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Support for families of Tarbert's lost fishermen

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THE PEOPLE of Kintyre and Tarbert are standing together after the tragic sinking of fishing boat Nancy Glen TT100.

Fishing fleets from Campbeltown and Carradale joined the search for missing Tarbert fishermen, skipper Duncan MacDougall and crewman Przemek Krawczyk, in what Duncan's cousin described as a scene she would 'never forget'.

Duncan, 46, known locally as TT, and Przemek are thought to have been trapped on the 40-foot vessel when it sank after capsizing on Loch Fyne, near its home port, on Thursday, January 18.

A third crew member, John Miller, 34, escaped and was rescued by a nearby aquaculture boat.

Searchers haven't



Przemek Krawczyk.

given up hope of finding the missing men, with fishing boats and ferries scouring the sea and people combing the coastline for days.

Sharing a photo of the vessels lining the horizon, Keli MacDougall posted on Facebook: 'Will never forget this sight.'

'Obviously our own fleet is out every day but we also have boats from Campbeltown and Carradale here to help in any way they can. All the help and support is very much appreciated.'



Duncan MacDougall.

Since the boat went down, donations have been pouring onto several online crowd-funding sites created by the Clyde Fishermen's Trust to assist the men's families in retrieving their loved ones.

As the *Courier* went to press, the total raised online was more than £100,000.

Kintyre's generous business owners and residents have pulled out all the stops to help, with many shops offering donation jars and contributing raf-



The Nancy Glen. Photo: Jonathan Allen.

fle prizes, and a quiz is being held in Campbeltown Bowling Club on Sunday in aid of the fund.

Duncan's friend, Kevin McCrae, of Kintyre Firewood, will further boost the funds by

raffling three wood and kindling prizes, ranging in value to £230, via a lucky squares draw, which will take place on Sunday February 25.

Squares are £5 each and are available to

buy in the Courier Centre, the Treehouse and the County Garage, in Campbeltown, and in Glenbar Stores, W K Soudan Newsagents in Tarbert, and from Kevin himself.

Tarbert fisherman

Kenny MacNab, chairman of the Clyde Fishermen's Association, said: 'I would like to say how humbled we are at the response to the campaign.'

'Our focus is still on raising the Nancy Glen to return our fellow fishermen to their home port.'

'The lifting of the vessel cannot happen at the moment as two investigations are taking place - one by Police Scotland and the other by the Marine Accident Investigation Branch.'

'We must be patient while these processes take place but I can assure everyone that behind the scenes everything that can possibly be done is being done to achieve as speedy an outcome as possible.'

See page 28 for a footballing tribute to the missing fishermen.

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Argyll and Bute's true grit

IT WAS revealed last week that some local authorities have exhausted their winter roads' budgets.

On Tuesday, Argyll and Bute council, facing criticism - see let-

ters, page six - that the B842 Campbeltown to Carradale road had been insufficiently gritted last week, said it had 50 per cent of its budget left.

A council spokes-

person said: 'Our gritting teams worked extremely hard during last week's plunge in temperatures.

'In just five days they spread more than 2,255 tonnes of grit on our

roads, working long hours to try and ensure Argyll and Bute was kept moving.

'The B842 was treated at 2pm on Monday afternoon and the driver then continued on to Skipness.

'However, on his return journey from Redhouse via the A83, conditions had started to deteriorate.

'The gritter was reloaded with more salt at the Machrihanish depot but on returning to the B842, the bus had become stuck north of Peninver.

'This hampered any further progress until the vehicle was moved and the gritter could continue.

'We have two gritters in South Kintyre, both of which were active all day dealing with recurring snow showers filling in behind the plough.

'The whole country experienced the cold snap and, despite the poor weather, we had very few issues.'

BBC Radio 4 will capture Campbeltown conversation

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'IT'S SURPRISING what you hear when you listen,' is the tagline of a project which aims to capture Campbeltownians in conversation this weekend.

A collaboration between BBC Radio 4 and the British Library, the Listening Project aims to create a rich archive of stories about people from across the UK and has made more than 1,000 individual recordings so far.

Each recording lasts

about 40 minutes with smaller versions of conversations being broadcast on local radio and on BBC Radio 4 on a programme presented by Fi Glover.

Audience development and engagement consultant for Campbeltown Picture House Ailsa MacKenzie said: 'We hope that people will come along and share their stories to make sure that Campbeltown is part of this important archive project.

'It's an opportunity

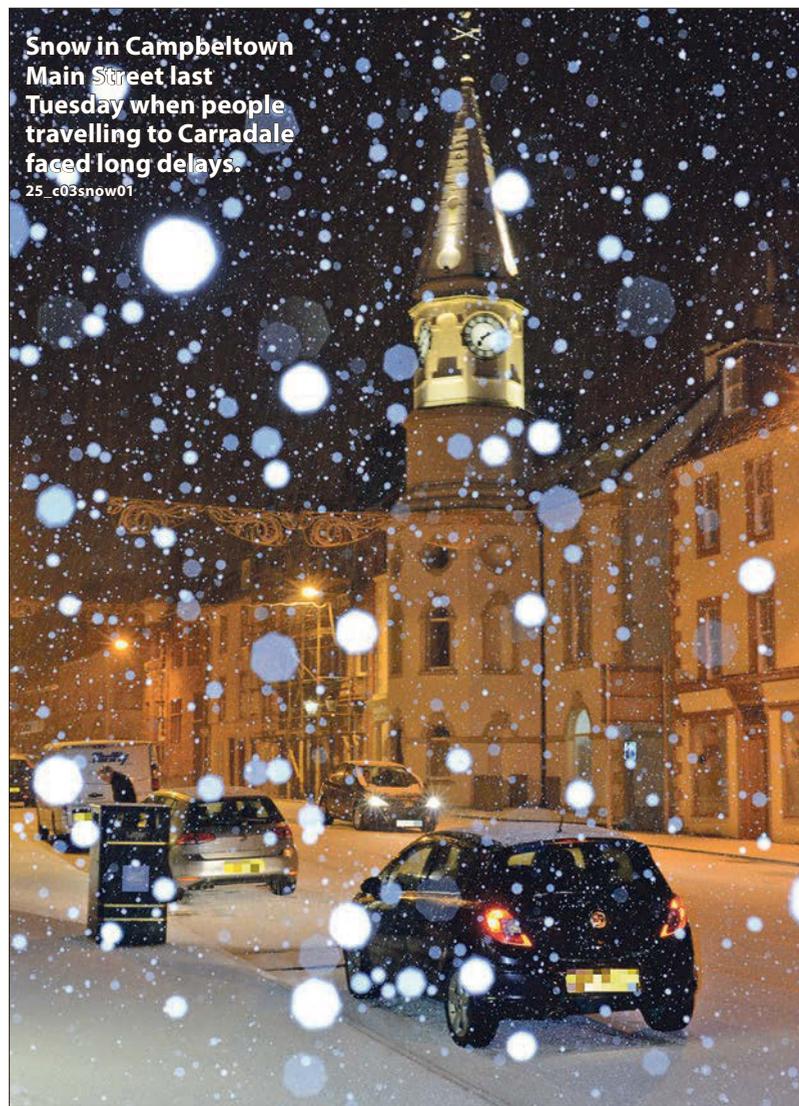
for two friends or family members to share a conversation about something that matters to them.

'People can talk about anything under the sun from very serious and difficult subject matters to entertaining and silly ones.'

The team from the Listening Project will be in the education room at Campbeltown Picture House from 10am to 6pm on Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 January and people can just turn up on the day.

Snow in Campbeltown Main Street last Tuesday when people travelling to Carradale faced long delays.

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POLICE FILES with Sergeant Iain MacNicol

Drugs

possession

A 28-YEAR-old man

was issued with a recorded police warning after he was found in possession of can-

nabis. The car he was driving was stopped and searched at about 5.25pm, on Thursday January 18, on the A83 at Campbeltown.

Two teenagers, aged aged 16 and 17, were also stopped on the A83 later the same evening at about 8.15pm.

They were also given recorded police warnings for cannabis possession.

Failure to stop

A CAR being driven in a careless manner and at excessive speed for the conditions failed to stop for police on the A83 in Campbeltown at about 1.20am, last Saturday.

The vehicle was traced at Machrihanish Airbase and the 30-year-old driver was arrested and later charged with drink driving.

No road tax

A CAR was stopped in High Street, Campbeltown, at about 8.50pm last Saturday, and enquiries revealed that it had no current road tax.

The 53-year-old male driver will be reported to DVLA.

Urinating in public

A 24-YEAR-old man was issued with a recorded police warning after he urinated in public on Main Street, Campbeltown, at about 2am, last Sunday.

Window smashed

A FLAT window was smashed in Albyn Avenue, Campbeltown, sometime between 8pm on Thursday January 18 and 11am on Sunday January 21.

GRADUATION



LORNA YOUNG

Graduated from the University of the West of Scotland with a BSc in Midwifery (Distinction). Lorna is the daughter of Campbell and Kathleen Young, Lochgilphead and granddaughter of Janet and the late Donnie MacVean and Alison and the late Billy Young. Lorna has taken up a post at Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley.

Argyll MP meets Scottish Salmon processing team

SALMON farmed off Gigha may travel by wellboat to the firm's just opened Cairndow processing plant.

Last Friday, the Scottish Salmon Company (SSC) welcomed Argyll and Bute's MP, Brendan O'Hara, to the newly-developed processing and filleting facility, situated near the mouth of Loch Fyne.

Mr O'Hara joined Craig Anderson, the SSC chief executive, to tour the salmon processing facility and meet the team responsible for helping to bring the fish from farm to plate.

SSC produces more

than 25,000 tonnes of sea loch fresh Scottish salmon annually, with more than half of the total coming from Argyll and Bute, which is exported to 26 countries worldwide.

The Cairndow site has about 80 employees with SSC employing 160 full-time staff across 20 sites in Argyll and Bute.

A significant local employer, SSC is committed to developing a platform for sustainable business growth and in addition to the developments at Cairndow, the company has invested in a harvest station and wellboat in the region.

The Scottish Salmon Company will also bring its Scottish salmon to a 'Taste of Argyll and Bute' event at the House of Commons on Tuesday, sponsored by Mr O'Hara.

The company will be joined by other Argyll and Bute food and drink producers at this event which will showcase the region's best offerings to MPs and other representatives from across the UK.

Mr O'Hara said: 'I thoroughly enjoyed visiting the Scottish Salmon Company's state-of-the-art salmon processing facility at Cairndow and meeting the team.

'Eleanor, Duchess of Argyll, and I are very much looking forward to welcoming SSC and other Argyll and Bute producers to the House of Commons.'

Mr Anderson said: 'It was a pleasure to welcome Brendan to our Cairndow processing facility.

'Argyll and Bute is an important area of business for us, with about half of our Scottish salmon being produced in the region.

'The investment in introducing filleting facilities at Cairndow marks a commitment to developing a platform for sustainable business growth.



From left: Argyll and Bute MP Brendan O'Hara, Andrew Aitken, Cairndow processing manager, and David Bradley, Cairndow general manager.

'It highlights our commitment to supporting local suppliers and services

and is part of our ambition to develop our capabilities in the region.

'We want to put Argyll and Bute on the map for Scottish salmon production.'



Pet Idol winner Marni with her owners Leanne and Liam Kennedy from Caol, Fort William. Photo: Abrightside Photography

Marni the Jack Russell scoops Pet Idol crown

MARNI, a Jack Russell terrier from Fort William, has been crowned Wyvex Media's Pet Idol winner for 2017-18.

Making it into the final selection of 10, Lochgilphead's own celebrity goldfish Daniel, and Hamish, a fluffy Cockapoo from Tarbert, were further down the leaderboard.

Marni's owner Leanne Kennedy, a self-employed hairdresser from Caol near Fort William, says she

is 'over the moon' and intends using the first prize of £500 worth of vouchers to buy items for a dog rescue charity in Glasgow.

A delighted Leanne added: 'She's a great wee dog.'

Hundreds of *Courier* readers, together with those of our sister papers, *Argyllshire Advertiser*, *The Oban Times* and *Lochaber Times*, voted for their favourites.

Dogs made up the majority of the entrants along with a number

of other pets, including cats, Daniel the goldfish, a tortoise, cockerel, rat, and the odd sheep.

Oban Times group editor Susan Windram said she was delighted with the response of readers to the company's Pet Idol competition.

'It was a fantastic response from readers right across all of our circulation areas and we've all enjoyed seeing so many great pictures of people's pets,' Mrs Windram commented.

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Development trust launches its new website

FUNDING for Campbeltown town hall's manager post has run out and this week its owners, South Kintyre Development Trust, launched a new website.

SKDT director Felicity Kelly said: 'We are delighted with the new website which enables bookings to be taken online as well as highlighting community events taking place in the building.'

'However, the website is one tool that SKDT can use, but the town hall activities are very much community led, which was always the aim of the trust.'

'As with many third sector organisations, posts are funded for a specific term.'

'Without guaranteed

funding at the conclusion of this term, if posts are not sustainable, projects have to be managed within the resources available.'

This year SKDT will be concentrating on working with the community to provide services and events - for example tea dances are being introduced in March and in April.

Premier

The website offers quick and easy access to information and features while offering a more comprehensive understanding of the town hall's capabilities and services as a premier function and performance venue.

An SKDT spokesperson added: 'It has a clean uncluttered design, improved func-



Piper Ryan Mcgrory welcomes guests to the town hall's opening in April 2016. 25_c19townhall05

tionality and enhanced rich content.

'Our sincere thanks go to our team who made it all possible.'

The new website is located at the same address: <https://www.townhallcampbeltown.com>

Letters extra: Red Cross hall closure

Sir,
Last week's *Courier* featured an article in which officials of the Red Cross made comments.

Contrary to the tone of the comments, the local committee was not in accord with this submission.

The closure was declared as a fait accompli and there was no consultation with the local volunteers before the declaration.

The Red Cross Hall is more than just a hall. It is the centre of Campbeltown Red Cross activities.

All fundraising is centred around the hall and for many years Kintyre has outperformed much larger towns in Scotland in raising money for the Red Cross.

It is the facility in which equipment for medical loan is housed.

It was used as a training facility for first aid until the Red Cross

chose to move this service elsewhere.

The local group raised money to help purchase the Red Cross mini-bus which is now based in Lochgilthead.

A few years ago, after the major snow storm which disrupted power supplies to Kintyre, the volunteers had the hall wired so that a generator could immediately be brought in to provide elderly or vulnerable people warmth and nourishment.

The use of this facility by community groups for their own fundraising activities provides a steady in-

come to the Red Cross which means that the maintenance costs are minimal.

The consequences of closure mean that the local group will require to find premises for meetings, fundraising, storage of medical loan equipment and emergency response equipment.

There may be good reason for closing some of the 62 Red Cross centres facing closure but the Kintyre centre most definitely does not fall in to that category.

**D A H Cousin,
Campbeltown.**

Keep dry drop-in flood event

FLOOD defences aimed at reducing the risks in Campbeltown will be discussed at the town hall.

Argyll and Bute Council is hosting a second public consultation drop-in event next Thursday between 4pm and 9pm.

At 7pm there will be a presentation of the shortlist of potential flood defence options which will be followed by a short informal discussion.

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	£1.50	per head (single round)

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Mon - Fri(9am-5pm) Evenings & weekends	Hourly Rate	
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Corporate Business Rate	£25.00	£35.00

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Community Rate	£6.00	£10
Standard Rate	£10.00	£14
Corporate Business Rate	£15.00	£20

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RBS is ‘not listening to rural communities’

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THE CHAIRMAN of the House of Commons select committee which met to discuss the Royal Bank of Scotland’s planned closures has branded executives’ responses as ‘unsatisfactory’.

Pete Wishart, Perth MP, said: ‘The whole committee has been left disappointed and frustrated with the unsatisfactory appearance of RBS executives at the Scottish Affairs Committee.’

‘They seem to not be listening to the deep concerns from communities right across Scot-

land over their branch closure programme.’

It was announced in December 2017 that RBS intended to close 62 branches, a third of its total, including those in Campbeltown and Inveraray.

Publicly-owned RBS cited the increasing use of online or mobile platforms to access banking services in defence of the plans but there are still serious concerns around the impact of closures, particularly in remote, rural areas, where broadband may be poor.

The meeting was scheduled for January 17 to examine the ba-

sis for the decision to close the branches and the process behind it, and to ask what is being done to support the communities affected in the future.

Mr Wishart continued: ‘They do not seem to appreciate just how devastating the loss of a bank can be to a local community, and quite how important easy access to banking services is to individuals and businesses.’

Argyll and Bute MP Brendan O’Hara has been campaigning to halt the closures since they were announced.

During a Westminster debate on Jan-



Bob Stewart, right, signs MP Brendan O’Hara’s petition against the closure of RBS.
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uary 11, Mr O’Hara said: ‘Those ruthless closures will not only hurt local businesses and individuals; they will be hugely damaging to Argyll and Bute. We have actively promoted Argyll and Bute as a great place to live, work, raise a family and do business. These closures undermine all that hard work.’

‘One would have thought that RBS, having been bailed out by the public purse to the tune of £45 billion, would display a degree of humility. Not a chance.’

‘Its decision to turn its back on so many

communities, particularly those where the RBS branch is the last in town, is a scandalous abdication of its social responsibility to rural Scotland and to the people who were forced to keep it afloat when it risked sinking.’

‘The government should accept its responsibility and protect my constituents from the Royal Bank’s hatchet-men.’

Mr O’Hara started a petition in the affected towns at the end of December. It can still be signed in a number of Campbeltown shops, including McIvors and Keith’s newsagents.



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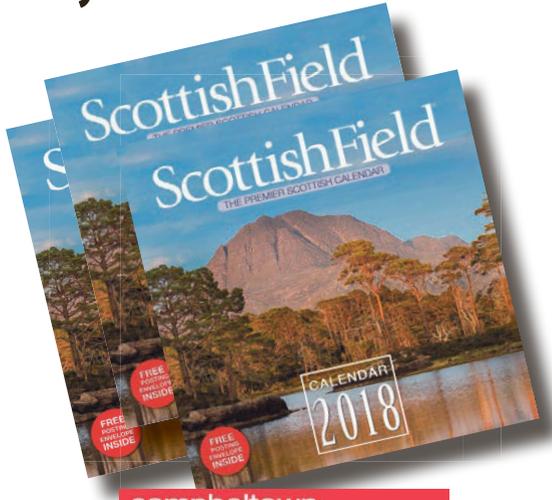
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Editorial

Thoughts are with Tarbert fishermen

IT IS with a heavy heart that the *Courier* reports the sinking of Tarbert fishing boat the Nancy Glen this week.

We wondered how many fishermen would hear of the two missing fishermen and hang up their yellow wellies.

But fishing is the life blood of west coast towns and villages like Tarbert, Carradale and Campbeltown, and salt water runs in residents' veins.

Fishing is a trade that young people's ancestors have done for generations before them, passing skills down from father to son, so inevitably they will continue to take up the job.

We don't doubt that the boats will continue to come and go from our harbours, day after day, come rain, hail or shine, bringing back sustenance to feed the nation no matter the cost.

It is amazing how communities come together at times like this, and the community spirit shown throughout Argyll and beyond, from friends and family of the missing men, to people who have never met them, is astounding.

From one fishing community to another, we hope Tarbert gets its boys back.

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Red Cross hall closure

Sir,
I was surprised and deeply disappointed reading of the British Red Cross decision to sell the Campbeltown hall. This decision was led by Marie Hayes, the national director for independent living and crisis response in Scotland.

I have been the joint treasurer of the Campbeltown Red Cross committee for the past 17 years.

Prior to retiring I was a locally-based bank manager for 26 years with a total service of 35 years. I mention this merely to give credibility to what I am about to say.

I can confirm and have advised on many occasions, to all concerned at the Red Cross in Kintyre and regionally, that the income generated and fundraising achieved, during my time here, more than justifies having the hall as a base.

We asked the regional officials to give us a breakdown of the overheads incurred annually by having the hall. This resulted in a projected figure of £6,715 for 2018.

We would question this but even if correct, we contributed £9,089.51 in 2017. The vast majority of this money was raised in the confines of the hall.

Since 2001 Campbeltown and district has contributed £119,402.39 to Red Cross funds with hall rental alone raising £15,220 in the last four years.

It rises annually, accommodating many small local associations which have become reliant on the hall.

Also the local committee has the power to set the hourly rate for rental and if necessary could increase this.

There continues to be demand for space with many organisations booking up to six months in advance to avoid disappointment.

Therefore be in no doubt there is no economic reason

Down memory lane

RECENTLY down memory lane asked for pictures and reminisces of 1947's 'Big Snow.'

The Big Snow began in England in 1946 and lasted until March 1947. In western Scotland it only really got going in March, but with drifts up to seven metres deep it makes last week's snowfall look insignificant.

The *Courier* has this report from 1947:

'A pregnant shepherd's wife of Strone Farm, two and a half miles beyond Carskiew Farm, had taken ill. Dr McKenzie was called so he made his way to Strone Farm on foot through the deep snow.

'The woman needed medical attention in Campbeltown – so a stretcher was put together to carry her to Carskiew Farm.

'The farming neighbours came to help carry the patient through the snow.

'From there the lady was transported to Dunaverty slipway, where she was carried aboard the lifeboat and transferred to Campbeltown until she was well enough to return home.

'On her return to Southend, the woman



This picture from Mary Smith's wedding day, on March 31, 1955, features from left: bridesmaid Miss McMillan, groom Hugh Smith, Mary Smith and the best man John Galbraith.

stayed with a friend at 1 Wallace Cottages where the district nurse, Mary Smith, safely delivered her baby boy.'

to sell the hall. I could write much more on the history of this hall. It was originally purchased by the members of the local committee.

They knew that a centre where people of the whole area could gather was necessary for training, to instigate local fundraising initiatives, hold coffee mornings and distribute more than 50 collecting cans, but I won't.

We appear to be coming to the end of an era. Everyone in this area from Carradale to Campbeltown, Southend to West Road and to Machrihanish should give yourselves a huge pat on the back for supporting the Red Cross.

I can assure you that the members of your local committee are proud of you all.

As a result of the amount of fundraising here I was honoured to represent the area at a Buckingham Palace garden party.

One of our patrons spoke to us personally, emphasising that the backbone and success of the Red Cross was not the salaried office administrators but the unpaid experienced locally-based volunteers. That patron was

HRH Prince Charles.

The present salaried officials do not listen to local views and in my opinion, with this decision, have not only let down the hard working Red Cross committee and the community but are even more disappointing themselves.

**James R Morrison,
Resigning joint
treasurer Red Cross.**

Gritting problems

Sir,

I was one of the many people trapped in their cars on the evening of Tuesday January 16 on the B842 from Campbeltown to Carradale.

The weather conditions were atrocious and it was impossible to drive up the slightest of hills, so seven other cars behind me and I were trapped from about 5.30pm till 8.30pm.

Some faced a longer wait until good Samaritans with 4 X 4 vehicles like Stuart Macalister rescued us and drove us home.

Thanks also to Bobby Willan for helping out and keeping spirits up and other members of the community.

This was a very scary situation for someone who has never experienced such conditions and the prospect of potentially spending the night trapped in one's car.

The feeling among those also trapped was of anger but they were not entirely surprised that the road had not been sufficiently gritted, if at all.

I am not in the habit of bashing the council or indeed the hard working gritters who try and keep the roads safe.

I appreciate that we are in an era of cost cutting measures, but I, like most road users who drive to work from Carradale, am constantly being battered about and reminded of the disgraceful condition of the road.

One is constantly trying to avoid pot holes only to drive into others and this is no exaggeration.

I know that my car is being battered and that I will eventually be left with a huge bill for repair, but I have no choice.

The question to the roads department of Argyll and Bute council is: 'Is this

road ever going to be repaired?

'Why was this particular road not gritted satisfactorily? Will you pay for any garage repair bills due directly to the road conditions?

'Will it take someone to be seriously injured until something is done?'

**Maurice Whelan,
Carradale.**

Paper price rise

Sir,

As an ex-pat I still like to read the *Courier*, which I have ordered through my local corner shop, and have done so for the 16 years I've been away from the Wee Toon.

Sadly, I have to agree with Mr Abendroth – *Courier* letters last week – in that I now have to question the value for money.

I look forward every Friday to keeping up with what's happening in the town and, of course, any gossip, but at 90p I have to ask myself: 'Do I care that much?'

I can always get important news through the grapevine.

I raise the very point with my wife every week that Mr Abendroth raises, that in many editions the amount of advertising greatly exceeds the news.

I realise that with the cost of everything going up these days it can't be easy to produce a newspaper such as the *Courier* and keep the sale price the same forever.

I have acquaintances who have papers similar to the *Courier* delivered to their homes free.

I'm not suggesting that the *Courier* with a much smaller circulation than theirs could do this.

I see a danger that the *Courier* might find itself advertising to an even smaller readership, resulting in a smaller response to their advertisements.

**Ronnie Gay,
Cammesreinach
Crescent,
Hunters Quay,
Dunoon.**

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Twisted Melons' movie soundtrack success

THE TWISTED Melons track *Unwired* amplifies electrifying tension in an award-winning feature film, *Ashes*.

Speaking about the movie, available on Amazon Prime, singer and guitarist Paul Johnson said: 'We're really happy to have our music heard so clearly on a strong soundtrack to a great film alongside bands like Captive State and Olympic Swimmers.'

'Hopefully this recognition will help make more people aware of our back catalogue and forthcoming

new album. We're thrilled that the film is available on Amazon Prime with the potential to reach a wide audience.'

Party scene

The previously unreleased track plays briefly at the start of the revenge thriller, and then during an extended party scene in a bar, about a third of the way through.

Ashes, from Bradgate Films, written and directed by Alan Coulson, explores the themes of loss, forgiveness, revenge and the tragedy of an existence locked in the past.

Jonathon Soter, a teacher whose life is in ruins following the death of his wife in a devastating fire, is motivated by the discovery that the boy who killed his wife has been released early from jail.

He embarks on a journey to locate his tormentor to find answers and ultimately, redemption.

Starring Rupert Procter (Notting Hill) and Graeme Rooney (Skins), the movie won Best International Feature at the Garden State Film Festival, New Jersey, in 2016.



The Twisted Melons.

Transport Scotland gives green light for A83 potholes repairs

TRANSPORT Scotland and its operating contractor BEAR have promised they are on track to repair A83 potholes.

Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell, councillors Dougie Philand and Donald Kelly have all put pressure on Transport Scotland to rectify the road.

In addition, the social

media site A83, has been thick with complaints about the road in recent months particularly the section between Minard and Inveraray and the Furnace bends.

Mr Russell said: 'The A83 is the main artery for much of Argyll.'

'For some weeks I have been making strong representations

to Transport Scotland and to BEAR, as well as keeping the transport minister informed.

'I will be holding the company to these commitments and Transport Scotland has agreed to provide myself and Councillor Philand with a weekly update. I will continue to ensure that complaints are attended to urgently.'

Pensioner behaved in a disorderly manner

A WOMAN, aged 82, aided by a Zimmer frame, appeared from custody for a Campbeltown trial.

Maureen Jackman, of no fixed abode, pleaded not guilty to a charge of behaving in a disorderly manner and failing to leave a licensed premises when requested to by a police officer.

During the recent trial the first witness told

the court that a social worker took Jackman to the West Loch Hotel, on Friday December 8, last year.

Check out

It was arranged that Jackman could stay four nights but would have to check out on Tuesday December 12, as, from that date, all the rooms were taken.

On the Tuesday, Jackman sat in the lounge and refused to leave

for nearly six hours until police were called. Staff had continually called social services to no avail.

Police officers called social services but during a conference call Jackman turned off her hearing aid. The court was told Jackman was abrupt, patronising and dismissive.

Eventually she was arrested for failing to leave and taken by po-

lice van to Oban. As she had nowhere to go in the freezing conditions she was remanded in custody.

Summing up Sheriff Patrick Hughes said that he thought the charge had been proven beyond all reasonable doubt. Given that Jackman had been on remand, for two months, he would give her an absolute discharge.

News in brief... News in brief... News in brief...

Grammar school's journey to the past

JOIN Campbeltown Grammar to take a trip 'Down Memory Lane' and reminisce on memories close to heart.

Enjoy a cup of tea or coffee while looking back on decades worth of memorabilia and photo collections of pupils, parents and staff members on display.

Visitors are also welcome to take a tour around the school for one last time before the new school opens in February. 'Down Memory Lane' takes place on Wednesday January 31 2pm-6pm.

Songwriters' festival seeks talented tunesmiths

THE FIRST major music festival of 2018 has made an urgent shout out for Kintyre artists.

Musicians, singer-songwriters, lyricists and groups who want to showcase their talent at the

11th Kintyre Songwriters' Festival, from May 4 to May 6, are urged to apply promptly before the closing date of Sunday February 11.

The festival supports the performing arts in Kintyre and provides opportunities to hear the music of peninsula-based songwriters.

To apply contact: info@kintyresongwriters-festival.co.uk

Non-performing songwriters interested in having their material showcased should also get in touch.

There is more information at <http://www.kintyresongwritersfestival.co.uk>

Furniture firm's fancy drawers

UP-CYCLING social enterprise Fancy Drawers is wheeling out some fresh designs.

The tables have turned as Catherine Wilson's venture finds new life in old or unwanted furniture.

Get 10 per cent off one-of-a-kind furniture remade in Kintyre at the opening, tomorrow from 11am-5pm at Unit 4, Hazelburn Business Park.

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Roasted Scottish Beef	Stuffed Chicken Primavera
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Desserts

Salted Caramel Popcorn Pots	Apple & Ginger Crumble Ice Cream Sundae
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Eton Mess Cheesecake

Beware of the rosy red apple Snow White

Words and photos
Mark Davey

A CLACHAN Calamities simple special effects pantomime scene, featuring the poisoning of an apple, rivals any-

thing Disney could create.

Disney gave Grimm fairytale, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, Technicolour treatment back in 1937 but de-

lightful as it is, unlike director Lesley Keen's version, a trick or two were missed.

One element, a simple lighting show employing one light and some

glasses, at Clachan, from Friday February 2 at 7pm, is just part of a production brimful of surprises.

The *Courier* was given a sneak look behind the scenes during rehearsal last Sunday as the tale of terror, suspense and comedy shifts into top gear.

Many of the cast were able to see full costumes for the first time.

Everything is sure not to go exactly to plan and as one cast member said: 'With Arthur

Duff writing the script anything can happen.'

Such as when Duff, playing an injured raven, exited stage right but was needed for a scene and could not be found which gave the dame a shot at being an injured raven.

There is a matinée on Saturday February 3 at 2pm and another evening performance that day at 7pm.

After its Clachan run the show transfers to Tarbert on March 3 at 7pm.



Snow White chorus line from back left: Danny Dazzle, palace handyman (Eilidh Norris), Snow White (Kayleigh McNeill), Dame - Dolly Dazzle (David Stuart). Front from left: Lucy Sinclair, Ethan Frew, Linda Campbell, Joseph Brown, Finlay Brown, Daisy Brown and Connor Frew. 25_c04calamities05



Snow White (Kayleigh McNeill) and the Prince (Helen Paterson). 25_c04calamities01



Bogwart (Alasdair Paisley), Black Wing (Arthur Duff) and Queen Narcissi (Lori Silvan). 25_c04calamities06



Snow White (Kayleigh McNeill) centre with five available dwarfs from back left: Snotters (Kirsti Paisley), Prof (Peter Simpson), Beamer (Lesley Norris), Snoozy (Grace Norris) and Joyful (Daisey Brown). 25_c04calamities07

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Sarah's United States piping success

A former Campbeltown Grammar School pupil took Kansas City by storm when she piped her way to gold medal success.

Former Kintyre Schools Pipe Band member 25-year-old Sarah Muir, now living in Glasgow, competed for the first time in the city's Winter Storm solo competitions.

The pipes and drums event, which took place between January 12-14, consisting of master classes, concerts, and competitions, annually attracts around 350 piping and drumming students, with 150 pipers and

drummers entering the solo contests and nearly 1,000 attending the public concert.

Sarah won her place in the final by competing in the Gold Medal March, Strathspey and Reel, against 24 competitors, in heat A.

Four others from her heat, and six from heat B, joined Sarah in the final, with 49 players in total competing for the medal.

Playing a March, Strathspey, Reel, Hornpipe and Jig in the final, Sarah emerged as the professional gold medal winner of Ceol Beag.

Sarah started piping

when she was 10 years old, playing in KSPB's novice and juvenile bands under the tuition of Ian McKerral. She then received lessons from Jim Henderson to progress her solo piping, and is now taught by William McCallum.

She graduated from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland with a degree in piping and is teaching in Dunfermline and competing regularly around the solo circuit.

Sarah Muir with her gold medal from Kansas City's Winter Storm.



The Post – if it’s known it’s not news

A preview of Campbeltown Picture House’s latest film *The Post*:

NEWS is what somebody somewhere wants to suppress; all the rest is advertising.

Press baron Lord Northcliffe made this statement and it is the meat of Steven Spielberg’s edgy 1970s set thriller, *The Post*, opening at Campbeltown Picture House today (Friday).

In June 1971 *The New*

York Times, the Washington Post and the nation’s major newspapers took a brave stand for freedom of speech and reported on the Pentagon Papers, the massive cover-up of government secrets that spanned four decades and four US presidents.

It is said that the film has a lesson to teach Donald Trump. Meryl Streep, 68, starring as the Washington Post’s

Katherine Graham, America’s first female newspaper publisher, says she hopes it teaches him ‘about patriotism.’

Volatile

At the time, the Post’s publisher was still finding her footing and Ben Bradlee (Tom Hanks), the paper’s volatile, driven editor, was trying to enhance the stature of the struggling, local paper.

Together, the two

formed an unlikely team, as they were forced to come together and make the bold decision to support *The New York Times* and fight the Nixon Administration’s unprecedented attempt to restrict the first amendment.

The screenplay for *The Post* comes from Josh Singer, who received the Academy Award for *Spotlight*, and music is written by



A still from *The Post* newsroom.

Spielberg’s long-time collaborator John Williams. *The Post* also stars Sarah Paulson, Bob Odenkirk, Tracy Letts, Bradley Whitford, Bruce Greenwood, Matthew Rhys and Alison Brie.

Picture House films not to miss

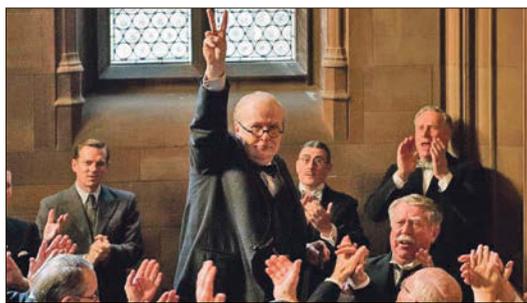
JOE WRIGHT’S *Darkest Hour* – A gripping political true story of Winston Churchill taking Britain to war.

Brexit may not involve a retreat from the beaches of Dunkirk, but the withdrawal from Europe seems to be mirrored by this wartime 1940s film.

It is stirring stuff with Britain’s fate, the country about to be swallowed by the biggest threat to civilisation, averted by a man who in the opening scene drinks brandy with breakfast.

It is hard to believe Churchill, played by an unlined Gary Oldman, was 70 when he left 10 years of political wilderness to take on Nazi Germany.

Oldman, in a fat suit and munching the signature cigar, is a shoe-in for the most famous and pugnacious wartime leader of all.



Gary Oldman as Winston Churchill is set for victory.

He gives a five-star performance especially quaffing huge quantities of drink but did George VI actually ask him how he managed to drink so much at lunch? Or is it one of the film’s liberties with the truth?

This Oscar-nominated film should be a must-see for all students of history and Grammar school pupils as the events of the Second World War seep into the past.

Churchill may have winced at the specially strong language in director Martin Mc-

Donagh’s third feature: *Three Billboards outside Ebbing, Missouri* but its blazing profanity is designed to shock.

Sometimes the *Courier*’s Friday billboards, on Campbeltown’s Main Street, are phone-snapped and shared on Facebook. It is the same idea behind Mildred Hayes’ (Frances McDormand) campaign to find her daughter’s killer.

There has been no action in the case for six months and Hayes is determined to put it firmly back on the agenda.

The film boils with black humour and portrays human nature amidst the brutal undertones of a midwest American small town.

The Picture House’s intimate second screen, created from scratch with wonderful sound, is an ideal venue for both these films with no need for 3D to feel part of the action.



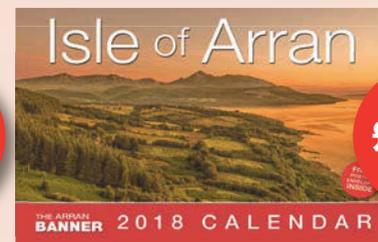
Grieving mother Mildred Hayes (Frances McDormand) by her billboards on the back road to Ebbing.

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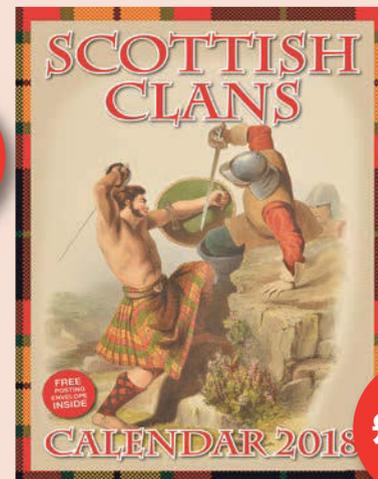
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Energy

860,000 HOUSEHOLDS IN SCOTLAND MAY HAVE MISSED OUT ON £1,500 BY NOT SWITCHING ENERGY SUPPLIER



Ofgem figures show those who haven't switched supplier in six years cost themselves £1,500

Despite possible savings, 37% of households in Scotland don't see the point in switching because 'all suppliers are the same'

More than nine million UK households haven't switched in six years

Big Energy Saving Week reveals lost savings equivalent to 27 average weekly food shopping trips

Big Energy Saving Week today reveals that failing to switch energy supplier may have cost 860,000 of households in Scotland more than £1,500 each over the past six years – the equivalent of more than half a year of the UK's average weekly shopping trips (1).

Figures from Ofgem (2) have revealed that nine million households across the UK – more than a third (35%) of all households – failed to change gas or electricity provider between 2012 and 2017, with only 16.7% (5) of people in Scotland switching in the last year alone and missing out savings of hundreds of pounds a year.

And while a YouGov survey carried out for Big Energy Saving Week reveals 36% (3) of people across Scotland will visit multiple supermarkets to ensure we get the best deal on our weekly shop, we are not being as savvy with our energy suppliers, with millions of households remaining on the more expensive Standard Variable Tariff (SVT) (4), despite better deals being available.

Starting today, Big Energy Saving Week is a nationwide campaign from the Energy Saving Trust, Citizens Advice, Citizens Advice Scotland and the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) which helps households lower their annual spend on energy.

Mike Thornton, director of Energy Saving Trust Scotland said:

'The difference between the average Standard Variable Tariff and the cheapest deal on the market is significant, but millions of households still aren't accessing these savings. To put that into context, switching this year could save you up to £300 – equivalent to more than a month's worth of food shopping.'

'In other words, if you haven't switched for six years, you've missed out on more than six months of food shopping.'

'With January being a tight month for household budgets, now is the time to look at switching your energy tariff to make sure you're on the best possible deal.'

Business and Energy Secretary Greg Clark said: 'We're helping people take control of their fuel bills to reduce how much they pay for their gas and electricity.'

'Big Energy Saving Week highlights how much money people can save simply by changing their energy supplier and taking action such as installing a smart meter.'

A YouGov survey carried out as part of the campaign also revealed that:

- 64% of people in Scotland would read reviews when planning to spend £1,000, but only 16% read any reviews about their new energy supplier or tariff when they last switched, with the average dual fuel bill £1,1235
- 22% of Scottish households are unaware or don't know there are ways to switch supplier other than online
- 37% of Scottish households believe there's no point in switching because 'all suppliers are the same'

As part of the Big Energy Saving Week campaign, Citizens Advice will host events across Great Britain with its volunteers and staff offering face-to-face advice to people with concerns about their energy bills, helping to share information about switching and about how the energy switch guarantee makes the process simple and easy.

An online price comparison tool from Citizens Advice can help bill payers find a cheaper supplier. The comparison tool is completely impartial and includes quotes from all energy suppliers, offering a quick and easy way to find the best deals.

Derek Mitchell, CEO Citizens Advice Scotland, said: 'With many Scots experiencing a particularly cold winter this year, we are concerned that many consumers are paying over the odds to heat their homes.'

'Our data tells us that the people who would benefit most from lowering their fuel bills are often the least likely to seek help. The savings from switching can significantly lower the high costs of bills, and in some cases further support may be available.'

'We urge people to take part in Big Energy Saving Week and speak to their local CAB or to check our price comparison tool for support with switching.'

For free advice and support to cut your fuel bills call Home Energy Scotland on 0808 808 2282.

1. Based on average weekly shop of £56.80. Figures from Office for National Statistics Family spending in the UK report, published February 2017.

2. Ofgem 'State of the Market 2017' report, published October, 2017. 35% of people have never switched supplier.

3. Excluding respondents who said don't know or not applicable

4. Ofgem 'State of the Market 2017' report, published October, 2017.

5. Ofgem 'State of the Market 2017' report, published October, 2017.

Saving Week

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Loans must be used to improve existing residential buildings. New buildings under construction, where the property is already owned by the intended owner occupier, are also eligible for support for renewables systems or district heating connections but not energy efficiency improvements.

Funding is on a first-come, first-served basis and is subject to availability.

Cashback grants are not available for renewable technologies like solar PV or for district heating connections.

Only Home Energy Scotland can arrange to have an application form sent out; third parties like installers or letting agents cannot apply on a householder's behalf.

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Successful applicants who claim funding will need to pay an administrative fee of 1.5 per cent of the total loan value up to a maximum of £150 per application.

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The week focuses on raising public awareness of how to switch energy supplier or tariff to get the best deal, access discounts and make homes energy efficient. This is the 7th Big Energy Saving Week and is a partnership between Citizens Advice, the Energy Saving Trust and the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy with the support of numerous organisations, charities and companies. People can use the Citizens Advice price comparison tool to compare prices from different energy suppliers. Visit and save today!

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Farewell boogie at Campbeltown Grammar school

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Jamie G is set to bring Friday night fever to the assembly hall with a disco until 12.30am.

Tickets are £25 available from the school office for those who want to have one last dance before the doors close forever.

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Art school's scheme at Saddell House will boost creativity

Courier reporter

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GLASGOW School of Art (GSA) will open the doors of Kintyre's Saddell house to Scottish S5 pupils interested in architecture.

GSA currently works with 90 schools across the West of Scotland as part of its Widening Participation programme.

It offers a range of different opportunities to help support students who have passion, commitment and creative ambition but need additional help to overcome barriers to

accessing higher education.

S5 pupils with an interest in studying architecture will be able to apply to undertake a GSA study residency in Saddell House next June.

During the residency they will work on creative and research briefs which will encourage them to engage with the local surroundings and investigate the role of architects in the creation and stewardship of Scotland's built environment.

'We are delighted that the Landmark Trust se-



Saddell House owned by the Landmark Trust.

lected the GSA as one of the handful of institutions which will benefit from their Landmark Futures scheme next year,' said Professor Tom Inns, GSA director.

The GSA's Widening Participating team works across 90 target schools in Glasgow and the west of Scotland.

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ties that provide specialist, practical support and that recognise both the critical role of a strong portfolio of work and the need for young people to build cultural capital to support their application to higher education.

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This work is having an impact with 22.2 per cent of Scottish first year entrants to GSA coming from the 20 per cent most deprived are-

as in Scotland by 2014-15.

Caroline Stanford, historian and head of engagement at Landmark Trust, who conceived the scheme, said: 'Landmark's historic buildings are invariably inspiring and invigorating places for conversation and thought, for reading and writing as well as great bases for holidays.'

'As part of our char-

itable outreach, the futures scheme makes Landmark's buildings explicitly available as stimulating settings for such intellectual endeavour.

'The output is up to those who benefit. It's exciting to imagine what might come out of these study stays - you could perhaps see futures as the Landmark Trust trying to do its bit for the future of the human race.'

Trust's ruby anniversary grant

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A PROJECT could grab a £2,500 grant to celebrate a trust's 40th birthday.

The Argyll and Bute Trust is offering two 'one-off' awards to the community to mark its ruby anniversary.

The trust continues to commit to its main objective: supporting community projects involving education, the arts, sport and community schemes in Argyll and Bute.

To celebrate 40 years of the independent charity, created in 1977 and which received charter in 1978, the generous trust

tees will provide children entering the original Argyll and Bute primary ones with a 'hiviz' vest in August 2018.

The second award is a grant of £2,500 up for grabs to the successful individual or community group resident in the original Argyll and Bute area.

Written application

Any project that will make a difference to the community, can send a written application including why it is worthy of the grant to: Dan Edgar (Chairman A & B Trust), Toward View, 31 Ardbeg Road, Rothesay, Isle of Bute, PA20 0NL.

The envelope should be clearly marked 18/40/GA and the

closing date is Tuesday March 6.

The successful applicant will be notified and a public announcement made at the Trust's June AGM in Oban.

A ruby anniversary brochure will be produced highlighting the work of the trust.

Any group or individual, who has previously received grant assistance in the past 10 years, can write a description indicating the benefits and provide any photographs that could be included in the brochure. Any material submitted, to the same address as above, can only be returned with a stamped addressed envelope.



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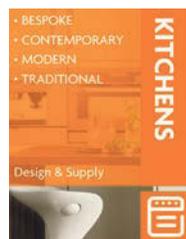
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In an area like the West Highlands and islands there is not the same wide choice of housing stock as can be found in less rural or remote areas. Some sectors of the housing market have higher prices as a result. There is less speculative building by property developers; you are more likely to find a plot of land than you are a newly-built home.

The move into self-build makes a lot of sense here, that is why more and more people are taking this big step. It also explains why a large number of people, once they have made their home, make the decision to stay-put and renovate or expand their existing properties to suit their needs.

Some people, who are skilled tradesmen and construction professionals, or who have those skills within their family and close friends, will undertake some or all of the work themselves.

Others will relish the job of finding an architect, handling the planning and paperwork and hire their own contractors while other self-builders will feel more confident if they hire a building company or choose a kit home and have all the work done for them.

Whatever route you go down, one thing all self-builders agree on is they enjoy the feeling



of being able to choose and be more in control of how their future home will serve their needs.

And another thing that everyone who has gone down the self-build route will tell you is this: it is not just about location, location, location; it is also about finance, finance, finance and research, research, research.

What you want: be it materials, professional services or skilled labour, where you are going to source them and how the cost will fit into your overall budget are things that require time, patience and diligence. If you think you lack any of those three qualities make sure your self-build project has someone on board who does.

Budget is your number one priority. Get the money wrong and right from the start you will have a nightmare building your dream home. Remember: you get what you pay for and a cheap price is not always the best one; it could come back and haunt you.

Do not forget that that the scale of your project could leave you open to VAT payments. A financial advisor and a quantity surveyor could be your new best friends.

And that budget of yours should not just include money but time. Managing the project yourself will take time and if you have never embarked on a self-build project before you might not fully appreciate just how much time, especially if you are also have your day job to consider.

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Permission to build

You are not just going to build a house you are going to build an impressive amount of paperwork - but don't be daunted - the system is far more user-friendly than it used to be.

PLANNING PERMISSION and building warrants are a fact of life for the self-builder.

If you go ahead and buy a plot of land without securing permission then all you own is a very expensive place to have a picnic.

If you can find a plot with planning permission then you are one step ahead of the game but remember that if this is detailed planning permission, then you might have to reapply for some, if not all, aspects of your plans: the plot has permission for someone else's dream home.

If you see a plot without planning permission, then make sure that it can get planning permission - permission for the house that you want to build. Be realistic: if the plot has permission for a two-bedroom bungalow will you really be able to prove that it could contain a four-bedroom house with a media room and a double garage?

Planning permission is needed if you are building from

new, carrying out major renovations like adding rooms or raising the roof level; changing the use of a building, perhaps an old shop in a town or an old farm building in the countryside into a home.

Permission is also needed if the plot or property is in a conservation area or has listed building consent. National parks also have a say on planning permission.

Every Scottish

council has its own development plan, with zones for housing or industry or areas of natural beauty that it wants to protect and communities it wants to see grow or areas where it would like to encourage more tourism.

This doesn't just show you where you can and cannot build; it also shows you where and what other people can and cannot build.

Planning permission takes care of how

your self-build will look; its size, shape, how it fits in with the surrounding landscape and buildings. You will also need to apply for a building warrant. This is about how your new home will meet building standards.

No one wants to build a home which is un-safe and unsound so look on the building warrant as a way of keeping you right as the project moves towards completion. As work progresses you

can get work approved by 'approved certifiers' and this can form part of your application for the property's building warrant which you file with the local council.

An approved certifier for design can give you a certificate of design for structures along with a certificate of design for energy; an approved certifier for construction can carry out building work for you, and certify that their work meets building regulations. Their work includes the electrics, drains, heating and plumbing.

It makes sense to have people involved in your self-build project who are approved certifiers.

Applying for planning permission today is a far smoother, less stressful part of the self-build project than

it used to be. Much of the application can be done on line.

Another fantastic piece of support now offered is the pre-planning application service offered by councils.

At Argyll and Bute the planners will give you 'a clear and timely view' on the merit of the proposed development and tell you the information required to accompany a formal planning application. This service is currently free for developments of fewer than five houses but the council is in the process of setting its budget for 2018-19 so this might change.

At Highland Council expect to pay a fee of 30 per cent of the cost of your planning application, plus the planning application fee.

But as Argyll and Bute points out: 'pre application advice provided by the planning authority cannot pre-empt the democratic decision making process or a particular outcome, in the event of a formal planning application being submitted'.

Highland Council agrees: 'Any pre-application advice issued does not constitute formal consent and does not therefore guarantee that any future statutory application will be successful; nor does it provide consent for a development to commence.'

Both councils stress that their pre application decision will be based on the quantity and quality of the information you provide, so the more you can tell them the better.



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After a successful self-build as a couple starting out in life, and now with a young family, the Vicks are going to self-build their next home

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The Vick's first home newly completed.

AS a young couple David and Fiona Vick decided to build their own home and now that their family has grown they are going to do it all over again.

They bought a plot of land near to Fiona's parents' home at Bridge of Awe in 2005 and started in 2006, with local builder Stuart Livingstone of Taynuilt carrying out the building work.

Now, with children Hannah and Charlie, plus a cat and dog and David's classic car and Land Rover, their starter home is to be replaced with another self-build

four-bedroom family home on a site at Benderloch. This time they will be project managing the build themselves, with a kit home from Scot Frame and hiring in trades people and contractors. The main contractors will be Steven Groom and Chris Parr.

It goes without saying that the advice from the Vick family is: 'Go for it!' Their decision to go down the self-build route was a way of getting on the property ladder.

'We were looking at property in Oban, but it was at that point when everything was going for well over



Fiona, David Charlie and Hannah.

the asking price,' said Fiona, who is an electrical technician based at the Northern Lighthouse Board depot in Oban.

'We know of people who were getting 110 or 120 per cent mortgages to get their first house or flat,' said David.

The couple were helped via the Rural Home Ownership Grant with a percentage of the bills with the proviso that they stayed in

their home for 10 years or paid the grant back. The scheme was designed to help keep young families like theirs in the area and not forced out by lack of affordable property.

'Planning permission was through within six weeks because we were rounding off a housing development and this didn't cause any issues, said Fiona.

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You need to be well organised and have all your paperwork in order and readily available”

Fiona Vick

department at Argyll and Bute have been very helpful throughout with our first home and again now, with the pre-planning service. It really gives you a good idea of where your application is going and it makes the whole process much faster.’

The grants and initial build helped the young couple achieve their first home at Bridge of Awe and, as finances allowed them, they then extended the property.

‘We are glad we took advice to have attic trusses,’ said Fiona, ‘This made it easier to convert the loft into bedrooms. They also added a garage, where David, a motor mechanic, also works on his classic car hobby. The ground works have now begun at Benderloch. The Vicks would



The start of their first self-build.



The ground work has now begun on their second home.

encourage anyone to enter the world of self-build and offer two words of advice: research and organisation. Anyone can complete a self-build project, but you need to be thorough. ‘We spent about two years before

each, looking on line and going to exhibitions and shows,’ said David, ‘research is important.’ ‘You need to be well organised and have all your paperwork in order and readily available,’ said Fiona, ‘and have lots of spreadsheets.

Spreadsheets are your friend.’ And this time round, prior to starting out on the venture, the couple also sought the advice of an independent financial advisor. ‘Getting the money right is very important,’ said David.



As finances allowed the couple added bedrooms in the loft.

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IT IS never too soon to have your finances lined up for self-building.

In fact, once you have decided to go down the self-build route to your new home, it would be a wise idea to meet with a financial advisor, whether independent or at your bank or building society, to give your money a health check and get your funds in training ready for the big event.

[It is a good idea to give your finances a regular check-up whatever your plans in life, but that's a whole different story].

This is where you can trip up, right at the start. Even if you already own the land and don't need a mortgage to help buy the plot it is best to ensure you get a mortgage offer in place for the building work before you commit and that the plot has planning permission.

Do not expect a lump sum, as if you were buying a completed house. Just as you will be building in stages, so you will receive the money step-by-step as well. At each step

expect the building work to be inspected as the lender satisfies themselves that the building is progressing as it should.

Building your own home is a good way to get more house for your money and a great way to get yourself onto the property ladder, but self-builders do need to have a larger lump sum of cash before they begin.

Selling your existing home and living on site in a static caravan, or building your garage, large shed or having a container in place to save on storage costs can also help bring costs down.

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cost of complete or partial rebuilding or rectifying work to the house as a result of defective design, workmanship or materials, for 10 years.

And when you move in, do not forget to have your usual building and contents policy in place.

If you are carrying out major renovations to your home it is also best to check with your existing insurer that the work is not so big that it falls outwith the cover of your existing policy.

Self Build Loan Fund

IN November 2017 the Scottish Government announced that a new £4 million self-build loan fund, offering financial backing to people who want to build their own homes will be available later this year.

The Scottish Government has yet to announce who will be acting as agent for this new round of funding; also this latest money will be rolled out nationally but the full details have yet to be announced.

The Highland Small Communities Housing Trust (HSCHT) ran the pilot project within the Highland Council area due to market failure in the lending market, to provide funding for self-builders, prior to mortgage facilities being available.

A spokesman said: 'The current pilot project allows HSCHT, acting as agent to the Scottish Government, to provide a revolving fund to help self-builders within the Highland Council region.'

'Individuals can apply for up to £175,000, which if successful, can be drawn down in agreed stage payments.'

'The fund is designed to help applicants reach the completion stage of their build projects, at which point they should be able to access a mortgage from the likes of a high street lender or other. The loan is then repaid by this mortgage, and the applicant goes on to pay off their mortgage as they would should they have bought a house on the open market.'

Housing Minister Kevin Stewart confirmed the fund was being set up following a successful review of the pilot in the Highlands.

In addition, a Challenge Fund to support pilot projects that will help to expand the custom and self-build sector is now open for applications.

Mr Stewart said: 'We know many people seeking to build a bespoke home, which is tailored to their family needs, can find it tough getting the right advice and securing funding. A pilot in the Highlands is proving to be really successful and now others in communities across Scotland will be able to apply for a share of this £4 million investment later next year.'

'There was considerable interest in the fund following the launch of the pilot in the Highlands, which is why we have made the decision to make an early announcement on the national roll-out. This will give potential applicants the time to investigate housing plots and obtain the necessary permissions, so they can be ready to apply to the fund when it opens.'



'In addition to this, our custom and self-build challenge fund is now open to all to support projects that will help develop ways to better respond to the needs of people undertaking a custom or self-build home.'

Croft house grant scheme

THIS scheme provides grants for crofters to improve and maintain the standards of crofter housing.

There is still time to apply for the current round of funding; closing date for applications is March 1, 2018. Dates of further funding rounds in 2018-19 are expected to be announced shortly.

The aim of the grant scheme is to attract and retain people within the crofting areas of Scotland including Argyll and Bute, Highland, Western Isles and Arran.

The scheme's website has full details of criteria and eligibility including a detailed list of postcodes for the entire crofting community across Scotland.

The funding may be used for: major repairs, internal improvements, rebuilding and new-builds.

Tenant crofters and owner-occupier crofters can apply and the scheme is split into high and standard priority areas.

In high priority areas a grant of up to £38,000 is available and £28,000 for standard priority for new homes; re building improvements are available of up to 40 per cent of costs up to £38,000 in high or £28,000 standard areas. The grants come with a series of conditions and criteria which have to be met.

The Croft House Grant team in the Tيرة office (01879 220240) will advise you and explain how you apply.

Grants for renovations

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If a kit home is not for you then you will need an architect and if you are embarking on your first self-build project, relax, your architect has built many, many of them.

You may know what you want in your head; an architect will translate your dreams into plans and also into reality.

Note the word reality because it is an architect's job to design a house for you that will meet all the real-life regulations, not just what you want but all the legal requirements to satisfy planning permission and building warrants and within the constraints of your plot of land and your budget.

They will also help with applying for the necessary permissions and be involved in site inspections if you wish.

Working with an architect can be very personal. Choosing an architect might not get down to a marriage bureau or dating app levels, but it can feel as though it comes pretty close at times.

Once again, research pays off; have you seen houses in your area that you like? Have you spoken to people who have completed self-build projects? Who did they use, who

have you heard good things about?

Expect to have some long and serious conversations; after listening to you they might recommend a kit home. In helping you make decisions about your home they will ask a lot of questions about your life and what you need from a house.

Not just how many bedrooms, but will you be working from home and need an office or study; do you want a room especially for your own interests like music or crafts, a room which then can be incorporated back into the main living space easily should you ever move.

How much do you like to entertain? Will your kitchen be a living and dining area, will you have a separate dining room? Would you prefer a smaller kitchen with a utility room for laundry, or a mud room for outdoor gear, dogs and riding tack or your fishing tackle or a built-in gun cabinet?

Do you need a shower downstairs for your muddy outdoor lifestyle? Will some en-suite bathrooms save traffic jams in the morning as you get yourselves and the kids off to work and school?

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on site in such a way that an annexe can be added later on.
 Do you stay home for your entertainment rather than go out? Would you like to create a media room for the box set bingers and gamers, or where you can go and chill out to your favourite music?
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 Apart from all your dreams there is also the down-to-earth practical stuff: storage space, heating with solar panels, ground source, biomass and where the septic tank is going to go if you are in a remote spot.
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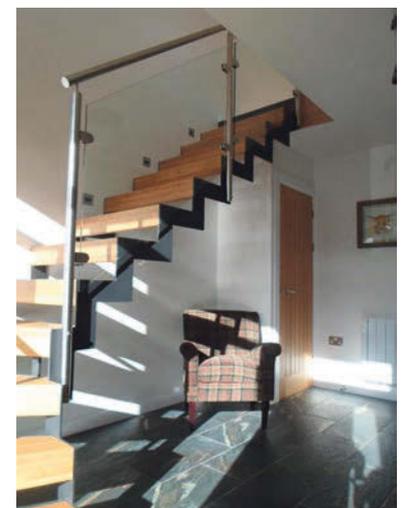
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Decisions, decisions

Kit homes can be tailored to your needs



SO WHAT is it going to be? You have decided on a home, picked out the fittings and fixtures you want and are already dreaming of paint colours for the finished house.

But what about the actual construction job: who is going to do it.

It all boils down to the two main ingredients in a self-build project: time and money.

Under estimating how much you have of either can really be the make-or-break of any self-build.

One advantage of having a kit home supplier build your home for you is that they will have their own team of proven tradesmen and women who have worked together before and they know this product inside out – literally! You are saving on time but you are paying for expertise and experience.

You might decide to put the work in the hands of a building firm you know and trust; in the West Highlands the chances are that good building companies will have worked on the big name companies' kits.

Or you are in the building trade yourself and can put together your own team. Job done.

You might decide to project manage the build yourself and hire in the trades and skills as needed. This could save money but most people who go down this route will tell you that the demands on your time will be far greater than you anticipate.

What ever decision you make, make sure you have backed it up with some very, very serious number crunching and a realistic approach to your own availability and ability.

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The whole kit and caboodle!

Today's kits are so adaptable to you and your family's tastes and style that their designers and builders can create a bespoke look for you. No wonder this is the most popular route to a new home for self-builders.

WHEN we say the whole kit and caboodle, we mean it.

The dictionary tells us caboodle is a noun, informal, and means, 'The whole number or quantity of people or things in question' and that sums up the benefits of choosing a kit home.

You can have the 'whole' answer to your self-build.

You buy the entire house and most of the companies that supply kit homes will provide you with a service to take care of planning permission, building warrants and even deliver and build your new home for you.

And if we are talking words, then 'kit home' just doesn't do these properties justice.

The word 'kit' is way too small to describe what a big choice there is. 'Kit' somehow conjures up something that comes out of a box and is put together with glue. Something where one size fits all and you will take what you are given.

Nothing could be further from the truth. Go online and check out the websites of all the leading suppliers, producers and builders of these homes. They offer you everything from a neat studio-style property through to a bungalow, right up to country mansion.

Once the choice has been made you can 'flip' the design to suit your choice and the location. Come in the door and the original plan says lounge on the right kitchen on the left? How about the other way round? No problem.

These kits are designed with customisation in mind. Want to add a sun lounge, conservatory, garage, double garage? Many of the original house plans are



designed to allow you to add these features.

Is there someone in your family with special needs? Bathrooms can become wet rooms, doorways widened to be wheelchair friendly and joists strengthened where you need to add a hoist.

A kit home, precision manufactured away from the site, can be built far more quickly and that is a bonus when the West Highland climate decides to assert itself.

Some kit home manufacturers have the ability to take your architect's drawings and use their production techniques to build your home from start to finish and give you a bespoke service.

When it comes to the interior, they can offer an incredible number of fixtures and fittings, from the doors, skirting and window frames through to the finished look of your staircase.

They create and build many different styles of home for many different people and so the choice of bathrooms and kitchens and flooring reflects that wide range; you can even source fittings from other suppliers if you have your heart set on a particular style or type and they will carry out the installation.

steel frame house on-site can be quick as much can be made in advance off site.

Brick and block

An outer brick wall and then an inner wall with an insulating material between.

Alternative

Across the West Highlands and islands you will find many interesting alternative styles of building; eco friendly and energy saving ideas; turf roofs, insulated concrete form work; water recycling and energy generating.

They are fascinating and use many pioneering techniques. Perhaps the only thing holding people back from experimenting this way is that traditional lenders will not give mortgages.

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YOU have decided that self-build is the way forward for you, but the big question is: what type of home are you going to build then?

Timber frame

The house has a basic wooden frame, covered in waterproof material (like stone or bricks). A number of companies sell timber frame 'kit homes', which are house styles that have already been designed and just need to be put together. This remains one of the most popular choices in the West Highlands.

Steel frame construction

Once the steel frame is built, panels are attached to it. These are coated, or made waterproof in some other way. Building a

Norscot

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



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

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

Norscot offers an alternative approach with a wide range of flexible designs, which can be tailored to the way you want to live, at a price you can afford.

With Norscot, there's no need to employ an architect, you are guided through the whole process. You may add space and change the layout. And, create dramatic and light filled spaces with glazing options that make the most of the view.

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Common mistakes to avoid

People self-building 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 plan 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. This 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 what the price includes.
- 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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This Mallaig-based company specialises in land and sea transport. They delivered an alligator to the Isle of Rum to act in a television documentary so your kit home or building materials will be all in a day's work.

The star of the show is the landing craft *Spanish John 2*, actually the third vessel to carry the name; the original, a Navy-surplus vessel was legendary in West Highland waters. This incarnation was Clyde-built in 2003 at Alexander Noble and Sons of Girvan.

Sitting at 20m long and 6.5m wide, deck cargo can be up to 40 tons. Power comes from twin 236 hp Daewoo engines. Loading can be either via the 3.6m wide bow door ramp, or with a 23t per metre Palfinger hydraulic crane operated by radio remote control.

They deliver equipment and feed to fish farms daily. Plant and diggers are regular cargos and so are sand and aggregates, council skip lorries with refuse and recycling skips, towing fish farm cages. She has also been a platform for movie making and also featured in the new Ford Eco Sport advert that has just started airing on tv.



An island 1

Do you want to join an island community or build yourself a home in magnificent isolation on the mainland? Don't be daunted by the logistics, when it comes to living on islands or in remote rural places, we've been doing it for centuries . . . we're experts.

IF YOU can comply with all the planning permissions, building warrants and regulations, and you have the money, you can build anywhere; it's a simple fact of life. That includes the remotest spot you can find on the West Highland mainland or the islands.

There are islands that would be offended if you called them remote. Do not forget that in Argyll, with its many peninsulas, and Lochaber's wild mountains there are places on the mainland that it can take longer to reach than an island with a ferry service.

Remember that people have lived here for centuries; people in this part of the world know how to get to remote places – and how to get very large loads to remote places. We've had plenty of practice.

Do not just take our word for it; take a walk along to the Caledonian MacBrayne ferry terminals at Oban or Kennacraig. You will see the skilled deck hands loading builders' merchants' lorries laden down with materials and roof trusses bound for Mull and Islay and from there onto Jura or Iona.

Many of you will have quietly cursed under your breath and reversed back to a passing place to let a lorry carrying earth moving plant go by, on its way to dig out some new foundations.

It is easier, for example, to get planning permission to build on a plot in the communities of Tobermory on Mull or Bowmore on the Isle of Islay than a remote mainland spot which is in the middle of an SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest) where you will find yourself having to provide reports on environmental impact to bodies like SEPA (Scottish Environmental Protection Agency). You might have to prove that there is a need for a house in this particular spot or there could be residency conditions linked to employment.

No community ever stands still; new houses or renovations and extensions are always taking place. Early contact with the council planning department will always pay dividends, especial-



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ly the pre-planning guidance on offer.

Islands and remote rural communities are desperate for new families. Your children might mean the difference between a closure or an extra teacher for a primary school. The different areas have different incentives to help make this happen.

Utilities can be expensive and take time to install in a remote location; but nothing that cannot be solved with an innovative approach to waste water disposal, a good quality private water supply and system (it will need to be tested and approved) and the many alternative types of power generation available today. There are some excellent examples to be found all over this region; many of them award-winning.

Just don't be naïve when it comes to the extra expenditure of cash and time - but one of the ways you can help keep this as low as possible is to be thoroughly, thoroughly organised. You have to be right first time, or face a day-and-a-half ferry journey, or an 80-mile round trip on single-track roads, to return the wrong part for the right one or pick up extra materials, while the weather closes in or workers have to wait.

Don't even let the lack of a ferry service

Life for me!



worry you; transport companies here have boats and vehicles that can get anywhere. You will see a ferry timetable tucked on the dash board of many a builder's van along with the obligatory old copies of the *Daily Record* and a few used paper coffee cups and crisp bags. Everyone has got the CalMac app on their mobile phones. Ferries do not just take you to islands; they will also cut your journey time on the way to mainland peninsulas at Corran Ferry, in Lochaber, and Portavadie to Tarbert in Argyll.

One obvious piece of advice is make sure that the majority of the build project takes place during the summer timetable when there are more ferries running, often earlier and later in the day – a blessing for your logistics.

If you are transporting materials and people yourself, remember to book well in advance during the height of the tourist season and on days when major events like Highland games and agricultural shows are taking place. You will also have the advantage of longer daylight and (hopefully) better weather.

Land

If you already have a plot then one of the

hardest parts of the job is over.

If you are searching for a plot always check the ease and cost of connecting to utilities in this location. Make sure that you have a right of access; some roads can look public but are in private ownership and you might have to cross someone else's land to get to yours.

Also make sure that you are not in a black spot for mobile phone reception (not uncommon) and that you can pick up a satellite signal or are in range for Freeview for terrestrial broadcasting. But that said, you will be pleasantly surprised by how many islands and remote communities do have superfast broadband thanks to government investment.

Materials and design

If living on an island with a stunning sea view or in a remote rural spot is your dream remember that by your very choice you will almost certainly experience West Highland and island weather at its most enthusiastic.

Design and materials should be used accordingly and that does not just mean your home. Your garden will need hedging, shrub screens, and plants that are salt spray, deer and rabbit-proof.

Thorne Wyness Architects

Thorne Wyness Architects are an inventive and dynamic architects partnership based on the Isle of Mull and covering the West Coast of Scotland. We are interested in making the most of any situation and we listen carefully to our clients needs, drawing on the

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And of course it goes without saying that a stove is a great looking visual asset which gives a ‘heart’ to the home and provides the perfect focal point to gather family and friends around! If you are building or renovating and are interested to know what benefits a stove could add as part of your heating mix then get in touch. With over 40 years’ experience we can talk you through all the options available and work out what fits your needs best. Call us on 01631 720539.



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Getting your new home on the grid

As far as your kids are concerned broadband and a mobile signal are essential, never mind about mains water!

OUR great-great grandparents’ memories of the Tilley lamp, the earth closet at the end of the garden and the water pump alongside the big stone sink are slowly fading from memory.

There are very few people left alive today who can recall them – though chances are many of us still have a few Tilley lamps on standby for power cuts.

The utilities we expect today were luxuries back then and some of what we consider basic utilities now were just plain unheard of, luxury or not.

Electricity, water and sewerage are just expected to be available and if we are too far away from mains water or drains or power lines then the technology exists to provide them. ‘Town gas’ in our major population centres is backed up with gas or oil tanks at our homes outwith the gas supply areas.

We also expect landline and mobile telephones and television and broadband as standard utilities laid on in our homes.

When self-building many plots will already be connected to services, or be close to them.

It is a good plan, early on, when looking for a plot to buy to ask about the ease of connecting up to services and the cost; for some budgets this could be a decisive factor in whether to go ahead with the purchase or not.

It goes without saying that getting services on site as soon as possible is an important step. Builders will need power tools and water right from the start.

Ask your kids what they would think of living in a house with no, or painfully slow, wi-fi, with no mobile network and in a shadow unable to pick up satellite television or

Freeview via terrestrial television. To kids, these services are basic utilities they cannot imagine living without.

Ask some families what they would rather have: a dining room where they can sit and eat together and talk, or a media room where they can watch Sky or Netflix or play games on a massive, wall-covering television with a sound system that rattles the triple-glazing. You know what the answer is going to be.

So it makes sense to check these services out. You might be pleasantly surprised because of the amount of investment in broadband for remote and rural locations by the government. Remember mobile signals can be boosted via broadband.

Energy and renewables

Building a new home means you can benefit from the latest energy-saving technology from the day you move in

INSTALLING green technologies in your self-build offers the chance of energy savings and might also qualify for government schemes or loans.

Organisations like Home Energy Scotland can provide free, in-depth advice custom-designed to your style of home and circumstances.

They can talk you thorough the options for energy saving and generating your own energy for heating or electricity.

Though there have been changes in recent years, renewable heat incentive schemes still exist and so do feed in tariff schemes for the use of small small-scale, renewable and low-carbon technologies to generate electricity.

Air source heat pumps provide the right energy solution for these householders

It's expected that half of Scotland's energy will come from renewable sources by 2030. Change is happening right across the country and nearly 400 householders across the Highlands and Islands are among those leading the way.

They are members of the 1,100-strong Green Homes Network in Scotland, which connects anyone thinking of installing renewables and other efficient new heating systems with people who have travelled that path already. We talked to two Green Homes Network members - Tim Johnston of Lentrán near Inverness and Mathieson Ross of Aviemore - about their experience of using air source heat pumps and their reasons for installing them in their mid-20th century properties.

Air source heat pumps extract heat from the outside air and convert it into useful energy which can be used to heat radiators, under-floor heating systems and provide hot water in your home. Why did you choose to install an Air Source Heat Pump (ASHP)?

Tim: When we purchased the property the only energy source was electricity. We looked at our options and the air source heat pump seemed the best option environmentally and economically.

Mathieson: We decided to install a heat pump due to the excessively high oil prices – the kick in the wallet was the biggest incentive to change our oil fired system to a renewable one.

Is it simple to operate?

T: Yes, once you have got used to the user interface and lived with the system for a few weeks, it is straightforward.

M: Yes it's as simple as any other central heating system – you just set the temperature and time of day as required.

Is it easy to control the temperature in different parts of the house?

T: The thermostat is placed in one room, in our case the kitchen, and once that room reaches the set temperature the pump will shut down. We have smart radiators in all the rooms so they can be adjusted to control individual room temperatures.

M: An underfloor system would have different controls but we use thermostatic radiator valves on our system to control the heat in different rooms.

Is it noisy?

T: The unit is situated outside and it is much quieter than we anticipated. The smart radiators can be a little noisy when they are blowing out warm air but after a while you don't really notice.

M: It is much less noisy than an oil or gas boiler and doesn't emit any fumes.

How do the running costs compare to your previous heating system?

T: We have never had another heating system so cannot compare. When we bought the property we had our system installed before we moved in. We also installed a wood burner in the lounge.

M: Our fuel bills have halved since installing our air source heat pump.

Does it heat your hot water?

T: Yes, it has a programme for heating domestic hot water (DHW) and for disinfection to prevent Legionella.

M: Yes.

Does it work well in winter?

T: We have had two winters with it so far and it has performed well with no problems.

M: Yes - even in the very cold Aviemore winters. Our system has worked with an outside temperature of minus 23 °C. In very cold weather it will require more fuel but that would be true of any system.

What advice would you give to someone considering ASHP?

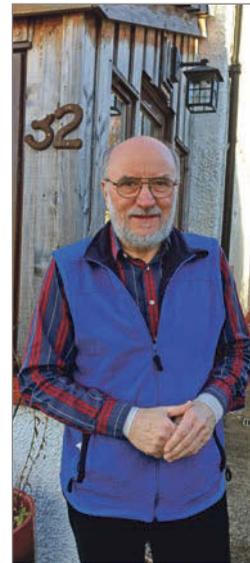
T: Look at all your options before making a decision. For a heat pump to work efficiently you need to have good all-round insulation as the less heat that's lost from your home the more efficient the system. The initial outlay can seem quite expensive but we are getting around 50% of this back over seven years with the domestic Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) payments, plus savings on our energy use. If you think an ASHP is your best option then I would say you should seriously consider it.

M: Insulate your home first. I would also recommend installing solar panels with a power diverter which will heat your hot water in the summer and prolong the life of your heat pump.

Do you have any other advice or information?

T: If you are thinking of installing an ASHP system make sure you get at least three quotes and also make sure you choose reputable companies who know what they are doing regarding installing heat pumps. It's a good idea to ask around.

M: Against the advice that they would not work in the cold Aviemore winters, we went ahead and fitted an ASHP and we're really glad that we did. We now have less than half the fuel bill that we had before installing. Apart from the savings in fuel bills, the newly increased RHI for heat pumps should be more than enough incentive. It's a green issue too, good for you and good for the planet – definitely a win-win.



Ross Mathieson at his home in Aviemore



Tim's partner Fiona outside Lentrán

Tim lives in a detached property with insulated cavity walls and Mathieson's is a semi-detached home with insulated cavity walls.

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Air source heat pumps: Costs, savings and financial support

A typical ASHP installation costs around £6,000 to £8,000 and the Scottish Government is currently funding an interest-free loan of up to £10,000 to help with the installation cost. In addition, under the UK Government's domestic Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) scheme, you could receive quarterly cash payments over seven years if you install or have already installed an eligible renewable heating technology.

Running costs will vary depending on a number of factors like the size of your home, how well insulated it is and what room temperatures suit you.

How much you can save will depend on what system you use now, as well as what you are replacing it with.

Existing system	Annual fuel bill saving*	Potential annual RHI payments (installations between 20 September and 31 December 2017)
Old electric storage heaters	£735 - £820	£1,140 - £1,235
New electric storage heaters	£410 - £445	£1,140 - £1,235
Old (G-rated) oil boiler	£290 - £315	£1,140 - £1,235
New (A-rated) oil boiler	An increase of £155 - £165	£1,140 - £1,235
Old (G-rated) LPG boiler	£1,000 - £1,090	£1,140 - £1,235
New (A-rated) LPG boiler	£290 - £315	£1,140 - £1,235
Old (G-rated) gas boiler	£455 - £485	£1,140 - £1,235
New (A-rated) gas boiler	An increase of £10 - £15	£1,140 - £1,235
Coal	£415 - £465	£1,140 - £1,235

*The figures above are based on average fuel prices, which vary across the UK. We can help you work out savings based on energy costs in your area.

Take action

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Why build to Passivhaus standard?



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The international Passivhaus standard is the world's leading standard in energy-efficient building design. In this article, Passivhaus designer Es Tresidder of HighlandPassive.com explains why you should consider going for Passivhaus certification for your new-build or retrofit project, and how you should go about it.

The Passivhaus standard is well known as an energy-efficiency standard, and it certainly does that well – Passivhaus-certified buildings typically require 90% less heating than existing buildings, or 70% less than typical new-builds (think annual heating bills of around £100 for a 2-3 bedroom house, for the house being warm 24 hours a day). They achieve this through high levels of continuous insulation, high-quality triple glazing, airtight construction and careful design and attention to detail.

But Passivhaus buildings offer more than just energy efficiency, they are also more comfortable, more robust and healthier to live in. Here's how.

More comfortable in winter (and summer)

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More robust

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air does not leak through the building fabric. This eliminates the risk of hidden, long-term moisture problems within the structure of a building.

Healthier to live in

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How do I build myself a Passivhaus?

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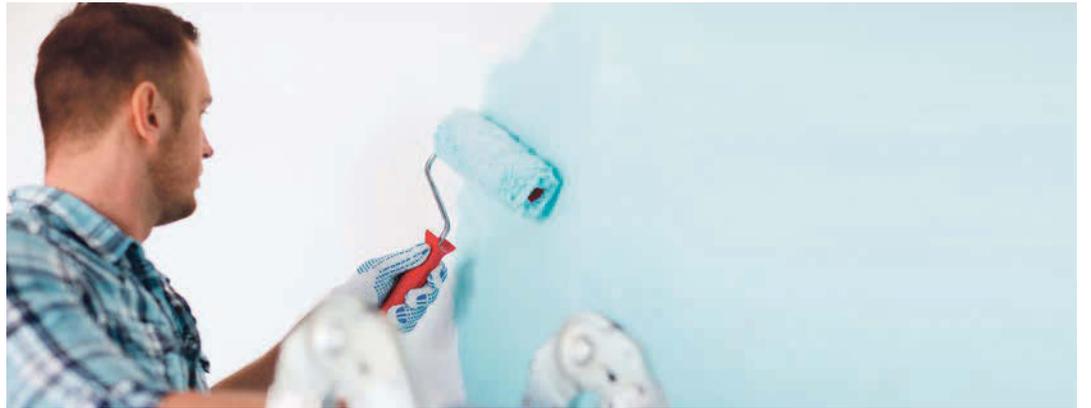
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Which renovator are you? The one who has bought an uninhabitable shell to turn into a home or the one who wants to breathe new life and space into the home they have loved for so long.



THERE you were, searching for the perfect plot of land upon which to self-build your dream home and suddenly there it was: the wreck you knew you had to rescue.

The roof is all but gone, you can see the rafters; one wall has buckled in, the others are only standing out of force of habit but you can see what it can be once again.

Friends think you are crazy and that it would be cheaper just to bulldoze the entire site and start again, but you know differently.

It is all down to the 'three Rs' of renovation, restoration or remodelling. What needs to be done?

Renovation is renewing what you already have in place and adding new parts where necessary, whether it is floor boards or an entire wall. Restoration returns a room or home back to its former glory, respecting the original, or period, features. Remodelling changes the actual structure or use; like ripping out a wall, moving the kitchen to the other side of the house, or adding an extra bathroom, sunroom or annexe.

The chances are that you will probably be doing a mixture of all three.

If the property is a listed building, or in a conservation area, you must apply for the necessary permissions.

A house that is run down and in need of repair can be a potential bargain and be the best way to put your finances to work and get more

home for your money.

For a start they will almost always have road access, water, electricity, sewerage and mains gas, where available making it easier, quicker and cheaper to get connected to the services.

Take into account that in more rural spots when there is a septic tank this might need renewing or repair and if there is a private water supply it might not comply with the latest standards or pass the newer health tests without some major work being carried out.

You will need a surveyor's report. Remember that if it is a major endeavour, comparable to building a new home, an architect will prove just as valuable on this project.

If it is a very old and decaying property the first jobs will be to stabilise it and stop any further decay.

Planning permission and building warrants will be needed for a major rebuild or remodelling, but if you can keep within permitted development rights this will save more money. These rights can vary and what might have been fine where you lived before in the UK might not be the same in your new location.

Once again this is where planning officers can advise you.

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It might be that essential structural work needs to be done or a complete re-wire; that major fixtures like the heating, bathroom or kitchen are so tired they have to be changed.

A central heating system is a major investment and not something you make very often so you will be amazed at how more efficient and well-designed your new investment is.

This work is going to cause some upheaval, so while you are at it why not do it all in one go and remodel to include a utility room, a new bigger porch or knock the dining room and kitchen into a big, bright and modern family living space.

Think of your house as a blank canvas, and paint a new masterpiece for your family. A

brand new home would have an en-suite bathroom, or an extra shower room and additional lavatory downstairs, so why not add these to yours?

Not only will they make your home more enjoyable but also these kind of improvements will put your house back at the top of the list of attractive properties if you should ever change your mind and sell. Suddenly your older house would be well able to compete with far newer properties with more extras.

If it makes emotional sense to stay put and renovate, it also makes sound economical sense as well if you sit down and really plan out what you needs to be done and what you would like to do as well. Consulting an architect and a financial advisor might give you a pleasant surprise and you can afford to do more than you think because of the value the work will add to your property, a real win-win situation.



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The finishing touches that bring the look together



When it comes to interior design don't leave it all to the end; some of the last needs to be thought of first.

INTERIOR design is often left until last or towards the end of the project in a self-build, which is a shame as this can be the cause of some costly mistakes or regrets.

To avoid ever having to say 'Oh, if only we had...' or 'With hindsight we should have...' try and put some of the major aspects of your interior design right at the start of the project.

It might seem obvious but when the electrician is doing the work he or she needs to know how you plan to light the room and where the plug sockets for all those table and reading lamps should be.

Interior design isn't just about colours it is about textures and that includes walls, fitted kitchen cabinet finishes, wall and floor tiles and the glass in the shower panels and the spindles in the stair case. Everything coarsely textured and rustic looks plain wrong and everything nice and smooth and shining looks downright clinical. A blend to suit

your tastes looks just right.

And then there is the added stress of picking the wrong colour and detracting from the marvellous features you have build into the design. No wonder many people play it safe with a neutral colour.

But help is at hand because the internet is near to bursting with interior design with pictures of incredible interiors and website after website of advice.

You might not feel the urge to go the whole hog and create your own 'mood board' but collating a number of photographs is a seriously good idea. As the military always say: 'time spent in recognisance is never wasted', even if it is for scatter cushions.

And the other good news is that one-to-one help has never been more readily available in the shape of interior designers. Hiring an interior designer no longer looks like an extravagance if you are building anything less than a mansion; it looks like common sense.

A trained eye will look at the space you are creating and help you achieve the right balance of colours, textures and proportions to balance the lighting, your furniture and the types of fabrics you prefer. You can bounce ideas of them and listen as they suggest things you would have never thought of in a million years.

Often an interior designer will help you with major aspects and once a scheme is in place leave you to fill in the gaps and source those unique and personal finishing touches.

Like your architect they will listen to what you want to achieve and ask how your family will use the space; what your interests and tastes are along with your lifestyle and together help produce your dream home.

And to achieve the best possible result for those major aspects it really pays to contact an interior designer sooner rather than later. You will be amazed how much money – and indecision – they will save you.

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The house looks great; everyone who walks in goes 'Wow!'

But what about outside?

The chances are that right now your pride and glory, the home that you have saved for, worried over and about which you have had some sleepless nights, is standing in a sea of mud and stones, with the occasional lump of concrete here and there.

It is time for the finishing, finishing touch: the landscaping.

The backbone of the exterior design was decided long ago: the render, finish, stain, paint, roof tiles; the driveway and path materials were chosen, more or less, right at the start.

Now comes the part where you take a builder's site and work some magic, to bring the whole exterior together.

A little bit of early planning goes a long way: the location of exterior power points and water taps should be agreed upon and sited early on, on the site and during the building work. Now is the time to put them to work.

Once upon a time outdoor lighting was a light over the front and back doors and garage and if you had a couple of free standing lights you were being a bit posh. Those days are gone because the range of outdoor lighting is unbelievable today; downlights, lights to go under the eaves; what ever you can imagine it can be provided.

Lighting, just like the colour of your front door handle and letter box, helps to create

the first impression of your home,

Despite what the gloom-mongers might say about the weather there is plenty of opportunity to entertain outdoors when living in the West Highlands and you can extend your evenings and the number of days if you are well equipped with outdoor lighting and heating. Yes, fire pits look great but how about some electric heaters on the wall above your decking or patio.

That's another great way to either extend your home outdoors or bring the outside inside: decking and patio areas are great additions to your home. These should be planned early on.

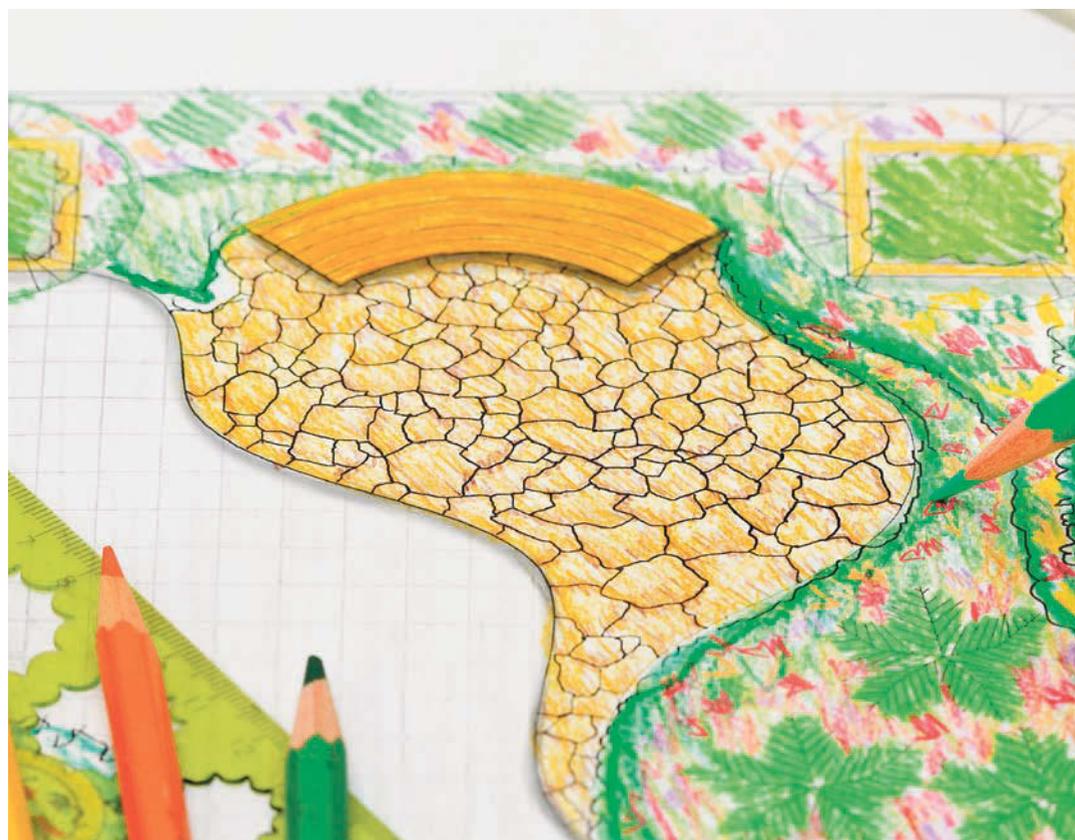
A good idea is that once your house is up and the interior is being worked on, go outside and take photographs of the house from all sides, plus from the road.

Take photographs looking out of the windows and once the stairs are in from all the upstairs windows.

Print out plenty of A4 copies and set to work doodling! Forget about those colouring-in books for grown-ups this is far more therapeutic. Draw your dream garden. If you plan to have raised beds your builder will probably install these as the work comes to a close.

What type of soil do you have? Will you need topsoil? A quick look at neighbouring established gardens will tell you what plants will thrive.

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EU changes on NFU conference agenda

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PREPARING Scotland's farmers and crofters for post-Brexit change is the theme of NFU Scotland's packed two-day AGM, dinner and conference in Glasgow next month.

For the second year, the event will be staged at the Radisson Blu Hotel on Thursday February 8 and Friday February 9.

It comes at a time of great challenges and opportunities for Scotland's farming, food and drink sectors as the clock ticks towards the UK's intended exit from the EU on March 29 2019 – only 14 months away.

The morning session on the first day leads with the presidential address by Andrew McCornick. He will map out the union's next steps as it ensures Scotland's farmers and crofters get the best Brexit deal in terms of support, policy, trade and labour.

Dennis Overton, who will become the chairman of Scotland Food

and Drink in April, opens on Thursday afternoon on growing Scotland's booming food and drink industry, currently the country's largest manufacturing sector.

Later the hot topic of agriculture and future environmental stewardship will be addressed by Terry A'Hearn, CEO of SEPA.

Pointers as to how innovation may provide the key to farm businesses surviving and thriving post-Brexit will come from two South West rural entrepreneurs.

Tracey Roan, of Roan's Dairy, has established a business that is 'fresher than the udders' while Duncan McConchie of Laggan Outdoor has, in 10 years, built a family farm-based tourism venture recognised as Scotland's best outdoor/adventure experience.

Much has been made of the 'Norwegian Model' for deciding future trading arrangements for Scotland and the UK.



NFU Scotland president Andrew McCornick.

Following an NFUS study trip to Norway in the autumn, delegates will hear from Eirik Magnus Fuglestad of Ruralis, the Norwegian Institute for Rural and Regional research.

Kristoffer Moan, from Trondheim, will speak about the challenges he faces as a beef and sheep farmer, including predation by lynx.

Day two opens with Scottish farmers and crofters being challenged to engage with the public and show what farming delivers in terms of food

production, the environment and the local economy.

Speeches will come from Annabel Shackleton and Jane Craigie from the successful 'Open Farm Sunday' initiative.

Dundee farmer and businesswoman Caroline Millar, a participant in Open Farm Sunday and Director of GoRural, which specialises in supporting the development of agritourism, food and drink and rural businesses will host a session.

The conference con-

cludes on Friday morning when Scotland's cabinet secretary for rural economy and connectivity, Fergus Ewing, delivers the keynote speech to delegates.

NFU Scotland president Andrew McCornick said: 'With Brexit looming, the future for Scotland and the UK remains frustratingly unclear and is subject to intense debate.'

'NFU Scotland, at a political level, remains on the front foot in a bid to secure the very best deal for our industry, and this conference will continue the process of encouraging our membership to recognise that change is coming.'

'Scotland's farmers and crofters are the cornerstone of a food and drink sector justifiably lauded as one of Scotland's economic success stories.'

'Those producing the raw materials for our food and drink are the crucial element of what is now the nation's largest manufacturing sector.'

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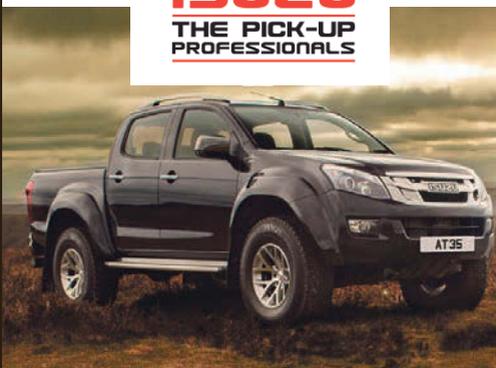


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Ewes: Texx: £83.00 Barcaldine HF; BF: £48.00 Musdale Farm, £45.00 Soroba. BFL: £41.00 Balure of Shian.

Downward pressure lowers milk price by one pence per litre

DESPITE holding its milk price for January, First Milk will reduce its February milk price by one pence per litre.

The farmer-owned dairy blames recent downward pressure in global commodity dairy markets for the reduction.

Jim Baird, vice-chairman and farmer director, said: 'Improvements in First Milk's business performance meant that we could delay a milk price reduction for January.'

'Recent market developments will affect our customer pricing

mechanisms, however, and we can only pay a milk price linked to our returns.

'We understand that this will be disappointing news for our members and remain completely committed to doing everything we can to reduce the impact of decreases in the market through our focus on quality and efficiency throughout our business, and through the development of our strong relationships with customers.'

'Working together, we will deliver competitive returns to our members.'



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KILLEAN AND KILCHENZIE

Guild talk: For the love of alpacas

KILLEAN and Kilchenzie Guild members will get up close and personal with alpacas at A’Cleit next month.

Warm clothes are recommended when

Glenbarr Garden Centre and Café proprietor Zofia Sloan brings some of her herd for inspection and talks at an open meeting, titled For the love of alpacas, on Wednesday February 7.

There will also be a bring and buy stall demonstrating guild members’ talents and the guild extends a warm invitation to everyone to this open meeting.

The guild ended 2017 positively, successfully increasing the membership and decreasing the

average age by changing the meeting time from evening to afternoon.

More than 25 members and friends met at the Argyll hotel, Bellochantuy, for a Christmas lunch organised by Pat MacMillan, who was unfortunately unable to attend due to illness.

The winners of a love songs quiz, distributed at the October dedication meeting, were Ruby McMurchy and Pat Rawson, who received a goody bag of guild memorabilia from Marion McDonald, presbyterial council representative.

At the opening meeting of 2018, members discussed some of the difficult decisions faced by child protection officers.



Zofia Sloan with an alpaca at the Kintyre show in 2016.

ISLAY



Alastair Redman, third left, standing, at the administration meeting.

Islay councillor tackles pressing issues

ISLAY councillor Alastair Redman brought up the issues of Kintyre and the islands’ broadband, toilets and roads at the latest Argyll and Bute Council administration meeting.

Discuss

Mr Redman said: ‘I had the opportunity to discuss with our administration members the re-

cent unacceptable lengthy disruptions to our internet service.

‘I also made my views clear on the importance of keeping our public toilets on Islay open - all the more so if we are to keep and encourage growth in our important tourist industry.’

Mr Redman also raised the numerous and justifiable com-

plaints he has received from across his ward about road conditions.

Long term

He added: ‘With our roads getting worse and worse, a suitable long term solution is needed and that means large scale investment instead of piecemeal patchwork.’

TORRISDALE

No injuries in Torrisdale bus crash

DRIVERS exchanged a school bus near Torrisdale. Details after a white pick-up collided with

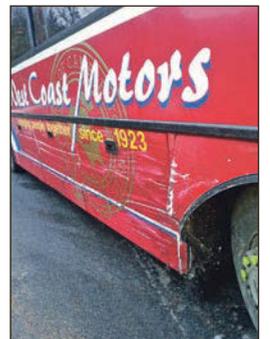


The damaged white pick-up.

Police were informed about the accident, at 8.45am last Thursday, but that was mainly to report concern about the

road conditions and request a gritter. There were no reported injuries or damage to other property although the pick-up was extensively smashed and the bus badly dented.

There will be no charges in relation to the incident.



The badly dented side of the bus.

BELLOCHANTUY

Music maestro McEwan made an SWI’s evening

BELLOCHANTUY rural members hit the high notes during an evening of music and song.

The group’s new year programme started with an evening of Scottish music com-

posed by David McEwan.

Members listened to music by Malcolm Arnold and Mr McEwan highlighted sections of the score to note.

He accompanied a group sing-along of

Scottish songs including one in Gaelic and one in Lowland Scots.

After tea Mr McEwan judged the competitions with the following results:

Baking: N. Semple - gold, M Littleson - sil-

ver, M McKinnon and B Young red. Handcraft: M McKinnon - gold, E Hemmings - silver, N Semple and P Fair, red.

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MoineMhor National Nature Reserve (NNR) is an internationally important raised bog located in Mid-Argyll. We aim to look after the Reserve so that it is well managed for nature and people. Our Argyll NNR team are in the process of producing a new management plan for the Reserve and will be holding a Consultation Event on Wednesday the 31st of January to hear your views. Reserve Walk & Demonstration – 31st January – 13:30 to 15:00
Please meet at the MoineMhorTileworks trail at 13:30 with suitable footwear.
Drop-in event – 31st January – drop-in between 16:00 and 18:00 at Kilmartin Museum Café.
Come and meet the staff and find out why the reserve is so special.
For more information or to request a consultation leaflet please email nnr@snh.gov.uk or call the reserve officer on 0131 316 2658.



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Mid Argyll Musical Society
AGM
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AGM
Tuesday 6th February
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PLANNING

These applications listed below together with other related documents may be inspected between 09:00-12:30 -13:30-16:00 hrs Monday to Friday at 1A Manse Brae Lochgilphead PA31 8RD, at the alternative locations detailed below during their normal opening times or by logging on to the Council's website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk.

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Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
17/02747/PP	Erection of canopy on industrial unit to cover existing yard	Unit 3 Snipefield Industrial Estate Campbeltown PA28 6SY	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
17/03270/LIB	Demolition of workshop	Rhudle Mill Kilmichael Glassary Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8QE	Mid Argyll Area Office
17/03286/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse and detached garage and formation of vehicular access	Garden Ground Of Whitecraigs The Avenue Inveraray Argyll And Bute PA32 8XT	Sub Post Office Inveraray
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17/02687/PP	Erection of 2 stables (retrospective).	Stables Next To 54 MACC Business Park Machrihanish Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6NU	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown

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CAMPBELTOWN FLOOD RISK ALLEVIATION PROJECT

Argyll and Bute Council, in partnership with flood protection experts AECOM, are continuing to investigate the flood risk to Campbeltown and are working towards identifying potential solutions for flood risk mitigation (including surface water run-off) that will be best suited for the town and its residents.

The second in a series of Public Consultation drop-in events is being held in **Campbeltown Town Hall (Conference Room) on Thursday the 1st February 2018 between 4pm and 9pm.**

This second drop-in event will include a presentation of a short-list of potential sustainable flood defence solutions at 7pm followed by an opportunity for informal discussion of these proposed options.

We would welcome your participation and your input at this event as we progress towards the identification of a preferred scheme solution to improve the resilience of Campbeltown to flooding.

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For an informal discussion of the post's requirements, please contact Margaret Moynihan, Head of Housing & Corporate Services on 01397 702530.

To request an application pack please contact Nicola Gilbert, Corporate Services Administrator, Lochaber Housing Association, 101 High Street, Fort William, PH33 6DG, telephone: 01397 709240.

Or alternatively, email recruitment@lochaberhousing.org.uk

Please note CV'S will not be accepted.

In line with its Equal Opportunities policy, Lochaber Housing Association welcomes applicants from all sections of the community.

Closing date for applications is noon Friday 02nd February 2018.

Interviews will be held on Wednesday 14th February 2018.

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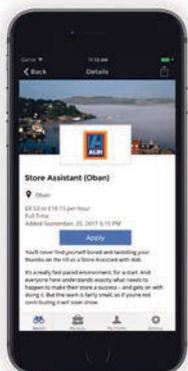
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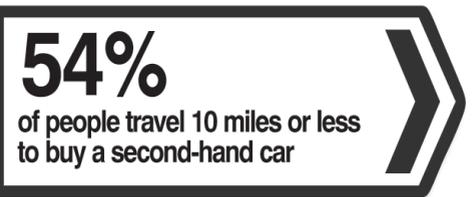
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- 2017 saw UK's largest pre-17 driving scheme increase lesson sales by more than 30 per cent
- 150,000 Young Driver lessons sold last year, with 14 new sites opened to cope with demand

THE COUNTRY'S largest pre-17 driving school is celebrating an increase in sales of more than 30 per cent over the last year.

Almost 150,000 Young Driver lessons were sold in 2017, as a growing number of parents signed children as young as 10 up to start learning to drive. More than 550,000 lessons have been sold since the scheme launched in 2009.

To cope with the increase in demand, Young Driver opened 14 new sites last year, including its first in Northern Ireland. Other sites launched in 2017 included Rotherham, Cambridge, Leicester and Croydon. The scheme now employs the equivalent of 54 full time staff, when the number of driving instructor hours involved are calculated.

Vauxhall became a sponsor of Young Driver in July 2017, and with the introduction of new Corsas for the youngsters to drive, the fleet size increased by 20 per cent. A fleet of 165 dedicated cars are now used to carry out events across the country.

Young Driver offers those aged between 10 and 17 years the opportunity to get behind the wheel of a dual control Vauxhall Corsa, with a fully qualified driving instructor, at more than 50 venues. Realistic road systems are created, with everything from roundabouts to junctions, allowing young people to start learning the skills required behind the wheel, giving them the opportunity to gain much of the necessary experience without the additional pressures of being on a real road. Specific areas to enable

them to practise manoeuvres and control are also created, included steering, reversing and parking.

The scheme plans to continue its growth in 2018, with the launch of 13 Super-Sites. New and existing sites will be grown to offer additional facilities for youngsters, including the introduction of traffic lights, as well as the chance to reach

have a full driving licence – which could have huge consequences for the car industry. By getting youngsters enthused about driving, hopefully we'll be creating a new generation of motoring fans – however, with the added benefit of having that extra experience before they take to the road, making them a safer and more responsible driver.'

Quentin Willson, motoring journalist and transport campaigner, added: 'Young Driver's 30 per cent increase in lessons shows that the decline in kids wanting to learn to drive and own cars isn't as widespread as some say. Early pre-teen training gives confidence for on-road lessons and takes

some of the fear out of battling to pass a test. Having a licence helps with college, university and jobs and early driving training will help give the next generation of drivers vital safety skills and future job opportunities.'

As well as offering lessons for 10-17s in the Vauxhall Corsas, Young Driver also provides lessons for five-to-10-year-olds in the specially created Firefly electric car. Lessons take place at selected venues. Driving lessons can also be offered to people of all ages with a wide range of disabilities.

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Research shows that learning to drive at a younger age can halve the accident risk of a newly qualified driver. One in five typically has an accident in the first six months after passing their test and every year 400 people are killed in the UK in accidents involving young drivers.

Laura White, head of marketing at Young Driver, said: 'Parents seem to be recognising that getting their children that extra experience can really make a difference when it comes to keeping them safe. It's reported that the number of 17-24 year olds learning to drive has dropped by 20 per cent in just a decade, and less than half of that age group

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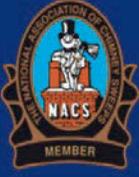
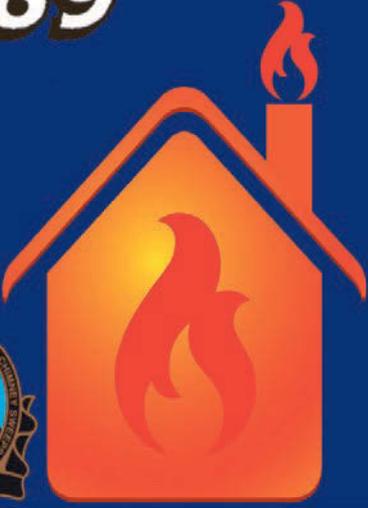
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FROM OUR FILES

TEN YEARS AGO

Friday January 25, 2008 Community garden face-lift

CAMPBELTOWN Community Garden will be getting a face-lift thanks to support from local businesses.

But the team is looking for more help from businesses and farmers to try to get the garden ready for visitors by Easter time.

The gardens behind Auchinlee have become rundown and unused, and people have expressed their disappointment when visiting it.

Over the past few months Councillor John Semple has been helping to look after the garden and has been involved in the project for the last 10 years.

He has seen it through many different stages but now Dave Pearson has decided to join him, and they have agreed to get the garden back to the way it was.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Friday January 29, 1993 Explosives lorry in crash drama

A ROYAL Navy vehicle transporting mines was completely wrecked when it overturned on the A86 Glasgow road on Friday.

The Bedford lorry, believed to be travelling from RAF Machrihanish, Campbeltown to Rosyth Navy Base, Fife, went out of control on a bend near Minard, mounted a grass verge into a garden and overturned back onto the roadway.

Heavy traffic was restricted on the A86, which was blocked for 90 minutes. The driver of the lorry was slightly injured and taken to the Mid Argyll Hospital. Heavy lifting gear was required to



Representatives from businesses gathered in the gardens to see what had to be done.

remove the damaged vehicle and cylinder shaped mines, which measured around 15ft in length, and roads engineers were called in to remove heavy diesel and oil spillage.

A spokesman for Rosyth Navy base claimed there was no danger to the public as the mines were inert.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Thursday January 25, 1968 Record white fish catches

THOUGH local herring landings dropped considerably in 1967, a record was set up in white fish catches.

Trawlers brought in 28,000 cwts of white fish to Campbeltown and Tarbert - valued at £102,000. In 1966 11,700 cwts worth £44,000 were landed.

Prawn trawlers netted 13,000 cwts valued at £123,000. 1966's total was 6,200 cwts at £53,000.

The most substantial difference was in clam landings. £113,000 was paid for 18,000 cwts, compared with 7,700

cwts worth £48,000 in 1966.

Total white fish returns were 32,000 cwts (£131,000), against 45,000 cwts (£129,000) in 1966.

The Wee Toon had the lion's share of prawns and white fish, while clam and herring landings were concentrated in Tarbert.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Saturday January 26, 1919 Union Jack Club

IT HAS been said on good authority that variety is the spice of life.

The truth of the saying was illustrated in the excellent concert given by the Union Jack Club in their rooms on Saturday last.

The committee of this club has taken full advantage of whatever local talent was available, and considering how many of our young people of both sexes have left town in consequence of the war, it is surprising, in a place of the size and isolation of Campbeltown, how much variety has been imparted to these entertainments.

But after 15 or 16 of them it was inevitable that a certain feeling of sameness should creep in and that the introduction of a new element would be welcomed.

This element has been supplied by the Navy men, and the committee has not been slow in giving its patrons a taste of what the Navy can do in the way of music.

The committee was evidently suffering from an embarrassment of riches, for at the end several items had to be abandoned to enable the sailors to catch the last boat to the ship.

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



When grief is raw and platitudes offend,
When hope has fallen into the darkness,
And all our world is empty,
Where do we go in the numbness?
When dreams are shattered and faith is fragile,
When our future is ripped from the promise of today,
Where do we go in this pain?
Where do we take our anger?
Where do we take our doubts in our fear?
Where do we go when grief is raw?
How do we hope in the midst of grief?
How do we heal this open wound?
How do we trust when grief has shattered trust?
Why can't anyone answer that taunting question - 'Why?'

I do not know for I am not the one grieving in Tarbert.

I do not know for I am not the one left at home bereft.

I do not know, and I dare not imagine.

I only know that God can cope with our anger.

I only know that God's tears blend with ours.

I only know that God would hold us like a mother as we shout and scream and cry.

I only know that God would carry us like a father when we ache so much there are no tears left.

What words can we use to console and comfort when there are none that even come close?

What can we do to let you know how much we care?

As the candles flicker on the quay and in our homes, we think of you.

As the tide ebbs and turns, we ache for you.

May you find even a glimmer of hope when grief is raw.

May you find even a fleeting second of peace.

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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

ANDERSON - FRIER - Aaron and Jilly are delighted to announce the early, but safe, arrival of Hollie Elizabeth, on December 17, 2017. All grandparents are thrilled. Special thanks to the midwives at Mid Argyll Community Hospital and Integrated Care Centre.



BAIN

Christopher and Helen (née Macdougall) are delighted to announce the arrival of their son, Adam John, on November 30, 2017. A little brother for Erika, and a first grandson for Jim and Lorna, Oban; and John and Jessie, Muasdale. Many thanks to Helen and the team at Campbeltown Maternity Unit and the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley.

CAMERON - Rafe Johnny, a beautiful son for Craig and Emma (née MacNair) and wee brother for Edith and Maggie, born January 18, 2018. Huge thanks to the midwives in Mid Argyll and Royal Alexandra Hospital.

DEATHS

BRISTOW - Peacefully at home, Cnoc Ban, Southend, on January 22, 2018, Rev William Henry Greenway Bristow (Bill), in his 92nd year, dearly beloved husband of Margaret, much loved father of Wendy and Mairi, stepfather of Craig, former husband of Betty, loving grandfather of David and Alistair, and great grandfather of Emily. Service will be held in Southend Church, on Monday, January 29 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Keil Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Parkinson Society UK.

MACDONALD - Peacefully at home, on January 20, 2018, Ina MacDonald, née Park, beloved wife of the late Ian MacDonald, and much loved mother of Malcolm, Anne and John, a dear mother-in-law of Janice and adored granny and great granny. She will be sadly missed by her family and friends. Funeral service will be held in Kilcalmonell Parish

Church, Clachan, today Friday, January 26, 2018, at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Clachan Cemetery. Flowers welcome. Retiral collection for Kilcalmonell Parish Church and Marie Curie Care. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

MACNEILL - Peacefully, at Murrayfield House, Edinburgh, on Wednesday, January 17, 2018, Christina, aged 89 years, daughter of the late Alexander (Sandy) and Catherine MacNeill of Glenbarr, sister of John, sister-in-law of Isobel, and devoted aunt of Gordon and Fiona. Funeral service at Warriston Crematorium, Cloister Chapel, Edinburgh, on Thursday, February 1 at 12.30pm.

MCCALLUM - Peacefully at home, 30 Wallace Cottages, Southend, on January 21, 2018, Margaret McKay Alexander (Peggy), in her 80th year, dearly beloved wife of the late Archibald McCallum, much loved mum of Christine, Sandy, Archie, David, James and Margaret, loving granny of Philip, Bruce, Adam, Steven and Murray and a loving sister and aunt. Service will be held in Southend Church, on Saturday, January 27 at 11.00am, funeral thereafter to Keil Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Scottish Air Ambulance and the Marie Semple Fund.

RONALD - On January 22, 2018, peacefully at home. Margaret Anne Ronald, née McGilp, in her 95th year, beloved wife of the late David Ronald, much loved mother of Anne, David and Valerie, and a dearly loved gran and great gran. Funeral service at Cardross Crematorium, on Tuesday, January 30 at 12.15pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Tarbert Nursing Aid.

WILLIS - Margaret Janet (née McKellar), Edinburgh, formerly of Drumfin, Campbeltown, suddenly on January 8, 2018, at Edinburgh, aged 65 years, beloved wife of Richard, mother to David, James and Samantha, sister of the late Neil McKellar and grandmother of three. Service at Warriston Crematorium, Edinburgh, on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 2.30pm. Family flowers only.

ACKNOWLEDGE-MENTS

CAMPBELL - Catherine (Katie). Cathy Tavendale and family would like to thank everyone for their many kind expressions of sympathy, cards, telephone calls and flowers. Special thanks to John Glenn, Anne, Leona, Ronnie and Campbeltown fire service, the air ambulance and Dr Lazarus. Thanks to all who paid their respects at Craigton Crematorium.

DUNLOP - The Dunlop family wishes to acknowledge with grateful thanks, all the support and love from friends during Margaret's short illness, and the flowers, letters and messages of condolence. They would like to especially thank the district nurses, Marie Curie Care, Tarbert and Lochgilphead medical practices.; also thanks to the Rev Catriona Hood for her support and guidance, creating a moving service. With thanks to the people of Skipness for all things, including arranging the lunch in the Village Hall and for all who came to the service. Thank you to organist Marjorie Kelly, whose music was a tribute to Margaret's memory. Thanks also to Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for sympathetic handling of all arrangements and to those who came and paid their last respects and donated £350, to Tarbert Nursing Aid and Marie Curie Cancer Care.

JOHNSTONE - The family of the late Sarah Johnstone (Morag) would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy and support received in their sad loss. Thank you to Doctor Kornfeld, staff, ambulance staff; to Rev Catriona Hood for her support and comforting service; to T A Blair Funeral Directors for their professionalism, and to the Bellochinty Hotel for purvey. Also thanks to all staff at hospital, £320 was raised for the Sunshine Room. Thanks to family, friends and neighbours who attended church and graveside.

MCLEAN - Carolin's family would like to acknowledge and thank those who sympathized, supported and prayed for them in their loss. Thank you also for the kind donations to ICU Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, to the Salvation Army Campbeltown for the service and tea, and to T A Blair Funeral Directors for the professional and personal funeral arrangements.

WILSON - The family of the late Flora Wilson would like to thank all relatives, friends and

neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy, cards, phone calls and visits received following their recent sad loss. Special thanks to the staff of Mid Argyll Hospital for their care and attention. Our thanks to Rev David Carruthers for a comforting service; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their thoughtful and efficient services; to the Grey Gull Inn for purvey and to Morna for beautiful flowers. Finally, thank you to all who attended at church and graveside to pay their respects. Your kindness and support was greatly appreciated.

IN MEMORIAM

MACKINLAY - In loving memory of Alexander MacKinlay, who passed away on January 25, 2016. Those we love don't go away, They walk beside us every day, Unseen, unheard, but always near, Still loved, still missed and very dear. - Mum, Jock, Peter and Aly.

MACKINLAY - In loving memory of Alexander MacKinlay, who passed away on January 25, 2016. We who loved you sadly miss you, As it dawns another year, In our lonely hours of thinking, Thoughts of you are always near. - Heather, Iain and the boys.

MACKINLAY - In loving memory of our beloved daddy and brother, Alexander MacKinlay, passed away on January 25, 2016. Loved and missed every day. - Love yours girls, Caitlyn and Chloe, and brother, Jason xxx.

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. - Daughter Courtney.

MCLELLAN - Loving memories of a much loved mum and nana, Agnes, who died on January 23, 2000. Mum, it's eighteen years since you were taken away, But you're loved and remembered every day. - Loving daughters Margaret, Sandra and families.

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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CHURCH NOTICES

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST LOCHFYNESIDE

Sunday 28th January 2018
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Morning Service in Cumlodden Church at 10 am
Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Morning service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am
Preacher: Rev. Dr. Roderick Campbell
ALL WELCOME

SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY
CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 28th January 2018
Skipness Service 10am
Mr John Morrison
Tarbert Service 11.30am
Rev Bill Crossan
Kilberry Service 2pm
Mr James McLellan
Kirk Session meets
Wednesday 31st January
Tarbert Church 7pm
Everyone very welcome
For all church enquiries and pastoral care
Contact Rev. Catriona Hood on 07771 692570 or 01880 730366
Tarbert & Kilberry SCO02622
Skipness SCO04280

ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

(The Church of Scotland)
'It is good to sign praises to our God'
Sunday 28th January
Services in Ardrishaig at 11:00am (including Holy Communion) and Achahoish at 12:30pm

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH

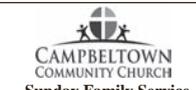
28th January 2018
Morning Worship
Glassary 10am
Rev. C Acklam
All welcome
SC0 02121

CHURCH NOTICES



George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 28th January
11.15am Worship Service
Rev Rodger Crooks
11.15am Sunday School
Wednesday 31st January
12.30pm Bible Study and Prayer
Sunday 4th February
2.30pm Café Church

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Sunday Family Service
11.00 am
with Sunday school followed by refreshments
The Ark
Baby and Toddler Group
Every Thursday 10.00 - 11.30 am (term time only)
Youth Fellowship
Check our Facebook page for details
Pastor Chris Holden
We meet at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk

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ST. KIERAN R.C. ST JOHN ST, CAMPBELTOWN

01586 552160
Rev Tony Wood
Vigil Mass 6 pm (except 1st Saturday of month)
Sunday 10 am
All Welcome (SCO02876)

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 28 January
'Let the little children come to me'
Tayvallich Church 11.30 am
Sacrament of Baptism followed by refreshments
Rev C Acklam
Saturday 27 January
Achnamara Hall
10.30am Café Connect
12.30pm Alpha
Monday 29 January
Tayvallich Church 10:30am
Prayer Time
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Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead (SC013787)
Sundays 11.00am
Eucharist & Coffee
St Columba's,
Poltalloch (SC031391)
1st Sunday of the month
9.00am Holy Communion
3rd Sunday of the month
3.30pm Evensong
Father Simon Mackenzie
01546 602315

ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH LOCHGILPHEAD

Holy Mass Sunday 10am
All Saints, Inveraray
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm
Fr. David Connor
01546 602380
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Highland Parish Church



SC002493
Sunday 28 January 2018
The service will be conducted by Rev William Crossan and will be held in the Church at 11.15am.
All welcome.

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Sunday 28th January
11.15am Morning Worship
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Rev P Wallace
Tuesday 30th January
9.45am Tiny Tots
New Hall
Anchor Boys 6.00pm
Junior Section 7.00pm
Church Hall
Company Section 7.15pm
New Hall
Thursday 1st February
Choir
Friday 2nd February
Lunch Club 12.00 noon



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10.30am Morning Service (Army Kidz)
6.30pm Evening Worship
Wednesday
12.15pm Lunch Club
1.30pm C.A.M.E.O.
7.00 pm Make & Munch Craft Group
Thursday
7.30pm Bible Study
Majors Ben & Ruth Russell
All welcome

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Sunday 28th January
Family Communion Service
11.00am
Pastor Steve Davies
Wednesday 31st January
Bible study and prayer
7.30pm at the manse
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Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277
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PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD
Holy Communion 10.45am
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Indoor athletes jump into competition

YOUNGSTERS leapt at the chance last weekend to compete in the first of four local indoor athletic competitions.

The Mid Argyll heat of the Argyll series of Sports Hall Athletics was held last Sunday in Lochgilphead Joint Campus.

The next is Mull on Saturday, February 3, at Salen Primary School, followed by the Oban area competition at Atlantis Leisure on Wednesday, February 28.

The Kintyre competition is planned for Sunday, March 4, in Victoria Hall, Campbeltown.

Mid Argyll Athletic Club has been promoting this form of indoor athletics every winter since 1994 using specialist equipment for various running, jumping and throwing events.

Each area contest provides competition for six age groups, from under seven to under 17, with seven different running, jumping and throwing events.

The best of the young athletes from each event will progress to the Argyll final at Atlantis Leisure in Oban on Sunday, March 25.

A spokesperson said: 'This is an ideal opportunity for youngsters to come and try athletics for the first time taking part indoors in a warm and dry environment.'

Everyone taking part will receive a medal and trophies will be awarded to the overall winners in each age category. There will be an entry fee of £2 per competitor, and £5 for families of three or more.

Lotto results

THERE were no winners in Machrihanish Golf Club's three number lottery draw on Monday. The winning numbers were 1, 12 and 19. The next draw, for a jackpot of £400, is on January 29.

U16s' cracking first-half display

DFDL Under 16 League

**Campbeltown Pupils 3
Dumbarton Riverside 1**

AFTER a series of defeats the Pupils U16s chose a home fixture on the town's 3G to return to winning ways with a convincing victory over Dumbarton Riverside.

Last Saturday's game was one of the few Scottish fixtures to survive snow which swept across the country last week.



Kyle Colville takes on two Dumbarton players.
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There were very thin patches of sleet on areas of the pitch but it was still playable and the game got underway as planned at 12.15pm.

The Killegruer-sponsored Pupils youngsters have had a bit of a disappointing start to their season so far.

They have played well enough in some games and although not getting the results to go their way it has been felt that they have more to offer and hoped to

give their season a bit of a kick start with this home game.

The Pupils started off well having some good passing play but the Dumbarton team were also playing well in the early stages of the game.

Kyle Colville got the Pupils off to a great start when he broke free of the visitors' defence and found himself through with only the keeper to beat.

Slide

He went in on a 50/50 challenge with the keeper and the ball broke nicely for Colville to finish off the run towards goal and slide the ball into the net to put the Pupils in the lead.

With the Pupils getting a lift from their goal and playing some good football, they soon found themselves two up.

Colville again collected the ball about 20 yards from goal and struck an absolutely wonderful goal which



Elliot Gemmill evades a Dumbarton player.
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hit the back of the net leaving the away keeper with no chance.

The Pupils were well on top of the game. They found themselves up 3-0 with another wonderful goal when Elliot Gemmill hit a fantastic strike from more than 25 yards into the roof of the net for a great half-time lead.

The second half was not as good a football display from the Pupils

and at times the game became a bit scrappy.

Both teams were still putting in a great amount of effort and although there were chances at both ends of the field the only goal of the second half went to Riverside.

They scored a consolation goal in the later stages of the game to finish it off at 3-1 to the home side for what was a much-needed and deserved win.

Bonnie babies benefit from charity bowls

TEN TRIPLES entered Argyll Bowling Club's charity competition on Sunday in aid of Bonnie Babies charity, which helps premature and special care babies.

Last end

Rolling into action at 11am, teams played in two groups and finished at around 6pm, with a super last end by the winning team.

Great skill was shown throughout the day, including some great bowls from three of the club's juvenile members.

The winners were T Christie, lead, C Robertson, second, and J Newlands, skip, with runners up R Todd, lead, D Brown, second and A Black, skip.

A club spokesperson said: 'Thank you to all the entrants, their supporters, and bar and kitchen volunteers who helped to make it a great day and raised £175 for Bonnie Babies who provide knitted goods for premature babies and tiny babies in maternity units at home and abroad.'



The winning team, from left to right: Charles Robertson, second; Jock Newlands, skip; and T Christie, lead, with club president, Donny Crimmon.

Cycling club's 'wheelie' good time

NEARLY 20 cyclists added a spoke to their knowledge at Kintyre Wheelers Cycling Club's latest meeting, despite bad weather.

Sunday's event focused on bike components and kit preparation as it was too rough to cycle.

A committee spokesperson said: 'Well done to all who turned up today, 17 in all, which is not bad considering the weather.'

'Well done to Alisdair O'May and James Murdoch who competed in the Strathpuffer 24-hour mountain bike race which was won by Keith Forsyth who also won last year's Kintyre Way Ultra.'

Samples of the club's kit have been ordered and should be here in time for the next event, on Sunday February 11, subject to confirmation with MACC.

Club members are looking forward to this year's Oban Sportive, which is on April 22, with distances of 56 miles and 89 miles.

Week 11 darts results

IN WEEK 11 of Campbeltown District Darts Association's league, Vince Jordan and James White hit 180 for Ailsa B, with a 14-dart leg from Vince.

For the Burnside, Charles Robertson hit 180 and a 14-dart leg, while Johnny MacIntosh hit 180 for Ailsa A, Alan Glen hit a 15-dart leg for Kilbrannan A, and Eddie McGougan had a score of 171 and Robert Black ended with a finish of 100 for Kilbrannan C.

Results: Kinloch B 2 Fiddlers 6, Kilbrannan A 8 Whisky Macs 0, Ailsa 2 Burnside 6, Southend 1 Ailsa B 7, Kilbrannan C 7 Kinloch A 1.

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Loch Fyne offers a dramatic backdrop during last year's competition. Photo: Marc Turner.

Silver series sailors sought for May races

ENTRIES are now open for the 2018 Scottish Series in Tarbert.

The yacht racing compe-

tion will take place from Friday May 25 until Sunday May 27.

Organised by Clyde Cruis-

ing Club, there is a 20 per cent early bird discount for those who enter before Sunday March 11.

For more information on fees and how to enter, go to www.clyde.org/scottish-series/racing/entry-form.

Primary school shuttlecock stars sign-on here

YOUNGSTERS are getting ready to smash their best shots and make a racket at Kintyre primary schools' badminton competition on Saturday February 3.

The annual event returns to the Victoria

Hall where children in primary 4-7 can rally to exhibit their net moves.

Schools

Entry forms are available from schools and the fee of £7 covers the costs for all competitions.



Action from last year's badminton battle. 25_c09badminton04

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To win the jackpot, the centre of your cross must be in the exact centre of the ball.

Entry will be void if crosses overlap. Prizes will be shared between those submitting correct entries.

If no correct entry is received, two 'near miss' prizes of £25 will be awarded. When the jackpot is won, no other prizes will be awarded that week.

Easy to enter

Cut out your completed coupon and put your entry plus £1 per 10 attempts into a sealed envelope and post it to reach "Spot the Ball" Competition, The Campbeltown Courier, Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown, Argyll PA28 6AE by **4pm on Tuesday**. No refunds will be given for entries received after the deadline. You may hand it into The Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown by the same time. Otherwise all entries must be posted.

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In the event of more than one correct entry, the jackpot will be shared equally between all winning entries. Any decision regarding the awarding of a prize is entirely at the discretion of the Company.

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SPORT



INSIDE THIS WEEK:
Silver series sailors
sought for May races



Both teams lined up for a minute's silence. 25_c04respect01

Friendly fire between Kintyre's Reds and Blues

Friendly match

Kintyre Reds	4
Kintyre Blues	3

WHILE boats from Tarbert, Carradale and Campbeltown searched Loch Fyne for missing skipper Duncan (TT) MacDougall and crewman Przemek Krawczyk, footballers paused for a minute's silence.

Lochgilphead referee Jimmy Litster led 24 players, who stood with bowed heads, honouring Tarbert AFC's TT, who played for the club for more than 30 years and played alongside many Kintyre footballers in Argyll Select sides.

It was a match organised very quickly with players registered in

Kintyre looking for a game and it turned out to be a good winter's afternoon.

The original concept for last Saturday's match was that the Reds would be over 35-years-old but in the event many Blues were older and the teams well balanced.

The Renton twins took to the park for the Reds which caused some consternation about identification.

Carradale's Nonnie MacAlister said that he wanted to give some players a chance to get a full 90 minutes. Robert McGarrie took a spell and Keith Mathieson pulled on his boots, apparently for the first time in five years.

At least five Campbeltown Pupils gave the game some added spice.

The Reds should have scored in the first 15 seconds but Sary Rahma's shot drifted across the goalmouth.

Both sides had plenty of chances but it was not until the 25th minute that the Reds' Donald McCallum's cross went into the top corner of the goal.

Dougie Renton put the Reds 2-0 up when a corner was cleared. With a bit of space and time, the former Campbeltown Boys' player showed he still had great control, chesting the ball onto his foot and half volleying into the net.

Charles Turner

missed a great chance two yards from the goal but shut his eyes as the ball approached and missed.

A couple of minutes before the break, Stuart MacBrayne headed a looping ball over Robert Todd to put the Blues on the scoreboard.

On the hour Liam Renton tried his luck from long range, McMillan lost the ball in flight and the Reds were 3-1 up.

Jamie Morris set up Turner but once again he failed to find the target.

The Reds' fourth and Dougie Renton's second came from another long range shot in the 68th minute.

Blues' Stuart

MacBrayne had gone off with a thigh cramp and swapped boots with his U16s' brother Fraser, but declined to swap shorts on the sideline, so Fraser headed out in his tracksuit.

Within moments he was taking a corner. He lobbed a perfect ball to Turner who made no mistake, with a wonderful half back kick, leaving Todd no chance.

The loudest whoop was from MacAlister as Turner celebrated his goal.

A low strike from Stuart MacPhail just outside the box gave Blues their third, in the last five minutes and wrapped up a very even tussle.



Stuart MacBrayne tackles Sary Rahma. 25_c04friendly08

Tomorrow Campbeltown Pupils take on Ferguslie Star at home and Carradale

entertain Bellaire. Both games are expected to be on the 3G, times tbc.



Dougie Renton lost the ball from this corner but scored moments later. 25_c04friendly04



Darren Renton has a shot on goal. 25_c04friendly06

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