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Fishy goings-on in Ardrishaig

The crowds came out to enjoy a fantastic Ardrishaig Gala weekend. Full story and photographs on pages 16, 17 and 18.

Lochgilphead shop to close after decades

AFTER more than half a century in business, Burgh Electrics in Lochgilphead will soon close its doors.

Owner Peter Ciaralla, who will be 96 in September, is retiring after having built, repaired, sold and distributed electrical supplies for 82 years in Mid Argyll.

Burgh Electrics has been something of an institution on Colchester Square since the early 1960s and is famous for always having that one part that no other shop stocked.

Peter started his electrical apprenticeship in 1935 at the age of 13 with the Campbeltown and Mid Argyll Electrical Supply Company, earning the princely wage of £6.

Neill Bo Finlayson
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His ambition to run his own electrical company couldn't be quelled and he opened his first shop on Argyll Street in 1947 – in the place where the Argyll Cafe stands today.

At its peak, the business – run by Peter and his business partner, Davie Wilson – employed 18 members of staff, doing work from Campbeltown to Strontian and on Islay, Mull, Coll and Tiree.

Peter recalls: 'I used to leave at 4am, get my rolls in the morning before travelling up to get the ferry to Craignure on Mull.'

'Then I'd take a bus to get the ferry over to Iona and then make the

trip back home again. It was very hard work but it's just what you did back then.'

He served in the Clyde shipyards during the Second World War. After being told by officers he was too valuable a member of staff to go to war, Peter worked on more than 400 battleships, cruisers and navy vessels in his six years in Greenock – even getting to meet Winston Churchill on a ship set for North Africa.

Peter wasn't entirely removed from the tragedy of war on the Clyde, however, and was on board the HMS Dasher aircraft carrier when she sank off Arran. He recalled: 'We

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Investigations begin after forest tragedy



Kayla MacDonald.

A 'PRECIOUS and fun-loving' eight-year-old girl died after being trapped under logs on a forestry path near Benderloch last weekend.

Kayla MacDonald, a pupil at the Rockfield Gaelic medium unit in Oban, died at the scene on Sunday.

In a statement, Kayla's family said: 'Kayla was a precious, fun-loving eight-year-old who was loved by everyone around her. Kayla's smile would light up a room.'

'Our wee girl loved music and dance as well as doing hair, nails and make-up. Kayla has two younger brothers who, along with the rest of her family and friends, will miss her dearly.'

Police Scotland confirmed that around 2.20pm on Sunday July 22, emergency services responded after a report that a young girl had been trapped under logs in a forest area at Benderloch and that another 12-year-old girl - understood to be a relative of Kayla - had also been injured.

Kayla was pronounced dead at the scene, while the 12-year-old girl was taken to Oban hospi-

tal before being transferred to the Royal Hospital for Sick Children in Glasgow. Her condition was described as 'stable'.

Investigation

A joint investigation between Police Scotland and the Health and Safety Executive will take place to establish the full circumstances surrounding the death, though it is not being treated as suspicious.

A report will be sub-

mitted to the procurator fiscal. A spokesperson for Forest Enterprise Scotland said: 'Our thoughts are with the family and their friends at this very difficult time and we offer them our deepest condolences.'

'We will now focus on working with the site contractor, Tihill Forestry, and the Health and Safety Executive as investigations into this tragic incident continue.'

POLICE FILES

Drunk driver arrested

ABOUT 9.35pm on Wednesday July 20, in Union Street, Lochgilphead, a car was stopped and the 47-year-old male driver arrested for driving while under the influence of alcohol.

A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Careless driving

A 17-YEAR-OLD was charged with careless driving after the blue Fiat Punto he was driving crashed off the road at 8.05pm on Friday July 21 on the A83 near Tarbert. No-one was injured as a result of the incident and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Warned over street drinking

A RECORDED police warning was handed to a 16-year-old boy after he was found in possession of an open alcohol container in a public place, in contravention of local by-laws.

The incident happened at 11pm on Saturday July 22 in Union Street, Lochgilphead.

Noise, theft and drugs

POLICE were called to a flat in Burns Brae, Lochgilphead, on Saturday night, July 22, after a complaint of excessive noise coming from the premises. The flat occupier, a man aged 20, was later charged with playing music at an excessive noise level, allowing his flat to be used for consuming drugs and bypassing his electricity meter. A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

At the same incident, a 16-year-old girl and a boy, aged 17, were charged with being in possession of cannabis. Both will be issued with formal warnings.

Argyll and Bute Sports Awards deadline looms

TIME is running out to get your nominations in for this year's Argyll and Bute Sports Awards.

The awards, run by Argyll and Bute Council in partnership with sportscotland, aim to celebrate and reward the hard work and achievements of athletes, coaches and volunteers throughout the area.

The awards have seven categories:

Adult youth coach - for a coach who has made an outstanding contribution to the introduction or development of sport for young people under 18.

Young coach - in recognition of a young coach's contribution to sport in school or community club. Open to volunteers aged 12 to 25 who have demonstrated their enthusiasm and commitment over the past year.

Primary young leader - in recognition of contribution to primary schools sports clubs. Open to volunteers who were primary school pupils in academic year 2016/17.

Community coach - for a coach who has



Nominate your local sporting hero. 06_a10RedStar01

supported the development and/or performance of athletes or teams and who has significantly increased or improved the sporting opportunities available.

Club of the year - presented to a club that has made a significant impact on or contribution to the development of community sport.

Service to sport - in recognition of outstanding contribution to sport in Argyll and Bute over a long period of time by someone who has shown considerable commitment to sport and who can demonstrate the impact they have made to individuals and the wider community.

Sporting achievement of the year - for a team or individual who has

achieved considerable success in their chosen sport within a competitive setting.

The council's policy lead for communities, Councillor Robin Currie, said: 'There are a number of unsung heroes across Argyll and Bute who provide a valuable contribution to sport.'

'I would urge people to get their nominations in before it's too late.'

'There are many, many sporting stars across Argyll and Bute who deserve recognition and this is your chance to do that.'

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Mental health patients moved

PATIENTS were due to be moved earlier this week after a building refurbishment programme to relocate inpatient mental health services, on an interim basis, from Argyll and Bute Hospital to Mid Argyll Community Hospital.

Donald Watt, interim locality manager for Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay, said: 'Over the last few months Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership has been carrying out building refurbishment works in the lower ground floor of Mid Argyll Hospital to relocate inpatient mental health services from Argyll and Bute Hospital.'

Mr Watt confirmed patients were due to be transferred to the new location on Wednesday July 26.

Needs

He added: 'This move will allow us to provide inpatient mental health services in an environment that not only meets the needs of patients and staff but which is housed in a facility that has been specially adapted for this purpose.'

'We will also be operating an enhanced care environment within the ward to allow patients, who require higher levels of observation and a quieter environment, to be cared for locally.'

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Curtain up on concert to raise youth project cash



Mid Argyll Pipe Band will be just one of the attractions in a multi-talented line-up. 06_a30ardgala32

A NEW project will give young people in Inveraray a place to go, have fun and learn new skills.

A drive is on to raise funds for the Inveraray Youth Project, and what better way to bring in cash than by using the skills already there among the district's youth?

An impressive line-up of musical talent will entertain at a special concert next week.

The Inveraray Inn will be the venue for this evening of fantastic and varied music.

Mid Argyll Pipe Band contains talented young players and is well worth hearing.

Also on the bill are

the multi-talented Tiegan Holroyd, Eve Maxwell and Holly Renton.

A licensed bar will be available and everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy what is sure to be a highly entertaining and eclectic mix of music and instrumentalists.

The concert begins at 7.30pm on Thursday August 3, with tickets priced at £5.

The aim is to set up the Inveraray Youth Project by the autumn, providing a place for youngsters to meet weekly in a social setting, develop and learn new skills while having fun.



Peter Ciarella and his daughter Margaret outside the famous shop. 08_a30burgh-electrics02

Shop to close after decades

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were out on a day sailing on the Dasher when she blew up and sank. They lost more than 500 men that day.'

As he approaches his 96th birthday, Peter has kept busy in the shop with repairs but found the demand was no longer there. He explained: 'I'm still do-

ing repairs in the shop but people don't get things repaired any more.'

Peter's daughter, Margaret Loughran, is helping close the shop and is glad her father is involved. She said: 'He's a very active man and in good health so he'll keep busy. There's no plan just now with the shop, just

dealing with closing and clearing out just now and doing it slowly, there's no rush.'

Margaret continued: 'It's been quite tough but I'm glad he's here for the clearing out and closing down process.'

Summing up his feelings, Peter said: 'It's quite sad. But all good things must come to an end.'

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Chairman wants to inspire Inveraray

AN INVERARAY community group has appointed a teenager to lead the organisation. At a meeting earlier this month, members of the Inspire Inveraray community company voted in 19-year-old Kyle Renton as its new chairperson, taking over from Derrick Anstee who will remain as vice-chairman.

With a keen interest in politics and having lived in Inveraray for most of his life, Kyle feels he is well placed to lead the Inspire Inveraray community company - formerly known as the Inveraray Community Company. He said: 'Yes I'm 19, and people may think that's quite young, but I have a great inter-



Kyle Renton wants to see Inveraray thrive.

est in local matters and aiding the local community to create development and opportunities to aid the economy and help the local community thrive.'

With a keen interest in politics, having previously worked in the Scottish Parliament and flirted with running for political office

in recent years, members felt that Kyle's experience and ambition made him the top candidate for the role.

Discussing his ambitions for the organisation under his stewardship, Kyle explained: 'I hope to focus on the main objectives for the time being, for example, the community hall.

'This means finding more trustees and directors, putting together a business plan and gaining community support. Then in future there are other objectives such as potentially finding a route to purchase or take on the pier which is currently shut off to the public and on the verge of disrepair.'



Tarbert Castle is set for a path extension.

Tarbert projects benefit from windfall

TARBERT and Skipness Community Trust received an overwhelming response from local groups for its first round of wind farm grant funding.

Sixteen diverse community projects in the Tarbert area will receive their share of more than £18,055 of funding.

This initial round of funding is a result of agreements in place to ensure that local communities see a tangible benefit from the use of local land resources.

The Freasdail wind farm, operated by RES, is the first wind farm with agreements in Tarbert and Skipness to become operational.

The 16 projects that will benefit from this funding include the extension of paths at Tarbert Castle, a London visit for Tarbert Guides, display boards for the Ring Net Heritage Trust, a new garden designed by Tarbert After School Care youngsters, training equipment for

Tarbert Toppers Sailing Club as well as small improvements to Tarbert's golf, bowling and riding clubs.

All applicants and community groups are invited to attend the 'ideas to action' workshops in September. Groups should contact project worker Nicky Brown at kintyrealm@gmail.co.uk to book a session.

Further rounds of funding will be announced in due course and the Tarbert and Skipness.

Get your grant for home insulation

ARGYLL and Bute Council is reminding people that funding is available to insulate homes.

The council has been awarded a grant of £1,669,978 to help residents make energy ef-

iciency improvements to their properties such as external/internal wall insulation, under-floor insulation, cavity wall insulation and loft insulation.

This is part of the Scottish Government's

home energy efficiency programmes for Scotland, area based scheme.

The programme is available to owner occupiers and private rented householders living in council tax

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Elizabeth Welsh BSc (Hons), MSc, graduated Bachelor of Dental Surgery with Honours at Aberdeen University on 20th June, 2017. Elizabeth is the youngest daughter of Elizabeth and Craig Welsh of Lochgilphead.



Kirsty McCallum
Congratulations to Kirsty who graduated from the University of Glasgow on June 27, 2017 with a Bachelor of Education Honours Degree of the First Class with Teaching Qualification in Primary Education.

Customers kickstart shop facelift

OWNERS of a health food and delicatessen shop in the centre of Lochgilphead have been overwhelmed by the support they received for their crowdfunding campaign.

Jennifer and Everett

Jaime, owners of Marmalade Deli on Argyll Street, started a Kickstarter crowdfunding campaign to help raise money for the refurbishment of their shop and successfully met their fundraising tar-

get, 10 days before the deadline.

Marmalade Deli has raised just over £6,000, surpassing the target of £4,250, all thanks to kind donations and support from customers and friends.

'I think we got lucky,' Jenn said, 'the support of our friends, family and loyal clientele completely took us by surprise. But we had fun doing it and maybe that came across.'

Jenn continued: 'To be honest, we haven't had the revenue to justify works prior to this. If it wasn't for the success of the fundraising campaign, our plans

would still be on hold.'

The shop, previously home to Cockles, was taken over by the couple last year and they have been keen to redecorate ever since. Everett explained: 'Some people still don't realize that the shop is under new ownership, so it seems appropriate to freshen up the place and finally make it our own'.

The campaign has meant a bit more to Jenn and Everett than just the refurbishment of Marmalade and the couple feel that more work can be done to rejuvenate Argyll Street. Despite closures of



The old turquoise shop facade is now just a memory.



Jenn and Everett Jaime have already begun work renovating the shop. 08_a30marmalade01

independent shops and with a number of shops lying empty in Lochgilphead, Everett remains positive about the future of local shops and small busi-

ness owners. 'Consumer trends are cyclical,' he says, 'when people see the character of the high street dying, they'll come to realise the power in voting

local with their hard-earned pounds.'

If you'd like to know more about the campaign, go to the video link on their website at marmaladedeli.com.



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Editorial

Such a tragedy

ARGYLL is a close-knit community. It is often the case if you don't know someone personally, you know someone who does.

Which is part of the reason why, though Benderloch falls slightly beyond the *Argyllshire Advertiser's* core circulation area, last Sunday's tragedy reverberates around these parts.

For most of us, it is difficult to comprehend what Kayla MacDonald's parents, family and friends must be going through, and we can only offer our thoughts and prayers.

Musical youth

MID ARGYLL is a hotbed of musical talent, so it is great to see the young folk standing up and raising cash for a new Inveraray youth project.

These musical youngsters themselves have been the beneficiaries of time, dedication and hard work by others which allowed their talent to flourish, so it is nice to see them completing the circle and putting something back.

And the concert should be a great night.

Well earned

IF EVER a man had earned a rest, it has to be Peter Ciaralla.

We wish him all the best in his retirement.

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Dangerous drivers or roads?

Sir,
I write further to the front page news and editorial comment in the July 7 edition of the *Argyllshire Advertiser*, describing the trunk roads authority's failure to reach agreement with the appointed contractor for improvement of the bad bend on the A83 at Strone Point, just north of Inveraray.

I was informed by a member of the highways administration that as this contract has been 'unawarded' there would eventually have to be a re-run of the statutory procedure for third party notification, consultation and agreement on the scope of the road closures and diversions - which would further delay the start of work.

Niall Iain Maclean's letter in the July 14 edition of the *Advertiser* was eloquent testimony to the need for improvement of this bend, and I was surprised at Julie Sutton's suggestion in her letter of July 21 that it be left 'as is' and maybe even converted to single track with traffic light control.

Her contention that some people drive too fast is certainly true, and there seems to be more bad driving on the A83 on the Glasgow side of Inveraray than on the Campbelltown side.

But the narrowing of this trunk road at Minard should not be used as a precedent for more of the same. It is only a few years since the tedious singled stretch of the A82 at Pulpit Rock, where the road was threatening to collapse into Loch Lomond,

was finally rebuilt after many decades of government inaction.

The improved road at Strone Point will undoubtedly still be a severe bend (albeit with improved width and visibility) and must have adequate warning signs. These signs will hopefully be more prominent than those that currently exist, given the trunk road management's misplaced enthusiasm for economising on road signage - for example at the narrow stretch past Arrochar Station and at the stretches through bends where there is inadequate width and the added hazard of a kerb on one side, both on the Inveraray side of Arrochar and at Cumlodden south of Furnace.

At these points trucks and buses cannot pass safely at anything like the designated speed limits, yet there's no warning for the unwary - not everyone is familiar with the road, and after dark the problem is worse.

**Robert Wakeham,
Lochgilphead.**

Ardrishaig scheme support needed

Sir,
The Ardrishaig community is delighted to see something moving in relation to the development of the former Gleaner site, and welcomes Scottish Canals' proposals and the planning application made with the support of Argyll and Bute Council. This will make a significant contribution to the regeneration of the Ardrishaig waterfront.

We broadly welcome the proposals, including predominantly workspace, although there is maybe some-

thing of the 'build it and they will come' hope, rather than confidence that we know where the jobs will come from. We recognise the need for more commercial activity, and opportunities for maritime-related entrepreneurial and leisure activity, but would point out that more support for such developments is needed from local and national government.

The outline design as shown is hard to comment on, except to note that the levels of the building have to be raised to accommodate flood prevention requirements. It is good to see that the waterfront location of the extended original building, and the extension, have plenty of sea-facing windows. I think more detail about materials is needed before a definitive view on the look of the development can be offered. We certainly welcome the opening up of the Pier Square access - both vehicle from the square itself, and pedestrian directly through to the road.

Such innovation, however, only serves to highlight the work that will be needed to upgrade the public realm in that area, to open up the attractions and help to improve the look and safety for pedestrians and visitors to the area.

**Mary MacCallum
Sullivan,
convener,
Ardrishaig
Community
Council.**

Strong leadership

Sir,
The Tories campaigned strongly during the election to vote

for Theresa May for strong government.

Within a very few weeks, we find Ruth Davidson exhorting her boss to provide strong leadership.

Obviously a case of deception, failure or both.

**David Hay,
Minard.**

Be a stem cell donor

Sir,
A cross-party parliamentary event on stem cell transplantation, supported by blood cancer charity and stem cell register Anthony Nolan, was held on July 18 to celebrate the number of people who are registered as stem cell donors.

In Argyll and Bute, the number of potential stem cell donors registered with Anthony Nolan is 2,139. Some 42 per cent of these donors are male, and the average age is 34.

I am very proud that Argyll and Bute has 2,139 people who have selflessly volunteered to give someone a second chance at life. Donating stem cells is straightforward but it could make an enormous difference to someone with no other chance of a cure.

Across the UK and out of 650 constituencies, Argyll and Bute ranks 15th, which for an area which is largely rural, is exceptional.

I would like to encourage more people from Argyll and Bute, particularly men aged 16-30 and people from black, Asian and ethnic minority backgrounds, to register as stem cell donors and make sure that a match is available for everyone in need of a transplant.

I strongly hope even more people from Ar-

gyll and Bute will be inspired to sign up and show that together, our communities can provide a cure for blood cancer.

For more information about the all-party parliamentary group for stem cell transplantation, visit www.ap-g-stemcell.org.uk.

For more information about Anthony Nolan, visit www.anthonynolan.org.

**Brendan O'Hara,
MP for Argyll
and Bute.**

Roadside verges trimmed

Sir,
I was very pleased to see Argyll and Bute Council roads department cutting the grass verges across many roads on Islay.

Some of these areas, particularly near the outlying farms, have not had their verges cut in more than five years. I had highlighted this problem to our roads department after many local residents contacted me and I am pleased with the swift response.

I'd like to give my thanks to the local roads department and management for addressing this issue. I have also spoken to many local residents that are happy with the work that has been done.

**Councillor
Alastair Redman,
Isle of Islay.**

Proposed fish farm in the Sound of Jura

Sir,
In a letter published in the July 21 edition of the *Argyllshire Advertiser*, Alexander Ham-

ilton dismisses, in a very patronising manner, my concerns about the proposal for a fish farm in the Sound of Jura MPA.

For the record, I find the proposals unacceptable and have raised several issues with the relevant government minister. I have met with objectors and I am more than willing to continue to argue the case against the development in question. I would have thought that Mr Hamilton, if his objective is to ensure a united front against this particular plan, would have welcomed that.

I am not, however, going to be part of a wholesale rejection of every aquaculture proposal which is the position of some, like Mr Hamilton, who - as his letter illustrates - often take an abusive and very partisan approach to anyone who rejects their fundamentalist views.

To describe aquaculture as 'seabed rape' as Mr Hamilton does in his letter is extreme, foolish and fundamentally untrue. Aquaculture, in the right place and managed in the right way in accordance with the strict regulatory framework, provides high quality produce, much needed local employment and - in places like Argyll - helps the perpetual fight against depopulation and economic decline.

Furthermore neither I nor the SNP will be the final arbitrator of any planning or licensing application. That will be decided by the laws currently in force, as it should and must be.

**Michael W Russell,
MSP for Argyll
and Bute.**



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Artists help launch Artmap Argyll directory



Artmap Argyll members launch the new directory for this year's event.

THE DIRECTORY for this year's Artmap Argyll Open Studio weekend directory has been launched this month.

From Port Appin to Peniver in the south, artists and venues are getting ready to open their studios and galleries to visitors.

Artmap is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year and with a number of new artists, as well as familiar faces from previous years, taking part, it is clear that the event contin-

ues to grow in popularity.

The open studio weekend is a unique opportunity to see behind the scenes in the artist studio, a chance to chat with them, find out what inspires their work and how it is produced.

Red spots

As always, there is a chance to win £200 to spend on work by the artist of your choice by collecting the red spots as you go around the many studios and galleries on the map.

The directory can be picked up from various venues in Argyll, such as Arduaine Gardens, Auchindrain Museum, Caol Ruadh Scottish Sculpture Park, Dochas Gallery, Kilmartin Museum as well as from a number of shops, hotels and businesses in the area. Copies will also be available directly from the artists and studios.

Artmap Argyll will run from Friday to Monday, August 25 to 28, with studios open from 10pm to 5pm each day.

Photo competition wants entries from Argyll

AMATEUR and professional photographers across the UK have just two weeks to enter their ultimate sea views in a photography competition being run by national maritime charity, the Shipwrecked Mariners' Society.

The competition, which closes on Friday August 4, encourages photographers to submit pictures which best encapsulate Britain's enduring connection with the sea,

to celebrate Britain's proud maritime heritage and our reliance on seafarers.

The Shipwrecked Mariners' Society, now over 175 years old, is on the lookout for images covering all aspects of the UK's relationship with the sea including ships and wrecks, seascapes, industry and leisure for its fifth annual photography competition, this year kindly sponsored by Inmarsat.

The competition's

prestigious judging panel includes experts from the *Sunday Times*, the *I and Amateur Photographer Magazine*, alongside the charity's chief executive, Commodore Malcolm Williams. The winner of the competition will be awarded with a voucher for photographic equipment.

Commodore Williams said: 'The UK relies on merchant shipping for around 95 per cent of its imports and 75 per cent of ex-

ports and with 80 per cent of UK households consuming seafood each month seafarers also play a crucial role in putting food on our tables, facing tough and sometimes hazardous conditions in doing so.'

To enter the competition visit www.shipwreckedmariners.org.uk or the Society's Facebook or Twitter pages www.facebook.com/shipwreckedmariners and @ShipwreckedSoc.

Last chance to bid for slice of £50,000

ARGYLL and Bute Council has £50,000 available for community projects – and you have just under two weeks left to get in your bid.

The funding has been set aside for local groups with proposals to improve their own communities.

Up to £5,000 is available for projects – but applications must be in by July 30.

Eligible groups are community councils, constituted community groups and third sector organisations. Projects should provide long-term benefits to the environment and amenity of local communities. People applying should be

able to show that a significant number of people in their area are involved in the scheme, that projects can be completed by September 2019 without additional Council funding, and that they could be eligible for match funding from elsewhere. Spokesman for roads and amenity services, Councillor Roddy McCuish, said: 'We have already had very interesting applications from across Argyll and Bute, but we want to make sure other groups have the chance to apply for a grant from this fund.'

'We're proud of beautiful Argyll and Bute and are always working to keep it

that way, and we know local residents share that pride. Your community may have a beach that could benefit from a clean-up, a patch of ground that could make a fantastic community garden, or a local recycling idea that you would like to get off the ground.

'Whatever it is, please give yourself the opportunity to make it a reality by making sure you get your application in by July 30.'

Awards will be announced in September. The one-off funding scheme is part of the council's commitment to tackling littering, dog fouling and marine litter.

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Lochgilphead fundraiser saddles up for charity

FUNDRAISER Michael Harvey dusted down his saddle last week to raise more than £1,000 for a charity that helps families with children in hospital.

Michael completed the gruelling 50-mile

Edinburgh Night Cycle challenge earlier this month, raising £1,059.34 for the Ronald McDonald House in Glasgow.

The final fundraising total also includes £100 from clerical staff at the Mid Argyll hos-

pital raised from the sale of second hand books.

The Ronald McDonald House has significance to Michael as his daughter works for the charity and the family has previously had to use its services. It costs £400,000 a year to keep the 30-room house running, so the amount raised by Michael equates to 26 nights of accommodation for the family of a sick child in the vicinity of the hospital.

Enjoy

The cycle itself went smoothly on a perfect evening - with no rain or midges to contend with - meaning Michael could enjoy the challenge and camaraderie of the other 293 cyclists all riding for their chosen charities.

Michael says he is very grateful to all his sponsors in the local area and beyond for all their support.



Michael presenting his cheque to the Ronald McDonald House in Glasgow.



Pauline Turner, Maggie McLaren and Wanida McEwan provide welcoming support at the centre in Lochgilphead. 08_a17dochas02

Befrienders required for Dochas Centre

HAVING proved to be a real asset to the Mid Argyll, the Dochas Centre's Circle of Friends group is looking for volunteers to help deliver the service.

The befriending service is for all those people aged over 65 who have become isolated in their own homes and who are lonely. It enables people to regain some con-

fidence in themselves and allows them to become part of the community again.

Loneliness is associated with poor health like depression and heart disease and increases the likelihood of premature death by up to 26 per cent.

Dementia

The centre also includes people who are under 65 and suffer from dementia in their befriending service.

As the waiting list increases for individuals to be matched up, the centre offers people a chance to get together every two months for a tea party event and

entertainment, where they are accompanied and transported to the venue to meet others and have fun.

In response to the growing demand from statutory services and individuals for a befriending service, Dochas is asking the public to consider supporting the circle of friends group by volunteering as a befriender. If you are interested in making a difference with the befriending service, contact the Dochas Centre on 01546 600022 or service coordinator, Ryan Taylor, on 07899 242265.

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The Mid Argyll Agricultural Show is a major celebration of rural life, held annually on the second Saturday in August.

At this hugely popular event, to be held on Saturday August 12, hundreds of exhibitors will take part in baking, produce, crafts, flowers and

vegetable competitions, as well as the ever-popular dog show and live-stock classes.

Then there is the hugely entertaining terrier race, which is rarely predictable and always great fun for dogs and humans.

A brand new attraction at this

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The 2016 overall champion in the dog classes was Yvie, a large Musterlander, owned and shown by Nicola Gray-Stephens of Brackley, Lochgilphead. 08_a34mas20

horses, ponies and poultry. Other popular attractions are the display of vintage tractors and the delightful pets section.

And then there are the terrier races – always fun, never predictable and almost guaranteed to spark the odd wee scrap here and there.

Also on the day there will be the

digger challenge, where the winner will receive a cash prize.

There will even be a 'guess the weight of Terry the turkey' competition, with Terry himself present on the day. On offer to the winner will be an 8lb turkey, courtesy of HD Ferguson & Son Butchers, Lochgilphead.

After the success of last year's gundog scurry, this competition will once again take place from 11am onwards.

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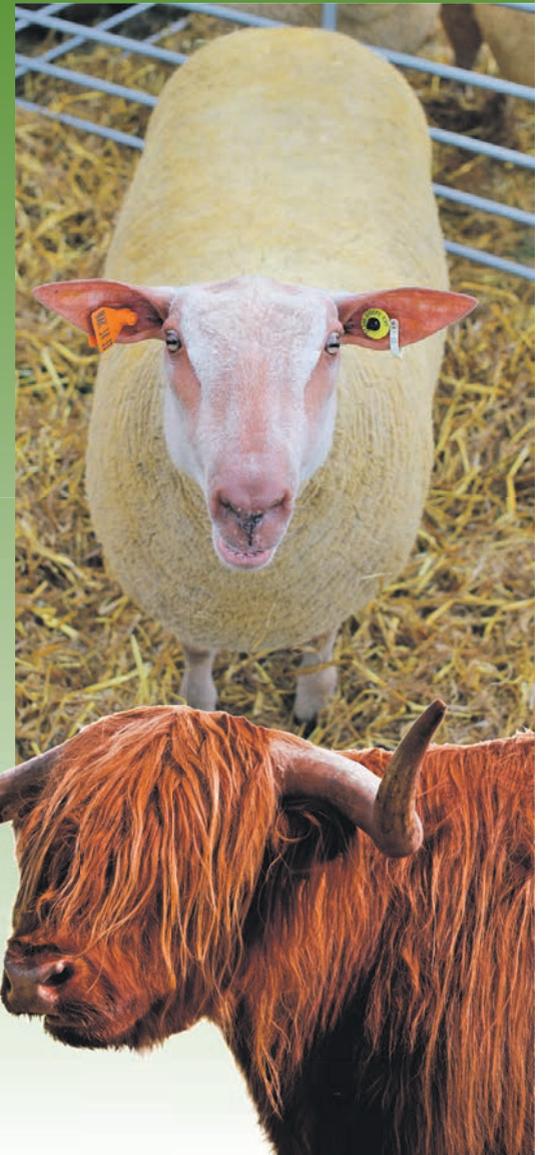


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Overall show supreme champion 2016, Galcalfra Sweet Chloe, led here by David MacPhail from Campbeltown. 08_a34mas52



Away from the competition side, the many trade stands give an opportunity to browse and buy everything from crafts, clothing, toys and produce to agricultural

machinery and equipment. There are children's competition and rides to keep the little ones amused, plus a climbing wall for the more adventurous, all ensuring that families en-

joy a great day out. A free shuttle bus service will be in operation from Lochgilphead front, taking people into the showground via the school car park.

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Kintyre Show 2017



Kintyre Clydesdale enthusiast's memorial prize

By Mark Davey

The Clydesdale horse classes are ever popular and for the 151st Kintyre show, next weekend, a new prize will be added.

Duncan Mackinnon was a true enthusiast of the breed and as a memorial his family has donated a prize, for the best Clydesdale in harness, to be judged as a separate class.

Presenting the trophies will be Lindsay Kerr, from Port William in Wigtonshire, who will be known to many from his seed selling days in Kintyre with Sinclair McGill.

The Anderston Park gates open at 8am next Friday August 4 and having changed the location of the horse and pony section to the bottom of the field, organisers hope they can get the animals in more quickly. The dairy section will move to the top of the field.

To aid speed of entry for competitors and stall holders this year, Kintyre Agricultural Society has widened all the gates.

In a further slight change to last year's programme Dalcote Pony Club's display in the main arena will be in mid-afternoon.

Kintyre Agricultural Society secretary, Councillor John Ar-

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Below: 2016 champion of champions display. 25_c33kasshow34



KAS junior vice president, John McLachlan with last year's champion Blue faced Leicester and grandson Joshua, 2. 25_c33kasshow31_champion

mour, said: 'There are a number of new stalls including Campbeltown Motor Company making a welcome return to the show.

'Two other vehicle stands will be newcomers this year - VW with the Crafter and Amaro and Henrys Cars.

'Kintyre gin will be available from Beinn an Tuirc distillers and Gigha's Wee Isle Dairy will have stands.

'Kintyre Arrows archery club will be on a separate field

which is luckily not near the bouncy castle.'

Animals should be in place by 9.30am and the schedule of arena events is as follows: Horse and pony 9am, sheep 10am, cattle and Clydesdales 10.30am, old tractors 12.30pm, dogs 1pm. The champion of champions judging will be at 2.30pm and presentation of trophies at 3.30pm.

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Winner of the best float competition was Loch Fyne Sea Angling Club. 06_a30ardgala33



Raising money for the Mid Argyll MS Centre were, left to right, Charles Tighe, Alistair Dunlop, Linda Tighe and Elaine Dunlop. 06_a30ardgala35



Left: Councillor Dougie Philand performs MC duties. 06_a30ardgala10



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UNDER lowering grey skies, Ardrishaig Gala Day was a splash of vibrant, colourful fun.

It is a well-worn phrase, but there was genuinely something for everyone on a weekend when Ardrishaig once again proved community spirit is alive and well in Mid Argyll.

The festivities kicked off on Friday July 21 with the under 30s versus over 30s football match for the Andy Japp Memorial Trophy. Ardrishaig Public Hall hosted a Friday evening family disco, complete with face painting, glitter tattoos, children's raffle and, of course, the crowning of Ardrishaig Gala's royal family.

Mid Argyll Pipe Band not only led Saturday's opening parade, but took the lead in organising the event for the second successive year. As the young pipers and drummers marched from the pier, behind the band came royalty - gala queen Alysha Johnston and king Finlay Love, attended by gala princess Emily Craig and prince Cole Houston.

Loch Fyne Sea Angling Club was close behind with an imaginative float dedicated to all things marine

- from mermaids and lobsters to King Neptune himself.

After a royal ribbon cutting ceremony, a big turnout of people thronged the fantastic range of stalls from local groups, while show rides kept the younger gala-goers amused.

Beside Beat the Goalie and a climbing wall, visitors could admire vintage MacBrayne buses and up-to-the-minute rally cars. There was even a display of Vespa scooters for ageing Mods to drool over.

Mid Argyll Pipe Band provided musical entertainment throughout with some cracking sets.

For anyone with the energy, the Saturday evening Gala Dance was a big success as Oban band Crackin' Craic had the public hall jumping.

Catherine Lang of Mid Argyll Pipe Band committee said: 'From the football and the children's disco, it's been a great weekend. It was the busiest gala I've seen for a while and we're just delighted it's been such a success.'

She added: 'Thanks to everyone who came along to support the gala day and to all the committee and the parents of band members who put in so much work.'



The royal family, from left, Prince Cole, Queen Alysha, King Finlay and princess Emily. 06_a30ardgala11



Councillors Dougie Philand, left, and Donnie MacMillan, right, applaud as the gala is opened. 06_a30ardgala09



Vintage buses were a big attraction for people young and old. 06_a30ardgala17



Shiver me timbers. This pair of wannabe Johnny Depps are also known as Tim Smith and Ronnie McGinty. 06_a30ardgala12



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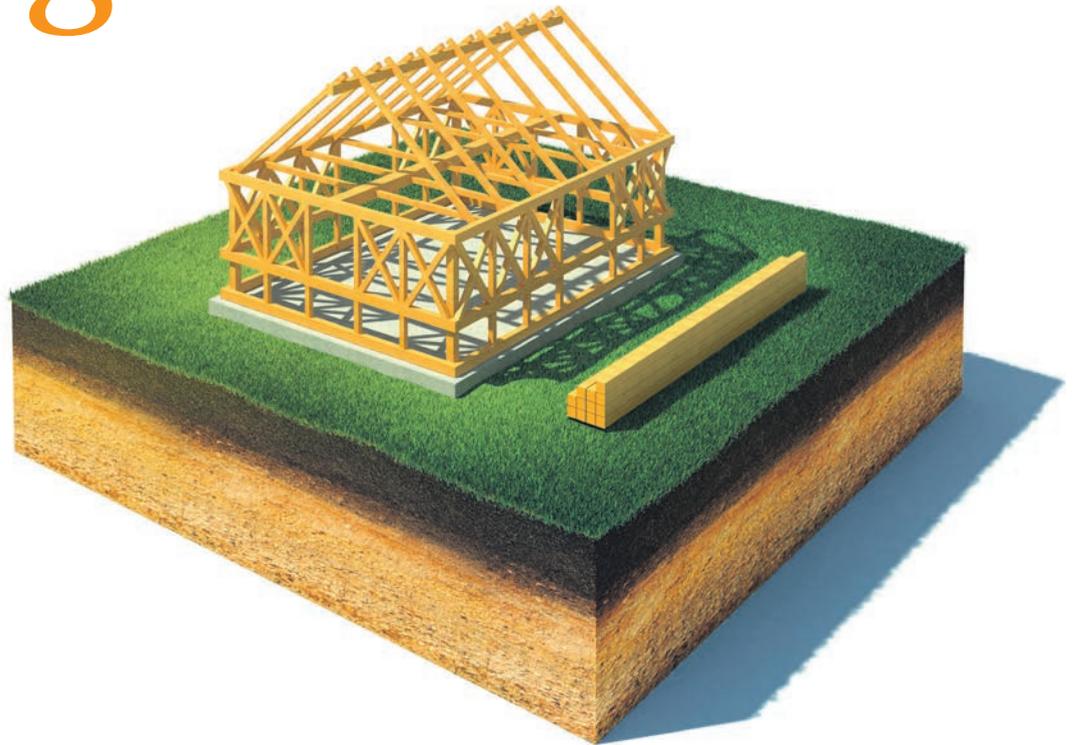
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While the largest number of new homes being constructed in the UK each year is not self-built, many of us dream of building our own home. Of course, most of us will never do it, leaving it instead to the professionals. However, every year, some 13,000 people embark on a self-build adventure.

There are enthusiastic amateurs, extremely competent DIYers and individuals with a background in construction who will undertake most aspects of the building work themselves. Then there are those who have neither the skills, the time, or the inclination to attempt the work, preferring to appoint a reputable contractor to undertake the work on their behalf.

Whichever way you choose to go, the process and the stages of construction will be the same. However, either option will bring benefits and challenges which will become apparent in different ways as the project develops.

Typically, by doing all the work yourself the key benefit will be one of saving you money. Of course saving money is great but without a large team of helpers who are willing to work free of charge, it will take longer to build, especially if you have a day job to go to.

Budget control has to be your number one priority, irrespective of the route you choose. Depending on the scale of your project you will also be liable to paying VAT, which incurs an additional cost of 20 per cent.

We've all watched programmes like Grand Designs, and while these undoubtedly produce some stunning results, they are not without their challenges when it comes to having expectations that exceed budgets. This is where many self-builds begin to struggle from day one. It is really important that if you plan to manage the work yourself, you understand the scope of works that

you are about to undertake and the costs associated with achieving your desired finish.

Capturing the essence of understanding cost and value, art critic John Ruskin once said: 'It is unwise to pay too much, but it is worse to pay too little. When you pay too much, you lose a little money – that's all. When you pay too little, you sometimes lose everything, because the thing you bought was incapable of doing the thing it was bought to do. The common law of business balance prohibits paying a little and getting a lot – it can't be done. If you deal with the lowest bidder, it is well to add something for the risk you run and if you do that, you will have enough to pay for something better.'

What he is saying is that just because you have a cheap price don't think that this is going to give you everything you have asked for. You need to be able to interrogate your cost base to ensure it is deliverable within your budget and initial scope of works. Inevitably, you get what you pay for.

If you are going to embark on the self-build route, our advice is to employ a competent quantity surveyor to assist you in compiling a robust scope of works that can be priced and will give you a basis for managing and controlling cost as the project develops.

Managing the project yourself will take time. You need to ensure that you have the time to dedicate to the project, rather than relying on tradespeople managing themselves by day and you trying to pick everything up in the evening, as you also juggle family life.

The self-build route will definitely save some money. However, unless you seek competent cost advice at the outset the saving will be immeasurable as you won't have a basis upon which to assess the investment in your own time and lack of professional knowledge against that of a competent, dedicated contractor.



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plaster and yet more decisions to make.

One client was in a such a position and turned to us for some help and inspiration. She had plenty of experience in doing up previous homes, but really needed help to clarify and consolidate her ideas for doing a whole house in one go.

She brought the house plans

to us and had already decided on the colour of her kitchen. We talked about how the house would be used, how she wanted it to feel and the ideas she already had.

We designed a concept mood board for her with ideas for colours, textures, fabrics, finishes, paint and lighting. We gave her ideas on how the space could be used, introduced the idea of painted

Experienced interior designers can offer invaluable ideas on the use and flow of interior space. They are experts at finding out about the lifestyle, atmosphere, look and feel their clients wish to achieve

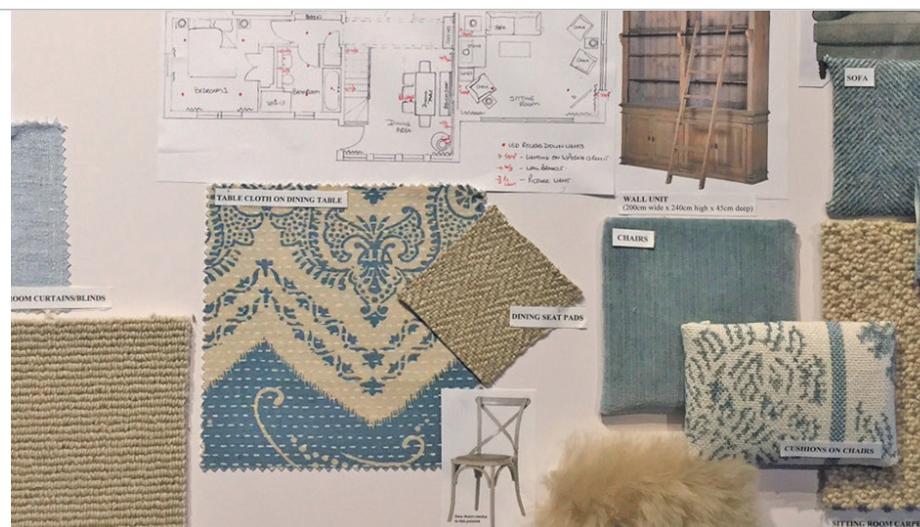
wood panelling for the walls in the dining area, and offered thoughts on furniture layout. This gave her the confidence to make decisions and take the design forward. We provided some principal lighting and some soft furnishings and then the client was happy to source other items herself and to undertake the decorating.

Several months down the line and the house is looking wonderful and the client is absolutely thrilled.

We are very happy to work with people at any stage of the design process. We can provide as much help as needed, be that simply delivering concept mood boards to managing the entire process and sourcing fixtures, furniture and furnishings.

At what point does a 'self-builder' involve an interior designer?

'Homeowners want to make sure their project is built or remodelled as efficiently as possible, and that means assembling the right design and build team from the very beginning. People often only start thinking about the interior towards the end of the build process. However, interior space is so much more than just furniture and furnishings. Every surface in an architectural space needs to be considered as part of the overall design. Elements such as colours, textures, proportions, lighting, balance as well as furniture and fabrics all come together in the final scheme. Considering these elements early on can help the success of the whole project.'



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Raising finance

While you probably won't want to make a formal mortgage application before you have identified a plot of land and estimated your build costs, it is important to get financial advice at an early stage to be confident that you will be able to get a big enough mortgage. Even if you don't need a mortgage to help you buy your plot, you should try to be sure that you get a mortgage offer before you commit to buying a plot to avoid any nasty surprises later on.

Self-build mortgage

You will need a specific type of mortgage for self-build because a self-build mortgage is normally paid in instalments at certain stages during the building process and the lender needs to check progress at these stages to make sure it is satisfied that the work has been carried out before the next instalment of the mortgage is paid out. Only some lenders offer self-build mortgages so it may be easiest to find a suitable mortgage by using an independent financial adviser (IFA) or mortgage broker, who will be able to find out what available products may be suitable for you.

Nest egg

Whatever mortgage you choose, you will be required to provide a significant deposit to fund your build. In some cases at the moment, lenders will not provide any mortgage funding until your build reaches 'wind and watertight' stage – ie, the main structure of the building is complete and weatherproofed (this is in order to reduce the risk to the lender in case the project is abandoned when the home is only part built).

Lenders also generally pay for each stage of the build in arrears – ie, once it is complete. If you don't have enough savings or other ways of borrowing the money to finance the purchase of the land and the initial stages of the build, it may be possible to get mortgage finance at an earlier stage.

This can either be through a specialised mortgage product which pays instalments in advance or in some cases you may be able to agree a form of bridging loan with your current lender to fund the construction phase, which allows you to take a standard mortgage when your home is complete.

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Funding for croft homes

The Scottish Government funded Croft House Grant (CHG) provides grants of up to £38000 for the building of a new house or the improvement or rebuilding of an existing croft house.

This support is available due to the particular nature of crofting as a form of land tenure, the remoteness of the landscape and the challenges faced by crofters in accessing conventional forms of housing finance.



In April 2016 a new scheme was launched which included increased grant rates, eligibility for owner occupier crofters and increased access for crofters who previously decrofted their house site. In addition, a selection mechanism was introduced to allow a prioritisation for applicants on lower incomes, lower property assets and those who intend to maximise the use of their crofts.

The scheme has attracted a high level of interest since it was launched which has led to Scottish Government allocating an additional £600000, raising the total budget to £2 million for 2017/18.

Full details of the scheme, basic eligibility criteria and the selection mechanism can be found by visiting <https://www.rural-payments.org/publicsite/futures/topics/all-schemes/croft-house-grant/> or calling RPID Tیره on 01879 220240.



Loan opportunities for self-builders in the Highland Council region

The Highlands Small Communities Housing Trust presents the Highland Self-build Loan Fund, a new Scottish Government fund. This fund applies to plots of land within the Highland Council area only.

The fund allows HSCHT, acting as agent to the Scottish Government, to provide a revolving fund to self-builders throughout the Highlands.

The fund aims to generate growth in this self-build

sector again, and provide financial assistance to individuals and families who have in recent years been unable to progress with their self-build projects. HSCHT will keep a database of all the people expressing interest in the fund, in hope that this will prove to lenders that there is a high demand, and that it is indeed possible to finance these type of projects.

£4 million is available in total to provide to individuals and families throughout the Highlands, with applications open until the end of March 2018. This is a revolving fund, so as some projects are completed and the loan provided to them is paid back, HSCHT will then be able to use this finance to assist another applicant. The analysis of the pilot will be used to inform future policy for self-build support in

Scotland, and to provide evidence of demand to high street lenders. The new fund will allow applicants to borrow up to £175,000 to help them reach build completion. The loan is then repaid when the applicant is able to access a traditional mortgage.

The HSBLF can help a wide range of people who are considering a self-build project for their primary residence. Those who own or part-own a home can apply although they need to sell their interest in that property.

In addition, the HSBLF applicants will be prioritised in the following order:

- 1) Applicants with all necessary titles, permissions, warrants and other documentation requested during the application process.
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- 3) Applicants with greater housing need.

The agent (HSCHT) will assess the project costs and compare this with the applicant's contribution. If there is a shortfall in cash flow to reach completion stage (where mortgage funds become available), this will be the basis of how the HSBLF amount is calculated.

The duration of the fund being available to each applicant will depend on their build schedule. This will be decided before a formal offer is made. The loan offered to the applicant can be drawn down over the course of the project build – at stages previously agreed during the application stage.

If you are interested in hearing more about the Highland Self-build Loan contact HSCHT on 01463 233548, or email selfbuild@hscht.co.uk.

They say it pays to shop around – but loyalty pays too

Switching mortgage products didn't mean changing lenders for Joe Kelly and Catherine Hallett

When they decided to take the plunge and build their own home, Joe Kelly and Catherine Hallett turned to Scottish Building Society for help. A self-build mortgage from the society allowed them to draw down funds as required for each phase of the project. Now happily settled in to their new five-bedroom detached home on the outskirts of Perth, they have switched to a standard mortgage, and are delighted that the society had a competitive product to offer.

Catherine takes up the story: 'We bought the land for our new home in December 2013 and broke ground 10 months later in October 2014. Originally we went through a mortgage broker to finance the build project, and he put us in touch with Scottish Building Society. As the build progressed I was glad to be able to deal directly with the society's Fiona Dyer who kept me right through every stage of the process.

'It was great to be able to pick up



the phone to someone who took the time to explain things to me clearly, and who had local knowledge. I really welcomed her expertise and it was for that reason that we turned to Scottish Building Society when the time came to switch to a standard mortgage once the build completed. I had shopped around a bit on the internet so I knew what rates were available and when Fiona responded quickly with a competitive quote we snapped it up. We were already inclined to remain loyal to Scottish Building Society because of the support and personal contact I had throughout the build, and we are both delighted to remain a member of the Society with our new mortgage.'

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Finding land is the first and biggest hurdle – and it deters many prospective self-builders. Unless you are lucky enough to own land, finding a suitable plot from scratch is likely to take time and effort. Not only are the most popular areas highly developed or fenced off by planning restrictions, plots that come on the market are constantly sought by local and national developers.

A recent survey by the National Custom and Self-Build Association (NaCSBA) revealed the toughest obstacles faced by self-build hopefuls. A staggering 56 per cent claimed finding an affordable/suitable site with which to build their own home was by far the biggest challenge they faced.

Mike Hardwick, NaCSBA CEO, said, 'These figures make interesting reading and echo the views of self and custom builders that I meet. The demand for land is still well above the available supply and so many of our supporters are eager to start their projects in the next couple of years but are held back by this critical shortfall.'

Starting a self-build can be very easy if you or your family already own a suitable piece of land, or it may take years of effort if you have geographical or budgetary constraints.

Once you have worked out what budget you have available, you can find out about plots of land for sale which may be suitable for self build from a number of sources. There are several websites that allow you to search for details of plots for sale, although for some of these you

need to pay a fee for membership. A range of websites are available, such as BuildstorePlot-search, UK Land Directory Ltd or plotfinder.net.

You can also look around for other potential sites in the area you are interested in by:

- searching the Scottish Property website for suitable public sector land for sale;
- checking your local Solicitors Property Centre or estate agents;
- looking out for 'For Sale' signs;
- approaching local private developers with undeveloped or partly developed land to see if they would consider selling you a plot;
- seeing if there are any community trusts in the area which may have land available for self builders, especially if you want to build in a rural area;
- considering sites with a derelict property which could be demolished or substantially renovated. See estate agents or the Buildings at Risk Register to find possible properties.

Some other methods for plot hunting include networking (ask all your friends on Facebook to look out for one for you, for example); contacting estate agents and landowners, checking out auction houses, hiring agents to search for you, advertising in the local press, in pubs and shops, and with mobile workers such as taxi drivers, mobile gardeners and hairdressers.

You can also search an area for an untended garden or neglected building, and then approach the owners. If you have a defined search area, buy a high resolution Ordnance Survey map as this can sometimes help you identify quirky potential infill sites that are not visible from the main roads. Google Earth can sometimes be useful for this too.



Architectural designs

So you have finally settled on that perfect plot of land and have started brainstorming a vision for your ideal self-build. Wait a minute!

Although the temptation to do as much on your own as possible is admirable, this can often be a risky business that is devastating in the long run. Instead, for a traditional timber frame custom build, we recommend hiring an architect to ensure you get the most out of your project.

Your architect will construct designs that cater to your specifications, style and budget that are presented in the brief. Self-build architects cater to the individual needs of your project, and possess experience with a vast number of building styles and construction techniques.

All architects registered with the Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland (RIAS), Architects Registration Board (ARB) and the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) have the ability to prepare scale drawings and often 3D models of the proposed self-project. This information will be presented to you in design development meetings. This ensures you're getting exactly what you want before building work starts. Need more reasons to hire an architect for your self-build? Houzz UK Contributor Michael Schienke, director and founder at Vorbild Architecture, offers just a few.

They will hold your hand

People often think only of the monetary value a good architect can add to their home, by creating a more coherent design, or adding a new room, for example. But architects also know the design and build process back to front.

They will often come up with good ideas you may never have imagined

Architects design spaces from the inside out. If you ask them to draw an extension, they'll do that, but they'll also discuss how you intend to use the space, or even how you use the whole property, to make sure the extension and the way it looks and feels makes sense for you.

They can help you with your room layout

While an architect's main training is to look at the whole house on a grand scale, they also know how to look at every detail. So with a kitchen, for instance, they'll make sure it functions efficiently for you and you can seamlessly move from one task to another without going

backwards and forwards.

They can help you work to your means

This function is much more common in mainland Europe than in the UK, where cost consultants or quantity surveyors have taken over this part of the architect's expertise. Still, many architects can help you with forming your budget right from the start, so you can feel more in control and work out whether you can afford that more expensive kitchen you always wanted.

They think outside the box

They like to encourage creativity. That wacky idea, which at the beginning everyone smiled about, could actually be brilliant, and an architect can think it through practically. Their ability to look at a house overall, think and pre-empt how you might use it or, more importantly, how you could make even better use of it, can lead him or her to suggest completely different points of view to someone solely looking at one room in isolation.

Architects can help you to invest wisely in your home. Think of engaging an architect as an investment in your house. The more you can improve your property, maximise the available space or even get permission for a larger extension, the more you stand to increase its value.



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Kit home facts

The growing popularity of prefabricated housing, especially among thirtysomethings, demonstrates that prefab housing could be a future alternative to bricks and mortar.

Three out of 10 people in the UK would consider buying a prefabricated or self-build home with, young people aged 34 and under the most likely age group to do so.

People living in rented accommodation see prefab or self-build as a way onto the property ladder, with 33% saying they would consider it.



The UK continues to have one of the lowest rates of self building - around 10 per cent of new private sector house-building, compared to countries such as Austria, Belgium, Italy and Sweden where self build rates are above 65 per cent. However, the last few years have seen a great deal of activity in the self-build sector through Government incentives and greater media exposure, and an improvement in the general economy has also helped the market increase in value.

Product systems in the self-build market are a mix of timber frame and traditional methods, with kits continuing to represent a significant share of the self-build sector.

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Planning Permission

If there is not already detailed planning permission for your home for the plot of land you are buying, you will need to secure this before you can start building as the planning authority (your local council or national park authority) will need to be satisfied that your plans for your home are in line with the Council's Development Plan(s) and that your home's design will be acceptable in terms of its impact on the surrounding homes and landscape. Don't pay for land before it has planning permission- don't sign a contract or include a clause that it will be void if the property fails to get permission.

You should try to get planning permission as early as possible,

as the process can take some time. Try to speak to a planning officer at the relevant council before submitting your application as they should be able to let you know if there are any issues you should be aware of or any restrictions they might impose (for example they might restrict the size or height of the home, its distance from a road or the plot boundary, etc.).

The council should also be able to help if you need advice or guidance on completing a planning application. There will be a fee for submitting an application. The planning authority will notify any neighbours, but if your plot has no immediate neighbours, there is also currently an

additional charge to advertise your planning application in the local newspaper(s) so that any other residents who may wish to comment have an opportunity to do so.

Your architect can help or you may choose to employ a specialist planning consultant. A list of planning consultants operating in Scotland is available on the Royal Town Planning Institute website at rtpi.org.uk.

In addition to planning permission, you will also need to apply for a building warrant before you can start building work on your home.

You can contact your council's Building Standards Department

for more information on how to apply The Scottish Government's Building Standards website at gov.scot/bsd provides links to the building regulations. If you are not familiar with the building regulations, you can get your architect or other design professional to help you with preparing your warrant application as well as providing drawings of your plan.

Normally your home must be completed within three years of you receiving your building warrant, although you can apply to extend this deadline (you need to pay an extra fee for this though).

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Kit homes

When you think of kit homes, you may think of an industrial style building, but these days, this couldn't be further from the truth. The new style kit homes are attractive and cost effective and they hold many benefits over other types of buildings. Thinking of going with a kit home for your self-build? Here's what you need to know.

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Kit home designs are flexible

Most kit home companies can tailor the home to suit your requirements. So, if you want the living room on the other side of the home than the plan says, or you want to make the bathroom two way instead of single entry, chances are you can. Some companies and designers will even allow you to create a custom home.

Kit homes are cost-effective and can save you money

Kit homes are cheaper to buy and build than a standard home is, and they are so easy to build that, if you have the skills and time, you can do it yourself, saving you thousands of dollars over a traditional house. If you do decide to have a builder erect the home, it will be a much quicker process than building a standard home, and thus you'll save in labour costs.

Kit homes help you in the building process

Many kit home companies and suppliers will provide you with all the documentation that you need in order to get planning licence approval. They can also give you everything that you need to get your building licence so that you can start building the home yourself. You will find that the supplier or company will give you a comprehensive instruction manual if you are planning on building the home yourself, and all the phone and building assistance that you need.

Kit homes are energy-efficient and eco-friendly

Kit homes generally meet five-star energy efficiency ratings or better. This is because of the latest materials used (insulation, double glazing, etc) and also because of the design itself. As well as being energy efficient, kit homes are environmentally friendly, because they are made either from sustainable treated pine timber frames or from recyclable steel.

Common mistakes to avoid

While kits homes are a great alternative for self-builders, there are some common pitfalls



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that you should watch out for. Save time and money by avoiding these common mistakes.

- Don't just place your kit home down on your block anywhere. Position it to take into consideration views, privacy, summer and winter temperatures, etc.
- Don't try to pour the cement all at once, unless you have the manpower to complete the job before the cement 'goes off'.
- If you are using trades people, make sure you schedule them correctly – for example, make sure all plumbing, insulation and electrical work is done before the dry waller arrives.
- Don't finalise your design and budget until you know the site requirements.
- Don't try to do everything yourself unless you have plenty of experience and time.
- Don't skimp on wall frame props during roofing, because the walls will not remain plumb.
- Don't make your design so unique that it won't fit in with your neighbours and be more difficult to sell in the future.
- Make sure you know the rules before you break them.
- Don't go too big just because you can.
- Don't make your design so unique that it would not be appealing to others and thus harder to sell in the future.
- Don't forget to apply glue to floor sheeting or it will squeak.
- Make sure you seek professional advice when needed.
- Don't set yourself unrealistic deadlines at the expense of your health and family life.
- Don't guess. Use bids from subcontractors to determine hours needed for any given task.
- Allocate a percentage of your budget for landscaping. It is not an expense, it's an investment.
- Don't cut corners on fixtures and fittings. Choose a design that takes your lifestyle into consideration, such as need for privacy, room for entertaining, space for family growth, etc.



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Self-build doesn't have to be stressful or expensive



Most would-be self-builders don't succeed because they start off thinking they need a 'grand design', which almost inevitably they can't afford.

Worse, such designs rarely offer value for money and may result in unaffordable levels of debt, with all the stress that entails. But self-build doesn't have to be like that.

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Types of kit homes

Most kit homes fall into one of four main categories:

Log homes

Log homes are made of handcrafted logs or factory-milled logs that can expand and contract due to changes in humidity and temperature, so it's important to seal the logs properly together. Log homes can also shrink after being built, so keep this in mind and plan ahead. Log kits include interior fixtures.

Timber-frame homes

Also known as post-and-beam homes, timber-frame homes have no interior structural walls, so they offer flexibility when designing the interior layout. They also provide large wall space for windows, which allows for passive solar design. Timber-frame homes facing south with insulated roof and wall panels are energy-efficient.

Dome homes

They're flexible, spacious, energy-efficient and made of triangular fibreglass panels that can withstand severe weather conditions. Dome homes are easier to build as cutting the pieces in the same shape, size and angle is done repeatedly. They can also be built quickly, as you can erect the shell and install the windows and doors in one day.

Panelised homes

Panelised homes can have an open panel (e.g. a frame with exterior sheathing and a non-insulated/unfinished interior) or a closed panel (e.g. a frame with a finished interior or a structural insulated panel (SIP)). Using SIPs for the floors, walls and roof help create an energy-efficient home. Panelised kits can come with roof trusses and wall sections and have flexible floor plans.

Create a checklist

Creating a checklist will help you to stay organised from the start and ensure that you obtain the right knowledge, skills, budget and people you need prior to building your kit home.

Here's what to put on your checklist:

- Do your research – If you have no

experience in building homes, then do some research on the process of building a kit home and on local building codes. Know how long it might take to build your kit home, e.g. large kit homes take around 8-12 months to complete. Choose a kit home company with a good reputation and good customer reviews.

- Take a course – If you're thinking of building your kit home yourself, then take an owner-builder course. It's short, cheap and will prepare you for building your own kit home.
- Create a budget – Include the main costs and additional costs, including upgrades during the building process. Make a budget for what it is you want and stick to it.
- Speak with a lender – If you'll be borrowing money for your kit home, get a loan from a small bank, as they're more open to lending for non-conventional homes. Expect to pay a bigger deposit than for a conventional home. The lender may also choose who gets to build the home (e.g. you or a contractor), so that they get a good-quality product from the deal.
- Find the right builder – If you want to hire a builder, read people's reviews of home builders and look at their finished work before choosing one. Also look for a builder who can gather a team of good tradespeople that they can manage in order to complete the project on time and within budget. You can also ask the kit home company or their local dealer if they know of a good contractor who can build your home.
- Get the building site ready – You'll need to source and buy land, then complete the foundation before the kit home arrives. Ensure there's space to accommodate the truck and have your work crew ready to go when the materials arrive.
- Be organised – Stack the materials neatly together and somewhere safe from the weather. Read the manual, follow the steps in order and have someone be in charge of the manual throughout the building process.



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Think before you act

The number-one rule in rugged design is to plan ahead. With rugged sites, special factors come into play. In addition to normal home-design decisions, you'll need to think about your site's accessibility, energy options, terrain and weather patterns. Sometimes these issues can raise your costs dramatically.

How do you get there?

Is your site accessible by paved roads, or will materials need to be delivered by ship or plane? If roads are available, are they wide enough—and strong enough—for trucks filled with heavy loads of building materials? Evaluate your site's accessibility ahead of time and work with your production team to come up with solutions – local haulage and construction companies know how to get



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(if needed) and broadband internet.

If the site isn't already fully connected to these services, you will have to arrange this. It's worth contacting Scottish Water and the power company you want to use early

on, to make sure they can connect you when needed. You may think you can arrange to have these services connected once you move into your new home, but remember your builders will also need to use the services to build your house. As a priority, try to arrange to have the water mains drainage and electricity supply connected as soon as possible. The builders will need access to water from the early stages of building,

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Sure, it's nice to capture great views, but you also want to make sure that you maximize energy efficiency and avoid terrain troubles.

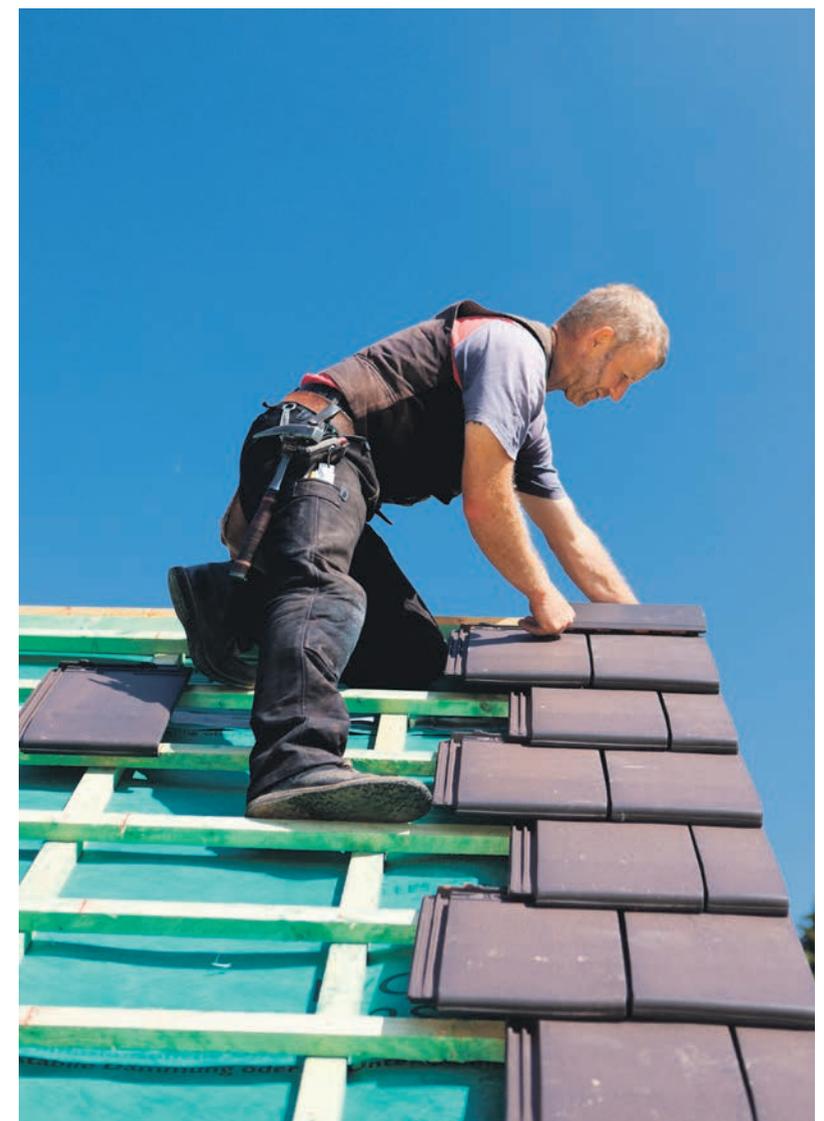
Materials matter

In a rugged setting, materials may dictate a home's long-term durability. Windows and

also play a role in a home's longevity. Choose energy-efficient windows with a good R-value. Cladding on exterior windows also is a good idea. Remember, a little extra research now goes a long way toward creating a home that will last a lifetime.

and will need electricity in later stages. If this isn't possible, try to arrange something temporary like an electricity generator, a water stand-pipe, or permission from neighbours to use their outdoor tap. If your plot is in a rural area there may be problems connecting you, especially if it's far from other homes or on a hill. Depending on how remotely you're living

it might cost you a lot of money to get connected, so check with power companies before you commit to buying a plot. Courtesy of mygov.scot.





Energy and renewables

Installing green technologies in your self-build not only offers energy savings in the long run, but you might qualify for government schemes to help pay for them. As well as a warmer house, those who have qualified for the scheme have saved an average of £350 per year on their energy bills.

Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI)

The main funding scheme offered by the Government for installing renewable heating such as biomass, ground source and air source heat pump technologies, is the Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI).

The domestic RHI is for single-rated properties and is payable for seven years. Quarterly tax-free payments, which increase annually in line with the consumer price index, are made to the homeowner. The amount of RHI payable is based on the energy performance certificate (EPC) you receive once your heating installation is complete.

Typically, a biomass installation could payback in about eight years (depending on fuel source). A ground or air source heat pump system

usually pays back in four to five years.

The rates paid under the RHI vary depending on what system you are installing. Currently, heat pumps (ground and air source) are seen as the best technology to use and offer higher payments.

While the scheme is currently supported until at least 2022, the Government continues to adapt the criteria so it is important that you, and your installer, keep up to date. Further changes have been mooted for 2017, including a cap on larger properties and the removal of support for solar thermal installations.

Feed in tariffs (FITs)

The Feed in Tariffs (FITs) scheme is another Government scheme designed to encourage uptake of a range of small-scale, renewable and low-carbon technologies to generate electricity. Under FITs, you could be paid for the electricity you generate if you install an eligible system such as solar PV or a wind or hydro turbine.

Energy saving loans

Did you know you can apply for an interest free loan to install a variety of measures such as solid wall insulation, double-glazing or a new boiler?

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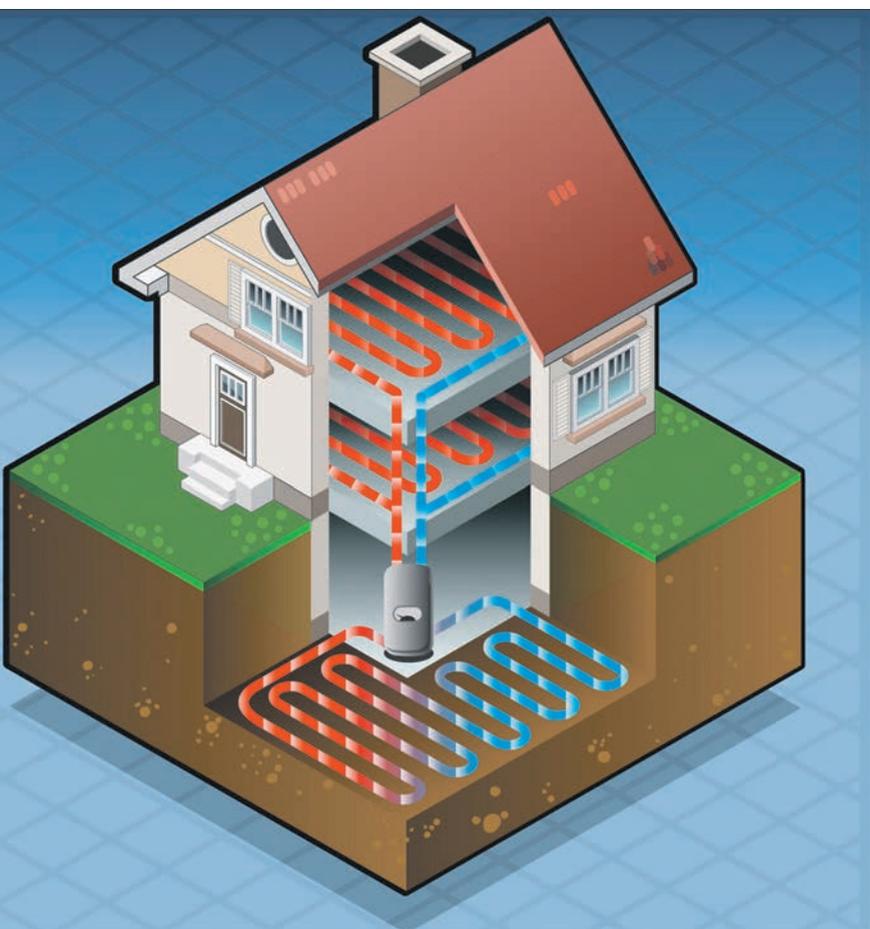
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The repayment period varies based on the amount you intend to borrow but those taking out higher value loans will be able to pay back over 10 years.

If you're looking to find out what grants and loans you could benefit from call Home Energy Scotland on 0808 808 2282 for free, impartial, expert advice, or request a call back. You can also use their Grants and Discounts Tool to find out what grants and loans may be available to you.

How to qualify

To qualify for the RHI and/or FITs, the installation must be carried out by a Microgeneration Certification Scheme company. It

is a nationally recognised quality assurance scheme, which certifies microgeneration technologies used to produce electricity and heat from renewable sources.

Your installation must also adhere to the Renewable Energy Consumer Code (RECC), operated by the Renewable Energy Association. In addition, to qualify for RHI payments, you must have funded the heating installation yourself.

The renewable heating companies in our guide will be able to guide you through the RHI process, including providing an idea of how much your quarterly payments will be. Renewable heating is the obvious choice for any self-build project and with Government incentives in place, it has never been a better and more profitable choice.



Looking to build? Ask a home energy specialist what's right for you

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Whether you are selling now or maintaining your home to sell in the future, there are many small home improvements you can address to add value and keep your property in best shape for when the time comes to sell-up.

Opening up space

Opening up living space is becoming more and more popular, particularly for the kitchen and dining room. Knocking through walls to create this open-plan living space is an effective way to add value to a property because a larger space is not only trendy, but more useful.

Makeover the kitchen

An attractive, hygienic and fresh looking kitchen is essential. Start by painting the cabinets to give a fresh look and replace doors and handles

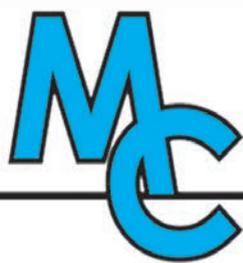
if needed. Make sure there is adequate lighting as well, it's very easy and cost effective to install under unit lighting. Finally, ensure that any floor tiles are well fitted and a colour that is easy to maintain and keep clean.

Converting the loft

A loft conversion is a more expensive improvement, yet probably gives back the best value for money. Most lofts can be easily converted and expanding the house upwards offers homeowners an extra bedroom for growing families or a space for extra storage. Adding an extra bedroom can give huge value to your home, particularly if it includes an en-suite bathroom.

Install a fireplace

A fireplace can bring a lot of character to a room and creates a focal point. It's also practical; the warmth from the fire allows you to reduce the use of your central heating which will lead to savings on your energy bills.



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Kitchens, bedrooms and bathrooms

Kitchens

Homeowners today want an open and thoughtfully designed kitchen that blends seamlessly with the rest of the home's design aesthetic. From hidden appliances and bins to beautifully painted cabinets in complementing colours, homeowners want their kitchen to be stylish enough for entertaining, yet welcoming and functional for everyday use.



Clean lines

Cabinetry with clean lines and built-in styles are popular. More homeowners might be willing to go with a more modern look because of the new technologies being introduced in kitchens.

Two tone

White and grey are still the go-to colours for many. Two-tone kitchens are also trending. Wood cabinets still dominate the kitchen, but metal cabinets (such as stainless steel, gold, and black) could be on the rise. Quartz is the top countertop choice.

Long-term investment

Accessible and universal design features are trending as homeowners are choosing to age in place and more households are multi-generational. Technology is on the rise with internet-connected appliances making their way into the kitchen as well as induction cook tops and steam ovens.

Bin it

Integrated kitchen bins, which feature multiple compartments, allow you to make the most of unused kitchen cupboard or drawer space.

Bedrooms

The bedroom market is coming of age as homeowners seek a designer look, just as they do in the kitchen and the bathroom. The range



of options available in the fitted bedroom market has expanded offering more choice than ever.

Luxury and comfort

Jonathan Warren, director at bed and sleep specialist Time 4 Sleep, thinks we should add an element of luxury to our homes this year. He says: 'Autumn is all about feeling cosy your home. Indulge in beautiful furnishings to create a charming, boutique-style room. Your bedroom should be a haven of relaxation at the end of a long day so choose furniture that will make you feel calm and content. Opt for a plush, upholstered headboard to add a luxurious touch to your bedroom. Team this with an excellent quality mattress for the perfect combination of comfort and style.'

More options than ever

Recent developments have seen an explosion of not just colours, textures and styles but a totally new approach that coordinates bedside tables, beds and

occasional furniture. More sophisticated hidden storage options and lighting allows consumers to personalise their bedroom design like never before.

Technology with a vintage feel

Current stand out trends in bedrooms include the growth in synchronised MFC finishes. Modern technology has enabled the production of beautiful wood grained finishes with texture and variety that are much closer to the real thing, making these very popular.

Sleek solutions

In terms of products, sliders are surging in popularity. There is a growing demand for sliding wardrobes because they present a sleek solution to bedroom storage and are available in a wide range of colours and finishes.

Bathrooms

From Nordic to coolness and vintage, stylish design is in demand for bathrooms in 2017.

Urban coolness

Black, metal and concrete are hot for the coolest of looks. Characterised by clear, strong lines, sharp edges and complete avoidance of embellishments, the urban coolness interior trend is all about purist minimalism in its most pared-down form. This style is also ringing the changes in the bathroom, with black and white replacing bright colours, single shades instead of patterns, stainless steel rather than brass and raw concrete in place of warm plaster.

Vintage style

Retro and vintage styles are still key trends, enhanced in some cases with a modern note. Familiar items are being rediscovered and revealed in new interpretations, inspired by style influences, but avoiding direct replication. And no one wants to sacrifice modern technology and contemporary comforts, especially in the

bathroom. Quite the re-verse, functionality is taken for granted, exclusive luxury is a must.

Scandi

Scandinavia's appeal is as strong as ever. All over the world, the Nordic lifestyle stands for friendliness, authenticity and an affinity with nature. And nature is also an inspiration in interior design, with lots of wood, understated shapes, clear lines and soft colours reflecting the typical Nordic lifestyle and inviting a feeling of well-being into the bathroom.

Greenery

Conjuring up images of fresh leaves and new shoots, greenery, the Pantone colour of 2017, is a fresh, yellow-green shade representing nature in spring. This life-affirming colour is brimming with vitality and passion. Greenery also stands for diversity, having already permeated every area of the fashion, architecture and design worlds. Its influence is also apparent in the bathroom.



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Trade body memberships and what they mean

In the area that this supplement serves, where there are many tight knit communities, word of mouth and recommendations are very important. We all know someone who knows someone and many advertise locally in The Oban Times business directory and via social media. The tradesmen who are the busiest are often the best choice (they are busy for a reason!) but it can get frustrating sitting on the waiting list for a site visit and quote, when you really want to get things started. If you need to widen your net, checking a tradesman

sounds like a chore. But do you really know a decent builder from a dodgy one without checking?

The best way to check that your tradesman is legitimate is to check their trade association and insurances; a good indication of their qualifications and professionalism. Once you have found your tradesmen, you should check they are who they say they are:

1. Ask your tradesman what association they belong to.
2. Call the association and ask if your tradesman is a member. If the association has an online search function, then this will save you some time.

Beware – some trade associations are better than others....

Trade Association membership is a good indication that your tradesman is professional – and especially important if it means the tradesmen can sign off their work as Building Regulation compliant. This is important when you sell your home and you will need to produce certificates to prove that your work meets the national building regulation standards. It sounds dull, but building regulations are the law.

To qualify, trade associations may ask tradesmen to meet certain criteria and demonstrate high quality standards. It is

a good first port of call – but take note: these organisations are funded by membership fees. They will have varying levels of checks, and striking someone off their list will mean a loss of income. So while they offer some protection you can't take them at face value. If you want to compare and contrast then look at their codes of practice to see how much protection they give you. It is also very important that your tradesman has public and employer liability insurance and professional indemnity insurance.



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Interior design

Top 10 interior design trends for 2017

With 2017 set to see interior design services increasingly utilised by self-builders, the experts at Alexander James Interior Design have compiled a list of the top 10 interior design trends for 2017.

1. Natural textures in home accessories

Natural textures have come back with a vengeance in 2017 - think matte glazed dinnerware, wooden serving platters and beautiful earthenware bowls.

2. Rough, natural woods

Woods are big business this year. From floorboards to tables to shutters, forget highly polished gloss - a natural finish is the only way to go.

3. Ceramic table lights

A big trend for 2017 is ceramic table lights. Again inspired by nature, they feature delicate

tones and patterning, with greys, light browns and pinks blending beautifully into the other natural materials.

4. Bold trimmings

When it comes to soft furnishings, bold trimmings both complement and contrast the natural feel of the home this year.

5. Hand-painted style wallpapers

Again with the focus on creating a harmonious natural environment, hand painted (and hand painted style) wallpapers will allow the inspiration of nature to flow through the home. These will be paired perfectly with...

6. Pastel tones

From paints to fabrics, pastel tones are essential for on trend interiors in 2017. Yellow will also make a comeback, again in a muted, pastel tone.

7. Textured glass

When it comes to lighting, textured glass is unquestionably the way to go. A rough, natural finish created through texture, while retaining the beauty of glass, further contribute to the natural vibe.

8. Patterned rugs

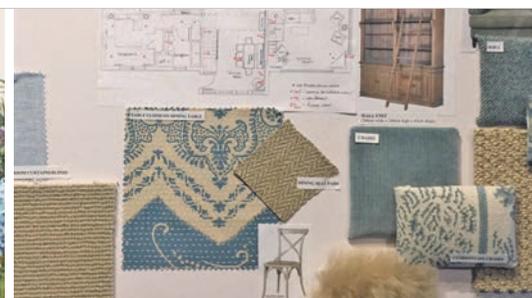
Rugs are one way to make a statement in 2017. Patterns that pick up on the pastel tones and natural hues of other objects, while also standing out as a centrepiece, are the way forward.

9. Sculptural chairs

In 2017 we see chairs imitating art, blending style and comfort in order to stand out as design pieces in their own right.

10. Graphic inspired art

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What to expect from your interior designer...

When most people think about an interior designer, they zero in on aesthetics. But that's just scratching the surface. These pros go beyond cosmetic concerns to ensure that a space feels harmonious through and through, from its floor plan to the last nailhead.

A designer plans and outfits spaces in a way that makes them both beautiful and functional. He or she balances aesthetic considerations with structural planning to reflect the clients' lifestyle, set the desired mood, complement the home's architectural features, and ensure that less glamorous details (like electrical outlets) fit into the scheme. An interior designer also cultivates relationships with trusted artisans, vendors and tradespeople. You may have a vision for your home, but an interior designer can help you bring it to life while making sure it satisfies nitty-gritty considerations. A trained eye allows for devising solutions that you might never have imagined, and attention to the tiniest details will transform your space into a haven that looks polished and pulled together.



Before and After: SLJ Interiors transform a room for one of their clients.



Exterior design and landscaping

Even if you can decorate a living area or bedeck a bedroom with the best of them, landscape design has a unique set of challenges that may leave you stumped. And that's where a landscape pro can prove to be invaluable. Before you get started, you'll need to determine the skill set that best matches the scope of work you have in mind.

Landscape architects, who typically hold advanced degrees in their field, are trained to develop structural and aesthetic plans that include hard-scaping, water use, and drainage as well as plant

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Landscape designers may or may not have advanced training. They often specialize in the aesthetic and horticultural side of yard and garden planning, but many do structural work as well.

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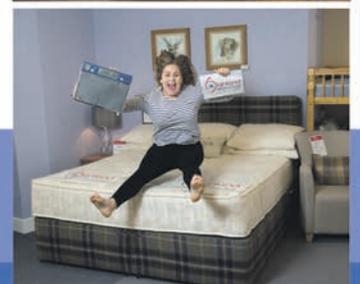
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A big attraction - handing out gifts and sweets for the fun of it while dressed as clowns were Ardrishaig's Jessica McMullan, back right, and her daughter Chelsey. 06_a30ardgala18

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Young bakers rewarded for community spirit

BAKING more than 40 Christmas cakes for every retired resident in their village has won Clachan Primary School a top award.

Clachan is the winner of the Active Participation in the Community Award from the Argyll College UHI (University of the Highlands and Islands).

It is in recognition of a tradition dating back more than two decades that sees the school, which has just

eight pupils, bake Christmas cakes for every retired member of their community.

The children bake around 44 cakes, which are individually wrapped, personally labelled for each individual and hand delivered.

The Parent Council pays for the ingredients and the staff gave up their own time to help ensure the huge baking challenge is completed.

Head Teacher Lucy Blake said: 'This is not a new initiative, it is something that has happened in the school for more than 20 years. We feel we are trustees of a tradition. The award recognises our links to the community and this is hugely important to us at Clachan. We are a school in the heart of the community and in the hearts of the community. I am very proud of our very small school.'



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A NEW kitchen has been installed at Christ Church in Lochgilphead, with Father Simon MacKenzie giving a blessing to the new work area at a recent gathering.

Situated at the back of the church in a formerly underused space, the kitchen enables the congregation to provide coffee and cake after our week-

Father Simon blessing the kitchen as Ros Box, vestry secretary, gets ready to serve.

ly services and events. Those members of the congregation on the flower-arranging rota also appreciate having running water on hand and an easily wipeable surface for arranging the flowers.

The well-designed kitchen-in-a-cupboard has been made feasible by the legacy left to the church by the late Fiona Thorburn along with a number of generous donations from associates and friends and the invaluable help from members of the Christ Church congregation.

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

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED), RELATED PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
17/01667/PP	Demolition of extensions, alterations and extensions to dwellinghouse, alterations and change of use of laundry building to form ancillary dwellinghouse, conversion of steading to form boiler house and store and installation of septic tank	Asknish House Lochgair Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8SB	Mid Argyll Area Office
17/01900/PP	Installation of 4 replacement windows from timber single glazed to timber double glazed sash and case windows	2 Main Street West Inveraray Argyll And Bute PA32 8TU	Sub Post Office Inveraray
17/01902/PP	Installation of 4 replacement windows from timber single glazed to timber double glazed sash and case windows and 2 replacement doors	1 Main Street East Inveraray Argyll And Bute PA32 8TP	Sub Post Office Inveraray
17/01666/LIB	Demolition of extensions, external and internal alterations and erection of extension to dwellinghouse, external and internal alterations to laundry building to form ancillary dwellinghouse and alterations and extension to steading to form boiler house and store	Asknish House Lochgair Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8SB	Mid Argyll Area Office
17/01903/PP	Installation of 7 no replacement windows from timber single glazed to timber double glazed sash and case windows and 1 no replacement timber door of the same style and finish.	Flat 4 Factory Land Ferry Land Inveraray Argyll And Bute PA32 8UX	Sub Post Office Inveraray
17/01520/PP	Erection of telecommunications equipment compound with 15 metre high lattice tower and associated works	Land South West Of Kilmichaelbeg Farm Minard Argyll And Bute	Mid Argyll Area Office
17/01879/PP	Change of use from dwellinghouse to form 2 self catering cottages. Including; erection of car port with solar panelled roof, erection of replacement sun room and enlargement of existing extension.	Gallanach Cottage Gallanach Lochgair Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8SD	Mid Argyll Area Office

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Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, as amended

ADVERTISEMENT UNDER SECTION 67(2) OF THE MAKING OF A REVOCATION ORDER or MODIFICATION ORDER

Planning Permission in Principle for Erection of a Dwellinghouse and Associated Works at Plot 4, Lower Auchans, Dunmore, Near Tarbert, Argyll PA29 6XA

REFERENCE NUMBER: 15/01861/PPP

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Argyll and Bute Council have made an order under section 65 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 to revoke the above planning permission.

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Any person who will be affected by the Order and who wishes for an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by a person appointed by the Scottish Ministers, must give notice in writing to The Scottish Ministers, Planning and Architecture Division, Planning Decisions, 2H (South), Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ not later than 25th August 2017.

If no such notice is given by that date the Order will take effect by virtue of the provisions of Section 67(7) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 on 8th September 2017 without being confirmed by The Scottish Ministers.

Date 28th July 2017

Charles Reppke, Head of Governance and Law, Argyll and Bute Council, Kilmory, Lochgilphead

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Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

Archie, Mhairi and Stuart McMillan and Ewan McIlroy trading as A. M. Transport (Campbeltown) Ltd of Building 120A, Machrihanish Airbase, Campbeltown, PA28 6NU is applying to change an existing licence as follows. To keep an extra 3 goods vehicles at the operating centre at Building 120A, Machrihanish Airbase, Campbeltown, PA28 6NU.

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CO-OPERATIVE AND COMMUNITY BENEFIT SOCIETIES ACT 2014

Notice of Dissolution by Instrument pursuant to section 119 of the Act

NOTICE is hereby given that the instrument of dissolution of **Abbeyfield Carradale & District Society Limited** Register No. 2098RS the registered office of which is at **Abbeyfield House, High Airds, Carradale East CAMPBELTOWN Argyll PA28 6RY** was registered on 21 July 2017.

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You should be able to demonstrate competence across a wide range of farming disciplines including: fish health monitoring, stock appetite assessment, boat handling skills, whilst being proactive in health and safety. Above all you should have the drive and ambition to further your career through training and development. A formal boat qualification would be desirable. Relocation package can be available for the right candidate.

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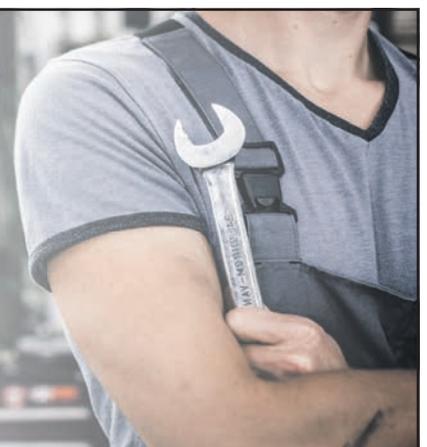
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ISLE OF BUTE

Youngsters on Bute are helping their local communities

YOUNG people on Bute are giving up part of their summer holidays to help their communities. Around 120 young people aged between 11 and 18 have signed up to Argyll and Bute Council's summer programme, run by the youth services team, organising projects to benefit Bute residents.

One that has gone down a treat already is a 'tea and bingo' afternoon in Rothesay for senior citizens, run alongside Bute Befrienders and the island's Memory Group.

The young volunteers have also been helping the Calum's Cabin charity, which offers holiday homes on the island for children suffering from cancer and their families.

Other projects include a beach clean with Beachwatch Bute, seed planting with the Kilchattan Bay community committee, painting fences and clearing paths with Bute in Bloom and a garden clean-up with Apple Tree Nursery.

ISLAY

Anti-litter campaign on Islay

This summer saw the start of the For Our Shores litter campaign on Islay.

US artist Barbara de Vries was on the island for the start up. A highly respected marine litter activist she not only makes jewellery from marine junk, she sells it to Hollywood's rich and famous.

Six workshops were

held in local schools in which pupils designed their jewellery and then sourced all the materials from their adopted beach. The initiative was supported by the Mactaggart Third Fund.

Organisers were delighted when Barbara described Laggan Bay on Islay as the 'most beautiful she has ever seen'.

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TARBERT



The restored ring netter Shemaron, one of the few remaining of the old herring fleet. 06_a30tarbboats13

Friends of the Ring Net Heritage Trust launched

THE RING Net Heritage Trust has announced that it is to use wind farm funding to increase its fishing education push.

The trust received funding from the Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust, and the cash will be used to purchase and de-

sign mobile information panels. These will help tell the story of the ring net fishing as Tarbert-based ring netter Shemaron tours her old fishing harbours.

The trust is interested to see any documentation linked to the ring net era, particularly photographs taken dur-

ing 50s. It hopes to use such documents to develop the information panels and help inform the group's research on ring net fishing.

The organisation has recently launched its Friends of the Ring Net Heritage Trust group.

For further details visit shemaron.co.uk.

COWAL

Cowal peninsula 'on the rise'

The Cowal peninsula tops list of summer destinations 'on the rise', according to a UK travel website.

Destinations

The list, compiled by holidaylet-

tings.co.uk, ranks 15 destinations around the UK where holiday rental bookings have soared in 2017 compared to last year, based on increases in demand.

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



IT IS usually the misuse of the apostrophe that catches my eye.

This tiny mark on the page can alter the entire meaning of a message and frequently makes me smile when it is placed in entirely the wrong place.

However, the best is yet to come. We had lunch on Sunday at a very nice venue with wonderful views, good food and fine service.

I will not divulge the name of this place, but I would be interested to know if my friends in Kintyre have also noticed this typo.

Attempting to cater for folk with differing dietary requirements, the information stated confidently that this particular dish was 'glutton free'.

I mused on this with a smile and thought how appropriate to be able to eat my fill of this without appearing greedy.

It's interesting that we can change the whole meaning of something simply by including an extra letter and changing another.

The dish in question was of course, gluten-free, which has a completely different meaning altogether.

Often in our world of so much tragedy, so much sadness, so much hurt, we just don't know what to do.

Yet maybe we just need to look at the difference something small can make in our lives.

Jesus spoke of small things that heralded the Kingdom of God.

He spoke of a mustard seed, a small coin, a small child as things which could work for good in this world.

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So whether you are glutton free or gluten-free, enjoy the cake!

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"If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask of God..." (James 1:5).

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DEATHS

HAMILTON - Suddenly at home, on July 21, 2017, John (Johnnie) Reid Hamilton, aged 86 years, of Roscairn, St Clair Road, Ardrishaig, beloved and loving husband of Marie Jones, much loved father of John and Robert, dear father-in-law of Hazel and Tracey, adored grandpa of Kayleigh, Clare and Daniel and great grandpa of Lilly-May. A dear friend and good neighbour to many. Funeral service was held in Ardrishaig Parish Church, on Thursday, July 27, 2017, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery. Sadly missed.

MACGILP - On July 24, 2017, peacefully, at Erskine Glasgow Care Home, Alasdair Bertram MacGilp, in his 79th year, beloved husband of Sina Brown, dearly loved father of Sandra, Ann, Alison, Shendl and Kari, a dearly loved Papie and great Papie. Funeral service at Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Wednesday, August 2 at 12.00 noon, interment thereafter at Achnabreac Cemetery, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Glasgow Erskine Care Home.

MCGRORY - Suddenly at home, New Parliament, Campbeltown, on July 16, 2017, Sean William McGrory, in his 47th year, dearly beloved father and friend of Jason and Alicia, precious and adored son of Jennifer and Tommy, dearly loved brother and best friend of Tommy, Mark, Martine and Michelle, loving brother-in-law of Alison, Rosemary, Keith and Ryan and a much loved grandson, uncle, nephew, cousin and good friend to many. RIP.

NICOLL - On July 23, 2017, peacefully at home in Skipness with his family, Richard (Dick) Nicoll, in his 79th year, beloved husband of Phyllis Howie and much loved father of Jennifer, Richard, David, Colin and Lynsey, and grandad of Robert, Stewart, Cameron

and James. Funeral ceremony will take place at Dundee Crematorium on Thursday, August 3 at 10.15am, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Marie Curie Cancer Care and Macmillan Cancer Support. A further commemorative gathering will take place locally, details of which will be advised in due course.

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BRYDSON - June, Fiona and all the family wish to thank everyone for flowers, cards, phone calls and messages of sympathy following the sad loss of Allan. Thanks to the Rev William Crossan for a comforting service and to T A Blair Funeral Directors for professional services. Our most sincere thanks and gratitude to all hospital staff, carers and district nurses who looked after Dad/Papa over the last year. You all do an amazing job, thank you.

COPE - Jan and family would like to thank everyone for their calls, cards, flowers and messages following their sad loss. Grateful thanks to Dr Anderson and staff at the Acute Ward, Campbeltown Hospital for their amazing care over the last four months,

Macmillan and Marie Curie nurses, district nurses and carers. Thank you to Rev W Crossan for his comforting service, to Cath Black for the music, to Kenneth, Rhys and Alasdair Blair for their caring and professional service, to Zofia Sloan and staff at Glenbarr who provided wonderful food, and finally to all who came to pay their respects at the church and graveside and gave generously to the retiral collection which raised £533.

MACPHERSON - The family of the late Elizabeth (Elsie) MacPherson would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy received on their sad loss. Special thanks to T A Blair Funeral Directors, to Rev Philip Wallace and to the Ardsheel Hotel. Thanks also to the ambulance staff and staff at Campbeltown Hospital, for the care shown to Elsie, along with her carers from Carr Gomm. The retiral collection raised £364 for Lorne and Lowland Church.

IN MEMORIAM

BLAIR - In loving memory of David, a wonderful son, brother and dad, who passed away July 30, 2016.

Forever in our hearts.

- Love, Mum, Allan, Debbie and Lewis.

BLAIR - In loving memory of David, a wonderful brother and uncle, who passed away July 30, 2016.

Loved and remembered always.

- Love, Laura, Andrew, Jodie, Courtney and Murray.

DICKSON - Precious memories of our darling daughter, sister, mummy and friend, Carole, who fell asleep July 30, 2010.

In life all we truly have are memories

We love them, kiss them and hug them

For all they are worth To us those memories are life

Our life together x. Love and miss you forever.

- Mum, Dad, Alex, Keith and Heather xxxxx. Mummy, my forever angel, Love you to the moon and back.

- Love, Thomas xxx.

DICKSON - Love and miss you always, Sister. Lots of love, William, Gemma, Mirren and boys xxx.

LIPPE - Precious memories of Louise Iona, died July 28, 1994, aged 2 years. We treasure your memory. Remembered always with love.

- Granny, Grampa, Uncle John, Auntie Iona, Uncle Paul and Feuna. Love always, Sister.

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Kyles to face Badenoch rivals in Macaulay final

Artemis Macaulay Cup – semi-final

Oban Camanachd 0
Kyles Athletic 2

KYLES will meet Newtonmore in next month's Macaulay Cup Final after the Cowal side overcame Oban Camanachd in Saturday's semi-final.

Colin MacDonald scored twice early in the game to give Kyles a 2-0 victory at Mossfield.

With prolific forward Roddy MacDonald putting in a shift in defence because of player shortages, Kyles took the initiative when Colin MacDonald put them ahead after three minutes.

Colin MacDonald then got his and Kyles' second on 23 minutes and the Tighnabruaich men could have been further ahead by the break had it not been for a fine display of goalkeeping from Gavin Stobbart.

Oban Camanachd had the majority of the second half but the closest they came to a goal was a Lorne Dickie shot from distance which came off the inside of the post.

Oban Camanachd's Daniel MacVicar suffered a shoulder injury which later led to his withdrawal from the Scotland U17 squad for the shinty/hurling Ireland tour.

Three extra-time goals saw Newtonmore beat Lovat in their semi-final tie

at Braeview Park, also last Saturday.

The Macaulay final will be played at Mossfield Park, Oban, on Saturday August 19.

Bullough Cup - semi-final

Kyles Athletic 2
Strachur 3 (after extra time)

THE BULLOUGH Cup semi-final tie between the Kyles Athletic and Strachur was carried forward from the previous week when it was postponed because the Tighnabruaich pitch was unplayable.

After two hours of shinty, the tie produced the most dramatic finish before Strachur won a final spot.

Roberto Zavaroni gave Kyles the lead in 30 minutes, only for Angus Campbell to level on the hour mark.

With no further scoring, referee Des McNulty took the tie into extra-time.

When George Thomson put Kyles back in front from the penalty spot after 95 minutes, Strachur had it all to do.

Kyles stayed in front until a couple of minutes from time when a Rhys Campbell goal seemed likely to take the tie to a penalty shoot-out.

With just seconds remaining, Rhys Campbell got his second and Strachur will now play Inveraray in the Bullough Cup final, with the venue to be decided.



Inveraray's Garry MacPherson takes a tumble under pressure from Kenny Campbell of Skye.

Photograph: Stephen Lawson.

Marine Harvest National Division

Inveraray 0
Skye Camanachd 4

SKYE Camanachd returned from The Winterton with two impressive points following a 4-0 win over Inveraray.

James Pringle gave Skye the lead in 14 minutes when he slammed a rebound low into the bottom left corner of the net after Inveraray keeper Scott MacLachlan had saved from Will Cowie. Iain Nicolson made it 2-0 a minute later when he struck the ball from 35 yards out, wide on the right

touchline, and it went into the net off the post.

A lovely Jordan Murchison pass set up Danny Morrison on 64 minutes and Morrison netted with a low drive from 15 yards.

Jordan Murchison got in on the act on 67 minutes when a clever flick from Will Cowie played him in and he sent a waist-high rocket shot past the onrushing keeper.

Marine Harvest South Division 1

Kilmory 10
Tayforth 0

KILMORY were too strong for a depleted Tayforth

side, winning 10-0 at MacRae Park. Hal Jones netted after two and three minutes to get Kilmory off to a great start.

Alex Cunningham went on to get a first half hat-trick with goals on 10, 20 and 22 minutes.

Andy Cunningham on 30 minutes, a hat-trick goal from Hal Jones a couple of minutes later and Alister MacArthur on 42 minutes, made it 8-0 at half time.

Alex Cunningham went on to take his tally to five goals with strikes on 55 and 74 minutes.

Kilmory go fifth in the

league – one of five teams on seven points.

Marine Harvest South Division 2

Aberdour 0
Inveraray 5

THE INVERARAY second team took another step towards the Marine Harvest South Division 2 title when they defeated the Aberdour seconds at Silversands.

But it was Aberdour who made the brighter start, asking questions of the young Inveraray defence.

It did not take long, though, for Inveraray to find their way and when referee Calum Girvan spotted a kick inside the Aberdour box, Russell McKinlay stepped up to score.

Inveraray doubled their lead within 20 seconds of the restart, as David Robertson and MacKinlay showed great forward skills before McKinlay finished what was the goal of the game. Young Campbell Watt saw an effort come back off the crossbar before Russell McKinlay completed his hat-trick to make it 3-0 at the break.

Russell McKinlay – his fourth goal of the game – and David Robertson added two more goals in the second half to make it 5-0.



Ruaraidh Graham of Inveraray receiving the award for Outstanding Performance from Camanachd Association president Jim Barr. Photograph: Graeme Hart.

Young shinty stars shine at camp

SCOTLAND'S shinty stars of the future descended upon Strathallan School in Perthshire earlier this month for the annual national player development camp.

Each player, aged between 14 and 17, was nominated by their youth or senior club to take part in the camp, designed to offer the best in the technical, tactical, physical and psychological aspects of the game.

Throughout the week the young players received spe-

cialist training from Camanachd Association coaches on all the key skills and tactics of the game. Stuart MacLaren, head of youth development at the Scottish Football Association, delivered a practical session and an inspiring talk to the players and coaches, while Maria Omma, a strength and conditioning coach with the Scottish Institute of Sport, delivered a fascinating talk and practical session.

A number of awards were

presented at the end of Thursday's session. Award winners were: Player of the Camp, Roddy Young, Kingussie; Most Improved Player, William Boag, Bute; and Outstanding Performance, Ruaraidh Graham, Inveraray.

Organiser Ronald Ross commented: 'The camp has once again proved a great success. It is a great way for participants to meet other aspiring shinty players, forging ties and friendships throughout the sport.'

Southend stars create Highland games magic

SOUTHEND Highland games open cup champion, Carluke's Paul Dearie was cheered all the way by a dedicated group of travelling South Lanarkshire fans.

The small group continued to cheer him on as the light fell and he collected his prizes.

A heavy cloudburst, at about 3.30pm, did nothing to dampen the athletes spirits but did mean that John Galbraith occasionally left his other duties to push vehicles stuck in the quagmire by the gate.

In addition to the official events Campbeltown tennis club ran a skills challenge. It found an ace in Mark Robertson, who, after nearly breaking his parents, at 50 pence a go, managed to hit 10

balls into the tub in 30 seconds.

The full results from all the events are as follows: Men: 100 yards: 1 Kevin McIntyre, 2 Paul Dearie, 3 Peter McKerral. 220: 1 Kevin McIntyre, 2 Paul Dearie, 3 Peter McKerral. 440: 1 Kevin McIntyre, 2 Paul Dearie, 3 Peter McKerral. Half mile: 1 Cameron Campbell, 2 Stuart McGeachy 3 James Murdoch. Mile: 1 Stuart McGeachy, 2 Cameron Campbell, 3 James Murdoch. High jump: 1 Paul Dearie, 2 Kevin McIntyre, 3 Fraser Cameron. Hammer: 1 Craig Nicolson, 2 Paul Dearie, 3 Robert Earl.

Caber: 1 Craig Nicolson, 2 Paul Dearie, 3 Kevin McIntyre. Shot putt: 1 Craig Nicolson, 2 Paul Dearie, 3 Robert

Earl. Weight over the bar: 1 Robert Earl, 2 Craig Nicolson, 3 Paul Dearie. Weight for distance: 1 Craig Nicolson, 2 Paul Dearie, 3 Robert Earl.

Ladies: 100 yards: 1 Jilly Lefebvre 2 Hazel Barr, 3 Gillian Docherty. 220: 1 Jilly Lefebvre, 2 Hazel Barr, 3 Gillian Docherty. 440: 1 Jennifer Martin, 2 Hazel Barr, 3 Eilidh McAlister. Half mile: 1 Jennifer Martin, 2 Hazel Barr, 3 Eilidh McAlister. High Jump: winner: Jilly Lefebvre. Shot putt: 1 Susan Gardiner, 2 Jilly Lefebvre, 3 Hazel Barr. Broom Throwing: 1 Shelley Marsh. 2 Jennifer Cameron, 3 Susan Gardiner.



Teenage athlete Jilly Lefebvre, formerly from Mid Argyll and now of Largs, takes the 100-yard title.
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INSIDE THIS WEEK:
Southend stars
create Highland
games magic

Red Star face top team in friendly

**Lochgilphead Red Star 2
Cambria AFC 4**

TOP QUALITY opposition visited Lochgilphead Joint Campus 3G pitch on Saturday as West of Scotland Cup winners Cambria provided the opposition for Star's third pre-season match.

Red Star started the match with a changed 3-5-2 formation as they looked to get their midfielders on the ball. It was a difficult start for the home side as they were caught in possession a bit too often, allowing Cambria opportunities on goal - but Ben Pollock was equal to a couple of early efforts.

The visitors deservedly took the lead after 12 minutes when a neat through ball was clinically finished by the Cambria striker after clever build up play.

The young Red Star side pulled themselves level after Ciaran McPhie's effort from the edge of the box had too much power for the Cambria keeper and the ball found its way into the top corner.

Cambria edged back in front just before the break when their big striker broke clear of the Star defence and clipped the ball over the diving Ben Pollock for a neat finish giving his side a single goal advantage at half-time.

After words of encouragement, Star came out firing in the

second half and were playing with renewed confidence. Ten minutes after the re-start, Kieran Moore equalised after a nice solo run, his shot finding the bottom corner leaving the Cambria stopper with no chance.

It was the home side who looked more likely to add to their lead, though there were several spurned chances and good saves from the Cambria goalkeeper. Kevin Keen hit the target after breaking clear of the Cambria defence but the forward's effort was well saved.

With five minutes to go, Cambria edged back in front after Star struggled to clear their lines. The visitors' number eight put an excellent bending shot past Pollock from the edge of the box.

In the dying seconds Cambria added a fourth after their winger broke clear down the right channel and hammered home from close range.

Overall Red Star can be delighted with their display against a team that will be pushing for honours again this season, clinical finishing the difference in the end.

Tomorrow (Saturday) Red Star are at home again when they play Stedfast AFC of the Central League in a 1pm kick off, before travelling to play Oban Saints on Wednesday August 2.

Junior open returns to Lochgilphead club



The young winners with their Junior Open trophies.

Tarbert golfers celebrate championship success

TARBERT Golf Club recently held its club championship in damp conditions.

Bruce MacNab retained the Sam Andrews Challenge Cup with Iain Macalister second and John Mac-

Nab third. Senior champion and John Reid Quaich winner was Iain Macalister.

John MacNab was runner-up, while Duncan Johnstone finished as senior net champion.



Senior club champion Iain Macalister with the John Reid Quaich, Bruce MacNab, club champion and Duncan Johnstone, senior net champion.

LOCHGILPHEAD Golf Club has hosted a Junior Open after an absence of many years.

The weather was kind for last Saturday's competition and the junior players - with national and club handicaps - all returned excellent scores.

The event attracted players from overseas, with players taking part from as far away as the Isle of Seil and Isle of Wight.

The club thanks junior convenor Donna McKellar for all her hard work in organising the successful day and Mid Argyll Youth Forum for its sponsorship of the event.

Amid all the Junior Open excitement, the gents played a qualifier for the Scottish club handicap to decide who goes forward to play in the regional qualifier.

The winner was James Scott with a nett 59 and runner up was Jim Hunter with a nett 62. They now represent Lochgilphead Golf Club at West Lothian Golf Club in August.

The ladies played in a nine-hole medal competition and new member this year, Fiona McLeod, won with

a fantastic 18 points. Runner-up was Jane Hepburn with 14 points.

The next open event is the Ladies Open on Sunday August 27 and places are still available.

Another big thanks from the club goes to the working party who spent last Saturday morning cleaning out the compound and who were set to return on Thursday to spread more top dressing on the greens. Any assistance would be very much appreciated.

Contact club captain Ryan McGlynn for details.

Junior Open results.
National handicap: 1 Alastair Cupples, 38 points; 2 Campbell Laird, Westridge Isle of Wight, 31 points; 3 Gregor McGeachy, 28 points. Scratch winner, Henry Palmer, Machrihanish, 83 strokes.

Nearest the Pin: Campbell Laird.

Longest Drive: Henry Palmer.

Club handicap: 1 Kern McKellar, 41 points; 2 Lewis Campbell, Isle of Seil, 28 Points; 3 Scratch winner, Ruan McKellar, 113 strokes.

Longest drive, Ruan McKellar.

Sports club lottery draws

NUMBERS drawn on Monday in the Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery were 3, 8, and 10. There were no winners so the jackpot will be £200 next week.

In the Inveraray Shinty Club lottery, the numbers were 2, 15 and 20. There were no winning tickets so the jackpot next week will be £700.

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