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Jobs now under threat at airport

'This smacks of a crude cost-cutting measure'

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FEAR about jobs and security was the reaction to plans for new procedures at Campbeltown Airport.

Highlands and Islands Airports Limited (HIAL) issued a statement this week that said: 'From Monday January 30, 2017, new security procedures will be introduced at Campbeltown, Barra and Tiree airports which will mean that passengers travelling to Glasgow will undergo a streamlined check-in process at their departure airport ahead of their flight.'

Argyll and Bute MP

Brendan O'Hara and Na h-Eileanan an Iar MP Angus MacNeil challenged HIAL's managing director Ingilis Lyon, during a conference call on Tuesday evening, about the risk to security and the staff, totalling about 11, who currently make the checks at the three airports.

Mr O'Hara said: 'This smacks of a crude cost-cutting measure. Nothing in this day and age is worth more than passenger safety and confidence.'

'The big issue for me is that it is the unnecessary relaxation of a

system which works. Campbeltown is a mainland airport flying directly into Glasgow international airport.

'People will arrive airside with no security checks having been done on their baggage or person.'

He added: 'Mr Lyon said there will be no compulsory redundancies as staff will be offered voluntary severance agreements.'

HIAL has claimed that the new measures were agreed with the Civil Aviation Authority and Department for Transport and are proportionate, taking full account of safety and security.

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Hair today gone tomorrow

Chloe MacKinlay, 11, had her long tresses shorn the day before the first anniversary of her dad's death to make Little Princesses wigs for children who have lost their hair. With Chloe are hairdresser Kim Mathieson, sister Caitlyn, 13, brother Alexzander, seven, nana Flora Paterson, mum Lucy Rich, nana Jackie Rich and uncle Jason MacKinlay. For more, see page five. 25_c04hair01

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Submarines' crash could have sparked a nuclear conflict

SECRET American Central Intelligence Agency files have revealed that Soviet and US nuclear submarines collided off the Holy Loch 40 years ago.

An expert, quoted in a national newspaper on Wednesday, claimed the incident was so serious it could have led to a third world war.

Crash details have been confirmed in a US military cable released by the CIA, marked 'Secret eyes only' and sent to Henry Kissinger, at the time US secretary of state, by Brent Scowcroft, a national security adviser to President Gerald Ford, on November 3, 1974.

Skipinnish song races to chart number one

CHART-TOPPERS Skipinnish were praised by tourism organisations and fellow musicians after their music video was watched more than 200,000 times across 20 or so different online platforms. The success of the band's new song *Alive* saw it take the top spot in the World Music Charts, and even rise to number 26 in the UK charts. The song's video shows West Coast is-

lands on a fine day, with a young woman running on the beach. Islanders who provide accommodation said they have had an upturn in the number of people booking holidays. Angus MacPhail, a founder member of the band, said: 'Massive thanks to all who have liked, shared and downloaded the track. *Alive* was played on Radio 2 and apparently it even got a mention on Radio 1.'

All change at golf club's pro shop

MACHRIHANISH Golf Club's professional will pack up his trolley at the end of March after selling the stock of the club's shop.

For more than 30 'wonderful' years, Ken Campbell has passed on his expertise and managed the shop at the famous course with its reputed 'best first hole in golf'.

EGM

Club administrators have called an extraordinary general meeting to be held in the club-

house on Monday February 13 at 7.30pm.

A motion has been proposed that members instruct the committee to run the professional shop themselves. The committee wants to establish the will of the membership to retain a professional on a new retainer or if they want a change and the club to run the shop.

Mr Campbell has sent an email to his patrons and supporters which said: 'It has come to the end of what has

been a wonderful time for me at Machrihanish Golf Club.

'I leave my position at the end of March and it is people like you who have given me your custom over the years that have made it a good working life for me.

Friendship

'Thank you for your support, friendship and in many cases, camaraderie.

'I wish you well in your golfing ambitions in the years ahead of you.'

Jobs are under threat as Campbeltown Airport drops strict security procedures

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The HIAL spokesperson added: 'Customers transferring to onward destinations will be required to reclaim their luggage, check-in and join the existing security procedures at Glasgow Airport.'

'The new measures have been designed to improve the general

passenger experience for passengers travelling to Glasgow, while maintaining appropriate security standards.'

Security

Mr MacNeil added: 'I will also be raising the fact that potential job losses in fragile rural areas shouldn't be overlooked either, but of course the security



Campbeltown Airport

aspect is the most important factor to which they should be paying most attention.'

Not all agreed, and Councillor Rory Colville said: 'I am delighted that local concerns have been addressed.

'This common sense

approach will end passengers having their personal luggage being individually inspected item by item, resulting in a much more user friendly service which can only result in a greater uptake of this essential transport provision.'

Speeding charge

A MOTORIST suspected of driving at excessive speed was stopped on the A83. The 65-year-old was caught at about 6am last Wednesday near Snipefield Industrial Estate. He was charged and a report sent to the procurator fiscal.

Drugs bust

A WEE TOON man was charged with alleged possession of cannabis after he was stopped and searched in Kinloch Road, Campbeltown.

The incident happened at 1.30pm last Saturday. He was charged and a report sent to the fiscal.

Islay assault

A MAN aged 29 was arrested and charged after a suspected assault at Port Ellen's Ardvie Inn.

The assault happened last Saturday in the early hours and police are also investigating other alleged public order offences.

Abusive

POLICE who attended a disturbance in the early hours last Sunday detained a 29-year-old man in Kilkerran Road, Campbeltown.

He was charged with suspected abusive behaviour and a report was sent to the fiscal.

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Auchinlee care home's future is in doubt as cash crisis continues

AUCHINLEE'S future as a care home looks threatened as members of an NHS and council board refused to fund a shortfall.

On Wednesday afternoon, at a Kilmory meeting, Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership Integrated Joint Board (IJB) was discussing its latest four-page report into the Church of Scotland home operated by CrossReach.

Despite dissent by protesters from the Save Auchinlee Ac-

tion Group, which caused the chairman to bang his gavel a number of times, and an impassioned speech by Councillor Anne Horn, members voted eight to one not to help the home's operator CrossReach.

The report had recommended that the IJB '... decline to provide £60,000 to CrossReach to underwrite its losses over the next three months.

'That it support the ongoing work to establish the Lorn Campbell

Court service as an alternative service.

'Subject to CrossReach serving notice to close the care home, support its work to find alternative placements for residents in and outwith Argyll.'

Yesterday CrossReach planned to hold a closed meeting for all its current Campbeltown staff with the chief executive, human resources and union reps. CrossReach refused to speak further to the *Courier*.

See letters, page six.



Auchinlee campaigners Margaret Anderson and Louise McLean collect signatures last Friday. 25_c04auchinlee01



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Space team takes MPs into orbit

A DISCOVERSPACE UK delegation rocketed into Westminster's corridors of power this week.

While all eyes seemed to be on Tuesday's Supreme Court ruling that a Brexit bill must come before parliament, many MPs and industry leaders were looking much further into the future when they joined host Brendan O'Hara at the starry reception.

Argyll and Bute MP Mr O'Hara spoke and reiterated the compelling and overwhelming case in support for the future of the spaceport in Kintyre.

The group was also addressed by Tom Miller of DiscoverSpace and Councillor Aileen Morton, both of whom made abundantly clear the positive case for MACC.

Mr O'Hara told the *Courier*: 'There was a fantastic turnout with MPs from across Britain.

'Representatives from many space industry firms attended the event, including Telespazio, UK Space, UK Innovation, ADS and Catapult.'

He added that regardless of what is written

about Prestwick, the spaceport location is not a Holyrood matter and will be decided in Westminster.

'What the MACC group has achieved in only a few years as a

community organisation is inspiring and a testament to the potential which can be unlocked locally,' Mr O'Hara said. 'What has also become apparent from today's recep-

tion has been the ability of all parties to work together for the greater good of Argyll and Bute.'

See also View from Westminster on page seven.



The delegation with Mr O'Hara, centre, at Westminster.

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Economic leader upbeat despite third world digital service in Argyll

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ARGYLL and Bute's Economic Forum chairman reported positive progress, during a Kilmory meeting but highlighted the need to keep working on infrastructure.

Speaking to *The Courier*, after the meeting, Sir Nicholas Ferguson CBE said: 'The main challenge is keeping up the momentum.

'I have been hugely encouraged by the very positive progress that has been made with the majority of the Forum's recommendations being implemented. However infrastructure is critical it has to be fit for the 21st century.

'At Kilfinan on an iPhone we get one dot of 3G coverage. Part of that could be due to mast heights.'

Sir Nicholas, who has just been appoint-



Sir Nicholas Ferguson.

ed a non-executive director of property firm Savills, added that he has recently found out that mobile masts in the Himalayas and European alps are allowed to be up to 75 metres, but in Argyll, with hilly terrain, are limited to 25m.

The forum was set up in 2015 and in its first report last year made recommendations for building the economy and reversing Argyll and Bute's population decline.

Sir Nicholas added: 'We recommended in our report that a shared vision would be key to the area's success.

'It has been clear in the year that has followed there is a growing understanding among our councillors, council officers, MSPs, HIE, Scottish Enterprise and the

Scottish Government of this vision and that they are working together.

'We still have to work to ensure this is fully understood and shared and work will continue during 2017.

'Marketing and promoting the area has been reviewed by Argyll and the Isles

Tourism Cooperative with the effects being seen this year including promoting Argyll and Bute as a premier outdoor adventure destination.

'Business Gateway has delivered 18 World Host workshops and 200 people participated in digital tourism workshops.'

Sir Nicholas sees reversing population decline as crucial to improving Argyll and Bute's economy and he said the investment by CS Wind at Machrihanish is a real shot in the arm for the area.

Increasing the numbers of people who choose to live and work in Argyll and

Bute has been close to Sir Nicholas' heart for 14 years. With his wife Jane he is listed in the top 40 philanthropists in the UK.

Through their Kilfinan Trust, set-up 16 years ago, they have actively supported groups and entrepreneurs who can create two jobs or more.

MP supports Holocaust memorial day

TODAY marks the 72nd anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi death camp Auschwitz-Birkenau.

To honour those who were murdered during the Holocaust and pay tribute to the survivors, Argyll and Bute MP Brendan O'Hara signed the Holocaust Educational Trust's Book of Commitment.

Afterwards Mr O'Hara said: 'As the Holocaust moves from living history, to just history, it becomes ever more important that we take the time to remember.'

In the lead up to and on Holocaust Memorial Day, thousands of commemorative events will be arranged by schools, faith groups and community organisations across the UK, remembering all the victims of the Holocaust and subsequent genocides.

The theme for this year's commemorations is 'How can life go on?'

Mr O'Hara added: 'We must ensure that we mark the Holocaust firmly in our history otherwise we condemn it to be repeated; discrimination, xenophobia,

religious persecution all persist to this day.'

Karen Pollock MBE, chief executive of the Holocaust Educational Trust, said: 'We are very grateful to Brendan for signing the Book of Commitment, signalling a continued commitment to remembering the victims of the Holocaust as well as challenging antisemitism, prejudice and bigotry in all its forms.'

Brendan O'Hara pledges his commitment to the Holocaust Trust.



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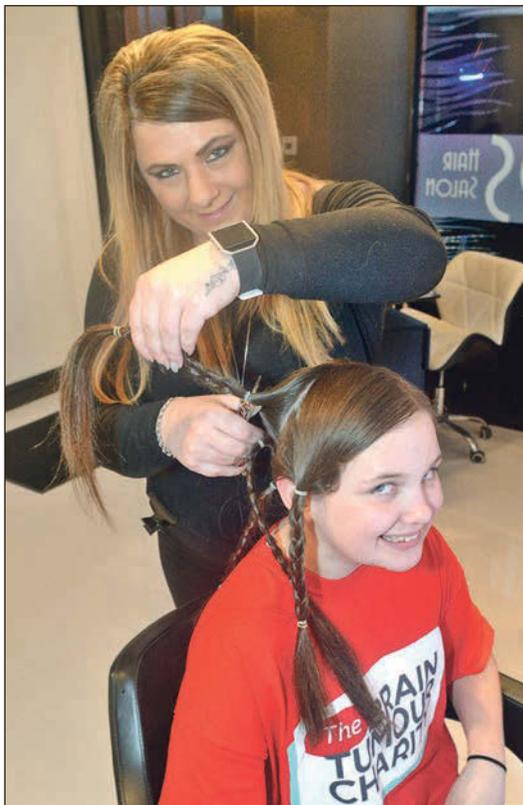
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Christmas lights linger longer in 2017

IN DECEMBER the Wee Toon's Christmas lights failed to shine in a switch-on debacle. Approaching February, it has started to look like the illuminations might be strung across the streets for far longer than the traditional 12 days which officially ended on January 6. Councillor Donald Kelly wrote to development and infrastructure services head, Pippa Milne, and said: 'Can you please tell me when Campbeltown Xmas Lights will be switched off and taken down or are they being left up for Xmas 2017?' A council spokesman replied: 'We will take down the lights across Argyll and Bute over a period of weeks, finishing by the end of February.'

Campbeltown princess loses pleats in charity cut



Kim Mathieson at Snips in Longrow cuts the pleats from Chloe MacKinlay's hair. 25_c04hair02

'The nine pleats will make one wig'

THERE were tears at a schoolgirl's headshave in memory of her dad who passed away as a result of a brain tumour. Chloe MacKinlay, 11, chose January 24, the day before the anniversary of her dad, Alex's passing, from a brain tumour last year to have maximum impact. There was not a dry eye as her nanas Flora Paterson and Jackie Rich, mum Lucy Rich and Alex's brother Ja-

son MacKinlay, with Chloe's sister Caitlyn, 13, and brother Alexander, seven, watched the haircut after school on Tuesday afternoon. **Shaved** Snips salon principal Kim Mathieson said: 'Because of Chloe's age we are going to keep one piece of her hair but she will be shaved on one side. 'The nine pleats will make one wig, by the time every strand is sewn and doubled over, for a little prin-

cess who has lost her hair due to illness.' On Chloe's Just-giving page, which has raised more than £840 for the Brain Tumour Charity, Simon MacLean wrote: 'I feel a bit bad paying a young girl to shave her head. If you change your mind, I'm sure no one will mind, Chloe.' Jan Rothacker wrote: 'Chloe, it's a wonderful thing you are doing in honour of your daddy. I'm sure he is very proud of his wee lassie.'

No drama planned for thespians' coffee morning

THERE will be no cold tea when a theatrical coffee morning is staged at the Red Cross hall in Kirk Street next Saturday. The Kintyre District of the Scottish Community Drama Association is staging its annual fundraiser from 10am to noon on February 4. As well as delicious teas and coffees, there will be the usual stalls of yummy home baking, a tantalising tombola and raffle. This year's drama festival will be held in the Victoria Hall, Campbeltown, on Friday February 24. Tickets for the event will be available for sale to supporters old and new.



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Scotland's digital inequality

IT IS really frustrating travelling from Lochgilphead to Campbeltown to watch the mobile signal go from four bars of 4G to 3G+ at best.

Similarly, in Gourock, perfect 4G is possible but just across the water in Dunoon, on Saturday, the mobile signal veered from 3G to G.

Yet, as Nick Ferguson says, in the Himalayas and Alps, 4G is possible because of higher mast heights.

Or could it be that when mobile was being developed as a technology, about 20 years ago, there was less resistance in those mountainous areas to the masts being erected?

With so much of the economy relying on connected services, improvement really is vital.

Last summer at one Kintyre restaurant the landline was out of action at the same time that mobile was down. The proprietor resorted to writing down more than 40 customers' card details to put the payments through the next day.

Elderly care

THE National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1947 established the principle of care from cradle to grave.

Back then, grave was somewhat sooner than at present. Since the late 1980s, the government has been trying to get out of some of its obligations to the people.

First, the large mental health institutions were closed, sold off and care in the community began.

Currently it is the turn of services for the elderly and those suffering dementia such as the residents at Auchinlee.

It is almost unbelievable that health administrators think some of these residents, who need constant care, could be accommodated in sheltered housing.

That is what they have suggested in a report this week.

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Car ferry link to Northern Ireland refloated

Sir,
With reference to the Scottish Government study considering berthing options for the Arran ferry service, may I say I remain to be convinced that this is anything other than a penny-pinching exercise by the government to avoid the cost of upgrading the Ardrossan facilities? The solution to the weather risks at Ardrossan is to carry out the work necessary there, not move to Troon.

The Troon option would result in longer journey times to central belt destinations for passengers because of the long uphill walk of a about a mile to the train station. Ardrossan passengers have direct access to the station.

What possible benefit would changing to Troon offer to Campbeltown and the wider Argyll area?

As chairman of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands area committee, I have called for a special area meeting to allow for proper debate which, in my opinion, should include a ferry link to Northern Ireland, with Larne the preferred option.

Many years ago, the SNP promised us a ferry link to Northern Ireland but we are still waiting.

I would be interested to hear the views of your readers

Councillor Rory Colville,
Campbeltown.

'It is up to us to do all in our power to save Auchinlee'

Sir,
I refer to the piece in last Friday's *Courier* about Auchinlee. This, in my opinion, and that of my late husband, is not the first time that the caring Church of Scotland made a wrong decision. Please check the *Courier*, dated August 14, 1987.

The church made headlines for its wrong decision in 1987 and the national press covered the story with not very complimentary headlines such as 'Kirk sacks caring couple' and 'Kirk spy costs them £21,000'.

My late husband and I were in charge of Auchinlee for almost 20 years and latterly took the Church of Scotland to an industrial tribunal because we knew it was not acting in a Christian and caring way by dismissing us. Despite its expensive legal team, we won our award.

The tribunal findings are available for anyone to read and I retained all documents. The church's decision-makers were held to account.

I have a book – quite old – called *The Challenge of Need*.

This is the history of the social service of the Church of Scotland, and Auchinlee's history, as well as other establishments are recalled.

Auchinlee was conceived locally, and many Kin-

tyre people, sadly some no longer with us, are written about, and especially Mrs McKersie, who gifted the home to meet the needs of elderly in the area.

I was very sad to see that Mrs McKersie's picture and that of the late Rev Angus J McVicar were removed from the front hall a very long time ago.

It was a lovely thought to have a home for the elderly in the local area. My late husband and I are mentioned in the story. These were happy days and a happy home where we too lived.

It is up to us to do all in our power to let the elderly live in their own area.

I become quite irate when I see a wrong decision about to be made again.

Eva Macdonald MBE,
Campbeltown.

IJB should evaluate MACC building for home

Sir,
I have just read the report on Auchinlee which came before this week's Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership Integrated Joint Board (IJB) on Wednesday afternoon.

I am disappointed that no mention has been made of the visit by John Dregghorn and Alison Hunter to the MACC base on January 6.

They visited the base to view potential alternative accommodation which could be considered should Auchinlee close.

I am fully aware that there would be cost implications but this option should be properly evaluated and presented to the board prior to any decision being taken regarding the future of Auchinlee.

Lorne Campbell Court does not have the capacity to house all Auchinlee residents and will lead to people being displaced from Kintyre to nursing homes outwith the area. The building at the MACC base could be developed as a multi-functional unit in a piecemeal fashion which could meet the needs of not only Auchinlee residents, but people the length and breadth of Mid Argyll and beyond.

I would suggest that the voting members or, indeed, the IJB arrange a visit to view this facility before further decisions are taken regarding the future of Auchinlee.

Councillor Donald Kelly,
Drumlemble.

Homelessness is on a downward trend

Sir,
Statistics on Scottish homelessness show a downward trend in the numbers. This is testament to a focus on prevention. However the increase in households with children living in temporary accommodation – 3,174 at the end of September 2015 – is 13 per cent more than in 2014.

Annie Mauger,
CIHS
Edinburgh.

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FACEBOOK LETTER

Labour not Tories brought in tuition fees

Sir,

The argument of Mr Gee and Rev William Crossan has made interesting reading, but the latter's claim that tuition fees were introduced by the Tories is wrong; they were introduced by Blair's Labour government in September 1998.

The whole problem of fees and loans, as opposed to grants, is a very difficult one.

Mr Crossan talks of the grants system of his time 50 years ago and quotes his grant of £350 per annum in the 1960s about £7,000 in present day terms.

Mine, 10 years before his, was £112 and was gone once I had bought my books and paid the fees for medical students at Glasgow of £60.

I think the fees may have been abolished before I finished, at that time it was a six-year course, and the grant did improve a little in later years.

Present day students, a vastly increased number since the mid 20th century, do not have to start repaying

the debt until they have a salary above a certain amount.

Some may never have to repay it and some will be well able to afford it.

No country on earth can afford to pay the total cost of university type education for up to 50 per cent of school leavers, as opposed to 10 per cent or less when we were privileged to go to university.

Whether the present method of post school education is the best for many of the youngsters is debatable, but that is another story.

Dr Robert Abernethy, Torrisdale.

Police reaction to Kintyre Way difficulties poor

Sir,

With reference to your editorial on January 20, The Kintyre Way is only one of a number of organisations and businesses both large and small who have had money removed fraudulently from bank accounts.

I am very disappointed in the police response to this case. It seems they have failed to investigate the con-

nections surrounding it or follow up on information supplied.

The thefts are far-reaching and will cause distress to many people.

The Kintyre Way held a very positive meeting to try to ensure the long-distance walk continues to bring visitors and prosperity to the area. The very negative editorial in the *Courier* did nothing to help this aim.

The Coastal Communities Fund was contacted by the directors of the Long and Winding Way Ltd as soon as the discrepancy was identified, as some of the money missing came from its grants.

We need to look to the future to ensure that 10 years of hard work by the directors, all of whom are volunteers, will continue.

At the meeting in the Heritage Centre, a number of people came forward with offers of help.

If we all pull together, The Kintyre Way can continue to be one of the best long-distance walks in the UK.

John Bakes, Director Long and Winding Way Ltd, Southend.

A View from Westminster – Brendan O'Hara

THE CAMPAIGN to have the UK's Spaceport sited at Machrihanish stepped up a gear this week when I hosted a reception at Westminster for MACC, and Argyll and Bute Council to put their case to a host of MPs, members of the House of Lords, as well as to the leading players in the UK space industry.

I first suggested hosting a parliamentary visit to promote Machrihanish a few months ago because I recognised that when you are so far removed from the London bubble, it can sometimes be difficult to make your voice heard.

With this reception, we managed to take the case for Machrihanish directly to industry experts and to the MPs, whose job it will be to decide where the Spaceport will be sited.

To date, no other bidder has hosted an event such as this and I would like to thank sincerely the staff in my office, the parliamentary authorities, MACC and Argyll and Bute Council who worked so hard to ensure we were able to give the best presentation possible.

Our message to Westminster was sim-

ple, in the MACC bid we have the only airport in the UK that has already been approved (twice) for space flight.

In Campbeltown airport, we have the longest runway of all the bidders and at more than 3,000 metres, it is the only one that meets the minimum required length of runway for space flight.

Our situation on west Kintyre means commercial, horizontally-launched space flights from Machrihanish will take off directly over the water, not over a built-up or densely populat-

ed area. Campbeltown airport already benefits from having three vast fuel storage installations and there is also plenty of room to grow the site in the large swathes of land around the airport which can be developed for the associated industries that will inevitably follow the Spaceport.

Unlike most of our competitors, our site is situated in an area of very low population density and as it was a former American and NATO base, it can be easily secured.

I have always believed that ours is a



Brendan O'Hara.

compelling case and if they didn't know before, MPs certainly know now that Machrihanish is a very serious bidder for the UK Spaceport.

There is still a lot of work to do, but I believe this week's reception will have made an big impression on those charged with making the final decision.

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Crooks target VAT registrations

COMPANIES could be stung for £790 in a VAT registration number scam.

Argyll and Bute Council's trading standards team is warning local business about a the potential fraud.

A spokesman said: 'The people behind a previous UK data control scam are now sending out debt collection letters asking for payments.

'These letters have a German address and are headed 'UK - DATA CONTROL - Missing information on your VAT Registration Number'.

Councillor David Kinniburgh, head of Regulatory Services, said: 'We are concerned that businesses might think this letter is an official communication, and that they may sign and return the form, leading to demands for payments.

'If anyone receives a letter like this and would like advice call 01546 605519.'

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£25,000 entrance is set to improve museum opening

by **MARK DAVEY**

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FRIENDS of Campbeltown Museum made new pals and heard of a scheme to cut the 596 hours of closures recorded in one year.

Friend's chairman, Dr Robert Abernethy, told the packed gathering, that Argyll and Bute Council will spend £25,000 to improve access and cre-

ate a separate entrance so that visitors do not have to go through the marriage room.

Dr Abernethy said: 'One of our big problems here has been that this museum is often closed because of meetings being held in the marriage room.

'If these were only marriages it would not be too bad be-

cause there are not too many, but when there are dozens of council meetings, not only dozens in the year that we studied, and these are official figures from the council - the place was closed for 596 hours. That is between Monday and Friday and does not include weekends.

'The architects have been down and had a look at the place and there will be a separate

entrance. There is also a real chance that there will be an increase in space.'

The large audience saw the museum's latest display celebrating Campbeltown's whisky heritage as well as sampling some Springbank whisky with the superb finger food.

Dr Abernethy added: 'Thank you very much for coming this evening. As you probably know the museum has had quite a troubled year.

'We have been worried about the possibilities of closure or a community takeover, whatever that might be, but we are assured that a community takeover is illegal.

'We understand that it is unlikely there will be any problems in the immediate future with the museum.

'We are very fortunate that we have a professional curator,



South Kintyre Development Trust's Zena Coffield and Campbeltown Museum's Elaine McChesney in animated conversation with Campbeltown Community Council chairman Alan Baker and Councillor Rory Colville. 25_c04museum04



Campbeltown Community business director, David Mayo, Niall Macalister Hall, a descendant of James Macalister Hall, who donated the Burnet building to the town, and Alastair Cousin. 25_c04museum08

Elaine McChesney, who has done a huge amount of work, particularly in the fine art section.

'We would like to interest those of you who are not Friends in becoming a Friend, the subscription is just £10 and for that you get at least one free drink.'

Later a man who manages holiday lets in the area said he had sampled three whiskies during the evening.



Dr Robert Abernethy in full flow. 25_c04museum06

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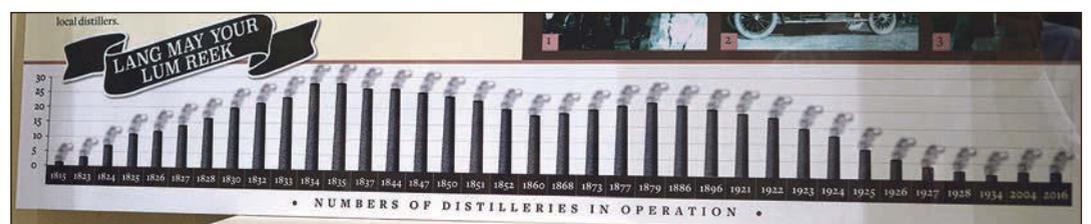
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A graphic from the whisky exhibit showing distillery chimneys in Campbeltown over time. 25_c04museum01

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Sixty years of Southend's Burns speeches, songs and sketches

by **MARK DAVEY**
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SPEAKERS mixed Burns poetry and superb stand-up comedy as each sought to better the last at Campbeltown's Argyll hotel.

More than 120 diners gathered for last Friday's diamond anniversary of Southend's annual event, which has been a fixture on the Kintyre calendar since 1957. One couple, John and Angie Smith, first attended in 1958 and were there again last week.

Perhaps the highlight of the evening was Dr Heather McQueen's *Tam O'Shanter*, complete with a wonderful set of actions, which left many saying that

at last they understood the poem.

Earlier chairman David Barbour had said the *Selkirk Grace*. Piper Donnie McKerral piped in the haggis and Malcolm Ronald made his address.

Immortal Memory

When Reverend Gary McIntyre BD, from St Ninians in Stirling, started the *Immortal Memory* it was clear which way the evening would be headed.

He explained that BD actually stands for Burnside diversion which is what he had done earlier.

A series of one liners and extended sketches followed before Burns

finally got a look in about 10 minutes later.

There Was a Lad followed, sung by the company. The Lassies address by John Armour restored the tone which was brought to a lower plain until the men sang *Green Grow the Rashes*.

Pat Healey's reply showed that the ladies were not to be outdone

in the comedy stakes.

Young singer Charles Turner, last minute stand-in Catherine Ralston, Peter McKerral and accompanist David McEwan

were praised by Iain MacPherson during his address to the artists and chairman.

Mr Barbour said: 'We are very blessed by the quality of the singers

we have in Kintyre. Many big Burns supporters in the cities have to hire their singers. 'It has been a very special night for the 60th anniversary.'



Charles Turner accompanied by David McEwan. 25_c04burns06



Reverend Gary McIntyre gives the Immortal Memory. 25_c04burns03



Chairman David Barbour. 25_c04burns04



Pat Healey. 25_c04burns07

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BELLOCHANTUY



The Glaucous gull at Bellochantuy bay.

Seal snack for Glaucous gull

BELLOCHANTUY'S Argyll hotel proprietor has spotted an unusual visitor to the Kintyre shore.

During a recent walk Nick Fletcher saw a rare sight and took a series of photographs of a Glaucous gull guzzling on a washed up dead seal.

According to the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds there are

fewer than 170 pairs of Glaucous gulls wintering in the UK from November to March.

Information

For further information about the species visit www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/bird-and-wildlife-guides/bird-a-z/g/glaucousgull/index.aspx

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The Royal family mucked in on St Kilda

A KILCALMONELL Guild meeting heard how the Queen, Prince Philip and the young princes and princess once worked alongside school children at restorations on St Kilda.

Liz Ball opened the meeting with a prayer before recounting the anecdote about how some school friends had been working on the remote island when

the Royal yacht arrived and the family joined the workers.

Insight

Peter Simson gave a presentation about his recent trip to St Kilda, and gave Guild members great insight into the hard life lived by the people there before the final evacuation in 1930.

He had travelled by boat from Lever-

burgh in rough conditions which gave a real sense of the isolation of the archipelago and the problems facing the intrepid islanders landing and climbing the stacs to get gannets and their eggs, which was the main food source.

Much discussion followed and a good tea was provided by Jane Griffiths.

SOUTHEND

Christmas party night at Southend SWI

A MIND bending exercise of drawing on a paper plate balanced on your head helped Southend's SWI Christmas party go with a swing.

The artistic exercise was the brainchild of Fiona Rowland. Other party fun was organised by Christine Jardine with quiz sheets for question time.

Earlier Kathleen Martin welcomed all members to the Muneroy tea rooms for the annual event, including a tasty hot meal served by Frances and her happy helpers, followed by lovely puddings and tea and coffee.

Competition results were: a small bottle

of cream liqueur: Alison Eynon, and Moira Jany Paterson gold, Fiona Rowland, Marion Warnock, Kathleen Martin and Patricia Jones silver.

Christmas tree decoration: Christine Jardine and Alison Eynon gold, and Fiona Rowland and Moira Jany Paterson silver.



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Fife farmer collects cheesy souvenir

A BLOCK of Mull of Kintyre cheddar put a cheesy grin on the face of the National Farmers Union Scotland president.

Allan Bowie was presented with the tasty gift by an NFU member from Campbeltown when he attended the recent Argyll and the Isles region AGM at Tarbert.

He said: 'It's a nice thing to be given. I usually go home with cheese from the area, so to get this Kintyre cheddar is just great.'

'We should all be enjoying quality local produce to support our Scottish farmers.'



Allan Bowie with the cheese

Trodigal Farm take top spot



John Ralston, Kilkivan Farm, second place, Gavin Semple chairman, judge George Boreland Jnr, Willie Armour, Trodigal Farm, first overall, and James McLean, Kilmaho Farm, third.

WILLIE ARMOUR'S animals won overall, team, individual, and dam and daughter categories at last week's Holstein Breeders heifer competition.

Large following

Great weather encouraged a large following round the competition on Tuesday of last week

The day's events were followed by dinner and prize giving held in The Ard-sheil Hotel, with 22 attending the evening. Results: Teams: 1 Trodigal, 2 Kilkivan and 3 Kilmaho. Individual: 1 Trodigal, 2 Kilmaho and 3 Kilkeddan. Dam and daughter: 1 Trodigal, 2 Kilkivan and 3 Machrihanish. Overall winner with most points: Trodigal, 2 Kilkivan and 3 Kilmaho.



Judge George Boreland inspects the winning heifer team at Trodigal.

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A bird visiting a feeder in Machrihanish. Photos: Annette Thomson

Big garden birdwatch swoops into Kintyre

by **CLAIRE THOMSON**
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KINTYRE'S birdwatchers will be perched in their gardens as they prepare to join the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch.

The annual event, which is the world's largest wildlife survey, takes place from tomorrow until Monday.

All wildlife watchers are invited to take part. As David Wood, site manager at the RSPB's Oa reserve on Islay, said: 'We want to get as many people involved as possible.'

'We want to encourage people to look at the birds in their own gardens, it's one of the easiest ways of getting in touch with nature.'

'The RSPB will be going out to schools to help pupils to get involved in the project, I'll be helping out at Port Ellen Primary.'

James How, senior site manager at the Loch Gruinart reserve on Islay, added: 'Argyll has a wonderfully diverse birdlife, with a range of birds visiting gardens.'

'Birdwatchers should look out for redpolls, siskins, waxwings, bullfinches, great spotted woodpeckers and, of course, blue tits, great tits, song thrushes, house sparrows, starlings and robins.'

'Many of these species depend on people feeding birds in their gardens through the winter.'

Statistics gathered from last year's birdwatch revealed that the top 10 garden birds in Argyll and Bute were

as follows; 1. chaffinch, 2. house sparrow, 3. blue tit, 4. great tit, 5. blackbird, 6. starling, 7. robin, 8. coal tit, 9. goldfinch and 10. dunnock.

One eager participant in the birdwatch is Machrihanish wildlife watcher Annette Thomson.

Annette, a 54-year-old writer, has been taking part in the Big Birdwatch for years.

She explained: 'To take part, you choose a 30-minute window, at the start of which you put out bird food in your garden. You then keep a close eye on your garden and identify and count the birds which visit.'

'You only choose one 30-minute slot, the aim is to capture a snapshot of the birds visiting the UK's garden.'

Annette continued: 'The bird watching opportunities are excellent in Argyll.'

'I used to live in Ab-

erdeenshire and all we really saw in our garden there was starlings and the occasional robin!'

'We see a lot of house sparrows in Machrihanish; the species thrives here in Argyll, but is actually becoming increasingly rare in the UK as a whole.'

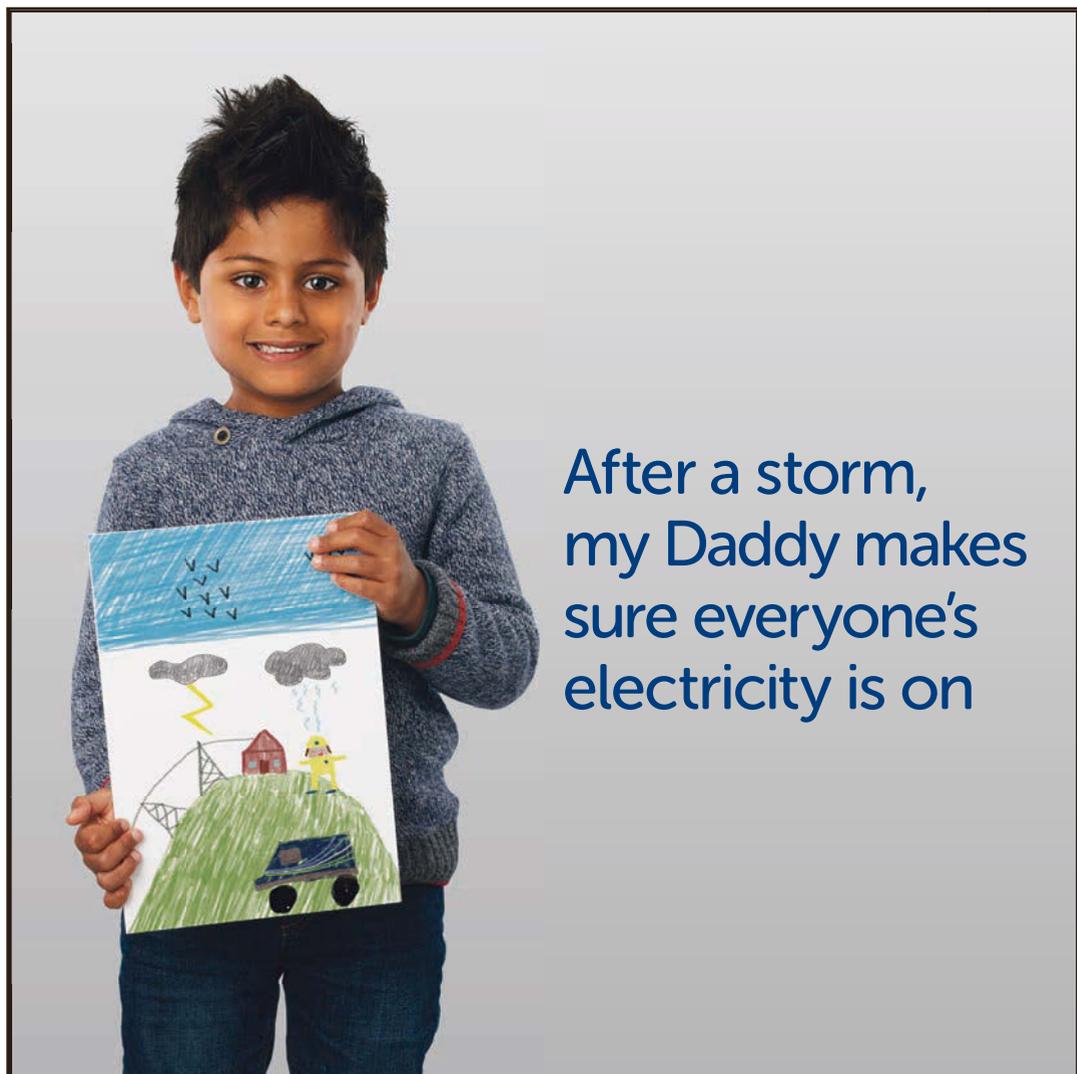
'We've also seen dunnocks, chaffinches, starlings, great tits, blue tits and jack daws in our garden.'

'The most exotic bird we've had in our garden was a pheasant! It was striding about on the pavement outside and next thing we knew we found it behind our oil tank.'

'My greatest birding moment was when a goldcrest (Britain's smallest bird) willingly hopped onto my finger in the garden.'

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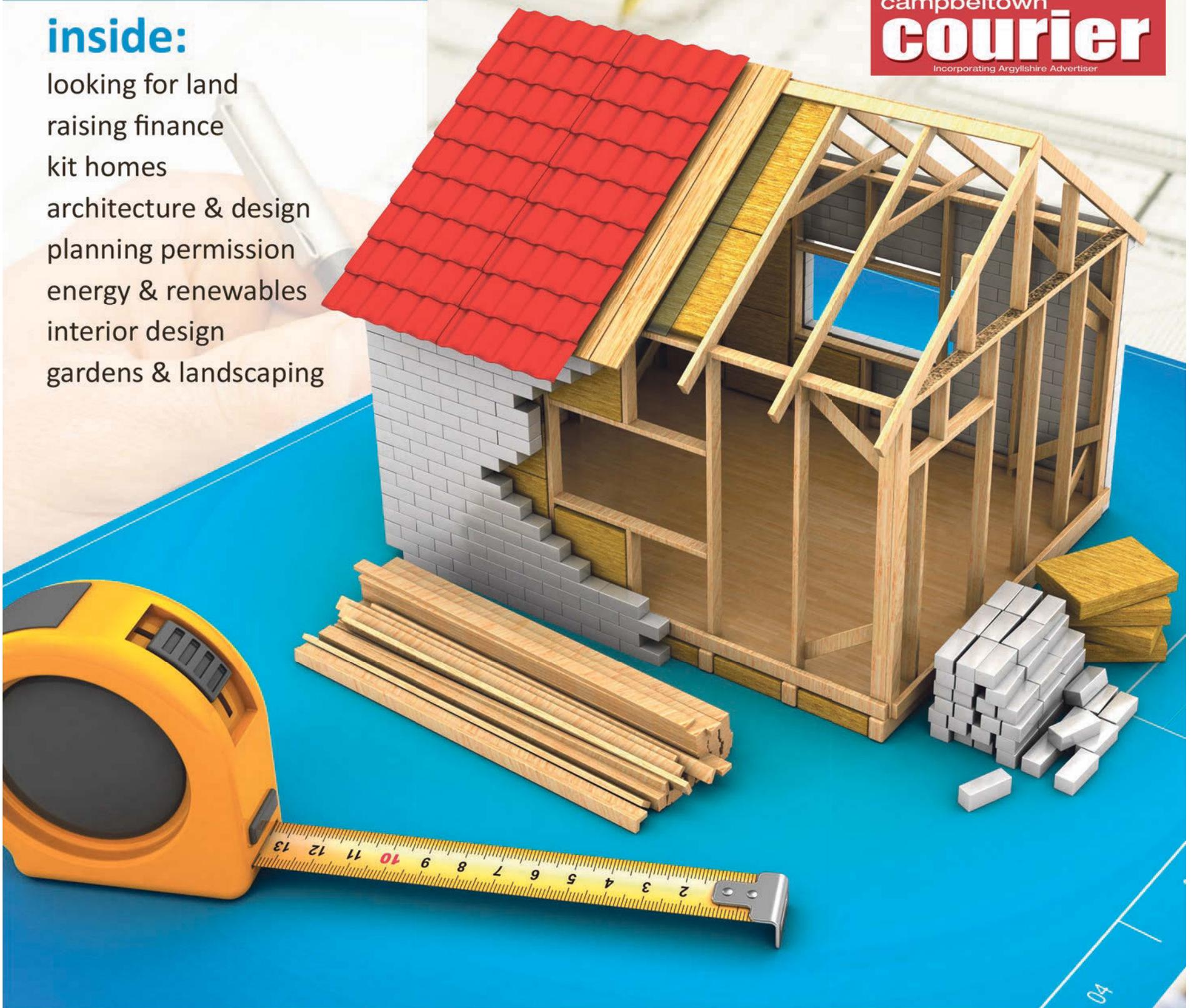
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Many people get excited at the thought of self-building, but then balk at the size and complexity of the task. Common fears? Lack of knowledge of the building trade, a belief that they are not sufficiently practical and an anxiety that their main life asset - their home - may be put in jeopardy if things go wrong.

The simplest answer to this is: don't worry! More than 20,000 people in the UK self-build homes each year. More than 90 per cent have never built anything before. The majority end their projects successfully and most contribute only marginally in practical terms.

Self-build currently represents about 25 per cent of the detached house building market and about 15 per cent of the larger house building market - more than any single commercial developer.

Self-builders come from all backgrounds and all ages, though they tend to be existing homeowners. Other popular categories include couples in their 30s and 40s with young families who are keen to leap two or three rungs in the housing ladder, and empty-nesters, people coming up to retirement, perhaps living in a large home where they brought up their children, who want to downsize to somewhere smaller, easier and cheaper to maintain. What this disparate group does share, however, is the ability to organise.

That includes knowing how to work out a budget, how to prioritise, how to nego-



tiating - often the most worrying aspect to the beginner, but a skill that develops with surprising ease - and, perhaps most important of all, knowing how to ask questions, and to go on asking until you get an answer that makes sense.

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First steps to follow

Set a realistic budget

Take a sensible approach to your budget and your project won't turn into a money pit like those seen on shows such as Grand Designs. Set a firm, realistic figure before the design stage begins, but include a contingency (10-15%).

Arrange financing

Whether through a bank or a dedicated self-build mortgage company, your next step should be to secure funding. That way you will know exactly what your budget is from the start, and when you find a plot you love, you will be able to seal the deal before it gets sold out from under you. Self-build mortgages often work on a stage payment basis, in which funds are released at key points throughout the project, either in advance or in arrears, depending on the product you choose.

Choose a building route

Many first-time builders choose a package company to guide them through the entire

process, from design to build. These companies generally offer customisable standard houses and bespoke design options. The other option is to hire an architect and contractor or professional project manager, so that the house can be built to your exact specifications. Check listings, then ask around to find out if others had a good experience with your potentials.

Find an architect or self-build package company

Whether you choose a package supplier (who designs and builds the home for you) or a local architect, make sure they understand your requirements and budget. The more information they have up front, the more efficiently they will be able to design your dream home. Continually going back to them with changes or additions will slow down the process and add to the cost.

Start the planning process

Get in touch with the local planning authority early. Argyll and Bute council offers a

pre-application system called Planning for Firm Foundations, so you can find out whether your proposal is likely to be acceptable in terms of the provisions of the adopted development plan.

Sort out the essentials

Before going any further, make certain you have all the proper consents in addition to planning permission (sometimes you need other special local permissions, such as conservation area consent.) Be sure to safeguard your investment by getting the contracts, warranties and insurance in place. Even if your contractor has insurance, you may need to take specialist self-build insurance.

Prepare the plot

The first step before starting the build is preparing the site, something your contractor usually deals with. This includes clearing vegetation, levelling the plot, installing drainage and setting out the trenches.

Get building

Most home building projects fall into five stages: foundation work; getting the house wind and weather tight (roof on, windows and doors in); first fix (initial services, structural carpentry and plastering); second fix (after the plastering) and final decoration. You can choose to have the interior completely fitted out, or, if you are handy with carpentry, perform the details such as cabinet installation, carpet laying and painting yourself.

Enjoy your dream home!

By this stage, you will be raring to move in. First, consider a few practicalities, such as obtaining the Completion Certificate from building control, making sure any last minute snags are dealt with - and don't forget reclaiming the VAT. After months of paperwork and stress, it's time to enjoy the fruits of your labour!

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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

What will it cost?

Everyone knows that when you buy a traditional home, you get a mortgage. But how do you go about financing a self-build, and how much will it cost when you factor in the land and the build?

This will be based on available savings, the likely profit from the sale of your existing home and what you can expect to raise on a mortgage. Traditionally, around a third of the total has been devoted to purchasing a plot, with the remainder covering construction. At today's land prices, 40-60 per cent is more likely to account for the plot, and in popular areas the percentage can rise even higher. Estimating the build cost will depend on the house size, the form of construction, the complexity of the design, the materials selected, local labour rates and the specific conditions of the site such as poor ground conditions that demand specialist foundations.

Setting budgets

In other words, it's complicated, and you're almost certain to require specialist help. Having said that, architects' and builders' price books, detailing the costs of every aspect of construction and updated annually, are available in local libraries or at bookstores (look for names like Spon or Wessex).

Estimating software such as EstimatorXpress from HBXL is a good way to plan the cost of your project. Easy to understand building diagrams help you input your project's dimensions to calculate the cost, and because it's linked directly to a builders' merchants price list, the estimates are totally accurate.

It also guides you through each build phase step by step, so you don't forget to factor in certain materials, labour or plants that can prove costly later on. Design and build package companies will also provide basic estimates for their standard designs. Some builder's merchants will supply free estimating services based on detailed house plans.

Traditionally, construction estimates are provided by a quantity surveyor, though the service is unlikely to be cost-effective for a project as small as a single house. In practice, arriving at a precise budget will depend on negotiations with your designer or project manager and your contractor. Don't expect to tie everything down before you start. Every build has its own peculiarities. A 10 per cent contingency fund is recommended.

Financing a self-build home

Most people obtain a mortgage to finance their project. Mortgages, however, are granted on the basis of collateral. That obviously doesn't exist when all you have is a building plot. Self-build mortgages are therefore funded on the completion of various stages of the build, typically four or five.



Cash flow

This means, of course, that you need to be able to fund stages, either from your own resources or other borrowing, before you are reimbursed by the next payment from your main lender. In the case of a timber frame house, where the frame might account for a third of your total budget - payable in one go - this is likely to require careful juggling of finances. Always establish clearly with your lender when and how stage payments will be made so you don't find yourself running into cash flow problems and perhaps losing a reliable subcontractor. One solution is to raise a loan on your existing home, to be re-paid when you sell it.

Another way of managing cash flow is to open an account with a builder's merchant. Thirty days' payment is common and provides a welcome respite when cash is tight. Clear your credit cards, too, before you start. They are useful, short-term back up.



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Catherine takes up the story: "We bought the land for our new home in December 2013 and broke ground ten 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."

Catherine and Joe's new home

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Project highlights

"We worked well with our architect and our builder to create a unique space for the family," says Catherine. "The kitchen is at the heart of the home and it is where we spend most of our time so it was important that it was big enough to accommodate us all. Joe is a pipefitter and, with the help of his brother, he carried out most of that work which saved us money and ensured we have a high quality product. We are glad that we used local trades-people, building suppliers and professionals as we built some good relationships along the way. I love the kitchen and our upstairs lounge with its fabulous views and cosy wood burning stove. It's a great family home and affords us good space for socialising."



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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.

So what chance does the lone, usually inexperienced self-builder have? Actually, he or she has advantages denied to the professional. The first is that paying the keenest price is not always a priority. A developer will usually need to build and sell a new property as soon as possible - to reduce borrowing and maintain his business.

A self-builder, however, is likely to spend several years in the house they build, allowing them to spread the cost of the plot over a long period. Not all plots are going to appeal to developers. They may be too small to generate sufficient short-term profit or they may have potential problems - a steep slope or an awkward shape. Remember, no plot is going to be perfect. Often solving a local problem can inspire you or your designer to think in new and imaginative

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Finding land



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Auctions are another plot source, but demand strong nerves and ready cash. A 10 per cent deposit is normally required at the fall of the hammer, with the remainder payable within a month. If you are targeting a particular area, visit it often. Chance conversations in pubs, wine bars or cafes can sometimes flush out potential vendors. Even more important, explore the area, preferably on foot. Look for large, neglected gardens, particularly with road access or gaps between terraces. Find out the

owners by asking locally or through the Land Registry.

Another source of plots is the local authority planning department. Occasionally, applications are not acted on or are unsuccessful. You may spot an opportunity. Sometimes you, or your designer, may see a way of making an application successful - perhaps by changing the size or position of the house.

Finally, an increasingly popular option in high priced areas is to buy a run-down property and replace it. At least you know that planning permission exists for a dwelling on that spot, even if the new house - as sometimes happens - has to cover the same footprint.

Useful websites:

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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.

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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.

An architect will ensure that you are in compliance with all statutory obligations such as planning permission, party wall agreements and building regulations. He or she will have extensive knowledge and experience to guide you through the application processes when obtaining these permissions.

Your architect will aid you in selecting the proper fittings, finishing, materials and lighting that are compatible with your lifestyle and will



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ultimately increase the value of your home. Furthermore, the architect can also help control costs during the design and specification stages of the project to make sure you are getting the most out of your budget.

He or she will oversee the project to completion, helping to control the programme and costs during the build process. Your architect can also help you select the right builder and arrange and administer your contract with them. This contract will ensure the building work is being done in accordance with the drawings and specifications to a predefined time-frame and cost. The architect will make regular inspections and issue certificates for completed work so you will only ever pay for the work that has been done. In addition, an architect can coordinate with various consultants and engineers to ensure all parties are on the same page throughout the project.

An architect can prevent headaches for you during construction, as they will solve various construction issues that may arise as the project develops. Specifically, your architect will be able to prepare change orders that are necessary when there are deviations from the original plan. And, because they are required to hold professional indemnity insurance, if there is anything in the design work that causes problems later down the line, you will be protected.



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Unless the site is already fully 'serviced', you will need to arrange for your site to be connected to mains water and sewerage systems and for electricity and (if applicable) gas connections to be provided. It is helpful

for you to check with Scottish Water and power companies early on to make sure you can get connections when you need them. In rural areas, particularly if the site is far from other properties or on a hill, there can be

problems in connecting sites to the mains water and gas grids in particular and the cost of the connection can be high; therefore if your site is in a remote area, you should check the feasibility of arranging connections before you commit to buying a site. In certain circumstances, you may need to consider providing your own energy or water/sewerage supplies (Scottish Water and the energy companies, along with your builder, architect

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work with your production team to come up with solutions- local haulage and construction companies know how to get materials to challenging locations.

Choose a Good Spot

Don't underestimate the importance of siting your home on your lot. Where you choose to situate your house will impact daily living. 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.

or project manager, should be able to give you further advice on this). Where possible, you should arrange for the water mains drainage and electricity supply to be provided for the site as early as possible because the builders will need access to water in particular during the build process and also to electricity at certain stages (although not necessarily for the initial stages). However, if it is not

feasible to arrange at least a temporary connection (such as a water standpipe) in time, it should be feasible to put in place other temporary arrangements, such as hiring an electricity generator or making arrangements with any nearby neighbours to use their water supply if they have an outdoor tap.

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Kit homes

Kit homes are pre-fabricated homes designed and manufactured in the factory and shipped onsite with all or most of the materials, components and even plumbing included. It's like a jigsaw puzzle with each parts measured, designed, and fabricated to fit perfectly to create a complete piece.

Some people think that these are lesser quality homes that have smaller spaces and low-grade materials. However, this is a real misconception, because quality will always depend on the supplier or manufacturer. You can get a huge kit home that will last for a lifetime with a reliable supplier that offers high-quality materials, components, and services.

First and foremost, what makes this type of home popular is the potentially lower cost to build. The overall expense can be reduced further if you build it on your own without hiring contractors for construction. This works for homeowners who have the skills and some help from family members and friends.

The time it would take to finish building a home is much faster because design, materials, and other components are already available and would simply need to be put together for completion. With the help of contractors, it could take a few days to finish building a home. That's faster than site-built homes that would normally take months or years to be completed. It saves you time and cuts down more costs along the way.

Few limitations prevent self-builders from availing of this low-cost property alternative. Considering terrain and other environmental conditions, a regular kit home may not always be appropriate to areas with uneven and challenging terrains, which requires a customized home design and architecture.

If you prefer your home to be a certain way with a couple of inclusions and alterations, a kit home may not be ideal for you. Homeowners, however, are initially given several options from existing designs by suppliers. While adjustments are not always accommodated by suppliers, you can inquire if a supplier can oblige you with slight modifications to existing designs.

If you are thinking of a self-build, why not explore the advantages of a kit home today?



Types of kit homes

Most kit homes fall into one of four main categories:

Log homes

Log homes are made of hand-crafted 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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Common mistakes to avoid

Owner-builders often make mistakes when building their kit home, which can be a huge drain on time, money and resources. To prevent the same thing happening to you, here's what to avoid:

- Don't just place your kit home anywhere on the site. Consider views, privacy, and cardinal directions for hot and cold temperatures.
- Don't pour all the cement at once in order to save money, as it will harden before you can even finish the job.
- Don't schedule tradespeople out of order, e.g. plumbing, insulation and electric work should be done before you call in the drywaller.
- Don't settle on the design and budget before knowing what the site requirements are, e.g. earthworks and access to essential services.
- Don't do everything yourself. Have an experienced professional help you out.
- Don't create a large kit home with no design features or it will just look like one big box.
- Don't go for cheap wall frames when installing the roof or the walls will not stay straight.
- Don't create a unique design that will be unappealing to others and make it hard to sell the home.
- Don't hesitate to seek professional advice where necessary. Spending a few bucks on expert advice can save you considerable money later on.
- Don't set impossible deadlines that could ruin your health and family life.
- Don't make any guesses. Figure out how many hours is required for each task from the bids given by subcontractors.
- Don't just look at prices when comparing kit homes. Also consider the number of standard inclusions.
- Don't just choose contractors with the lowest bid price. Find out why it's cheaper than others.
- Don't forget to set aside some money for landscaping.
- If you don't apply glue to the floor sheeting, it will squeak.
- If you don't re-plumb door jambs, the doors will not hang correctly.
- If you don't seek help to fix a mistake you made, you could create even bigger, more expensive problems later on.
- Learn the rules before you break them, e.g. conventional flashing will still be needed for alternative triangular windows.
- Pick a design based on the lifestyle you want, e.g. privacy, entertaining, or space for a growing family.



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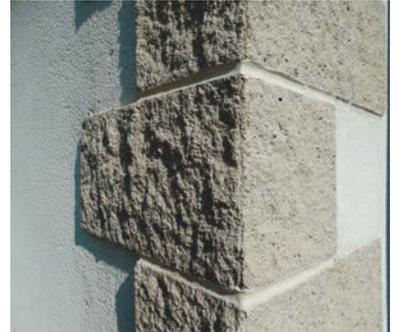
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Energy and renewables



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?

Through the HEEPS loan scheme, an owner occupier or private sector landlord could get up to £15,000 per property, and landlords with multiple properties are eligible for up to £100,000 in total. 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.

From October 2016 for a limited time and subject to available funding, applicants are eligible to receive a grant of 25% of the cost of their work, up to a maximum of £3,750. Applicants must be able to complete works and claim funding by March 10, 2017 to benefit from this offer.

To accommodate this change the HEEPS loan will be reduced to a maximum of 75% of the cost of eligible works. The maximum loan value remains at £15,000.

Applicants are also entitled to claim up to £150 towards the cost of the Green Deal Advice Report that is required before a loan can be approved.

If you are installing external wall insulation and apply directly to your local authority for a building warrant you can also claim back this cost. Payment in these circumstances will only be made based on the actual cost paid to the local authority for lodging the warrant and you must be able to supply a copy of the bill, receipt or invoice issued by the local authority.

This special offer will also be available to private sector landlords for a maximum of three properties. If applying for work at more than three properties loan funding, the interest free loan will still be available for 100% of the eligible costs, up to a maximum of £15,000 per property. For more information on the loan scheme, visit energysavingtrust.org.uk.

Installing green technologies in your self-build can not only offer energy savings in the long run, you might qualify for Government schemes to help pay for them.

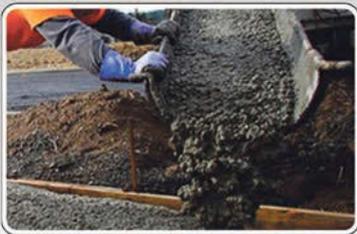
Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI)

The main funding scheme offered by the Government for installing renewable heating such as biomass, ground source and air source heat pump technologies,

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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

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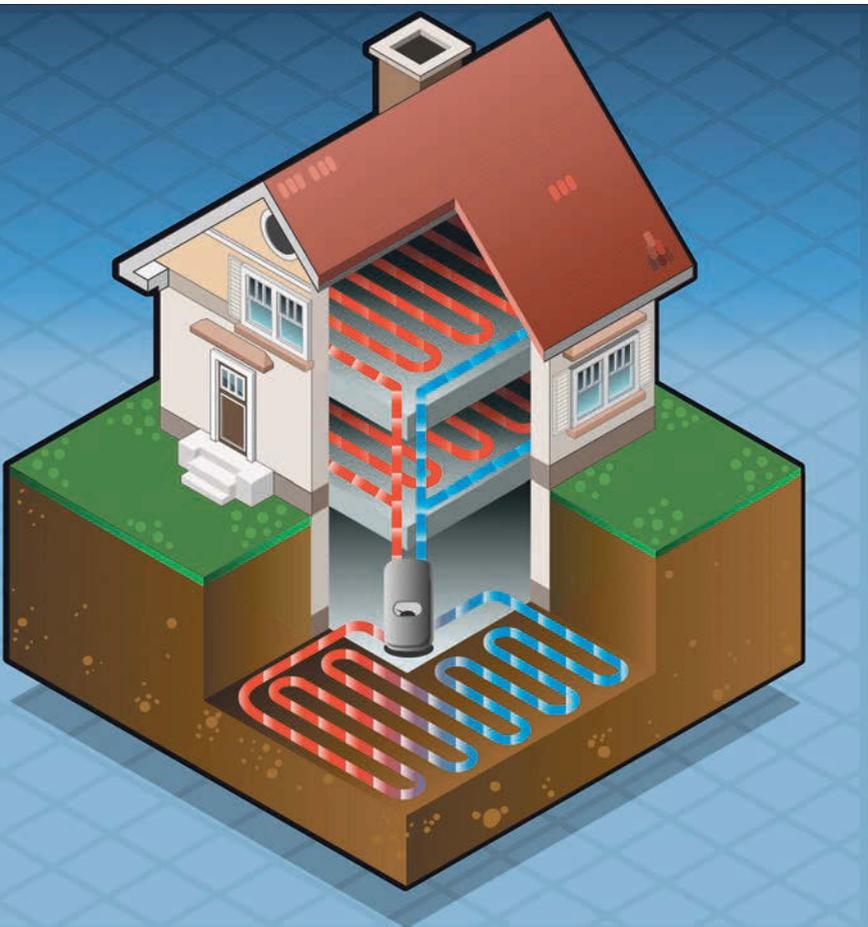
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Your installation must also adhere to the Renewable Energy Consumer Code (RECC), operated by the Renewable Energy Association. In addition, to qualify for RHI payments, you must have funded the heating installation yourself.

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Renovating a Home: Top Ten Dos and Don'ts

When renovating a home it's essential to carefully plan and budget for your project. Make sure you follow our Top 10 Dos and Don'ts when renovating a home:-

There are lots of things that you need to do when considering a property project, but here are our Top Ten Tips to get you started:-

1. Do make a list of everything that you want to do, not just in one room, but around the rest of your home too.
2. Do write down a priority order of what needs doing. For example, do you renovate room by room, or get the home painted throughout first?
3. Do work out how much you have to spend - keeping up to 30% of the budget as a contingency.
4. Do write down a list of materials that are required and start to work out and then find out the difference in value versus quality.
5. Do make sure you shop around for materials - or if professionals fitted ask them to list and break out cost of materials and labour.
6. Don't employ a tradesperson or professional company, unless you are sure you have read and both parties have signed a contract.
7. Don't pay for work upfront, agree stage payments for work and make sure you keep 10% of the final cost back until the work is finished to your satisfaction.
8. Don't skimp on items that need to last such as taps or showers.
9. Don't keep changing your spec throughout the project - you will go over budget and annoy the trades people!
10. Don't try to do too much in one go, do things in the right order and take one step at a time.



Kitchens, bedrooms and bathrooms

Kitchens

Liberated from old-fashioned customs like colour-coordinated appliances and the sacred single work triangle, designers are thinking about kitchens in new and exciting ways. On trend kitchen design for 2017 includes new thoughts about colour, finding your own workflow and use of authentic materials and natural lighting.

Colour redefined-A base of neutral and soft colour palettes are a very popular choice this year as they allow the homeowner to experiment with his or her own individual expression of complementary colour.



Finding flow- A greater level of collaboration between designer and home owner is driving the desire for better integration between kitchen and living areas. Open-plan kitchens that allow for seamless interaction between living and prep areas will remain key, as will the need to maximise cupboard usage to increase storage through functional design, without compromising organisation and access.

Materials matter- Combining materials is still popular, especially when it comes to countertop materials, as are sleek lines, with integrated profile door handles and work surfaces becoming slimmer to enhance this clean linearity. Diversity is key to current kitchen design, with

elements being created in such a way as to make them resemble crafted furniture and not just functional storage."

Mindful tech- An increased awareness of technology in the kitchen will see kitchen designers incorporate a tech perspective in the kitchen cabinet and we can expect to add-ons such as built-in charging stations, hands-free functionality and tablet holders. Think designs that feature touchscreen control panels, heating membranes, sound activators, aromatic scent dispensers and LED lights along with multimedia entertainment systems.

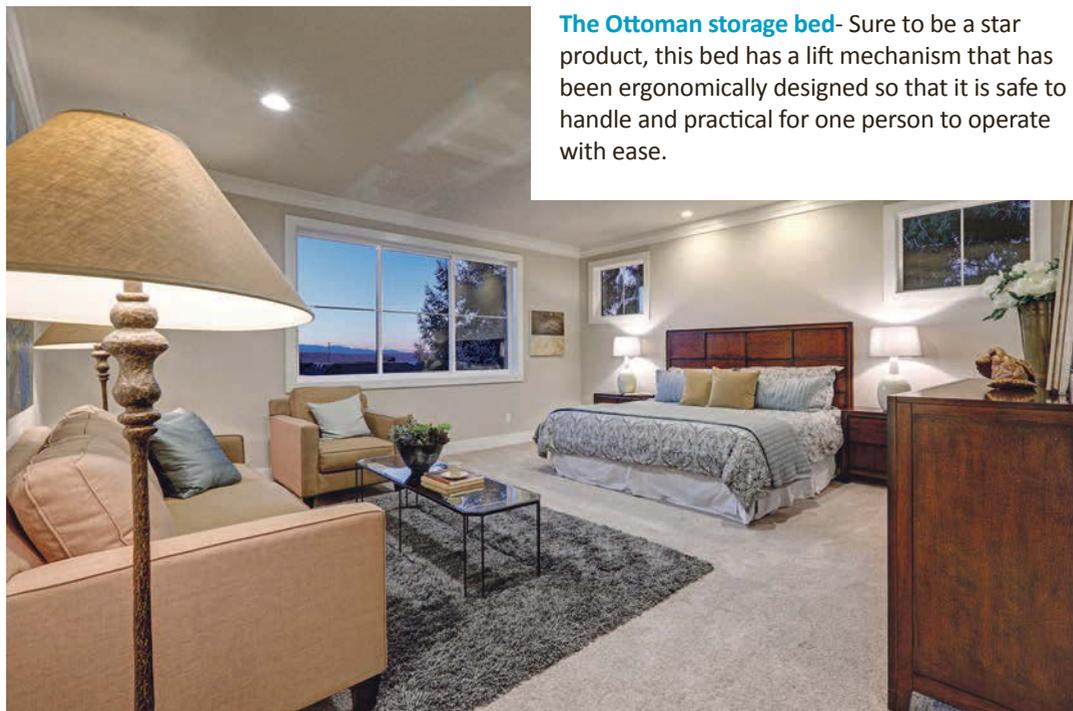
Bedrooms

The bedroom market is coming of age as homeowners seek a designer look. The range of options available in the fitted bedroom market has expanded offering more choice and extensive range. 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.

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. In terms of colour, grey continues to lead in both matt and gloss and different shades of grey.

Sliders are the way ahead- In the past a sliding wardrobe door was considered to be a solution to a small room, rather than a preferred option. This has changed and 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.

The Ottoman storage bed- Sure to be a star product, this bed has a lift mechanism that has been ergonomically designed so that it is safe to handle and practical for one person to operate with ease.



Bathrooms

Clean, modern style and neutral colours dominate bathroom design for 2017. Neutral colours dominate the bathroom, with white being the most popular fixture colour and whites and greys being the most popular overall colour schemes. Increasingly popular are bathroom amenities including electric heated floors, easy maintenance features, one-piece toilets, towel warmers, humidity-sensing fans, steam showers, smart toilets/bidets and water sense toilets and faucets. Some other hot trends in baths for 2017 include:

Freestanding tubs- Built-in bathtubs are declining in popularity. Freestanding bathtubs are the preferred bathtub of choice among 2017's trendsetters. When you're initially designing your bathroom layout, freestanding tubs offer a lot of flexibility in their placement. Interestingly, some people are choosing to put their freestanding tubs inside their shower areas.

Fifty shades of grey-Grey has been a trendy colour for the past few years, and it's still going strong for 2017. If plain grey or a combination of grey and white doesn't excite you much, remember that grey can take on any other colour as an undertone. For example, we've been seeing a lot of grey and turquoise combinations around; this works because the greys being used are greenish-bluish-greys that complement the turquoise perfectly.

Polished metal finishes- In 2017, expect more polished metal finishes and less matte. Brass has been a hit for this year, but you can go full-on metal come 2017. From gold, silver, platinum, stainless, brushed steel - metals sure will be back in full strength. These finishes are perfect to grace your cabinet knobs and even your faucets.





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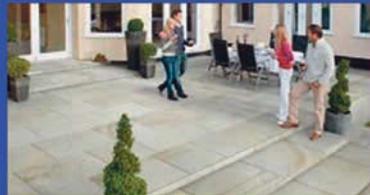
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Choosing the right company to work on your self-build is a big decision. With rogue tradesmen and poor workmanship widespread, how can you find a local rated tradesman or company you can trust? Follow these handy tips to help you choose the most suitable approved tradesmen for the job:

- Ask to see references from other satisfied customers.
- Ask if the work is covered by a guarantee, how long the guarantee should last and whether it is backed by insurance. Should the company cease trading, any defects will still be remedied. An insurance backed warranty is desirable, especially if the project is a large undertaking.
- Evaluate how well a company or tradesman responds to your enquiry; do they turn up on time, how closely do they listen to you to find out what you require and how carefully do they survey and measure?
- Are they members of an established trade association such as the Scottish & Northern Ireland Plumbing Employers' Federation or CORGI?
- Beware of employing a tradesman who is unable to provide a home or business address and a landline phone number.
- Make sure you check the company's qualifications and experience of carrying out similar work.

Ultimately, the individual or company you select for your project will determine the quality of the final result, so ensure you choose a trusted, certified tradesman and receive expert workmanship and peace of mind.



Trade Associations 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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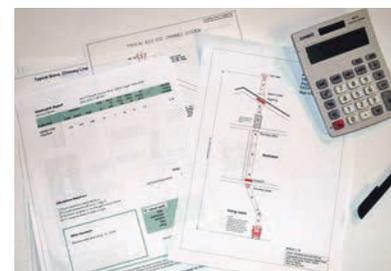
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Interior design

From dark jewel tones to oversized statement lighting, here's what's hot in interior design for 2017.

Rich, dark jewel tones: Creating a mood of mysterious glamour, dark and jewel tones such as black, charcoal, purples, blues, wines, and especially forest green, are making interiors feel elegant and inviting this year.

Layered neutrals: As a counterpoint to the bold colour trend, neutrals communicate appealing depth and intensity when skilfully layered with tone and texture.

Colour of the Year: Pantone's much anticipated announcement of its annual Colour of the Year was met with high praise for its selection of 'Greenery.' The colour is the brightest neutral, which embodies freshness and a connection with nature.

Terra cotta: Terra cotta, a material that has been used for thousands of years, is getting

fresh attention in interiors, appreciated for its earthy connection to nature and history.

Artistic wallpaper: Intriguing backdrops are a highlight this year, achieved with meticulously detailed artistic wallpapers.

Matte finishes: In paint, metal, and tile, the subtlety of a more natural matte texture is a sophisticated finishing touch.

Dark kitchens: While white kitchens remain timeless, dark grey, black, and navy blue are coming into the spotlight as a stylish alternative.

Oversized statement lighting: From modern geometrics to dangling chandeliers, oversized lighting works as sculptural art in a room, an architectural element with function and character.



Vintage modern: Translating exceptional vintage pieces with modern materials, colours and patterns is a fresh approach with staying power.

Interesting faucets: Organic shapes with a playful simplicity are a trend in today's bathrooms, particularly with faucets.

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When to hire one: Whilst you might have a clear idea of what you want, a trained eye and creative thinker allows for solutions that you might never have imagined. Attention to the finer details will transform your space into a stunning environment that reflects your personality and lifestyle.



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Any person wishing to lodge representations in respect of these proposals should do so by writing to the Head of Governance and Law, Argyll and Bute Council, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RT by no later than 27th February 2017.

Tariff 1	Hirings from ranks or "flag" Hiring between 7am and 10pm	
	Initial charge (860 yards or part thereof)	£3.00
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Charles Reppke, Head of Governance and Law, Argyll and Bute Council, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RT

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A MEETING OF THE MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS AREA COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, MAIN STREET, CAMPBELTOWN

AT 10.30A.M. - WEDNESDAY, 1 FEBRUARY 2017

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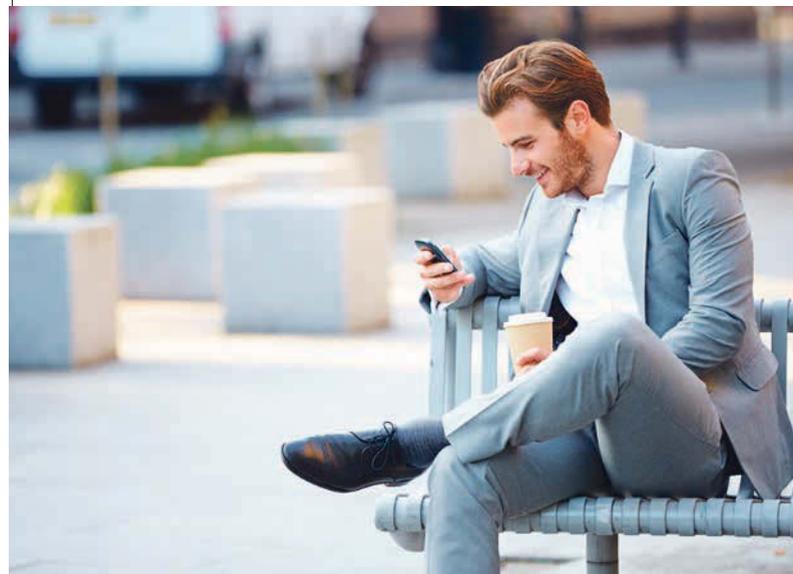
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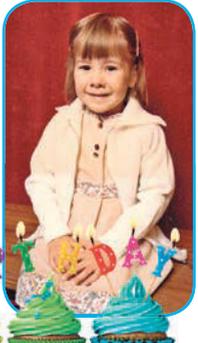
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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



WALKING on the beach with our collies, we love to look at the various footprints and try to work out what they are.

Tiny otter prints tend to be near the source of a local burn, while the deer scamper happily across the whole beach.

Birds of all shapes and sizes also leave their mark, and paw-prints in the sand zig-zag in all directions.

It reminded me of that wonderful saying from Chief Seattle: 'Take only memories, leave only footprints.'

Chief Seattle was a wise and respected Native American Indian.

He even has a city named after him.

He was one of the earliest eco-warriors and his mantra still applies today.

In modern language this has been adapted to: 'Take nothing but pictures. Leave nothing but footprints. Kill nothing but time.'

This is part of the 'Leave no Trace' philosophy of naturalists all over the world.

Chief Seattle cared about the natural world and respected every living creature that shared it with him.

He said: 'All things share the same breath – the beast, the tree, the human... the air shares its spirit with all the life it supports.'

Humans did not weave the web of life, they are merely a strand in it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves.'

In an age of so much devastation and destruction throughout our beautiful world, we would do well to heed the great Chief's advice.

Some footprints have gone forever and leave the world a poorer place.

Nature is the great designer working hand in hand with the great Creator.

Who are we to become the great destroyers? 'Leave only footprints and kill only time.'

From our files:

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

FRIDAY JANUARY 31, 1992

Calum is town's first paramedic

THE Scottish Ambulance Service in Mid Kintyre and Islay is building for the future with the introduction of its very first paramedic.

Calum Lawson, 28, underwent a rigorous eight-week examination process firstly at the Redlands National Training Centre in Glasgow and then at Inverclyde Hospital, Greenock, for four weeks.

He will now bring even more care and medical expertise to people who are in desperate need and his newly learnt skills will be put to the test in the most serious conditions, such as car accidents and coronary attacks.

'Calum volunteered to train to be a paramedic because he wanted to be professional and give the patient the best care that is available,' said district ambulance officer Alasdair Galbraith.

'We rely very heavily on the air ambulance but if there is fog and patients have to go by road they feel more comfortable if someone like Calum is in the back of the ambulance,' he added.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

THURSDAY February 2, 1967

Burns was a Nationalist

THE first Burns supper organised by the Campbeltown branch of the Scottish Nationalist Party was attended by some 65 guests.

The menu ranged from cock-a-leekie to kebbuck an' bannocks, including the most important dish, the haggis, which was piped in by Piper Hugh Colville and addressed by Mr D McShannon, the branch secretary.

Mr Archd. MacNeill toasted the Immortal Memory of the Bard and Mr Peter Armour spoke the address 'To the Lassies', mentioning that Burns himself was a great Scottish Nationalist by quoting appropriately:

'What needs this din about the town o' Lon'on

How this new play and that new song is comin'?

Why is outlandish stuff sae meikle courted?

Does nonsense mend like brandy, when imported?

There's themes anow in Caledonian story,

Would show the tragic muse in a' her glory.'

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

FRIDAY JANUARY 27, 1917

Mining accident

A miner named Alex Russell, residing in Fisher Row, sustained severe injuries at the Drumlembie pit on Thursday of last week.

He was charging a shot when it exploded prematurely and he was badly burned about the face and right arm. We understand he is making favourable progress.

Boy scouts presentation bagpipes

Captain J. S. Smith of the Argyll Mountain Battery has written to Sheriff Macmaster Campbell to acknowledge on behalf of the Battery the beautiful set of bagpipes presented by the Campbeltown Boy Scouts and friends.

The bagpipes had just come to hand and were highly appreciated by the Battery, and Captain Smith desires to communicate the cordial thanks of the corps to the generous and patriotic donors.

He adds the expression of his own gratification that the gift should emanate from his own old boys of the 16th Argyll Troop.

Sailor's grave centenary approaches

IN MAY it will be 100 years since an unknown corpse washed ashore at Inneans Bay,

and plans are afoot for a replacement memorial at what is known as the sailor's grave.

Activities are being

coordinated by Kintyre author Angus Martin.

There will be a meeting at the Ardshiel hotel tomorrow starting at 7pm, but interested parties are welcome to come along at any time afterwards until about

10pm. The aim is to replace the broken cross there and to secure a long-term solution to the preservation of the burial site. The meeting will provide an opportunity for a discussion of the issue.



Angus and friends at the sailor's grave site.

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

God says, 'You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God ...' (Exodus 20:7)...

BIRTHS

MACCORMICK - Coll and Shelley are delighted to announce the arrival of Piper-Rose, on December 31, 2016, in Dunedin, New Zealand. Another lovely granddaughter for Dugie and Dorothy, Carradale.

MULLEN - BELL - David and Lesley are delighted to announce the birth of David Keith McKerral, born January 7, 2017. Second grandchild for Neil and the late Mary McEachran, and sixth grandchild for Walter and Maureen Bell.

ENGAGEMENTS



ANDERSON - MCGOUGAN

Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Peter to Louise, January 20, 2017 at Portavadie.

MORRISON - POXON - Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Richard, elder son of James and Mary Morrison, to Jessica, eldest daughter of Neil and Cecille Poxon.

DEATHS

ALLEN - Suddenly at home, 4A Lady Mary Row, Campbeltown, on January 6, 2017, Alexandria Allen (Alexa), in her 41st year, dearly beloved partner of Dennis O'Brien, loving mother of Natasha and Alexander, loving daughter of Jean and the late Alex, much loved sister of James and loving aunt of Sophie.

BROWN - Peacefully, at Campbeltown Hospital, on January 19, 2017, Richard John Brown (Dickie), in his 64th year, 33A Albion Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved son of Stella and the late Thomas Brown and a loving father, grandfather, brother and uncle. Funeral private.

BUNTAIN - Suddenly, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, on January 10, 2017, Iain McKellar, aged 66 years, husband of Inga, son of the late Kenny and Jenny, and brother to Kenneth, Archie, Allan and Donald. Funeral service to be held at Clydebank Crematorium, on Monday, January 30 at 3.30pm. No flowers please.

KEITH - On January 15, 2017, peacefully, at Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, Alexander (Alex) Keith, in his 91st year, beloved husband of the late Agnes Crawford, much loved father of Helen, Senga, Jim and Alison, a dearly loved father-in-law, grandpa and great grandpa. Funeral service was held at Cumloddan Church on January 23, interment thereafter at Killeven Cemetery. With grateful thanks to family, friends and neighbours, with a special thanks also to all his carers

and staff at the Mid Argyll Hospital, for all the kind care and attention received. Thanks to Rev Roderick Campbell for a comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, George Hotel for excellent catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The collection for Macmillan Palliative Care Unit raised £310.

MACVEAN - Peacefully at her home, Dalvore, Kilmichael Glassary, on January 21, 2017, Elizabeth Janet (Betty) MacVean, née MacDonald, aged 82 years, beloved wife of Alasdair MacVean and loving mother of Eric, John, Angus, Peter and Elizabeth. Dear sister of the late Angus, Margaret, Marjory, Donald, Colin and Ian and a much loved aunt, great aunt and cousin to all the family. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service was held in Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Thursday, January 26, 2017, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery. Sadly missed.

MCKINVEN - Peacefully, with her family by her side, at Peacock Nursing Home, Livingston, on January 23, 2017, Morag, aged 82 years, beloved wife of Duncan, much loved mum of Pearl, Iain, Allan and Janette, devoted gran and great gran. Sadly missed by all.

MILLAR - Annie Mead (Nan), née Robb. Peacefully, after a short illness, in Perth Royal Infirmary, on Saturday, January 14, 2017, Nan, (former Postmistress of Saddell Post Office and latterly of Lochgilphead and Auchterarder), in her 87th year, wife of the late Willie Millar, much loved mum to Moira and Billy and beloved grandmother to Gillian, Tracey and Maria. Loving great grandmother, auntie, sister and friend to many others. Funeral service in Auchterarder Parish Church, on Monday, January 30, 2017 at 10.30am, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Interment thereafter at Auchterarder Parish Cemetery, arriving at 11.15am.

PATERSON - Peacefully, at the Knapdale Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, on January 24, 2017, after a long illness borne with great dignity, Dora Johnstone Paterson, née Drummond, in her 89th year, formerly of Strone Farm, Minard, beloved wife of the late Joey Paterson, much loved mother of John, James, Kenneth, Hilda, Ailsa and the late Douglas. Adored Granny Dora and great granny and a dear sister, aunt and cousin to all the family. A good friend and dear neighbour to many. Funeral service will be held in Lorne Street Funeral Parlour, Lochgilphead, on Monday, January 30, 2017, at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Kilevin Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired, to Alzheimer Scotland.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
ANDERSON - Janice and family would like to thank

everyone for the many kind expressions of sympathy, phone calls, visits, baking, cards and flowers received following the sad loss of Alisdair. A special thank you to the district nurses for their very kind care of Alisdair. Thanks to all who attended the crematorium and to my brother, John, for his comforting service. Special thanks to Kenneth and Rhys Blair for their professional services and to everyone who attended Stronvaar Bowling Club for the celebration of Alisdair's life. Thanks to Kirsteen for her excellent speech about her dad and to David for singing Alisdair's song. Thanks also to Katherine and friends for the catering and to the bar staff. The collection for the Macmillan Nurses and Marie Semples raised £620.

GELDER - Friends of Barrie would like to thank Rev Steve Fulcher for his support, help and comforting service, Catherine Black for her excellent and appropriate music, Alasdair, Kenneth and Rhys Blair for their guidance and excellent professional service and Iain, Frances and staff at the Muneroy for the lovely purvey. Special thanks to all who attended and helped on December 21 and to everyone who attended at the church. The retiral collection for RNLI raised £1,129.23. Barrie was cremated at Cardross Crematorium on January 23, 2017.

MACCALLUM - Mary's family would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy and support following her sudden death and for their comforting presence at her funeral service. Sincere thanks are extended to the doctors and staff in Lochgilphead and Oban Hospitals for their appropriate attention, to the carers and the Marie Curie nurses for their exemplary home care and to Myra Strathie for everything. We are especially grateful to Rev Hilda Smith for her support at this difficult time and for her uplifting and thoughtful service, both in the church and at the committal; to Donald MacDonald for professional assistance and supervision at the church, the graveside and the purvey arrangements at the Stag Hotel, who provided excellent hospitality. A retiring collection realised the sum of £200, to be forwarded to the Marie Curie cancer care and support.

MCKINLAY - With graceful acceptance of the loss of their mum, Elizabeth Agnes Barbour, Elspeth and Moira, along with their families, would like to express their heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all relatives, friends and neighbours for the support and kindness shown to them at this poignant time. Sincere thanks to the Rev Philip Wallace for his inspiring and comforting service; to the Rev Catriona Hood for her excellent and appropriate music; to Alasdair, Kenneth and Rhys Blair and staff for their sensitive and dignified professionalism; to Flora, Marion and staff of the

Ardshiel Hotel for their welcoming hospitality and enjoyable afternoon tea; to all health professionals, ambulance service, all staff and ancillary departments of Campbeltown Hospital and Campbeltown Medical Practice, most especially all community teams and carers involved in the nursing of Elsie at home, your care, commitment and support has been exceptional. The family has been deeply humbled by the beautiful flowers and floral tributes, cards and letters, phone calls and messages and visits received. Finally, to all who attended the church and graveside to pay their respects, Elsie would have been truly honoured.

IN MEMORIAM

CAMERON - In loving memory of Isobel. We miss you in your fireside chair. Your loving smile your gentle air. Your vacant place no-one can fill. We miss you Mum and always will. - Bryan, John and Robert.

MACKINLAY - In loving memory of Alexander MacKinlay Jnr, died January 25, 2016. Memories last forever.

- Sadly missed by Mum, John, Jason, Kelly-Anne and family. Gone but not forgotten. - Your daughter Courtney.

ROBERTSON - In loving memory of a dear brother and uncle, Charlie, died January 31, 1988. Loved and remembered always. - Anne, Stuart and family.

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Creche, Triple C, Gen 1 Rev P Wallace
Monday 30th January
Messy Church Church Hall 3.45pm-5.30pm
Tuesday 31st January
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Boys' Brigade Anchor Boys 6.00pm
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Friday 3rd February
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Swimmers splash out for golden start to 2017

A KINTYRE swimmer smashed her 200m personal best to win gold in Bathgate.

Swimming as part of the Argyll and Clyde Swim Team (ACST) in the FIRST (Falkirk Integrated Regional Swim Team) open meet, Logan Colville knocked an impressive six seconds off her time to finish in 2:51.84.

On the second day of competition Logan picked up another gold in the 50m freestyle.

Two other Kintyre youths swam alongside swimmers from Inverclyde, Dunoon and Helensburgh, and the three Kintyre swimmers gave a good account of themselves during the two-day competition.

Kintyre's Euan Charlwood picked up his first point for the ACST finishing sixth in the 50m butterfly followed by a superb swim in the 100m breaststroke where he finished fourth in a new PB of 1:36.54.

The morning session ended with all three Kintyre swimmers taking their positions within the ACST relay teams.

In the afternoon session ACST swimmers continued to impress, with Matthew Garrity, 12, (Inverclyde) taking silver in the 200m breaststroke in 2:49.73.

Matthew went one better early on Sunday, taking gold in the 50m breaststroke. Logan took the silver in the girls' event followed shortly by another silver in the girls' 200m freestyle.

Euan took bronze in the 200m free 11 years old.

Sunday morning's session was finished off with an outstanding swim by Matthew



Logan Colville displays her gold.



Logan Colville's medal haul.

in the 400m IM, finishing in second place, in a new PB of 5:20.49.

In the final session of the weekend's events Logan Colville started off with gold in the 50m freestyle in 32.36, silver for Molly Cannon (Inverclyde) in the 200m butterfly.

In the girls' 11 years

100m backstroke Logan took silver, followed by gold for Inverclyde's Kerry Black in the girls' 16 and over age group.

Logan finished off her weekend's medal haul with a bronze in the 100m IM, and, not to be outdone, Kintyre's Euan Charlwood

took the silver in the boys' event. After the weekend's competition the team points put the Argyll and Clyde Swim Team on 5th = with 188 points.

The ACST pathfinders head coach Stuart McQuaker said: 'This was a fantastic achievement for all

our swimmers competing over the weekend in Bathgate with a slightly depleted squad compared to 2016'.

Kintyre swimmers were back in action last Sunday January 22 at the South Ayrshire Mini meet at the Citadel in Ayr and a report will follow.

Burnside five defeat Kilbrannan 'A' to lift 301 cup

A FIVE player team from the Burnside were perfectly on target to win the 301 darts cup.

The event was held at Southend's Argyll Arms hotel on Monday of last week.

The Burnside team of Martin Coffield, Charles Robertson, Gavin McLachlan, Gary Grumoli and Kenny Docherty beat losing finalists Kilbrannan A: Jamie McGougan, Greg Scally, Alan Glen, Richard Tavendale and Alan Duncan.

A spokesman said: 'Thanks to Malcolm and Lynn Maguire for providing the prizes and the use of the venue.'



The Burnside team: Charles Robertson, Gavin McLachlan, Kenny Docherty, Gary Grumoli and Martin Coffield.

Lotto draws

THERE were no winners of Machrihanish Golf Club's lottery draw on Monday January 23.

The winning numbers were 3, 4 and 5.

The jackpot for the next draw on Monday January 30 is £600.

The winning numbers drawn in the Dunaverty Golf Club lottery on Sunday were 4, 7 and 20.

There were no winners. The next draw will take place on February 5 for a jackpot of £800.

Tickets are available from committee members, Muneroy Stores and Burnside bar.

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Week nine darts results

THERE were a pair of 180s in week nine for Kilbrannan A's Jamie McGougan and Richard Tavendale.

Donald Stewart had a finish of 125 for the Fiddlers, Lee Mathieson 106 for the Ailsa, George MacMillan 105, and Willie Russell 103 for Southend, Mary Ross 100 for Fiddlers B. Full results: Ailsa B 7 Kilbrannan C 1, Kilbrannan A 8 Fiddlers B 0, Southend 2 Burnside 6 and Fiddlers 4 Ailsa 4.

Football results and fixtures

LAST Saturday's results: West of Scotland Cup, fifth round-Lochgilthead Red Star 1, Cambria 4; Jimmy Marshall Cup, second round-Port Glasgow OBU 0, Oban Saints 6; Inverclyde v Campbeltown Pupils, postponed; Division 2B-Claremont 4, Tarbert 1.

This Saturday's fixtures: Premier Division-Campbeltown Pupils no game; Oban Saints v Ferguslie Star; Premier Division 2A-Rossvale v Lochgilthead Red Star; Premier Division 2B-Tarbert v East End United.

Kintyre school side slips as city boys prove too much

A HIGH-SCHOOL team found Campbeltown Grammar footballers were not a pushover in their fourth round cup tie.

East Renfrewshire's Williamwood High School has a roll of 1,800 pupils, more than four times as many as Campbeltown, but they met stiff resistance in their School's Shield match on Tuesday.

first half. Keeper Archie McKellar made some fine saves but ultimately a lack of match practice due to not having a game for six weeks took its toll.

Williamwood forced a succession of corners early in the game but failed to make any breakthrough.

The second half was much as the first until the 10th minute when a red card saw Williamwood reduced to 10 men.

A number of Campbeltown free kicks led nowhere and eventually one of them, taken by the goalie from two thirds up the pitch, led to the visitor's second goal as McKellar was left out of step.

Campbeltown's U15 Pupils side have a league game tomorrow against Dumbar-ton Blacks.



Calum Cook is unable to stop Williamwood's number four scoring the first. 25_c04shield02



Ross Souden pushed hard to no avail. 25_c04shield01



Ryan McGrory in control on the left. 25_c04shield03

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Schools' shield hopes dashed

Keeper McKellar makes a string of fine saves

Campbeltown Grammar	0
Williamwood High School	2
Scottish Schools Under-15 Shield	

PAUSING on the ball and failing to take chances left Campbeltown Grammar School footballers 2-0 down in their Scottish Schools Shield fourth-round tie on Tuesday afternoon.

The Grammar's goalie, Archie McKellar, played a great game, making many great saves in both halves without which Williamwood would have undoubtedly finished with a higher score.

For more on this game, turn to page 47.



Campbeltown Grammar School goalkeeper Archie McKellar makes another fine save.

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