnel/shed to create the boat in May 2010 but the vessel wasn't finished until 1.30am on Sunday morning.

Moonshadow is an 18 foot five inch Arctic Tern ply built clinker hull, designed by Iain Oughtred of Bernisdale on Skye.

Rory added: 'The hull is



**Moonshadow is an 18 foot five inch Arctic Tern ply built clinker hull, designed by Iain Oughtred of Bernisdale on Skye.**



**Rory Cowan and Alasdair Lyle set off on Moonshadow's maiden trip round Pladda.**

marine ply and the scantlings are mostly made from African Mahogany with some oak for the rubbing strips and Spars made from Douglas Fir. The sails were made by Willie Leitch of Tarbert and the trailer was custom built by Vandercraft in Devon.'

## Loch Ness challenge for Peter

Peter (Pab) Roberts, formerly of Brodick, is currently appearing at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

He is also planning to run the Loch Ness marathon in October.

But PE teacher Steve Evans of Arran High School will certainly not remember Peter for his athletic prowess.

Peter said: 'Having managed, during my years at Arran High School, to avoid cross-country running completely, and only having

achieved a time of 16 minutes or so for the 1500 metres, I have decided to run the Loch Ness marathon.

### Happier

'I believe there are a lot of hills involved. I still do not get the appeal of long-distance running; I was always much happier at sprint distances.'

'Training is progressing well, and I am doing the Glasgow half-marathon next month.'

'Although appearing in

dinner theatre at the Fringe Festival where I must eat a three-course meal at the National Gallery every night for a month is somewhat distracting.'

'We have just come back from a sunny holiday on Arran, and when we got to Ardrossan it poured down!'

Peter is doing the Loch Ness run in aid of Highland Hospice and any friends wishing to contribute should go to [www.justgiving.com/team-ferguson](http://www.justgiving.com/team-ferguson)

## ArCaS benefits from ladies open

The ladies of Lamlash Golf Club recently raised valuable funds for the island's cancer charity ArCaS at their annual Open Golf competition.

One hundred and eight players, many from off the island, took part in the competition and as usual the ladies nominated a charity to be the beneficiary of the Open day Raffle.

### Excellent Work

This year ArCaS was chosen as the ladies wished to show their support the excellent work done on the island by the charity.

The result was a cheque for £409, handed over to Elizabeth Ross of ArCaS this week.

A spokesman for the ladies of Lamlash Golf Club said: 'This was only possible due to the very generous support from many island businesses and individuals who donated prizes for the raffle and



**Sheena Murchie, Lady Captain of Lamlash Golf Club is pictured presenting a cheque for £409 to Elizabeth Ross, treasurer of ArCaS.**

of course form the players who were generous in pur-

chasing raffle tickets. Thanks to all concerned.'

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# Win a pair of precision garden pruners

It will soon be time to get snipping in the garden.

After a summer's vigorous growth, it is a good idea to give your shrubs a light prune in the autumn to keep them in shape.

Once deciduous shrubs lose their leaves, it is easy to see the plants' overall shape and decide what needs to be cut back.

Shrubs create the structure in a garden so it's important to keep them in good condition with regular pruning. This will improve a plant's shape and encourage flowers and fruits.

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**The racers take to the waves on Blackwaterfoot beach.** 02\_b33raft02

# Nuggets win a very close Blackwaterfoot Raft Race

The revival of the Blackwaterfoot Raft Race was a huge success last Sunday afternoon.

After a five-year gap, nine teams gathered on Blackwaterfoot beach ready for the starter's hooter at 1pm.

The winners by a narrow margin were The Nuggets.

Lucy Ford sadly died in September 2003, aged 16, following a brain haemorrhage. She put her heart and soul into everything she did, and particularly enjoyed taking part in the raft race.

Each race team consisted of four people, mixed or unisex, and all crafts were home-made. Particularly spectacular was the 'Wendy House' entered by the Southenders.

The impressive-looking vessel, while not looking at all seaworthy, did actually manage to finish eventually without sinking, and is rumoured to be going to be turned into a playtime attraction for youngsters at Kilmory School.

Winning team The Nuggets confessed to being delighted with their victory, and also confessed to perhaps cutting up the second-placed Cool Runnings team near the finish.

Their winning craft was made of three galvanised ladders lashed onto dozens of old five-gallon plastic drums and held together with lengths of four by two and, most importantly, said Ewen, loads of plastic cable-ties.

Cool Runnings were veteran winners of the Whiting Bay Ocean Boge race two weeks earlier. Naming themselves

likely finisher to get soaked by the firemen's hose from the quayside, but being rough seas, her sailing was already on amber alert.

The fun continued with children's games, side-shows, face painting, fancy dress and cut-price pizzas from the Kinloch.



**MV Saturn was disrupted by bad weather and a fireman's hose.** 02\_b33raft06



**The Nuggets cross the finishing line as winners; Struan Robertson, Glen Stewart, Robert McNeice and Ewen McNeice.** 02\_b33raft05

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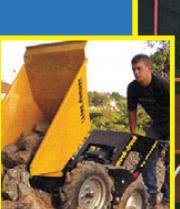


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# Shiskine Shambles are Sannox Sixes champions

Arran Aromatics clowns brought more than a touch of colour to last Saturday's Sannox Sixes fun cricket day. And Emsley's Fair Maidens brought an equal touch of glamour to the event.

This annual fixture had been threatened by heavy overnight rain, but after an emergency meeting at 10am, Sannox Cricket Club club supremo Eric Dunne, in his alter-ego of Richie Benaud, posted on facebook that it was going ahead.

And apart from a brief mid-afternoon flurry of rain, all went to plan. Nine teams turned up, and they were speedily organised into three

mini-leagues of three, each playing each other.

Most flamboyant and colourful were the Arran Aromatics Clowns, but the ones catching the eye, and the wolf whistles, were Emsley's (Not-so) Fair Maidens in their fetching St Trinian's outfits.

Eventual worthy winners were an unlikely scratch team calling themselves The Shiskine Shambles who turned over Whiting Bay Mix in the final.

Other teams were the Paterson Arran Hill Billies, Arran Motocross Club, Douglas Hotel, Local Heroes and Rugby Juniors.



Emsley's Fair Maidens took the eye at Saturday's Sannox Sixes. 02\_b33six01

## Arran Garden Club

The members of the Arran Garden Club were pleased to welcome Eleanor McCue, of Eleanor's Flowers, to their July meeting.

Eleanor introduced the members, in a lively and entertaining way, to the joys of summer flower arranging.

Eleanor not only spoke about the flowers and foliage that she was arranging but increased our knowledge about the cost of these, where they are grown and the impact of the floristry trade on the UK's economy.

A beautiful tied bouquet was donated by Eleanor to FERNERY. All welcome!

the evening's raffle.

The plant of the month – varieties of grasses - was presented by Jim Jack.

Andrew Stephanuti introduced us to his soup of the month which was courgette.

The next meeting of the Arran Garden Club will be on Thursday 25 August at 7.30pm at the Rangers' Centre in Brodick Country Park.

The guest speaker at this meeting will be Peter Baxter, curator of Benmore Botanic Gardens, who will speak about the gardens and, in particular, the restoration of Benmore Fernery.

All welcome!



Shiskine Shambles were the Sannox Six champions. b33six05



Colin Smeeton of the Douglas Hotel presenting Tim Pomeroy with the winning raffle prize of dinner for two at the hotel. b33six04



Arran Aromatics Clowns were the most colourful team. 02\_b33six02



No, its not The Joker, but the last clown out for the Arran Aromatics team against Paterson Arran Hill Billies. 02\_b33six03

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## Ayr Flower Show trip for Arran society

On Friday 5 August members of Arran Horticultural Society and friends set out for their annual visit to Ayr Flower Show at Rozelle Park.

Until the last minute committee members were trying to accommodate everyone wishing to go but the bus was full and there were not enough names to fill a second bus. The lesson is to book early next year!

The weather was magnificent and perhaps a little too hot for some but there was always a marquee handy to hide from the sun. Those interested in vegetables were amazed at the size and quality of the exhibits and if you think it is an exaggeration think again because there were leeks as thick as a wellie boot and almost two metres tall. Some of the cabbages were so large that you had to keep an eye on the kids in case they lost themselves in the leaves (ok that's an exaggeration). The onions as usual were big and would keep a regiment in soup for at least a week.

Plants, shrubs and flowers were on sale and were eagerly sought out by members. In addition there were painting classes, a model railway, a splendid Food Court and you could even buy a new car. The ice cream van did a roaring trade and it wasn't just kids queuing.

In the demonstration marquee there were cookery and other demonstrations all day.

It was generally agreed that a great day was had by all.

A last wee reminder that the Garden Club meets on the last Thursday of every month at 7.30pm at the Ranger Centre, Brodick Castle and everyone, whether members or not, is welcome.

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# Marine research well underway within Lamlash Bay

**'The footage recorded so far has been both exciting and surprising'**

## REPORT

by JENNIFER LYON  
editor@arranbanner.co.uk

Marine biologists from the University of York are now well underway with this year's survey of Lamlash Bay.

Leigh Michael Howarth, the PhD researcher leading the

team, said that this summer has proved hugely exciting for the whole team.

'There is just so much going on,' said Leigh. 'Myself and fellow researcher Tim Cross are continuing with the SCUBA surveys which started last year.'

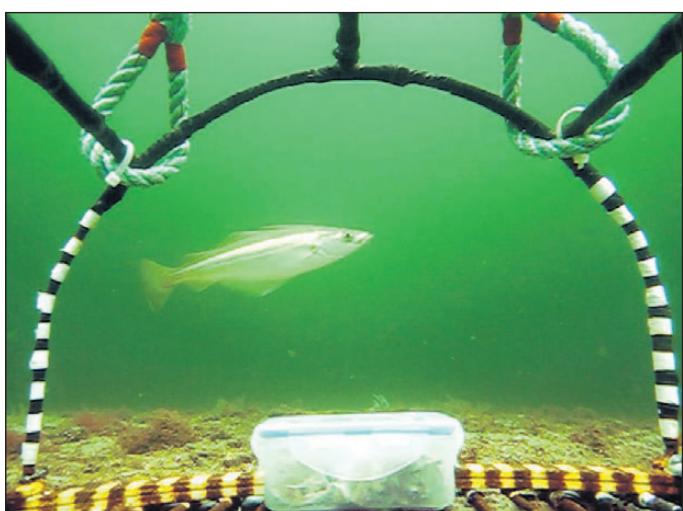
'We began by recording all the life we encountered during

dives whilst simultaneously measuring the abundance and size of all the scallops.'

'In addition, we just received special permission from Marine Scotland to take a small sample of scallops from within the No-Take Zone for scientific analysis. These surveys will then help determine if the No-Take Zone is of benefit to local scallop populations and other marine wildlife in the area.'

Leigh added: 'Then we introduced our new idea of taking photo quadrats, in which we take detailed photographs of the seabed. Then, using specialised software, we try and determine if the seafloor within Lamlash Bay No-Take Zone is showing any measurable signs of recovery.'

Another new addition to the survey this year is the baited underwater video camera system.



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Ross Greig has been working with Arran's only traditional creeler, Charlie Weir, to gather background data on the size, sex and age of crabs, prawns and lobster in our local waters.

with unusually cold waters this late in the year and huge numbers of lion's mane jellyfish, but the work is involving and interesting, and it's great to be part of a project with such long-term potential.'

Two Masters Students, also from the University of York, have also begun conducting other new surveys on Arran.

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Ross has also taken on

the task of looking into sea angling practices in Arran and the way sea angling has changed over the years.

Whilst Rachel Bower has been trying to investigate the social effects of the No Take Zone on local businesses, residents and tourists through a series of questionnaires. Please contact Ross at [rws500@york.ac.uk](mailto:rws500@york.ac.uk), or Rachel at [rbower88@gmail.com](mailto:rbower88@gmail.com) if you would like to be included in their surveys.

Overall, the team of young researchers hope their results will begin to become available by October this year.

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## Well, that's it – summer is over

On Wednesday, Arran schoolchildren returned to their desks, although the 20mph signs outside the schools don't seem to have noticed yet.

Tourists are getting a little thinner on the ground, and you don't have to queue quite so long in the bank or post office.

Next Saturday will see the final departure of Arran's extra summer ferry MV Saturn.

The hardy old vessel has once again been an invaluable addition to the regular CalMac ferry service. This service has been a real summer boon for the peak eight weeks, particularly on Highland Games and Arran Show days. With a direct rail link from Ardrossan harbour it would have been even more well-used.

Let's hope we get her back again next year.

The weather could have been kinder. We all depend on tourists to one extent or another, and good weather encourages spur of the moment holidaymakers and makes repeat visits next year more likely. April was great, but who goes on holiday in April?

The weather in late July and early August was quite good, but what about the incessant rain in May and June?

In June parts of Arran saw 130mm of rain, compared to 24mm in June 2010 and 38mm in June 2009.

May was almost as bad, with 103mm compared to 22mm in May last year.

We know that tourists don't really come here for sunshine holidays, but staying in a B & B or self-catering cottage while it buckets down every day is not a lot of fun, especially if you have a clutch of children to entertain. There are only so many indoor attractions to keep them amused.

The tourism sector reports a mixed season. Fewer people come here for a full two-week holiday than in days gone by. The short break, long weekend or late booking is becoming more the norm. Hotel owners need to keep their nerve when the long-term bookings are looking sparse.

The volunteer workers on the ferry desk have been a boon. This has now become a regular feature in summer, with someone manning the desk on busy sailings.

First-time visitors to Arran have had the opportunity to find out what to do and where to go while they are crossing the Clyde so that they arrive forearmed.

The English and Welsh summer school holidays don't come to an end for another two weeks, so there is still time to stretch the high season out a little longer.

It's a long time until next Easter.

### 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

### No improvement

Sir,

I am writing to express my disgust at the behaviour of the louts who were attending the Brodick Highland Games dance in Brodick Hall last Saturday night.

I am told that Brodick Improvements ran the dance and the people running the event let people get really drunk and then released them on to the poor residents of the village.

I watched as young people, girls and boys, threw bottles and behaved appallingly, some of which I have watched grow up and if their parents had seen them, they would have been disgusted by their behaviour.

We were back to the nineties when these dances caused havoc.

The Brodick Improvements Committee should be ashamed of themselves for allowing the dance to become an excuse for louts to run amok.

The police arrived ad were arresting people but their was just too many for them to deal with, and the fact that there was only two taxis driving did not help.

Give me dog poo and an eroding beach any day.

In light of the events we've seen unfolding in cities around the country we should not be encouraging our own kids to behave like this.

I would urge the residents near to the hall to contact their community councillor to ensure this does not happen again.

Yours,

H Nelson  
Glen Estate  
Brodick

### An outsider looking in

Sir,

I am in Scotland for vacation and went to Highland Show on Saturday.

I had a fine day, hearing the pipe men in their kilts.

In evening I go to hear dance at hall in town.

This made me sad as people very much alcohol and not in good mood.

I see people in street falling

and sick. Boys I see throw (I think this is word) stone at police.

I like Scotland but young people should not drink so much I think.

In Belgium dance would not go on like this.

People of island should stop this, as people will not vacation here.

Yours,  
**Eva Joñas**  
Rue Vervloesem  
Brussels  
Belgium

### Privilege to attend

Sir,

I don't know what all this fuss is about the Ferry Committee?

It is actually just a focal group of appointed island representatives formed to represent sectoral issues to CalMac (or whatever company provides the service) and who meet to receive reports from the company on such things as service figures, delays etc and who receive and deal with complaints from the public about the ferry service and associated matters.

It is a single issue focused committee and, as such, through good chairmanship over decades has earned the respect as a body that can liaise on behalf of island travellers with other partner organisations, civil servants and, on occasion, government ministers as well as the senior management of CalMac.

There is no 'hidden agenda'.

Most of what is discussed is mundane e.g. an individual's complaint or whether a livestock lorry is receiving timely advice about a ferry disruption.

When major issues arise such as RET or a change in the Sunday service these matters go public.

The Ferry Committee has no power to make recommendations without public consultation through the bodies that are represented on the committee.

Every islander can contact a member of the Ferry Committee.

Members are appointed (not elected) from the Community Council, ACVS, NAC, the

construction and haulage industry, Stagecoach/Western, Visit Arran (tourism), small business (Taste of Arran), the agricultural industry (NFU), the National Trust, and the independent traveller (currently Russell Duncan) and, not least, the Brodick Port manager and the Regional manager for CalMac.

As for Arran Community Council, they are well represented by their member and previous members on the Ferry Committee who are at liberty to report all matters back to that body and to take issues raised by the community council to the Ferry Committee.

Any member of the public who is not part of any officially represented organisation can also approach any member of the Ferry Committee or write to the chairman, Ken Thorburn at Brodick Castle.

As a local member on NAC I attend many committees!

The Ferry Committee is one of the best run and focused bodies that I have had the privilege to attend in the years that I have been in this office.

Yours,  
**Margie Currie**  
Eastland  
Shiskine

### Arran link to Holmfirth

Sir,

Earlier in the year I sent a photo of my grandparents showing off their catch of ray outside the Marine House sometime in the 1930s.

You kindly printed this and as a result Howard Wood asked you for my contact details so he could ask permission to use the photo for the work of COAST.

He did get in touch and it transpired that he originally comes from our neck of the woods and attended Holmfirth High School, which is where both my partner and I teach.

Howard has kindly invited us to pop in when we visit the island and we are going to present him with a copy of a souvenir book on which my partner Mark worked with a group of children to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the



school.

Our headteacher has also asked us to mention that Howard would be most welcome to visit the school if he is in the area and would offer him the chance to speak to the pupils about COAST in an assembly. I am just writing to say thank you for facilitating this correspondence and making us feel that we have a real link with the island that we love so dearly. Yours,

**Janette Hinchliffe**  
42 Jagger Lane  
Honley  
Holmfirth

### Rescue thanks

Sir,

May I please take this opportunity to offer our heartfelt thanks to Kenny and Cameron Bone, of Glenkiln Farm, Lamlash, Rhys Currie and John Roberts for coming to our rescue when I contrived to drive one wheel of our car off the bridge on the track behind Kenny's farm the other day.

Because of the precarious position, we were stuck in the car and past lives were beginning to flash before eyes until John sounded the alert and Kenny and the boys arrived to tow us back on to the road.

A potentially nasty situation was averted so quickly that I didn't even have time to phone the insurance firm to treble the value of our life insurance policy!

Again, our grateful thanks - and also apologies to John and the other poor gentleman who were forced to reverse a good way because we were blocking the road.

Yours,

**Den and Anne O'Donoghue**  
Dunstable  
Bedfordshire

### Death boat

Sir,

Without going into the main subject of Ian McCallum's letter, I think he should keep in mind that in the days of the Monday-morning 'death boat', there were no boats on a Sunday!

Yours,

**Hazel Wright**  
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## Air ambulance appeal

Sir,  
We would like to thank everyone on Arran for all your donations and support towards Duncan McAlister's Air Ambulance Appeal which took place back in April at the Arran Rugby Sevens.

Duncan is now out from hospital after five months but we still have a long road ahead of us before the transplant can take place. We appreciated very much your generosity and it just proved again that Arran has a wonderful community and we are very proud and privileged to be part of it.

**MAGDOLNA MCALISTER**  
**Torbeg Farm**  
**Shiskine**

## Landrover rescue

Sir,  
I would like to thank the woman in the blue Audi and the man in blue Landrover who stopped to help us when our car was forced off the road into a ditch in Arran on Monday 8 August.

The woman stayed with us until car was towed out by the Landrover driver and also drove in front of us to make sure our car was ok. Luckily we were not injured and car is fine. It's nice to know there are some kind people in the world. Thanks again.

Yours,  
**EILEEN O'BRIEN**  
**2 DRUMLAKEN PLACE**  
**SUMMERSTON**  
**Glasgow**

## Burger brouhaha

Sir,  
This past week we have been hosts to two of the busiest events of the year, the Agricultural Show, and the Highland Games.

Both events were attended by not only locals but a great

many visitors. I would like to ask the organisers why they felt it necessary to invite food producers from other areas to attend these events.

Yes, Robin Gray was at the Agricultural Show with his Isle of Arran Burgers, tucked away at the end of the fields, whilst Taste of Galloway, selling their 'arran burger' appeared to be in a prime position.

At an event such as this we should be showcasing our local producers who work hard not only to make a living for themselves, but as ambassadors for all Arran has to offer. Again on Saturday at the Highland Games, there was the Taste of Galloway burger van, in prime position at the entrance to the games. A year ago I contacted the organisers of the Highland Games to enquire if both Robin Gray and Creelers could take on a stand selling food.

I was told it would not be possible, as it would infringe on the sales of the Mountain Rescue burger tent and the person from the mainland who had been coming for years. This was perfectly understandable not to overload the area with more of what was already there.

Much as I despise these vans selling bog standard food, I wonder why the same consideration was not given to this man that was given last year. I'm pretty sure that if he had known there would be more competition for sales he would have thought carefully about spending an obscene amount of money to come over here and sell very little.

At this time of economic insecurity we should be supporting our local businesses. No doubt next year we will see a stand from a mainland company selling cocktails at the Highland Games. If we continue to snub our local small businesses we will have no

choice but to bring others across for these events.

At the moment we do have that choice; choose wisely, or you may find there is no choice.

Yours,  
**TONI GOODSTIEN**  
**Glencloy**

## Bay Queen praise

Sir,  
Last year I wrote to you criticising the organisation of the crowning of the Whiting Bay Heather Queen.

This year I would like to congratulate the committee and whoever else was responsible for a job well done.

The whole Fun Week was most enjoyable and the crowning ceremony had an appropriate sense of occasion which judging by the number of photographs being taken was appreciated by one and all.

It was clear that a lot of time and effort had gone in to ensuring both locals and visitors had an enjoyable time.

Congratulations.

Yours,  
**JAMES ROBERTSON**  
**Wellhall Road**  
**Hamilton**

## Support and good will

Sir,  
The Douglas Hotel would like to thank the local community and visitors alike for their patronage on the day of the Highland Games.

We were overwhelmed by the show of support and the good will of well-wishers and for all the e-mails and letters that we have received.

The day was a huge success and from all of the management and staff of The Douglas Hotel, we sincerely thank you.

Yours,  
**COLIN SMEETON**  
**Operations manager**  
**The Douglas Hotel**  
**Brodick**

## Fabulous service

Sir,  
May I, through your columns, pay tribute to, and thank the people who assisted me recently when I inexplicably parted with the road and made unexpected acquaintance with a tree!

The car is no longer with us, but I was uninjured apart from a dent to my pride having to relinquish a 44 year unblemished record.

To holidaymakers Jim Campbell and family who were first on the scene; the young couple who phoned the emergency services having witnessed the incident from afar; Kate and Chris at the Distillery; the wonderful Dr Christina; the kindly WPC, and the very attentive ambulance crew, I send my sincere gratitude.

Also, many thanks to Angus Lambie for his professionalism at the time and subsequent support.

The kind concern of my friends, neighbours and ministers caused a wobbly lip - a wonderful bunch!

What a fabulous service this island provides, even a rescue helicopter hovered to check the situation.

We are so very lucky!

Yours,  
**AILEEN WRIGHT**  
**Lochranza**



**The boys from Leeds College of Music playing jazz in the Douglas Hotel. Angus Milne on double bass is just behind trumpeter Simon Dennis.** b33jaz01

## Jazz swings at the Douglas Hotel

A young jazz quintet from Leeds entertained customers at the Douglas Hotel on Saturday with an impromptu session of well-known standards and other contemporary pieces.

Double bass player Angus Milne is the grandson of Elma and Stevie Stevenson of Sannox.

Elma said: 'The boys are all students at Leeds College of Music studying for degrees

specialising in jazz. Angus lives in Stockton-on-Tees and the other boys come from Jarro, Northampton and Barnard Castle.

'They were well received and enjoyed themselves so much that they hope to come back in the near future.'

The other band members are Simon Dennis on trumpet, Will Howard, tenor sax, Declan Forde, keyboard and Matt Exton on drums.

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# Isle of Arran Horticultural

## An increased number of entries, new exhibits and new prizewinners

Isle of Arran Horticultural Society held a very successful annual show at Arran High School last Wednesday.

Society president John Sillars said: 'This year we have an increased number of entries, many new exhibits and new prizewinners; this is most satisfying.'

'Our thanks go to the ladies of Lamlash WRI for providing the home baking and organising the raffle.'

As so often happens, Eric Gregory of Whiting Bay collected a lot of prizes for his vegetables.

He told the Banner: 'It has been a difficult growing year, and I am very pleased with myself. Lots of crops failed

because of the weather, the ground, and perhaps the management.'

The prizes were presented by Lamlash WRI president Margaret Gray.

Prizewinners were:

Cut flowers: Class 2, 1 and 2 Laura Currie, 3 John Lammie; class 3, 1 L Currie, 2 Margaret Murchie; class 4, 1, 2 and 3 M Murchie; class 11, 1 M Murchie; class 13, 1 John Lammie; class 18, 1 Jean Barclay, 2 A Raeburn, 3 J Barclay; class 19, 1 Pat Wright, 2 John Sillars, 3 P Wright; class 21, 1 M Turnbull, 2 J Sillars, 3 L Currie; class 22, 1 M Turnbull; class 23, 1 P Wright; class 26, 1 A Bilsland; class 27, 1 and 2 A Stefanuti; class 28 1 M Wheeler; class 30 1 A Stefanuti; class 33 1, 2 and 3 Jan Murray; class 34 1 and 2 J Murray; class 36 1 T Frost, 2 and 3 M Murchie; class 37 1 T Frost; class 38 1 and 3 T Frost, 2 L Turnbull; class 43 1 and 2 M Wheeler, 3

L Currie; class 44 1 L Currie, 2 M Wheeler, 3 L Turnbull; class 46 1 T Frost; class 47 1 T Frost, 2 M Murchie; class 48 1 Carol Vella-Boyle, 2 A Bilsland, 3 J Barclay.

Trophy winners: Bank of Scotland Cup for best vase of sweet peas, M Wheeler; Hiles Muir trophy for best three spikes of gladioli; silver vase presented by the late Mrs Blain for best six roses, M Turnbull; Dippen Lodge Challenge Cup for best exhibit of hydrangeas, T Frost; John Sillars Cup for best exhibit of dahlias, J Lammie; Millennium Cup for most prizes in horticultural sections, T Frost; Archie Craig Memorial Trophy for best exhibit in section one, T Frost.

Pot Plants: Class 49 1 and 2 A Stefanuti, 3 A Bilsland; class 52 1 M Thompson, 2 M MacLellan, 3 Pat Wooden; class 56 1 T Frost, 2 M Thompson; class 57 1 M Turnbull, 2 M Thompson, 3 M MacLellan; class 58 1 and 2 M Wheeler, 3 J Barclay;

class 59 1 M Wheeler, 2 J Barclay; class 60 1 T Frost; class 61 1 Linda Trickett, 2 C Vella-Boyle, 3 R Roberts; class 63 1, 2 and 3 Sonia Hardinge; class 65 1 M Thompson, 2 and 3 J Jack; class 66 1 T Frost, 2 and 3 L Hocking; class 68 1 J Barclay, 2 J Lammie; class 69 1 L Hocking, 2 J Barclay, 3 P Wooden; class 70 1 and 2 P Wright.

Trophy winners: Lady Jean Fforde Cup for best exhibit in section, L Hocking; Roy Ure Tray for best pot fuchsia, M Wheeler.

Decorative: class 71 1 Nan Meteyard; class 72 1 Johann McHarg; class 73 1 L Currie; class 74 1 M Crawford; class 75 1 Dave Tapson; class 76 1 P Wright; class 77 1 L Trickett, 2 M Crawford, 3 Elaine Duncan. Trophy winners: Allen McKay Memorial Quaich for best exhibit in section, L Trickett; Rhoda Henderson Memorial Cup for best exhibit in class 74, M Crawford.

*More results next week.*



Margaret Gray presents Heather Snowdon with the John Cumming Cup for most meritorious exhibit, a posy in a teacup, in section nine. 02\_b33hor02



A stunning display of fuchsias. 02\_b33hor06



Eric Gregory with his prize-winning collection of six vegetables in class 120; marrow, potatoes, leeks, parsnips and onions. 02\_b33hor04

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# Society Summer Show 2011



The trophy winners at the 2011 Horticultural Society Summer Show in Arran High School. 02\_b33hor01



Margaret Gray presents Tod Frost with one of many trophies he won at the show. 02\_b33hor03



Winner of first prize and the MacAndrew Cup was this tray of vegetables in section 127, exhibited by Eric Gregory. 02\_b33hor10



Second prize winner in class 77 by May Crawford; A Taste of Arran, including James' Chocolates, Arran Aromatics candle, Arran Graphics mug, Arran cheese, Auchrannie wine and, of course, *The Arran Banner*. 02\_b33hor05

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Carrots, long and thin, and short and thick, with Andrew's Stefanuti's first prize-winners centre. 02\_b33hor08

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# Bird Notes - Murmuration

by Jim Cassels

Group names for birds are strange - a parliament of owls, a siege of herons, a murder of crows, a ballet of swans.

The list of these odd collective nouns seems endless: a doading of Shelduck, a wisp of Snipe, a parcel of Linnet, a plump of Moorhen.

Apart from compilers of pub quizzes is anyone remotely interested? Who uses them in everyday conversation?

Having said that, as you may anticipate, I have an affection for one or two of them.

If you have ever come across a group of red faced Goldfinch working their way across seed heads on a bed of thistle, calling to each other with their liquid song and flashing their black and yellow wings, then the word 'charm' seems apt.

A charm of Goldfinch; spot on.

What brought this to mind was an email from a friend on the island.

From the tone of his email I do not think that he was best pleased.

All the Starlings on the island seemed to be gathering by his house each evening. 'Easily



**A murmuration of Starlings is something special.** Photo by Brian Couper.

over a thousand congregate each night...the trees are full

suggesting that such a gathering was to be enjoyed.

of birds and the evening chatter is worse than the WRI... they move down into our garden at dusk...aren't birds wonderful? NIMBY'

Not only the noise but the spectacle, when they swirl in all directions in apparent perfect coordination, wheeling and shimmering, it is a display of power and mystery.

There was no comfort in

A murmuration of Starlings is something special.

That group name 'murmuration' for Starling is perfect.

Please send any bird notes with 'what, when, where' to me at Kilpatrick Kennels, Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot,

KA27 8EY, or e mail me at [james.cassels@virgin.net](mailto:james.cassels@virgin.net) . I

look forward to hearing from you. For more information on birding on Arran purchase the "Arran Bird Report 2010" and visit this website [www.arranbirding.co.uk](http://www.arranbirding.co.uk)

## Texels sell to £76.50 at Stirling

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Sheep prices:

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# Brodick Highland Games trophy winners revealed

Brodick Highland Games celebrated their 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Ormidale Park last Saturday, attracting 3,500 people – the second highest attendance.

Despite heavy rain in other parts of the country the event enjoyed excellent conditions until around 4.30pm when a shower of rain sent some spectators home early.

All the events were well represented this year with athletes and strong men from all over the country.

Four-time world caber tossing champion Stephen King of Inveraray cleared up in the shot putt, throwing the hammer and heavy hammer as well as, of course, the caber tossing.

He was closely followed by ex-pat New Zealander Pete Hart who now lives in Glenisla, and local athlete Scott Clark of Brodick.

The track events also proved popular this year with Arran athletes, Archie McNicol, Nick and Jennifer Emsley triumphing for the second year in a row.

The full results are printed below:

Children's fancy dress: 1 Lucy Roy, 2 Rachel Archibald, 3 Kyra Botwood.

25 Metres 3-4 years Boys: 1 Harris McNicol, 2 Mitch Kiman, 3 Alex Rancourt. Girls: 1 Isabella Reid, 2 Betty McCarthy, 3 Maisy Kean.

50 metres 5-6 years Boys: 1 Andrew Milton, 2 James McCarthy, 3 Saul Forbes. Girls: 1 Amy McGriest, 2 Freya McNicol, 3 Scarlet McDonald.

50 metres 7-8 years Boys: 1 Angus Strachan, 2 Louis Urquhart-Dixon, 3 Matthew Hardcastle. Girls: 1 Rebecca Gourlay, 2 Anna Taylor-Smith, 3 Catriona Forrest and Annabelle Asher.

75 metres 9-10 years Boys: 1

Mooney, 2 Hollie Morgan, 3 Caitlin Lee.

100 metres 16 years and over: Men – 1 Seumas Thomson, 2 Sean Thomson, 3 Sean Gibson. Women: 1 Connie Frearson, 2 Danielle Connolly, 3 Jennifer Emsley.

Lady Jean Cup, 100 metres, men confined to Arran: 1 Archie McNicol, 2 Nick Emsley, 3 Lyle Bunyan.

Bob Cameron Trophy, 100 metres, women confined to Arran: 1 Jennifer Emsley, 2 Kate Jenks.

200 metres under 14 years Boys: 1 Iain Wilson, 2 Kyle Jackson, 3 Daniel McGreich. Girls: 1 Demi Orr, 2 Halle Stewart, 3 Caitlin McAllister.

200 metres under 16 years Boys: 1 Liam Dale, 2 Fraser Mackie, 3 Aidan O'Donnell. Girls: 1 Molly Mooney, 2 Jenna Gillespie, 3 Caitlin Lee.

200 metres 16 years and over Men: 1 Sean Gibson, 2 Seumas Thomson, 3 Lee Wilson. Women: 1 Connie Frearson, 2 Jennifer Emsley, 3 Stephanie Dalcoutte.

Tom Dickie Trophy, men 16 years and over, confined to Arran, 880yards: 1 Nick Emsley, 2 Michael Jenks, 3 David Priestley.

1500 metres under 16 Boys: 1 Iain Wilson, 2 Fraser Mackie, 3 Liam Dale. Girls: 1 Jill Taylor, 2 Jenna Gillespie.

1500 metres 16 years and over Men: 1 Lee Wilson, 2 Feargus Thomson, 3 Nick Emsley. Women: 1 Jennifer Emsley, 2 Stephanie Dalcoutte.

Men's Relay: 1 North Ayrshire, 2 Arran runners, 3 Musselburgh runners.

Pillow fight - 8-11 years: 1 Chris Bull, 2 Flora Ritchie. 12-14 years: 1 Sandra Paparakis, 2 Holly Morgan. 15 and over: 1 Ross Harper, 2 Hollie Wilkinson.

Putting the 16lb ball: 1 Stephen King, 2 Scott Clarke, 3 Peter Hart.

Throwing the 28lb weight for distance: 1 Peter Hart, 2 Ernie Weir, 3 Scott Clark.

Throwing the hammer: 1 Stephen King, 2 Peter Hart, 3 Scott Clark.

Throwing the heavy hammer: 1 Stephen King, 2 Peter Hart, 3 Scott Clark.



**Four-time world caber tossing champion Stephen King of Inveraray won most of the heavy events.**

Photo by Andy Surridge.

Ross McFarlane, 2 David Ewing, 3 Jonathan Hardcastle. Girls: 1 Zoe Ellison, 2 Phoebe Lewis, 3 Joley Allison.

100 metres under 12 years (Stewart Dickie Trophy) Boys: 1 William Ellenor, 2 Thomas Walsh, 3 Dominic Fisher. Girls: 1 Demi Orr, 2 Ellie Fulton, 3 Maya Choudhary.

800 metres under 16 years Boys: 1 Fraser Mackie, 2 Liam Dale. Girls: 1 Jill Taylor, 2 Jenna Gillespie, 3 Sophie Lewis.

800 metres 16 years and over Men: 1 Lee Wilson, 2 Nick Emsley, 3 Feargus Thomson. Women: 1 Jennifer Emsley, 2 Stephanie Dalcoutte, 3 Connie Frearson.

100 metres under 16 years Boys: 1 Lyle Bunyan, 2 Liam Dale, 3 Fraser Mackie. Girls: 1 Molly

800 metres under 14 years Boys: 1 Iain Wilson, 2 Kyle Jackson, 3 Aidan O'Donnell. Girls: 1 Demi Orr, 2 Hallie Stewart, 3 Sophia Choudray.

800 metres under 16 years Boys: 1 Fraser Mackie, 2 Liam Dale. Girls: 1 Jill Taylor, 2 Jenna Gillespie, 3 Sophie Lewis.

800 metres 16 years and over Men: 1 Lee Wilson, 2 Nick Emsley, 3 Feargus Thomson. Women: 1 Jennifer Emsley, 2 Stephanie Dalcoutte, 3 Connie Frearson.

Triple jump: 1 Jack Barbour, 2 Feargus Thomson, 3 Sean Gibson.

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**Local competitor, Jamie McKinnon of Sannox.**

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Scott Clark.

Junior tossing the caber: 1 Harry Doubleday, 2 James Sinclair, 3 Will Kingsmill.

Throwing the 56lb weight for height: 1 Peter Hart, 2 Stephen King, 3 Scott Clark.

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**George De Mendonca of Brodick throwing the hammer.**

Photo by Andy Surridge.

# Viking Games in Corrie and Sannox

The 2011 Viking Day in Corrie went ahead last Saturday despite rain and mixed weather. There was sword and shield painting in the village hall in the morning, followed by traditional Viking games in Corrie Hotel beer garden in the afternoon.

The Viking Games have been going now for four years, since the villagers decided to evoke the Viking flavour from the original Corrie Capers which ran for 26 years and was Arran's first village summer fun week.



An old-fashioned coconut shy was popular at the Viking Games on Saturday in Corrie Hotel beer garden.

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Malcolm Miller, on holiday from Glasgow, managed 51 seconds at the shield-holding test of strength.

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Now it is packed into one day, and on Saturday evening there was the ceremonial march with a replica Viking longship from the village hall to the seashore at Sannox where it was set on fire.

## Enjoyed

Despite the midges, the crowd enjoyed mock battles, fireworks and a barbecue, which were followed by Viking rock 'n' roll and a ceilidh in Corrie and Sannox Hall into the small hours.



The parade of a traditional Viking longship from Corrie and Sannox village hall to its funeral pyre on the beach at Sannox is the highlight of Uphellya.

Inset: This Viking warrior got a sponge soaking from eager youngsters.

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Local Norseman Stuart the Red helps with the horseshoe throwing competition.

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## Kilmory Hall goes posh for cancer charity

Get your glad rags on for a posh afternoon tea, and all in aid of a major cancer charity.

Phyllis Picken of Lenamhor is holding a Posh or Pink Afternoon Tea with a difference in the Kilmory Hall on Wednesday 31 August from 2 to 4pm.

Cancer Research UK is hoping that you will dress up Posh or Pink and pop in to take part in the Posh or Pink Afternoon Tea. You'll enjoy tea and home baking served on Phyllis' collection of beautiful china crockery. Phyllis and Jean Clark have also arranged a raffle to be held during the afternoon.

Rowan Main, area volunteer manager, Cancer Research UK said: 'We hope that the generous people on Arran will come along to enjoy the afternoon and help raise vital funds for Cancer Research UK and support Phyllis and Jean.'

Rowan added: 'Cancer Research UK currently spends over £31 million each year in Scotland alone on groundbreaking research.'

'This research would not be possible without the support of people throughout Ayrshire, including Arran. We are extremely grateful to everyone who holds fundraising events to help fund our life saving research.'

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Last week Archie was frolicking in the burn in North Glen Sannox. We admit that it was a difficult one, and no-one guessed correctly. This week he is sitting in the sun, thinking about doing a bit of gardening, but do you know where he is?



If you think you know then post your answer on the website [www.arranbanner.co.uk](http://www.arranbanner.co.uk)  
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**SATURDAY 20th AUGUST**

Karate  
 Family Games  
 Fun In The Pool  
 Over 21's Disco  
 Arran Dancers (4 years and up)  
 Rink Game  
 Rink Game  
 Rink Game  
 Rink Game  
 Carlops Jazz Band  
 Family Ceilidh Featuring Arranach  
 Knockout Football Final

Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am - 12.30pm  
 Auchrannie Games Hall 3pm - 4pm  
 Auchrannie Spa Pool 4pm - 5pm  
 The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
 Arran High School, 10am  
 Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm  
 Brodick Bowling Club, 2pm  
 Whiting Bay Bowling Club 2.30pm  
 Lamlash Bowling Club 2pm  
 Lochranza & Catacol Hall, 7.30pm  
 Kilmory Hall, 7.30pm - 11pm  
 Ormidale Park, 3pm

**SUNDAY 21st AUGUST**

Alcoholics Anonymous  
 Quiz  
 Open Music Session  
 RNLI Shop Open  
 Live Music Folk / Rock / Blues  
 Family Games  
 Fun In The Pool  
 Anniversary Open Triples Competition

Church Hall, Brodick, 4.30pm  
 PHT, Lamlash, 9pm  
 Bar Eden, 3pm - 5pm  
 Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm  
 Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
 Auchrannie Games Hall 3pm - 4pm  
 4pm to 5pm Auchrannie Spa Pool  
 Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2.30pm

**MONDAY 22nd AUGUST**

Over 50's Badminton  
 Badminton  
 Weight Wise  
 Ladies Netball  
 Citizens Advice  
 BreathWalk Class  
 Table Tennis  
 Hatha Yoga  
 Summer Bridge  
 Rink Game  
 Rink Game  
 Rink Game  
 Quiz  
 Zumba Fitness  
 Kilmory Farmer's & Craft Market

Lochranza Village Hall 2pm - 4pm  
 Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm  
 Hospital Bungalow, 5pm - 5.30pm  
 High School Sports Hall - Seniors 7.30pm - 9pm  
 Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 10am - 2pm  
 Kinneil, Lamlash 5.15pm  
 Corrie Hall, 6.30pm  
 Arran High School, 6pm - 7.30pm  
 High School Cafe, 6.30pm  
 Brodick Bowling Club, 6.45pm  
 Whiting Bay Bowling Club 7pm  
 Lamlash Bowling Club 7pm  
 Bar Eden, 9pm - 10.30pm  
 Arran High School, 6pm - 7pm  
 Kilmory Hall, 10.30am - 2pm



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**TUESDAY 23rd AUGUST**

Lochranza Swimming Club  
 Army Cadets  
 Pop Quiz  
 Alcoholics Anonymous  
 Citizens Advice  
 Youth Club  
 Rotary Club  
 Junior Hockey Club  
 Melody Movemenet. Ballet Class - 2½ yrs up  
 Dudes & Divas Funky Dance Class - 2½ yrs up  
 Youth Club  
 Rink Game  
 Music Session, Chalk and Cheese  
 Guided Garden Walk  
 Zumba Fitness  
 Scottish Country Dancing  
 Motocross  
 Whiting Bay Drama Summer Play  
 Zumba Fitness Class

Kinloch 11am - 12pm  
 Auchrannie Road, 7.30pm - 9.30pm  
 Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
 Brodick Church Hall - 2pm  
 Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 10am - 2pm  
 Kildonan Hall - 6.30pm  
 Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie 7.15pm  
 Ormidale Pavillion, 6pm-7pm  
 Auchrannie Dance Studio, 1.30pm  
 Auchrannie Dance Studio, 2pm  
 Brodick Hall, 6.30pm - 8pm  
 Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm  
 Bar Eden, 9pm - 12am  
 NTS Shop, Brodick Castle, 2pm  
 Arran High School, 6pm - 7pm  
 Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm  
 Southbank Track, 6pm (weather permitting)  
 Whiting Bay Hall, 8pm  
 Brodick Village Hall, 8pm - 9pm

**WEDNESDAY 24th AUGUST**

Hockey  
 Tae Kwondo  
 Alcoholics Anonymous  
 Arran Brass Rehearsal  
 Selt Making Class  
 Musical Mayhem Class Parents & Little Ones  
 Yoga for Every Body  
 Senior Badminton  
 Museum, Archives & Geneology Service  
 Yogalates  
 Rink Game  
 Coffee Morning  
 Rink Game  
 Rink Game  
 Live Coutry Music  
 Aquafizz  
 Family Ceilidh  
 Quiz Night

Auchrannie Hall, 7pm - 8pm Games Hall  
 KA Leisure, Kids 6.30 - 7.30pm. Adults 7.30 - 8.30pm  
 Lamlash Church Hall - 7.30pm- 9pm  
 Whiting Bay Hall 7.15pm  
 Shipfield, Lamlash, 10am - 4pm  
 Auchrannie Dance Studio, 10.45am  
 10am -11.30am  
 High School Games Hall, 8pm - 9pm  
 10.30am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 3.30pm  
 9.30am to 10.30am Auchrannie Studio  
 Brodick Bowling Club, 6.45pm  
 Lamlash Curch Hall, 10.15am - 12pm  
 Whiting Bay Bowling Club 7pm  
 Lamlash Bowling Club 7pm  
 Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
 Hotel Pool, 9.45am - 10.30am  
 Brodick Hall, 8pm - 11pm  
 Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm

**THURSDAY 25th AUGUST**

General Knowledge Quiz  
 Lochranza Craft Club  
 Coffee Morning  
 Youth Club  
 General Knowledge Quiz  
 Zumba Fitness Class  
 Family Ceilidh

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
 Hall, 2pm  
 St Molios Church 10.30am - 12pm  
 Youth Cabin, Lamlash 7-9pm  
 Kinloch Bar, 9pm  
 Whiting Bay Hall, 8pm - 9pm  
 Lochranza Hall, 8pm

**FRIDAY 26th AUGUST**

Family Ceilidh  
 Quiz  
 Aquafizz  
 Yogalates  
 Rock Disco  
 Arran Youth Foundations  
 Live music with DJ  
 Kildonan Market  
 Coffee Morning

Whiting Bay Hall, from 7.30pm  
 Whiting Bay Golf Club, 9pm  
 Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45am to 10.30am  
 Auchrannie Studio 10am - 11am  
 The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
 Behind Library, 7pm - 9pm  
 Bar Eden, 9pm - 1am  
 Village Hall, 11am - 3.30pm  
 Corrie & Sannox Hall, From 10am

**SATURDAY 27th AUGUST**

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Corrie Church, 12pm

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Pirnmill, 10.15am

Shiskine Church, 12pm.

A Service of Worship will also be held in Montrose House at 1.30pm

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# Golf

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Individual hole winners: 1 Gwen Nicol, 2 Mary Dick, 3 Fiona Crawford, 4 Beth Gordon, 5 Gwen Nicol, 6 Fiona McEachern, 7 Dorothy Belch, 8 Fiona Crawford, 9 June Richardson, 10 Liz Lees, 11 Anne Douglas, 12 Lynne Bean, 13 Ali Mackie, 14 Helen Lennox, 15 Claire Barclay, 16 Liz Kerr, 17 Cath Stevens, 18 Aileen Latona.

Captain's Prize: After a very wet day on Tuesday 16 August, the sun came out for the shotgun start of the Captain's Prize which was a 12-hole Stableford.

Twenty-five ladies played and in spite of the midges enjoyed being out on the course. The golfers were joined in the clubhouse by past captains and others for the prize giving and a most enjoyable tea. After thanking Trish and all the ladies who had brought a wonderful variety of cakes, the prizes were presented to the winner Susan

Butchard 27pts and runner-up Carole Stewart with 25pts.

Gents: Sunday 14 August, Brandon,

29 played, CSS 64. 1 J Armit (5)60, 2 C Duncan (9)61, 3 H Tait (18)63. Scratch

J Armit 65. There were only five twos, from D Robertson, C Duncan, J Armit, R McCrae and D Rudge. First class Brandon: Jimmy Armit. Second class Brandon: Henry Tait.

Fixtures: Sunday 21 Aug, Captain's Prize (stableford), open draws at 8.30am and 1pm. Sunday 28 Aug, Royal Bank Shield.

#### Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday 14 August, 23 played for the McNicol Cup, postponed from Wednesday due to the wet weather, CSS-63. 1 John Rankin (6)60 BIH, 2 Dave Hackett (15)60, 3 Wolfi Kroner (15)63 BIH, 4 Eddie Hope (12)63. John Rankin also won scratch with 66 and there were magic twos from David Morrison, Ronnie Mann and Alan Foggo.

Fixtures: Sunday 21 August, Captain's Prize. (Stableford) One draw at 11am (changed from the 28th). Wednesday 24 August, Summer Trophy. Sunday 28 August, Royal Bank Shield.

August, Aitken Rosebowl and Arran Grouse Qualifier. (Foursomes) one draw for partners at 11am.

**Whiting Bay Ladies:** Sunday 14 August, McNicola 2nd place went to Beth Paterson with a 70 (8), 1st place was won by Doreen Mainds 69 (13). Scratch went to Beth also with a 78. Next fixture, Sunday 21 August, Glenashdale, Stableford 11.30am draw.

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#### Butchard, Corrie Golf Club

Wednesday 10 August, no game due to bad weather.

Saturday 13 August, James Bunyan Memorial Trophy (open), 33 played, excellent turnout. Course in tip-top condition so there was some excellent scoring.

1 Jonathan Swift 70-16=54, 2 Gilbert McKinnon 59-2=57 BIH, 3 Brian Sherwood 65-8=57 BIH, 4 David Hayes 62-5=57. Best scratch Gilbert McKinnon 59. There were 12 magic twos recorded from G McKinnon, J Armit, G Hendry, J Smith, B Sherwood, C Pattenden, J Adams, L Dixon, D Hayes and A Smith. Congratulations to Jonathan Smith for winning the trophy and than you to all who played.

**Fixtures:** Friday 19 August, final of the Champion of Champions at Brodick. Saturday 20 August, Whisky Cup, round one for club members, draw at 8.30am, 1pm and 1.45pm. Second round on Saturday 3 September. Sunday 4 September, AGA Autumn handicap at Corrie – course closed for this competition

#### Machrie Bay Golf Club

Results: Tues 9 August Lady Mary/Peter Sutton, 1 John Miles 67, 2 Marlene Waudby 70, 3 Denise Sherwood 71 bih. Best scratch Brian Sherwood 79, twos Ian Buchanan.

Fixtures: Tues 23 August SGLU and sweep tee off 12.30pm only. Tues 23 August, final of the Lawson-Cameron, Campbell Laing v Brian Sherwood 5.30pm tee off.

#### Shiskine Golf Club

Ladies Captain's Prize & Veteran's Trophy 11 August, 21 played CSS

44. Silver 1 A Anderson 53-9=44, 2 & scratch L Pettitt 51-6=45. Bronze 1 J Smith 57-13=44, 2 M Tod 67-20=47. Jill Smith won the Captain's Prize & Veteran's Trophy.

Lynda Pettitt won the Scratch Barometer.

Gents Captain's Prize & Veteran's Trophy 13 August, 24 played 1st Class, 1 J Smith 48-7=41(bih), 2 & Scratch D Duthie 47-4=42, 3 D Duthie 47-4=43 (bih).

2nd Class 1 I Rae 51-10=41, 2 D Ritchie 52-8=44, 3 S Roney 53-8=45 (bih) Magic twos from J Smith, Gator, A Burnet, T Gowen, C Aitken and S Roney.

Congratulation Joel on winning the Captain's Prize & Veteran's Trophy.

Victory Shield & Kay Maxwell Trophy 14 August, 21 played. 1st Class 1 D Price 49-7=42, 2 & Scratch D Duthie 47-4=43, 3 D Markham 50-5=45. 2nd Class 1 S Myles 53-14=39, 2 S Roney 49-8=41, 3 M Hesp 59-10=49. Magic twos from M Dale & D Price. Sandra Myles wins the Kay Maxwell Trophy & Bert Green wins the Victory Shield (July) with a 35.

#### Lamlash Golf Club

Sunday 14 August, Summer Scratch Cup final round, 16 played CSS 67. 1 Todd Jameson 66-8=58, 2 Drew Wales 73-6=67(bih), 3 Rory Gibson 74-7=67. Best scratch Todd Jameson 66, well done Todd, handicap now down to six.

Overall winner of Scratch Cup, Iain Murchie 64+70=134, runner-up Neil

Young 68+67=135. Winner of Thomson Cup (knockout), Iain Murchie who beat Sam Handley in final. Also well done Iain on winning 1st round of Champion of Champions at Brodick.

**Fixtures:** Thursday 25 August, Summer Cup and Medal Shield and Emetic Cup, final rounds. Sunday 28 August, Jim Young Memorial Cup 9.30am and 1pm starts.

#### SWRI 12-hole competition

On Monday 8 August - an extremely windy evening - 23 WRI Ladies and their guests played at Shiskine Golf Club. The Isle of Arran Federation President, Morag Gardner presented the prizes and kindly gave the vote of thanks.

Overall winner was Pat Adamson 60-10=50, Fiona Crawford 57-5=52 BIH was the WRI winner and Piet Johnston 67-15=52 was the winner of the guests.

Susan Butchard - longest drive at the 2nd, Fiona Crawford - nearest the pin at the 4th, Isobel Macdonald - nearest the pin at the 10th.

After struggling against the strong wind we enjoyed a splendid supper provided by the WRI golfers. As with any WRI event, there was a raffle raising £87 for Federation funds.

Many thanks to Shiskine Golf Club for courtesy of the course and providing the hole prizes. A good fun evening for all who took part, we're just waiting to see how many new members will now join the WRI.

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# Sport

Arran's Weekly Newspaper

# Sannox retain the Carran Cup against Carradale

**Marriott's second half century of season seals Sannox victory**

Sannox cricketers retained the Carran Cup in the annual challenge match at the Sannox Oval against neighbours Carradale last Sunday.

On a damp wicket Sannox lost the toss and were put in to bat.

A much-changed Sannox line-up saw Buffoni opening with Brookes, and Armstrong promoted to three. The youngsters however were soon back in the pavilion, Buffoni lbw to Keogh for two, Armstrong caught off McMillan without scoring.

It was a poor start leaving Sannox wobbling on five for two after four overs. Marriott at four strode to the crease and in the face of difficult

conditions and a Carradale team with their tails up, he and Brookes patiently set about rebuilding the innings.

The pair built a partnership of 112 runs before Mahoney bowled Marriott for 63 in the 28th over, his second half-century of the season.

Brookes followed two overs later, caught off the same bowler for 38.

Pomeroy, McCartney and Dunn entered the fray and kept up the momentum with contributions of 25, eight and 16 not out respectively to bring the innings to 193 for seven.

P Mahoney was the pick of the Carradale bowlers with two for 18 from six overs.

**Memorial competition**

The annual John Lowe, Willie McNeil, and Walter Gillan Memorial Quaichs competition took place on Friday 12 August, Brodick Golf Club. This year's competition was only over 18 holes instead of the usual 36 due to adverse weather conditions.

The following were the winners:



The Carradale reply began on a drying pitch and Robertson was soon sent back by Dunn for a duck, but Fox (19) and Keogh (11) steadied the ship.

It was Coffield batting at four who shone for the visitors with an unbeaten 45. Scores of 11 and 13 from Mahoney and McMillan at the tail brought a respectable total of 106 all out, leaving the

home team victorious by 87 runs and unbeaten in seven games.

Stand out bowler for Sannox was Matthew Buffoni who ended with the enviable figures of 4.2 overs, four wickets for two runs.

It was another good consistent performance from Sannox and testament to the greater strength in depth evident at the club this season.

**Brodick Golf Club**

Ladies: Tuesday 9 August, Brodick Ladies Open, 96 played in the Open Stableford Competition in lovely sunshine.

The course was in excellent condition and all participants enjoyed their day's golf. The full list of the prizewinners follows: Winner Jackie Mitchell (Ralston) 35(39) BIH. Silver 1 Ann Partridge (Irvine) 19(38), 2 Carole Stewart (Shiskine) 18(37) BIH, 3 Liz Lees (Hamilton) 7(37), 4 Pat Adamson (Shiskine) 18(37). Bronze 1 Jacqui Nesbit (Dunkeld) 22(39) BIH, 2 Mary Tod (Shiskine) 35(39), 3 Janette McVicar (Balmore) 32(38) BIH, 4 Helen Lennox (East Renfrewshire) 36(38). Hendry Trophy: Brenda Livingstone 10(35) BIH. McKechnie Trophy: Carole Stewart 18(37). Least Putts: Susan Butchard 15(23).

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## Summer Bridge

The results of the tournament on 15 August were:

N/S 1 Jean Murchie & Helen Boyd, 2 Roddie Thompson & Eandy McNiven, 3 Tricia Martin & Alison Bilsland.

E/W 1 Jan Beattie & Janette McBride, 2 Jennifer Wales & Linda Trickett, 3 Brenda Livingstone & Morag Gardner.



**The winners of the annual John Lowe Memorial Quaich; Willie McNeil, and Walter Gillan Memorial Quaichs competition, with Mrs Nan Lowe, from left to right, John Lindsay, David Stoddart and Rob Baxter.**

**Sannox captain Tony Brookes celebrates retaining the Carran Cup.** b33san01



**Sannox opener Matthew Buffoni executes an on-drive.** 02\_b33crk02

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