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A starring role for Irish builders

A LONDONDERRY construction business has won its first Oscar after gaining the £2.5 million contract to rebuild Campbeltown's historic cinema.

CorraMore Construction's managing director Jonathan Payne said: 'CorraMore is delighted to have been awarded this prestigious contract.'

The contract is part of the £3.5 million centenary project to preserve and restore the unique features of the Picture House, whilst upgrading it to the highest contemporary standards and ensuring its future success as a cinema and cultural hub for Kintyre.

The Campbeltown Community Business Ltd (CCB)-run cinema closed its doors in August 2014. It announced last May that funding from a variety of sources was in place for its restoration.

CCB plans to reopen

the cinema in spring 2017. It will feature a 192-seat main auditorium, a 53-seat new cinema auditorium, a new entrance foyer and café, a gallery education room and modern energy systems.

CCB chairman, Jane Mayo, said: 'CCB first made contact with the Heritage Lottery Fund nearly seven years ago to begin the process of delivering the final phase of the restoration of Campbeltown Picture House.'

Announce

'It is an exciting moment for all the many people who have been involved in its care that CCB is finally able to announce the appointment of a contractor to deliver the construction part of the project.'

'This has been made possible by the generosity of so many people - from the donation of a few pounds gathered up from coins found on the



Nursery mum's protests force decision

MEADOWS Under Fives boss Heather McPherson has collected just under 2,000 signatures on a petition to save Campbeltown Nursery Centre from proposed council cuts. Here she hands leaflets to Councillor Donald Kelly at what turned out to be a heated demonstration. For more on this story, turn page three. 25_c06nursery01

street to many more substantial sums.

'The Picture House has always been a lo-

cal concern, from its initial conception by a group of over 40 shareholders with local con-

nections more than 100 years ago.

'When the restoration is complete this cinema

will be able to stand tall amongst the great cinema buildings of the world.

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Eight men arrested after street fracas

IN THE early hours of last Saturday (January 30) eight men, all aged in their 20s, were arrested on Burnside Street following a disturbance.

The men were later released with recorded police warnings.

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Super surf at Machrihanish caused by Storm Henry on Monday afternoon.

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Kintyre unscathed by Storm Henry

WINDS of more than 90mph during a storm named 'Henry' battered the Kintyre coastline for hours.

The super strength winds, blamed on abnor-

mally high speeds in the jetstream above the earth, failed to cause any significant damage in Kintyre during a 24-hour period from 3pm on Monday to Tuesday.

HGV blown off road

DURING the latter stages of Storm Gertrude on Friday morning, January 29, a heavy goods vehicle was blown off the road.

The accident happened on the A83 near Kilkenny, around 10am, when a large gust of wind blew the vehicle into a ditch. The driver was uninjured.

O'Hara backing spaceport bid

ARGYLL and Bute MP Brendan O'Hara has reiterated his backing of Machrihanish to host the UK spaceport.

However, Donald Cameron, the Tory candidate for this year's Holyrood elections, claims O'Hara is not using his Westminster position enough to promote the Kintyre airfield.

Crossaig Bridge closed

THE B842 at Crossaig Bridge in Skipness was closed on Thursday afternoon, January 28, for repairs.

Access to properties either side of the bridge was granted but no through traffic was permitted until the repairs were complete.

The work was due to take five days.

Islay man gored and trampled by elephant in Thailand

AN ISLAY man was trampled to death and his daughter injured during an elephant attack in Thailand.

Tusk

The beast gored and stabbed Gareth Crowe, 36, and daughter Eilidh Hughes, 16, with its

tusk in the beach resort of Koh Samui.

The pair were thrown from the elephant's back, after eyewitnesses saw its trainer hit it with a stick.

Injuries

A hospital spokeswoman in Bangkok In-

ternational Hospital said Ms Hughes was being treated for minor injuries.

Support

Mr Crowe's partner Catherine Hughes and Eilidh's brother Mark are receiving support from the Foreign and

Commonwealth Office (FCO).

An FCO spokesman said in a statement: 'We are making contact with the local authorities for information.'

The couple moved from Islay to the mainland two years ago.

Irish firm to star in Picture House restoration

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'It is hoped this will add to the impact of other recent developments in the town to bring a new era of prosperity to Kintyre.'

Mr Payne said: 'We look forward to working with the stakeholders to recreate a landmark building that forms part of the strong heritage of Campbeltown and will become an important centre of culture for the local community.'

Campbeltown Picture House is a unique Glasgow School of Art designed Nouveau building which opened in 1913 and was upgraded by the original architect, Albert V Gardner, in 1934.

The Grade A listed building is one of the first purpose-built cinemas in Scotland, the oldest which has always operated as a cinema, and one of very few 'atmospheric' cinemas

still in existence in the world.

The restoration and construction work is due to start this month.

A spokesman from principal architects, Burrell Foley Fischer LLP, said: 'We look forward to CorraMore joining the team.'

Standards

'The project will bring the cinema up to the standards expected by a modern audience, while respecting its architec-

tural and historical significance.

'It will also provide a much-needed new foyer, cafe bar, and exhibition facilities and a second screen.'

'Through our experience of working with many independent cinemas throughout the UK, we are very aware of the importance of these venues to their local communities.'

See page 12 for more cinema news

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'Steps' dance group which organised and performed at the event. 04_c06steps01

Charity event struggles to cover 'huge' cost of hall

A DANCE group has struggled to break even after a charity event due to the 'huge' cost of hiring Victoria Hall, Campbeltown.

Steps, a local dance troop, was holding a bumper show to raise money for Macmillan Cancer, with a raffle, singers and the group performing last Saturday.

However, the cost to hire the hall from the council for the evening was £1,350, despite the event being specifically for charity.

A spokesperson for the group said: 'We are barely covering our costs because of the huge price.'

'The people running the bar are doing so for free; the people doing the raffle volunteered, but the hall cost is just so much.'

'It is unlikely we will use Victoria Hall again, which is a shame.'

Councillors reject nursery centre cuts proposals

by MARK DAVEY
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PROTESTERS packing a meeting forced councillors to recommend cuts to Campbeltown Nursery Centre (CNC) be removed from budget proposals.

Parents, carers and even some children led by Heather McPherson from Meadows Under Fives heckled councillors arriving for the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee meeting in Campbeltown on Wednesday.

They stood in the cold, outside Campbeltown Community Centre, with banners and placards pleading for a reprieve from the £22,000 proposed cuts.

These would force CNC to open only in term times and threaten the viability of Meadows Under-Fives to provide essential holiday care for children with additional support needs (ASN).

With cross-party support a motion, proposed by Councillor Donald Kelly, that the area committee agrees to recommend to the council that the proposed service

choice option, relating to Campbeltown Nursery, be removed from the current proposals was passed by five votes to three.

Chairman, Rory Colville, seconded by Donnie MacMillan, proposed an amendment to the motion to alter it by asking where an alternative saving might come from.

Earlier Ms McPherson made a heartfelt plea and said: 'I would like to ask the councillors what their position is and whether they will withdraw this option from the proposals.'

A mum speaking in support said: 'If councillors were previously able to withdraw the additional special needs proposed cuts in schools why can they not remove these proposals?'

Councillor Colville said that in the case of the proposed ASN cuts it had been part of a two-year review which finally reported in the autumn and that a £280,000 cut in funding had been agreed.

In mitigation for the

proposal he said that the council officer in charge of Early Years education had written a report. It stated there are 15 childminders with capacity for 45 children who could continue the service provided by Meadows Under-Fives if necessary in holiday periods.

Councillor Anne Horn disputed this assertion and said: 'It is not their capacity but how many free spaces do these childminders have?'

Councillor Kelly said: 'I have spoken to five childminders from the 15 and they have not been contacted at all by the council.'

'The paper petition had just under 2,000 signatures on it which was almost double the amount of people who have replied to the Service Choices questionnaire across Argyll and Bute.'

'This proposal is fundamentally flawed with no firm detail being provided in terms of the community impact or the additional costs which will be incurred implementing it.'

'This information has been asked for but so

far all that has been received is waffle.'

Councillor Horn added: 'The parents here want to know if these proposals are still on. They want to know how we feel and how we are going to vote.'

'I will not support any proposal which will affect the very vulnerable in our community. None of the questions about the proposed cuts have been answered satisfactorily for me.'

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Pigeon plan defeat ruffles councillor's feathers

by MARK DAVEY
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A KINTYRE councillor who has spent three years lobbying for a meaningful 'bird control service' was left spitting feathers.

At a full Argyll and Bute Council meeting in Lochgilphead last Thursday, Councillor Donald Kelly's proposal for an enhanced 'bird control policy' was left in tatters after members defeated his amendment by 17 votes to eight.

During the meeting, the council's regulatory services manager, Alan Morrison, said that a full bird control service would be high cost, and that there is not a budget for such a service.

The council agreed to provide an advisory service which would point people to a range of suitably qualified local contractors to assist.

As *The Courier* has reported many times, there is an on-going problem with feral pigeons in the town centre, particularly at the Old Post Office in Main Street, which is home to a large colony of the birds.

Mr Kelly said that other sites with problems include Dell Road, just down from the old rent office, and Davaar and Calton residential areas, where gulls appear to be the main problem.

Following the meet-



Pigeons on the roof and inside the Old Post Office. 25_c27oldpost01

ing, Mr Kelly, who runs a pest control firm, said: 'I am extremely disappointed with the decision.

'This was an opportunity to agree a set of measures which would have provided a control service to the general public.

'The ongoing problems which exist in the

Campbeltown centre with feral pigeons and the seasonal problems in the housing schemes with Common Gulls are not going to go away and will continue to grow.

'It is only a matter of time, in my opinion, before this decision will have to be revisited by the council.'

Disaster relief flyer jets into Campbeltown

WITH just one aircraft and two war-weary pilots and engineers, the Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) took off in 1945.

On Sunday, MAF's Scottish community manager, Andrew Martin, will visit Campbeltown and speak at the morning service in Lorne and Lowland Church at 11.15am and at a special meeting devoted to the Christian charity's work in the Free Church at 3.30pm.

MAF, which was founded in the Sudan, now flies more than 140 aircraft in more than 30 countries and supports the work of more than 1500 organisations and charities, enabling them to meet a wide range of needs in the developing world.

Organisations supported include Ox-

fam, Médecins Sans Frontières, Save the Children, Tearfund and the World Health Organisation.

The charity's needs today are greater than when MAF began and because of this it has a plane taking off or landing every three minutes.

Disaster relief

MAF not only flies people and supplies, but is often involved in disaster relief such as the Haiti earthquake and the recent disaster in Nepal where countless people lost their lives.

Often MAF is the difference between life and death as it flies all around the developing world.

As part of his illustrated talk, Mr Martin will share some of the work that MAF undertakes in Liberia, Nepal and Myanmar.



Villagers welcome a MAF plane.



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however often these are not accessible for people living with long term conditions. We are therefore looking for Volunteer Walk Leaders to lead health walks in their community for people living with a long term condition.

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There is a one day Walk Leader Training course designed to train people to promote and lead health walks in their local areas. The training is provided by Paths for All. This one day course provides practical advice and training on how to lead a health walk safely and effectively. By the end of the training day, participants will be able to:

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- Explain the current recommended amount and type of physical activity to benefit health.
- Understand the stages of a health walk and describe the main issues and considerations involved in organising and leading a health walk.
- Outline the roles and responsibilities of a Walk Leader to safely accommodate participants.

There will be a training day on 4th of March 2016 in Lochgilphead.

Places are limited on this training so if you are interested in attending please get in touch with your contact details to Sharon on **07769681783** or at **Steppingout@arthritiscare.org.uk**

Enhancement group's bid for flower power grows

'The spate of weeds round the town is terrible; roads are not swept; many drains are blocked and parts of the cemetery are still in a terrible state'

by **MARK DAVEY**
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WITH Easter just eight weeks away, South Kintyre Development Trust (SKDT) is determined to meet 2016 tourists in style. The trust hopes to form a town enhance-



Weeds growing out of a rone on Main Street Campbeltown. 25_c06weeds01

ment group, along with other community and partner organisations, and are now looking for green-fingered volunteers to take the idea forward.

With the council flower beds under risk of the chop, SKDT is planning to complement the work already undertaken by the streetscene service to fill static displays, planters and hanging baskets around the town.

SKDT believes the initiative will help improve the visible appearance of the area, help the environment by reducing litter and add green spaces and encourage tourism as a result.

The move comes after a heated Campbel-

town Community Council meeting last month when Elizabeth Kelly, a volunteer from Campbeltown Heritage Centre, spoke out about the state of the town.

Mrs Kelly said: 'The spate of weeds round the town is terrible; roads are never swept; many drains are blocked and parts of the cemetery are still in a terrible state.'

Visitors

'We want visitors to come to our town and Easter is just a few weeks away.'

'Even vacant shop fronts could be painted and have some sort of display.'

This week Mrs Kelly told the Courier that two men from

the community pay-back scheme had started work in the Heritage Centre grounds.

'They spread stone chippings on the car park, cut down bushes, cleared moss and carted leaves away,' Mrs Kelly said.

'They have a yard at Hazelburn and could paint benches during rainy periods but that requires the cooperation of Argyll and Bute Council.'

Anyone interested in participating in the town enhancement group should contact SKDT on 01586 552 870.

See letters, page six, for details of 'Clean for the Queen'.



The Army recruitment team. 25_c06army01

Army recruiters 'get some in' Campbeltown

MEMBERS of the Royal Regiment of Scotland 4th Battalion Highlanders set up a recruiting roadshow on the Esplanade.

The recruiting team visited Campbeltown on Monday, Tuesday and

Wednesday, Lochgilphead on Thursday and Tarbert on Friday.

Special display

In addition they held a special display at the Lochgilphead army cadets evening on Wednesday.

Dialysis funds boosted

COFFEE drinkers enjoyed cuppas to raise more than £200 for the Kintyre Dialysis Support Group.

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Cinema finally set for re-invention

CAMPBELTOWN'S Picture House is one step closer to re-opening having awarded the contract to listed buildings specialists CorraMore Construction.

More than a century after it opened, the A-listed building is a key statement for the town. Its current form does not paint a pretty picture for the tourists who will flock to Kintyre from the summer ferry.

A white elephant on the harbour front is not the first impression any town wishes to portray.

So the news that the cinema will finally begin to be restored to its former art nouveau glory should be welcomed by all.

A state of the art facility in one of the oldest and most beautiful purpose-built cinemas in the country should prove an easy sell to everybody, and provide the cultural hub that the town deserves all year round.

It is also a fantastic achievement for Campbeltown Community Business Ltd, which has fought to save the cinema and was instrumental in raising the funds required from the National Lottery and others.

Just as the Townscape Heritage Initiative saved the Town Hall from being flattened, CCB has ensured that the cinema, another piece of Campbeltown's history, was not lost forever.

Take your litter home or find a bin

Environmental enhancement is for life not just a spring clean but there is no doubt that Campbeltown compares well to other parts of the UK.

It does not compare well to many tourist destinations abroad like Germany, Switzerland and France where everyone makes an effort to keep the place tidy.

What a shame that Argyll and Bute Council does not support Donald Kelly's 'Bird Control Policy' and looks like it is going to cut services which enhance our towns.

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Catch-and-release policy threatens Argyll angling tourism

Sir,

Anglers and angling tourism operators in Argyll and Bute are anxious about the impact of salmon conservation measures announced by the Scottish Government. Under the changes from April 1 this year the Scottish Government will impose a 100 per cent catch-and-release policy on any so-called 'category three' river, something which covers almost all west coast 'spate' rivers and many in Argyll such as the Awe.

Those found keeping a fish they catch in these rivers will be liable to a maximum fine of £2,400.

While many anglers do voluntarily release back salmon caught, currently in most rivers they have the option of retaining a fish if they so desire.

All of us support measures to enhance salmon conservation, but these must be proportionate and based on rigorous science that captures local factors and local knowledge in the case of each river.

There are real concerns that the figures behind many of the so-called category three designations are seriously inaccurate and fail to give a realistic picture of the health of salmon stocks.

The Argyll Fisheries Trust is doing a lot of good work with other organisations and beat owners, for example, to improve the spawning habitat on the rivers such as the Awe, and it is disappointing that

this is not being recognised by the Scottish Government.

Angling tourism is an important sector to the area's economy and I share the concerns of angling clubs, fishing proprietors and tourism businesses reliant on anglers that the Scottish Government has got many of these proposals wrong and is sending out a message that the west coast's rivers are not open for business.

I am also very concerned that these final measures were announced only 10 weeks before they are going to be implemented.

Many fishing proprietors took bookings for their beats from anglers last year, or even before, based on current circumstances and now the Scottish Government has radically moved the goalposts at a very late stage.

Donald Cameron,
Ardrishaig.

Clean for the Queen

Sir,

Her Majesty The Queen will celebrate her 90th birthday in April 2016.

A number of events are being organised to celebrate this. One of the events goes under the banner of 'Clean for the Queen' and is intended to improve the environment by removing as much litter as can be done by those who volunteer.

Fortunately, in Argyll and Bute, there has been a long tradition of beach cleaning which is now administered by the GRAB Trust. The Trust provides the coordination and equipment required.

The Trust, with the support of the Lieutenancy, is already

enthusiastically mobilising those groups which would normally participate in beach cleaning to take part in this year's important event.

In Argyll and Bute this will take place across the weekend of March 4 - 6, 2016.

Any other group formal or informal which is keen both to improve our environment and by doing so acknowledge the contribution of The Queen, to our nation, over her lifetime is asked to be in touch with GRAB Trust (Julie Fairbrass, Project Manager, Lorn House, Albany Street, Oban, Argyll or julie.fairbrass@grab.org.uk), indicating the name of the organiser, the location and the date of the proposed clean-up.

If the dates, above, do not suit another date can be chosen.

The Lieutenancy is, in many locations, already organising groups.

If you are an individual, not part of a group already intending to participate, please let me know and I shall see whether I can direct you to a group or indeed form a group around you.

Patrick Stewart,
MBE, WS,
HM Lord-Lieutenant
for Argyll and Bute.

Perspective on immigration required

Sir,

Much of the debate about the current EU renegotiation by the Prime Minister has focused on restricting access to benefits for those from other European Union countries coming to the UK.

Some perspective is needed. There are 2.2 million UK citizens living and working in the rest of the EU with just over one million British people living in Spain and 329,000 in Ireland.

Unemployed Britons in the EU are drawn more in benefits and allowances in wealthier EU countries than other nationals are claiming in the UK.

For example, four times as many Britons obtain unemployment benefits in Germany as Germans do in the UK, while the number of jobless Britons receiving benefits in Ireland exceeds their Irish counterparts in the UK by a rate of five to one.

Contrary to popular perceptions, the figures for nationals of those 10 east European countries drawing jobseeker's allowance in the UK remain modest, despite the periodical outcries about 'benefits tourism'.

There are only about 1,000 Romanians and 500 Bulgarians, for example, drawing jobseeker's allowance in Britain, according to the Department for Work and Pensions.

Of those EU migrants living here a mere 1.2 per cent are not economically active, amounting to a minuscule number.

Those from the EU who have made the UK their home make an overwhelmingly positive contribution economically, socially and culturally, and it is good to sometimes highlight the facts as well as remembering those UK citizens who currently live in other EU countries.

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CGS4Gambia prepared for latest mission

Group has been fundraising for the past two years

CAMPBELTOWN Grammar School's CGS4Gambia group jet to Banjul next week to begin humanitarian work in West Africa.

The group has been fundraising for the past two years and is currently financing the building of a nursery in the rural village of Jarrol, which will school 50 children.

The CGS4Gambia team of 16 pupils and four staff, will fly out on February 10 from Manchester Airport to Banjul to finalise the building work, carry out all the painting work and help with building playground equipment.

While in Jarrol, the group will be camping for six days and nights in the village, and eating local food.

A night of entertainment is planned where the group will be dancing with the locals and the aim is to teach some of the villagers some Scottish dances.

The biennial Scotland v Gambia football match will also take place.

The group will take donations of knitting from Shopper-aide group Elderberries with them, and Jarrol women will be shown how to stitch blanket squares together.

Some of the students will also do some work experience in Jarrol Clinic.

The group will spend its first two full days in Gambia in the city, visiting three schools where members will carry out a tooth brushing programme and donate resources. To help with the provision of toothbrushes, the group held a raffle with a difference in Campbeltown Co-op on Saturday. Every



Jarrol Nursery pictured at the end of January. c06gambia01 no

toothbrush bought for the group to take to Gambia earned an entry to win a luxury hamper. The group received an incredible 550 toothbrushes; 139 of these

brushes were donated by Co-op staff. The prize winners on the day were Zena Coffield, C. Reppke and Anne Leith.

In addition to the CGS4Gambia project,

Class 1.3 in Campbeltown Grammar school has been learning about global citizenship during registration time each morning.

Pupils are currently fundraising, with their registration teacher Jim Bryce, to provide a Gambian breakfast of tapalapa, local bread, to the Jarrol nursery children every morning.

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Comments from Courier's Facebook page

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Comments from Campbeltown Courier's Facebook page about the bid to build a memorial cairn to honour men who died when the Quesada sank in 1966.

Davina Sandler: I wrote to the Courier years ago about erecting something to remember all from Campbeltown who have lost their lives at sea and I mentioned the Quesada and others.

I thought maybe a private committee could be set up and people

donate funds to remember locals lost at sea.

There was a wee boy aged 16 lost and his body has never been recovered.

I feel for the family on this matter so really it is up to the hearts of the public to get something done, that is my feeling.

Jack McCallum was my mum's next door neighbour then and a few weeks before this tragedy he tapped my shoulder at a football match in Hampden. He

was a good man and well liked by all.

Mac MacMillan: Heard the word Quesada tonight for the first time since my teens and I am now 60. I have only visited the town four times in the last 35 years. I lost my uncle in that disaster, his son, my cousin, has never got over it. My uncle's wife has never got over it even though she remarried more than 35 years ago. I still feel sad after all the decades.

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Bush Tucker trial's (not so) tasty treats

'That's the one with the hairy back!'

by **BEN RAMAGE**
editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

KINTYRE Care Home celebrated Australia Day in Antipodean style by devouring some delectable wee beasties.

They held a sponsored bush tucker trial, on Friday last week, in homage to the popular *I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!* TV show.

'I don't like the ones with the hairy faces!' and 'That's the one with the hairy back!' were just two of the cries as

reluctant staff chomped their way through a variety of insects, including meal worms and crickets.

There was even a little Ant and Dec, presenters of the TV show, Bentley and William Ellis, who are sons of the care home's activities co-ordinator Susan. She helped compere the event and laughed at the scrunched faces of those munching the critters.



Some dealt with the insects better than others. 04_c06bushtukka01

Little Ant and Dec revel in contestant's misery.

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The almost inedible insects and worms, which might have been better placed on a fisherman's hook, were bought online, where there is a thriving market for exotic pet food.

The participants were sponsored, with all

money raised, between £400 and £500, going towards the residents' fund, which is used for excursions and events throughout the year.

Mealworms and crickets were on the menu.

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Burns spirit welcomes primary pupils to CGS

THE WELCOMING spirit of Robbie Burns was clear for all to see at Campbeltown Grammar school last week.

On Monday January 25, the S1 year group held a Burns afternoon and invited P7 pupils from Drumlemble and Castlehill as part of their transition programme.

Lewis Spence from S1 gave the 'Immortal Memory,' and the haggis was piped in by Ross Connor and carried by Emma McKinven.

Teacher Jim Farren gave a rousing rendition of the 'Address To The Haggis,' before the rest of the afternoon's entertainment.

Recited

All S1 classes recited a Burns poem, before ceilidh dancing got un-

der way with Castlehill P7s showing the rest of the audience how to perform *Strip The Willow*.

There was energetic dancing from all pupils to Kintyre Keltic's music, involving a Canadian barn dance and a Boston two-step. The programme also included singing from Bethany Kelly and the school choir.

Rendition

Caius Walker of 1.3 played a rendition of *The Skye Boat Song* on the violin, and there was a display of Highland dancing from Nicole McKinlay.

The afternoon was rounded off by everyone singing *Auld Lang Syne*.

The primary pupils were piped out to a round of applause from



Primary pupils were entertained by some pupils from the grammar school.

their newly acquired friends at the grammar school. Mrs Campbell

and Miss Murray wished to thank everyone involved and especially

all primary and secondary pupils for their hard work.



Drumlemble pupils giving a recitation of their own version of two Burns poems.

Ideas and projects sought for new Argyll assembly

PLACE Partnership funding from Creative Scotland could secure the future of culture, heritage and arts ideas and projects in Kintyre and Gigha.

Anyone involved in the three areas is invited to a public meeting being hosted by The Kintyre and Gigha Hub of the Argyll and the Isles Culture, Heritage and Arts Assembly (CHArts) in the Ardshi-

el Hotel's Arran Lounge at 7.30pm next Monday. Local representative Iain Johnston said: 'We are looking to get as many members as possible on board so that Kintyre and Gigha have a strong input in the Argyll-wide assembly.'

Creative skills

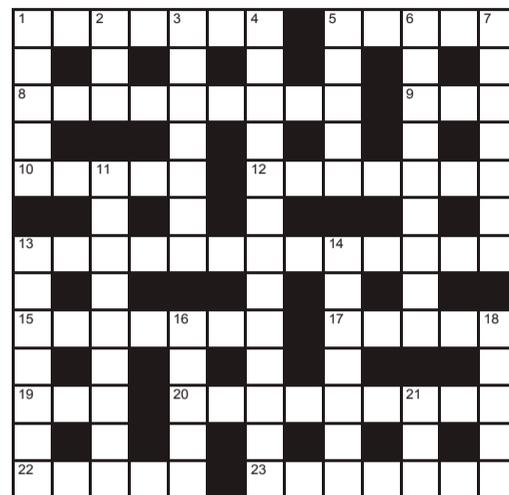
'The assembly is already looking at building a creative skills network across Argyll and the isles to help raise

awareness of the venues, facilities, businesses and individuals who are already active in the area.

'The meeting will help give a background to CHArts, the Place Partnership funding and the creative skills network, please join us if you can.'

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- 1 Living area (7)
- 5 Puzzle of words and pictures (5)
- 8 Out to get the magic one (5-4)
- 9 Whisky grass (3)
- 10 Block (5)
- 12 Journal (3,4)
- 13 I can't explain this word! (13)
- 15 High stacks of fodder (7)
- 17 Large American beaver (5)
- 19 Employ (3)
- 20 Fresh rinse (9)
- 22 The ground we stand on... (5)
- 23 ...this one crouches (7)

Down

- 1 Carved (5)
- 2 Computer program - not quite a mechanical person (3)
- 3 Tops forming a junction shape (1-6)
- 4 Very surprised (13)
- 5 Threadbare (5)
- 6 Child who works with a handcart (6-3)
- 7 Small patch of colour (7)
- 11 Child's bedtime toy (5,4)
- 13 Known only by the group or company (2-5)
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bulls, 23 two-year-old bulls, 13 yearling bulls, five senior heifers, 11 three-year-old heifers, 16 two-year-old heifers, 27 yearling heifers, three cows and one unaltered female.

Donald is no stranger to the show and sale ring.

He and his family, who originate from the island of Kerrera, have bred Highlanders all their lives.

In fact, Mr MacNaughton has been coming to Oban for the last 52 years, only missing one show during that time, which just happened to be the opening show. Mr MacNaughton himself has won the Oban show, has

twice won the 'Glasgow' show (City of Glasgow International Show), and has never been out of the top three in any show he has exhibited at.

Young handlers will have to impress Catherine McKechnie if they are to win the Woodneuk Cup.

As well as the show and sale on Monday February 15, both starting at 10am, there are also a number of social events taking place.

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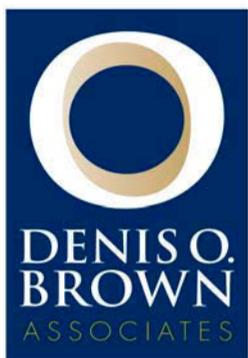


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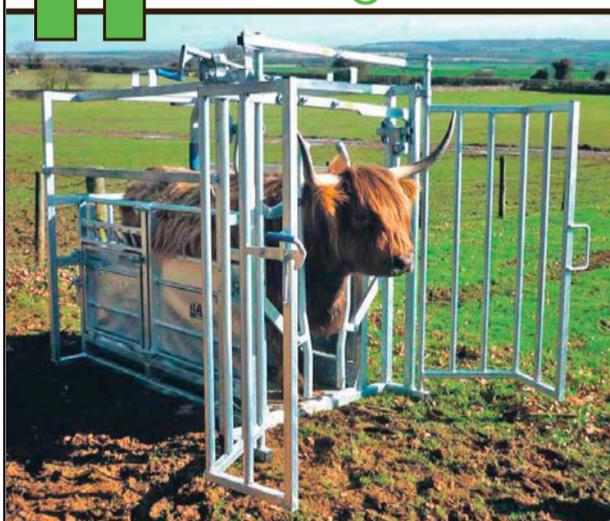


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Dougie MacDonald, Tyree, Benderloch, won the young handler's prize last year, to the delight of the locals in the crowd.

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Piping society enjoys Burns ceilidh

KINTYRE Piping Society held its annual Burns ceilidh, with dancing, folk singing and haggis all on the menu.

The Stronvaar Hall at Campbeltown Bowling Club was filled with the sound of bagpipes as Kintyre Schools Pipe Band opened up the evening by playing a selection of songs guided by Pipe Major Julie Blue.

Kay Johnston gave a

rousing rendition of a Burns classic *Now westlin' winds*, and three young Highland dancers from the James McCorkindale School of Dancing, Erin Binnie, Alison Wylie and Solana McMurchy, also took to the stage to perform.

They entertained the audience dancing the Sailors Hornpipe, Flora McDonald and Seann Truibhas.

The haggis, piped in

by Gregor Campbell, was given the Address by Alistair Cousin, before host for the evening Willie McCallum invited everyone to dine upon it.

After dinner the schools pipe band provided more songs, with the dancers also reappearing to perform.

The audience was then entertained by piper Stuart O'May, who treated people to some excellent solo piping.

Singers Kay Johnston and Iain McPherson finished the evening with performances of Burns and local songs which went down a treat, with many in the audience joining in.

The society wished to thank Campbeltown Bowling Club, especially the ladies of the club, for their help in making and serving the meals, as well as the performers, those who donated to the raffle and Simon Rochford for organising the event.



Highland dancers entertaining the crowd.

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Gregor Campbell piped in the haggis. 04_c06burnsnight06

Picture House aims to train young movie moguls

STEVEN Spielberg of the future will make movie magic in Campbeltown thanks to a Picture House initiative.

Campbeltown Community Business Ltd (CCB), which owns the town's cinema, has teamed up with Into Film to offer young film lovers a chance to make their own cinematic creation.

Alongside Into Film, the UK's national film education charity, there will be a number of special events, including film-making workshops at Campbeltown Grammar school, as well as a free public workshop for children, young people and families on Saturday February 13 and exclusive film screenings.

Into Film's Rural Road Show comes to Campbeltown from Thursday February 11 until Saturday February 13.

There will also be two special film screenings at the Victoria Hall for invited audiences of school pupils.

Primary pupils will enjoy the animated feature *Brave*, while secondary

pupils will be treated to a showing of the newly released *Sunset Song*.

Jane Mayo, chairwoman of CCB, said: 'Into Film puts film at the heart of children and young people's learning.'

'We are so pleased to welcome Into Film and look forward to working with them over the coming months and years to inspire our young people.'

'We will work together during the refurbishment of the Picture House, and are excited about what could be possible when the building re-opens in 2017.'

Accompanying the regular monthly film screenings of *Snoopy and Charlie Brown: The Peanuts Movie* (Saturday February 13 and Sunday February 14, both showings at 12.30pm), participants can join a Stop Motion Animation workshop and/or a CARdboard Drive Thru workshop.

Kirsty Gallacher, programme manager for Into Film Scotland, said: 'We are delighted to be working in partnership with Campbel-

town Community Business to pilot the Rural Road Show and thrilled at the enthusiasm for our visit in February.'

'We know film is a powerful tool to engage young people of all ages and look forward to offering a varied programme of activity that will be an inspirational and memorable learning experience for all involved.'

Adults who work with children and young peo-

ple who are interested in attending the professional development session can call Into Film on 0330 313 7640 to reserve a free place.

Both Into Film workshops running on Saturday February 13 are free, but the group asks for attendees to book in advance by calling 03303137640, or email katie.hamilton@into-film.org. It is possible to attend one or both workshops.

Workshops: Saturday February 13

Stop Motion Animation - from 10.30am - 12pm

Learn how to make a stop motion animation with Into Film. This is a fun, interactive activity that lets children develop and create their own characters and story around the theme of 'dreaming big' in line with the weekend screenings of *The Peanuts Movie*.

The workshops are available to any young people aged 5 - 19 (under 8 to be accompanied by an adult) and all materials and resources will be provided.

CARdboard Drive Thru 11am - 12pm

Watch *The Peanuts Movie* in a car! Bring along a cardboard box and all the materials will be provided to transform it into a drive thru vehicle to watch the film.

This workshop is recommended for 5-10-year-olds. Drop in anytime between 11am and noon, but remember to bring a cardboard box.

Win work with the Public Sector



Argyll and Bute Council has scheduled a series of workshops, over the coming months, to help local businesses tender for work with the Public Sector.

The Supplier Development Programme offers expert training, support and information to help businesses win work and grow their business. And best of all - it's completely FREE.

Is the Public Sector for You?

24 February 2016, 10am-1pm - Level 1 (Introductory) workshop.

Are you ready to tender? This workshop will help you determine if your business is ready to start bidding. The workshop covers the tender process, Invitations to Tender, PreQualification Questionnaires, Public Contracts Scotland; Quick Quotes and OJEU; Partnering and subcontracting.

Using Public Contracts Scotland and Other Portals

22 March 2016, 10am-1pm - Level 1 (Introductory) workshop

Public Contracts Scotland is the national public sector portal for Scotland. It lists opportunities for all public sector bodies and has a "Quick Quote" function for lower value contracts. This workshop will help you ensure you are comfortable using this site as well as other portals in the UK and Europe.

Winning work through the supply chain

28 April 2016, 10am-1pm - Level 1 (Introductory) workshop.

Learn how to find and win sub-contracting work and how to get into the supply chain.

All workshops will be held at The Enterprise Centre, Kilmory, Lochgilhead

To register for any of these workshops either call Business Gateway on 01546 604555 or email business.gateway@argyll-bute.gov.uk or visit www.sdpscotland.co.uk

Leadership awards for three Guiding lights

THREE Campbeltown ladies received awards at Girlguiding Scotland's annual general meeting.

Leadership Qualification

Jennifer Littleson, Maggie MacFarlane and Ellie Gannon all received the

leadership qualification award at the meeting held last month at the George Hotel in Inveraray.

The awards were presented by Morag Smith, deputy lieutenant for Argyll.



Jennifer Littleson. 06_a05guides01



Maggie MacFarlane. 06_a05guides02



Ellie Gannon. 06_a05guides03

Invergarry shepherd leads the way

A GREAT Glen man and his dog were a nose ahead of the rest when they won the second Kintyre Nursery Sheep Dog Trial.

Despite a lowly fifth place, with 58 points in the first trial last Saturday, Mike MacNally and his dog Tarrf scored 85 points in the day's second event, just beating second-placed Kieran McCulloch and Pip by three points.

The trials were held at Ronachan Farm with permission from Lorne Clark.

The course was quite testing but the mule hogs ran well on the day.

Full results from the first trial one judged by Jessie Main were as follows: 1 John MacKillop - 80 points (pts) with Sam, 2 Peter Clark - 72pts with Spot, 3 Kieran McCulloch - 64 pts with Pip, 4 Alex MacCuish - 59 pts with Glen, 5 Mike MacNally - 58 pts with Tarrf and 6 Jane MacDonald - 57 pts with Nell.

Results from the second trial judged by Andrew Ronald senior were: 1 Mike MacNally - 85 pts with Tarrf, 2 Kieran McCulloch - 82 pts with Pip, 3 Alex MacCuish - 80 pts with Glen, 4 Peter Clark - 78 pts with Spot, 5 Jane MacDonald - 77 pts with Nell and 6 Brian Strachan - 56 pts with Jim.

Track down Campbeltown's scout group

A SCOUT group which opened its doors for Kintyre Cubs two years ago will expand this month.

The 16th Argyll (Campbeltown) Scout Group opened in November 2013 with the introduction of a cub pack for boys and girls aged 8-10 years.

Less than a year later the cubs were joined by a beaver scout colony for youngsters aged 6-8 years and now it is ready to expand once more with the opening of a scout troop for girls and boys aged 10-14 years.

Group scout leader Lindsay Kenny said: 'Scouts aims to build and develop young people's confidence, sense of adventure and outdoor skills, as well as encouraging them to explore their beliefs and attitudes and be creative.

'It offers them the independence to put these

skills into practice at camps and even on international trips.

'Scouts are encouraged to work together and take the lead on all sorts of projects, from community-based work to planning games and activities for their meetings.'

The group's older cubs are keen to carry on in their scouting which has led to the formation of a scout troop.

Nine cubs are working towards their 'moving on' badge.

The new troop will officially open on Thursday February 11 when it has its first meeting away from the cub pack.

Any child aged 10-14 is welcome to join that night at 7.30pm, in Campbeltown Grammar school's small gym, to see what scouts has to offer and what scouts actually do.

Parents can contact the group scout leader via email: 16thargyll@

gmail.com or by phoning 552675 for further information.

If any adults over the age of 18 would like to work with the troop they should also call.

Mrs Kenny said: 'The opening of the troop is the icing on the cake of what is sure to be an exciting year for the Group.'

'The cub scouts organisation celebrates its centenary this year and we are planning an ad-

venturous centenary camp as well as the opportunity for the cubs to have new experiences to mark this landmark birthday.

'The beaver scouts will continue to share their own adventures and will be invited to join the cubs for a day during the centenary camp.'

There is a fundraising coffee morning on Saturday February 13, in the Red Cross Hall, Kirk Street.

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VALENTINE'S DAY is the perfect opportunity to spoil that special someone. Whether it be rekindling an old flame or sparking a new romance, your other half deserves the best.

Flowers are an age-old classic to suit every budget - A dozen red roses has always been considered the pinnacle of romance but if the wallet is still feeling light after Christmas florists will have plenty of cheaper alternatives. Carnations are known to last up to three weeks, the perfect bunch for those who like to make their money last.

Valentine's is a time to celebrate love and a personal touch will really show you care. Framed photographs are always a big hit and these days you can have an image printed on just about anything. Mouse mats, mugs, clothes, you name it, you can have something printed on it. Why not do things the old fashioned way and put a romantic photo inside a locket - traditionalists will appreciate the sentimental value.

Those lucky enough to be in the first exciting throws of a new relationship can struggle to choose a personal gift. If you don't yet know the recipient well enough to choose something unique, fragrances and chocolates go down well with both sexes.

Plenty of couples are happy with a Valentine's dinner at home but if you want to push the boat out most pubs and restaurants offer special menus or deals on the 14th.

If quality time is what you need romantic getaways are a perfect gift idea. A secluded B&B destination will offer tranquil walks and cosy fires or celebrate in style with dinner and a show in a nearby town or city.

Various surveys over the years have shown that men spend around double what women do on Valentine's gifts, so ladies it's time to splash the cash. If the man in your life is treating you to dinner, you could make sure you look your best for the occasion. Treating yourself to a haircut, manicure or facial will ensure your man is the envy of the restaurant when he walks in with you. Can't choose a treatment? A lot of salons will book you in for an entire morning or afternoon of pampering so make the most of what they have to offer.

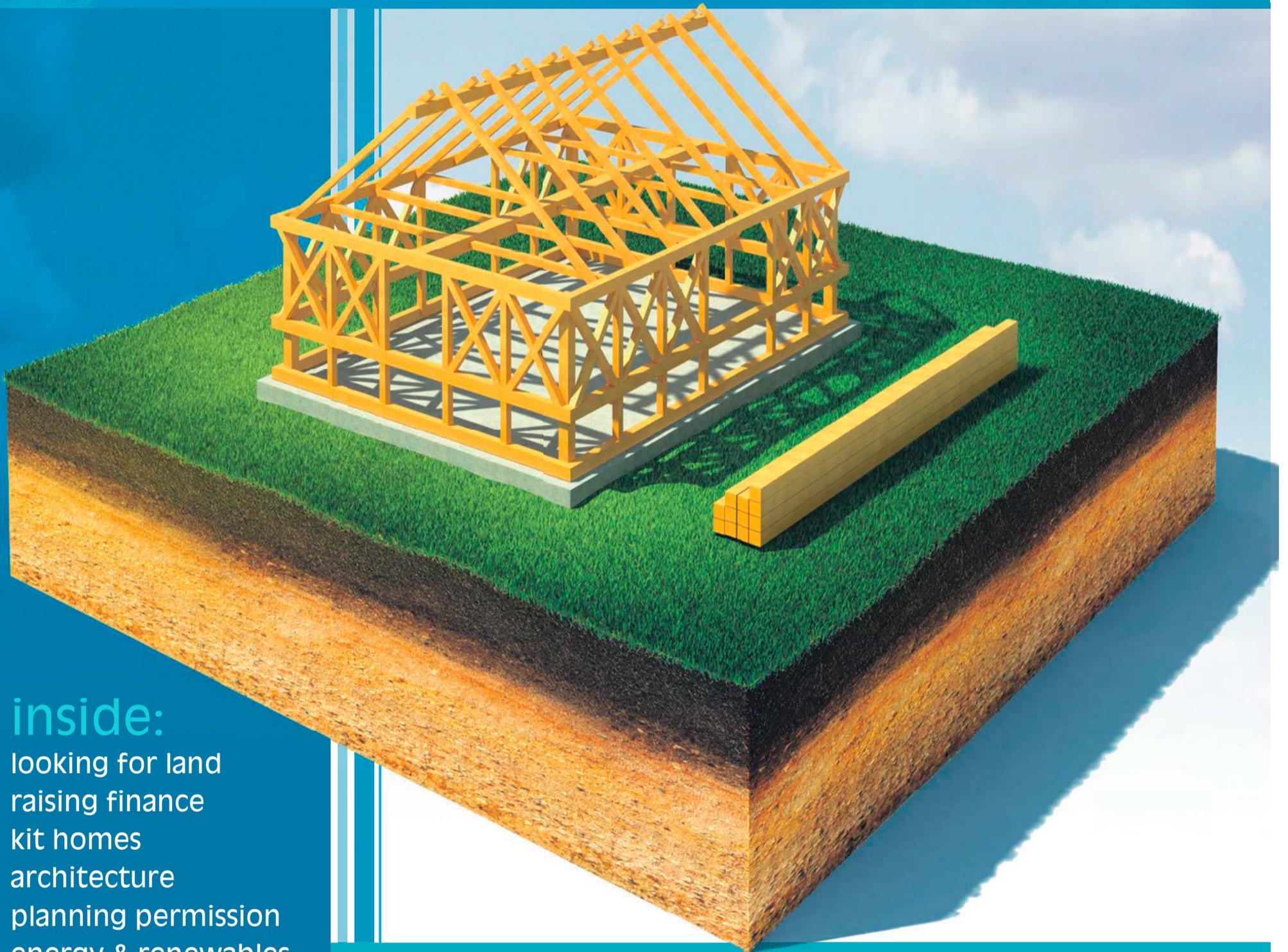
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Beginner's guide to self-build

WHAT IF you could build the perfect home from scratch? A self-build could open the door to your bespoke dream home. Imagine stamping your own design and tastes on the entire property from the start.

'Self and custom build has long been seen as the friendly face of new housing,' said Michael Holmes, Chair of National Custom and Self Build Association. 'When people build homes for themselves and their families to live in, they not only tend to build houses that are better designed and of higher quality and have less impact, but they are much more likely to put down roots and become contributors to that community.'

Whether it's a desire to create a modern, environmentally friendly home, or the vision of that picture-perfect spot overlooking a stunning view that motivates them, more than 12,000 Brits that embark on a self-build adventure each year. 'Building your own home is a big project to undertake, but the rewards can greatly outweigh the hoops that homeowners need to jump through to make it happen,' shared Brian Kilroy of Building LifePlans Ltd. 'Self-building provides the opportunity to build the perfect home to suit your lifestyle, and help is at hand to guide you through the process.'

The process can seem overwhelming, but our guide will help you get on track to your dream home, starting with the first steps you will need to take.

Set a realistic budget

Take a sensible approach to your budget and your project won't turn into a money pit like

those seen on shows such as Grand Designs. Set a firm, realistic figure before the design stage begins, but include a contingency- at least 10% of your overall budget is wise. Use this money only for unexpected cost or unavoidable delays. If you don't spend the contingency by the end, consider using it to upgrade interior finishes or landscaping.

Arrange financing

Whether through a bank or a dedicated self-build mortgage company, your next step should be to secure funding. That way you will know exactly what your budget is from the start, and when you find a plot you love, you will be able to seal the deal before it gets sold out from under you. Self build mortgages often work on a stage payment basis, in which funds are released at key points throughout the project, either in advance or in arrears, depending on the product you choose. Be careful to note that this relates not necessarily to the actual money spent on a specific stage, but to the value by which it has increased the property as a whole.

Choose a building route

Many first-time builders choose a package company to guide them through the entire process, from design to build. These companies generally offer customisable standard houses and bespoke design options.

The other option is to hire an architect and contractor or professional project manager, so that the house can be built to your exact specifications. Check listings, then ask around to find out if others had a good experience with your potentials. You may decide to project

manage the build yourself with a view to saving money by keeping a close eye on labour and materials- just keep in mind this can be overwhelming for those with no budgetary experience or time to take care of all the details.

Find an architect or self build package company

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

Start the planning process

Get in touch with the local planning authority early. Argyll and Bute council offers a pre-application system called Planning for Firm Foundations, so you can find out whether your proposal is likely to be acceptable in terms of the provisions of the adopted development plan. They even provide guidance prior to committing to comprehensive architect or agent commissions, and in some cases it may be possible to agree a timetable for your planning application to be determined based on the information you submit.

Sort out the essentials

Before going any further, make certain you have all the proper consents in addition to planning permission (sometimes you need other special local permissions, such as conservation area consent.) Be sure to safeguard your investment

by getting the contracts, warranties and insurance in place. Even if your contractor has insurance, you may need to take specialist self build insurance.

Prepare the plot

The first step before starting the build is preparing the site, something your contractor usually deals with. This includes clearing vegetation, levelling the plot, installing drainage and setting out the trenches. Don't be surprised if unexpected problems crop up during this phase- for example, the discovery of a spring running under the proposed location for the foundation, or trees that you had hoped to keep end up interfering with the build.

Get building

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

Enjoy your dream home!

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



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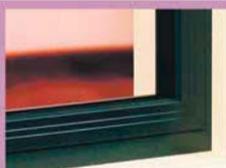
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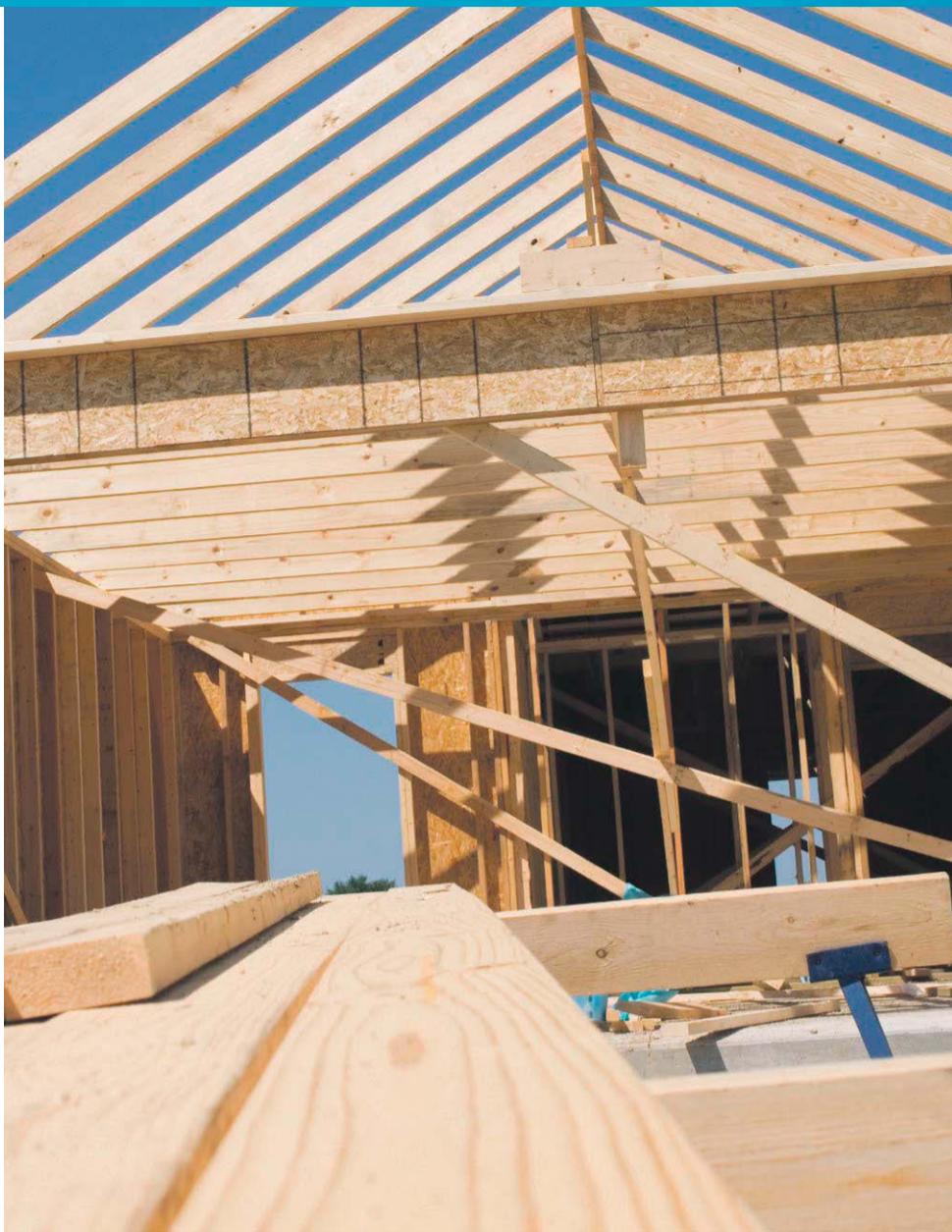
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- Search the Scottish Property website for suitable public sector land for sale;
- Check your local Solicitors Property Centre or estate agents;
- Look out for 'For Sale' signs; Approach local private developers with undeveloped or partly developed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

Finding land

A RECENT survey by the National Custom & Self Build Association (NaCSBA) revealed the toughest obstacles faced by self-build hopefuls. A staggering 56% claimed finding an affordable/suitable site with which to build their own home was by far the biggest challenge they faced. Mike Hardwick, NaCSBA CEO, said, 'These figures make interesting reading and echo the views of self and custom builders that I meet. The demand for land is still well above the available supply and so many of our supporters are eager to start their projects in the next couple of years but are held back by this critical shortfall! Starting a self-build can be very easy if you or your family already own a suitable piece of land, or it may take years of effort if you have geographical or budgetary constraints. Once you have worked out what budget you have available, you can find out about plots of land for sale which may be suitable for self-build from a number of sources. There are several websites that allow you to search for details of plots for sale, although for some of these you need to pay a fee for membership. A range of websites are available, such as Buildstore Plotsearch, UK Land Directory Ltd or plotfinder.net. Some other methods for plot hunting include networking (ask all your friends on Facebook to look out for one for you, for example); contacting estate agents and landowners, checking out auction houses,

hiring agents to search for you, advertising in the local press, in pubs and shops, and with mobile workers such as taxi drivers, mobile gardeners and hairdressers. You can also search an area for an untended garden or neglected building, and then approach the owners. If you have a defined search area, buy a high resolution Ordnance Survey map as this can sometimes help you identify quirky potential infill sites that are not visible from the main roads. Google Earth can sometimes be useful for this too.

A word of warning

Don't get conned into buying land by a property scam company. These organisations often advertise plots of land that will never realistically get planning permission (for example, in areas that are protected by the Green Belt). If someone is selling a wonderful plot of land at an unbelievable price it's probably too good to be true. And if you buy a site like this – usually still costing tens of thousands of pounds – you're very unlikely to ever recover your money. Be warned.

Consider crofting

If you are keen to raise produce or keep a herd of sheep or cattle, consider a croft site on which to build. The crofting counties of Scotland, including Argyll, have a long tradition of smallholding known as crofting. Existing crofts for sale are priced about the same as other housing land, and sometimes come with planning permission

for the building of a house. And according to an announcement by Environment Minister Aileen McLeod this week, the level of grant support available to help crofters build their homes is to be significantly increased. From April 1 this year, crofters will be able to apply for up to £28,000 under the new Croft House Grant Scheme – and up to £38,000 if they live in island and specified mainland communities. The three previous funding rates will be replaced with a new standard level of grant and a higher level for the islands and some mainland areas. These new rates are significantly higher and mean some crofters will be eligible for more than double the funding available under the old scheme.

Dr McLeod said: 'Good quality housing is essential to help attract and retain people in Scotland's most remote and rural communities, and to help crofters fulfil their duty of living on or close to their croft.' 'The Scottish Government's Croft House Grant Scheme has invested £14 million to build or improve almost 700 homes since 2007 and the changes I am announcing will help ensure this support is fit for purpose in the years to come.' More information on how to apply, including guidance for applicants and the application form, will be available on the Scottish Government's Rural Payments website in due course at www.ruralpayments.org/publicsite/futures/topics/all-schemes/.

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THE FIRST hurdle to overcome on a homebuilding project is funding. There are several ways to secure the money you need, but the three most common routes are to use existing savings, sell your current house (or use it as security on a loan) or borrow the money by taking out a self-build mortgage.

The first two options are pretty self-explanatory. The third – self-build mortgages – operate very similarly to conventional mortgages, except that payments are staggered to coincide with various stages of your project.

How much can I get?

Like all mortgage finance, self-build mortgages were affected by the credit crunch. However, in the wake of government support for self-build, more and more lenders are returning to or entering the market for the first time. Potential homebuilders can access suitable mortgages directly with a bank or building society, or through a specialist self-build mortgage broker. Pre-credit crunch, it was fairly common for self-builders to be able to secure 95% borrowing on both land and the build. These days, lenders are looking for higher deposits – so 70-80% on each is more common.

What type of mortgage should I get?

The advance stage payment mortgage remains a stalwart of self-build finance, as it offers positive cash flow up front. The beauty of advance stage payment mortgages is that you agree with the borrower up front how much each stage will cost (including the land purchase). Each tranche of money is then released to you prior to commencement of the relevant stage.

That puts you into positive cash flow, so you can pay bills when they're due and keep workmen on site. It also means you can be a cash buyer of building materials, with no need for credit accounts, which can also help a project run more smoothly. There are fees involved with an advance stage payment mortgage, but the savings in hassle and time make an advance mortgage a great option if you don't have significant amounts of cash available at the start of your project.

The other main option is the arrears stage payment mortgage, whereby money is released after each agreed stage of the work is completed. You'll usually need to pay for an assessment (typically totting up to £200-£300) after each phase before the funds are made available.

What about budgets?

When it comes to planning your budget and arranging your finances, don't forget to take other financial commitments into account, such as an existing mortgage or temporary accommodation.

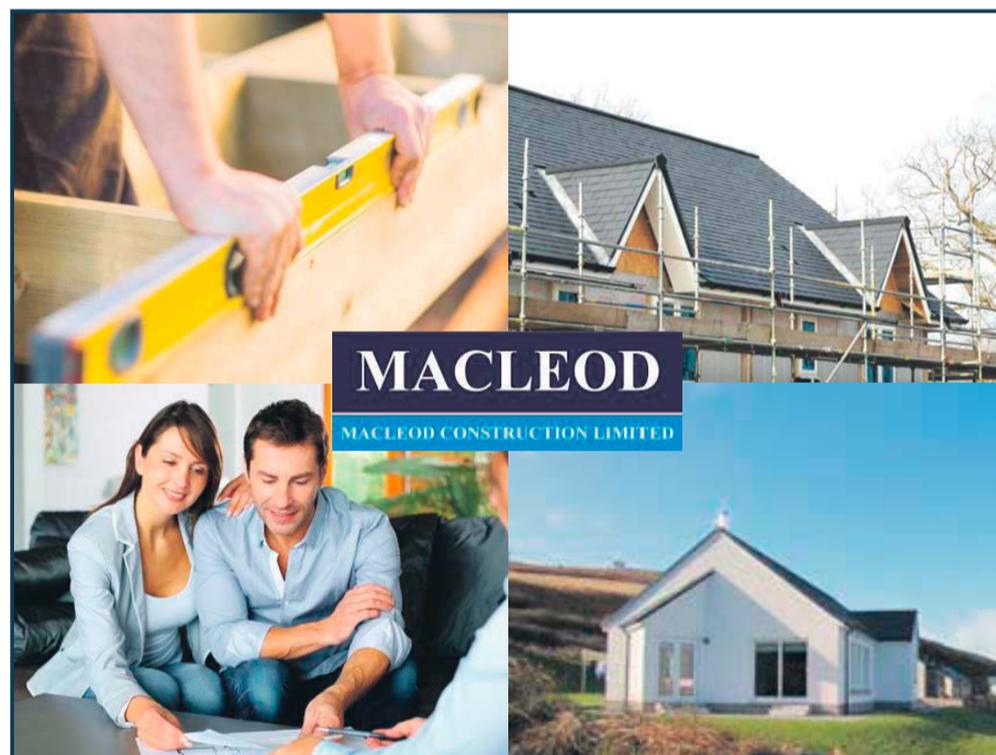
'Lenders understand that you have to live somewhere during your project and, quite understandably, not everyone wants to stay in a caravan on site or with relatives,' said Rachel Pyne, director of financial services at BuildStore. 'They also appreciate that if you sell your current home and move into rented accommodation during the build you will still have housing costs, paying rent rather than a mortgage. Consequently, they allow you to run a self-build mortgage alongside the mortgage on your current house, although, like the rest of the market, the rules are tighter now than pre-credit crunch. However, the lender will want to ensure that you are in a position to support both mortgages, and your current mortgage will be taken into account when deciding how much you can borrow for the build.'

'Some lenders calculate the total amount you can borrow based on your income and then deduct the amount of your current mortgage from this. So unless you have a very high income or a tiny current mortgage, this method

is unlikely to provide you with sufficient borrowing for your project

'There are, however, a number of more enlightened lenders that view affordability differently. They treat your current mortgage as a regular commitment in the same way as they treat a personal loan. They include the monthly mortgage payment in their affordability calculation, and provide you with a loan amount that your remaining income will support.' The extra involvement and administration cost for the lender means that a self-build mortgage is likely to be more expensive than a standard mortgage for the same amount – though of course you may need to borrow less. Once the build is completed, many self-builders switch to a different mortgage deal.

Many people choose self-build because they want to create a home they expect to stay in for good. But if you do choose to move from your self-build property, the good news is that its resale value may well be higher than what you paid to build it. This is Money estimates that self-build properties sold on the open market could fetch 20-25% more than their build costs – although this, of course, depends on location, build quality and the state of the wider property market.



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Planning permission

If there is not already detailed planning permission for your home for your plot of land, you will need to secure this before you can start building, as the planning authority of Argyll Bute Council will need to be satisfied that your plans for your home are in line with the Council's Development Plans and that your home's design will be acceptable in terms of its impact on the surrounding homes and landscape.

You should try to get planning permission as early as possible, as the process can take some time and you should aim to secure planning permission before you enter into a contract with any building firms in case your planning application is rejected. Try to speak to a planning officer at the council (or the National Park authority if your home will be in Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park) before submitting your application, as they should be able to let you know if there are any issues you should be aware of or any restrictions they might impose (for example they might restrict the size or height of the home, its distance from a road or the plot boundary, etc.)

The council should also be able to help if you need advice or guidance on completing a planning application. There will be a fee for submitting an application.

Planning online

The Scottish Government's existing ePlanning portal has been upgraded, and over the next four years the new system

is predicted to save approximately £17 million across the country's planning authorities. The revamped version of ePlanning Scotland, first launched in 2009 and now ePlanning.scot, lets individuals, architects and agents submit and manage planning applications online, saving millions. The new system, which went live on Wednesday January 13, is set to be quicker and easier to use.

Nearly 70 per cent of all planning applications nationally are submitted electronically through the portal. Argyll and Bute Council now receives more than half of its planning applications electronically.

Social Justice Secretary Alex Neil said: 'Seventy per cent of planning applications are now made online, double the original forecast. The new service will continue to provide access to the planning system in a way customers want, delivering a high quality consistent service, saving time and money.'

Two new forms are now available for completion online, the post submission additional documentation (PSAD) and the notice of review (NoR). In the future another two forms will be available, the appeals refusal and the appeals notice. The Government is also developing a new national eBuilding Standards portal for public launch in August 2016, with Argyll and Bute's own building standards service providing support for this new national portal. Visit argyll-bute.gov.uk/planning-and-environment for more information.



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- Brings predictability and greater control to the construction process.
- Meets and often exceeds all current Building Regulations.
- Provides excellent thermal efficiency.
- Vast range of designs are available.
- Construction can continue through cold and inclement weather.
- Significantly faster construction period overall.
- Particularly suited to sites with poor soil conditions and sites with restricted access.

Kit homes

DON'T let the term 'prefab home' scare you away – today's kit homes are downright fabulous. Not only do they provide home buyers with a custom, energy-efficient building solution, they're also typically more affordable than traditional stick-built homes.

Also known as prefabricated homes or modular construction, essentially, kit homes are constructed in a factory before being shipped to a building site in pieces, where they're then assembled on-site in a matter of days. Unlike manufactured or mobile homes, kit homes must be constructed according to local building codes. This makes them a widely-accepted form of new construction that isn't subject to the same zoning restrictions that frequently limit the placement of manufactured and mobile homes. In other words, prefab homes must meet the same building codes as traditional 'sticks and bricks' construction, so you can build a prefab home practically anywhere.

Also, like traditionally-built homes, prefab homes typically qualify for construction and home loans, so you don't have to have the total home cost on-hand. And in some cases, kit home manufacturers are prepared to help you find appropriate financing (sometimes offering in-house financing) to get your home construction started.

In addition to reduced build times, there are several advantages to kit homes versus masonry built homes, according

to Peter J Body, managing director of Norscot Joinery Ltd. These include:

- Quality assured off-site manufacture significantly simplifies construction, resulting in less on-site waste (as much as 20-40%, compared with other construction methods).
- Promotes greater efficiency and supply chain integration by combining component and material deliveries. Prefabricated components are also easy to transport and handle.
- Brings predictability and greater control to the construction process.
- Meets and often exceeds all current Building Regulations.
- Improves on-site construction health and safety. Off-site manufacture with automated machinery reduces accidents, as a controlled factory environment is a safer work space.
- Significantly faster construction period overall. Requires 20 per cent fewer on-site labour days. This means a faster return on investment, reduced disruption to local communities and tidier, safer sites.
- Wet trades are eliminated, so there's no drying out time before work can continue on interior finishes.
- Construction can continue through cold and inclement weather – meaning shorter and more predictable build programmes.
- Particularly suited to sites with poor soil conditions (sites that favour lighter buildings), and sites with restricted

access. Modular components are also easy to transport whilst prefabricated panels offer strict quality control and fewer post erection quality problems.

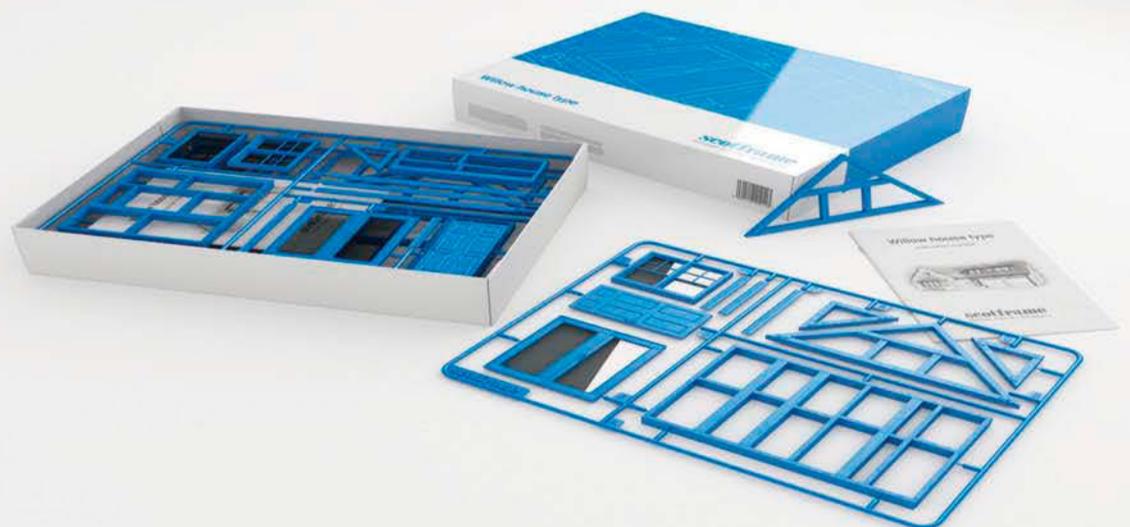
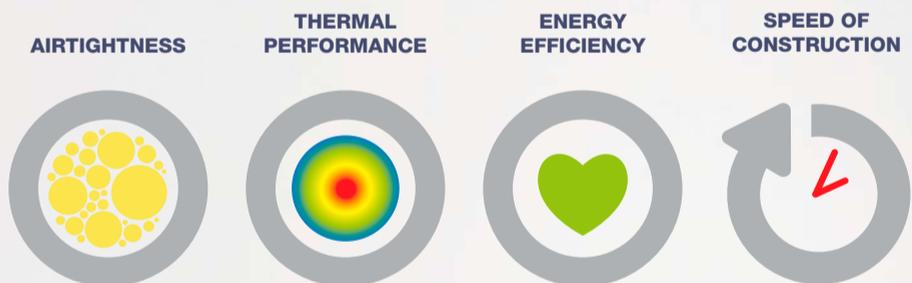
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- Easier to achieve a high performance building fabric by maximising thermal performance and minimising air leakage. This approach is a low risk, cost-effective way to achieve sustainable homes.

In addition, there are virtually no restrictions as far as design choices with kit homes. 'Any style of house which can be built using masonry construction can be built using timber frame construction,' Peter said. 'In the case of more 'exotic' house designs, where there may be cantilevered upper sections, timber frame construction offers the advantages of being lighter and more flexible. In Scotland, most timber frame kit houses will have a brick or rendered block outer wall which makes them indistinguishable from masonry built houses. Similarly, masonry built houses will often be timber lined inside (to accommodate additional insulation and services) making them indistinguishable from timber frame built

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houses. In reality, the opposite is true – timber frame construction offers more design options than masonry construction.

Home Package Inclusions

When considering a prefab home, it's very important to pay close attention to what is and isn't included in the home package you select. For instance, modular homes are often (but not always) sold with a full package of fixtures, appliances, windows, and flooring, while pre-cut and panelised homes often consist just of the materials necessary for a wall, roof, or frame. These walls and roofs may or may not include insulation, wiring for electrical, windows, doors, or even drywall. In some cases you can pay additional for the completed wall structure, but in most cases you have to work with an onsite contractor to help you complete and finish your home, including the finishings of the roof and walls.

What's Typically Not Included

Don't get lulled into a happy sleep with the phrase 'all inclusive' when it comes to buying a modular home – it can be misleading. Understand that the base price of a prefab home doesn't account for many of the expenses required to build a home.

You must be prepared to pay additional expenses, which may include the land the house will be built on, site survey, utility hookups, if necessary (water, waste water or septic, electrical, cable), the prepared foundation for the home to be built on (concrete slab or pier and beam framing), landscaping, driveways and pavements, garage or carport (may be available

from some manufacturers) and possibly a local contractor or builder to finish the interior.

These expenses are incredibly variable based on location, size of home, and even council requirements or personal preference. For instance, if you're building in the country, you may not need or want much in the way of outdoor landscaping. However, if you're building in the city – or in a neighbourhood with strict home owners' association standards – you may be required to put in some kind of landscaping. That said you can expect to spend possibly tens of thousands on permits, fees, foundation, and utility hook-ups – especially if your property isn't served by a local sewer and water system and you'll need to put in a septic system and well.

Options and Upgrades

In addition to the modular home finishes that come standard in a preselected home build, it's important to understand that there may be a selection of upgrades to choose from for an additional price. For instance, you can upgrade items, such as opting for bamboo instead of cork floors.

The cost of a prefab home will vary depending on how much you're willing to do yourself and how much you outsource to others. Some ambitious home purchases prefer to buy a prefab home as a kit and assemble it themselves, with the help of a few (very good) friends. Others are happy to spend the money to have the details of construction and permitting taken out of their hands. Wherever you fall on the spectrum, make sure you understand exactly what you're paying for into before you go the kit home route.

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In the same way that fuel consumption for cars has become an important factor, people are being encouraged to look at the energy performance of a property, understand its ongoing running costs and include this in their purchasing decision.

For those looking to build their own home, constructing a property that meets not only today's standards, but also those of the years to come, has significant benefits in relation to the day-to-day costs of living in the property. In short, the fabric of the building and the way it is put together means homes of this type can be heated up very quickly and retain their temperature for incredibly long periods of time. This reduces their energy needs significantly. This is where our focus should lie, rather than with using renewable energy to make up for poor design and build quality.

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Architectural designs

THINKING of building your own home in 2016? You aren't alone! The Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) has published new research forecasting the main trends in UK housing design for the year ahead.

Over the course of 2015, RIBA Chartered Architects have reported the design trends in greatest demand:

- Sustainable and energy conservation measures - demand for sustainable materials, advanced insulation products, water conservation and recycling features
- Larger extensions and bigger new build bespoke houses
- Adaptable designs - increased demand for homes that can make living easier for ageing occupants and live-in relatives
- Family social hubs - multi-functional open-plan spaces are still highly desirable

An increase in land availability and the relaxation of planning restrictions have led to an increase of one-off single houses and housing extensions. 55% of RIBA architects reported that bespoke homes and housing extensions are getting bigger in size. As the ageing population increases, more of us are planning ahead for later in life by seeking design solutions to facilitate easier living. Adaptations to make independent living simpler, or adjusting a family home layout for the addition of an older family member are the two main drivers in this growing market. The popularity of generous multi-functional

living spaces - combining cooking, dining and living space shows no sign of diminishing - when these spaces are combined with direct access to gardens and outside space, they are even more popular with 66% of architects reporting a demand.

Sustainability and energy conservation are no longer niche concerns, but factor prominently in the design decisions of many clients. 70% of RIBA architects expect to see an increase in specifying advanced insulation products and 66% expect to see a rise in the use of solar/PV panels.

RIBA President Jane Duncan said: 'The appetite for building or improving your own home for your family and future shows no sign of abating, with architects experiencing increased demand from creative and ambitious homeowners. This new RIBA report gives a glimpse of what to expect in housing design for 2016 and beyond. It shows the insight, value for money and peace of mind that an architect can bring to any housing project.' Choosing an accredited RIBA Chartered Practice will give you peace of mind. They comply with strict criteria covering insurance, health and safety and quality management systems.

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Interior design

A NEW house is the chance to inject some new life into your personal space. From bold colours to metal trimmings, Hamdi Ben Yaghane, Designer and Managing Partner at DND Contemporary Furniture Studio shares the scoop on the five home design trends that are set to be all the rage in 2016.

Trend #1 - Year of the Metal

The 1950s and 1970s are hot trends in fashion right now, and it is no different in interiors. The year 2016 will see more and more designers include all different textures of metals in their designs and furniture pieces. Accessories and decorative objects such as lanterns, vases, and mirrors will have metal elements incorporated in their design, reflecting back to the Golden Era.

Trend #2 - The Spirit of Nature

The spirit of nature can be seen in some elements of Scandinavian style, particularly in raw wooden elements. By leveraging a natural feel for winter, the 'mountain lodge' look transports you directly into an enveloping cocooning atmosphere that is simple and warming. With this design option, the ubiquity of white wood modernized, all made cosy with comfortable materials such as linen, mohair and cashmere seen on accessories such as rugs, cushions, carpets.

Trend #3 - Bold Colours

Translating to wall colours and ceramic backsplashes, the presence of vivid colour is back. Creating bold, statement-colour combinations, the aim is to use strong shades to create fluid movement from room to room. Hard textures like cement and wood are also playing a key role in this trend for contrast.

Trend #4 - The Age of sustainability

From the padding in our sofas to the premium wood sourced for counter worktops, sustainability is at the heart of everything for 2016. Recycling, repurposing, reinventing and reusing are all things that consumers are beginning to consider when they make purchases today.

Trend #5 - Outdoor Living Areas

Porches, patios and decks inspired by interior design principles are replacing the traditional backyard. From decorating smaller spaces with greenery to turning expansive backyards into glamping adventures, 2016 should bring in experimentation with nature into the home- for example buying furniture that can be used indoors and outdoors. In terms of interior décor, wall decorations, accessories and small plant life inspired items are going to be hot.

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Kitchens, bedrooms and bathrooms

THE BIGGEST trend in home design going into 2016 is personalization-fitting the house to the needs of each member of the family. It's all about tailoring your home to fit your lifestyle, especially in the three areas of the home we spend the most time in- bedrooms, kitchens and bathrooms.

Convenient bedrooms and baths with plenty of storage

Adults and children spend a good deal of their time in their bedrooms and trends reflect this. Homeowners want spacious master bedrooms, with dressing areas and a bathroom within the space. They want to walk just a few steps to find everything they need for relaxation and grooming. The biggest request is for lots of storage space in the form of built-in drawers and

cabinets and walk-in closets. For children's rooms, parents want toy space, shelving for books and areas to display hobbies. Room for the plethora of electronics is also a primary demand when it comes time to designing new homes.

Requests for bathroom features in the master bedroom involve spa-like conveniences, turning a utilitarian room into a peaceful retreat.

Open, Light-Filled Kitchens

Kitchens have always been the one room in the home where owners are willing to spend the most money. Modern homeowners are asking for kitchens that are spacious and airy with lots of windows. Another big trend in kitchen design is extra-large islands with sinks and cutting areas for food prep, stovetops for cooking, counter area for eating and stools for sitting.

According to Sergei Kaminskiy of Kaminskiy Design and Remodeling, 'One of the most popular trends in the early stages of 2016, for kitchen remodelling, is in the area of transitional kitchens. So called because they blend elements of traditional and contemporary kitchens, transitionals incorporate modern elements like stainless steel appliances with traditional interior design.'

Pets are family, too

With the increasing popularity of pets, many homeowners are asking for amenities for their furry friends. In the kitchen, dog doors, also suitable for cats, are just the beginning. Feeding stations in the kitchen and pet bathing areas in the utility room are also common.

Getaway, But Not Too Far

There is a trend for rooms made just for concentrated work and private downtime. Using one bedroom as a study or home office fits in with the work-from-home movement. When doing their job, adults can lock the door and focus on work. The preference is for lots of light, bright colours and as much storage as possible.

There is also a trend for bigger children's playrooms, with desks and electronic capability for homework, games and their digital social life. For younger children, requests are for lots of floor space and child-accessible places to put toys.

In short, customization is the big trend for home design in 2016. What that means is designing your space to suit your needs, instead of the other way around.

Top 2016 kitchen trends

Slide-out shelving is a kitchen strategy which is both clever and functional, making use of available space for necessary storage. Pots, pans, and cleaning accessories can all be stowed under the sink or elsewhere, with sliding shelves that are easily accessed on demand.

Hardwood flooring is becoming a strong alternative to recently favoured systems

like laminates and tiles, and is appearing in planks six inches wide and more. Antique wooden flooring for the kitchen is also trending significantly in 2016.

Farmhouse sinks, a.k.a. apron sinks, are also trending in new kitchens. Their compelling size alone makes them a focal point in the kitchen, and since they are now available in a huge variety of sizes and styles, they are very versatile in how

they can be used in almost any style of kitchen.

Technology is also featured in 2016 kitchen trends, with the general move toward 'smart' devices moving into the kitchen. Having coffee automatically brewed for the morning wake-up is just one example, but programmed lighting and heat levels can also be managed in a modernized kitchen.



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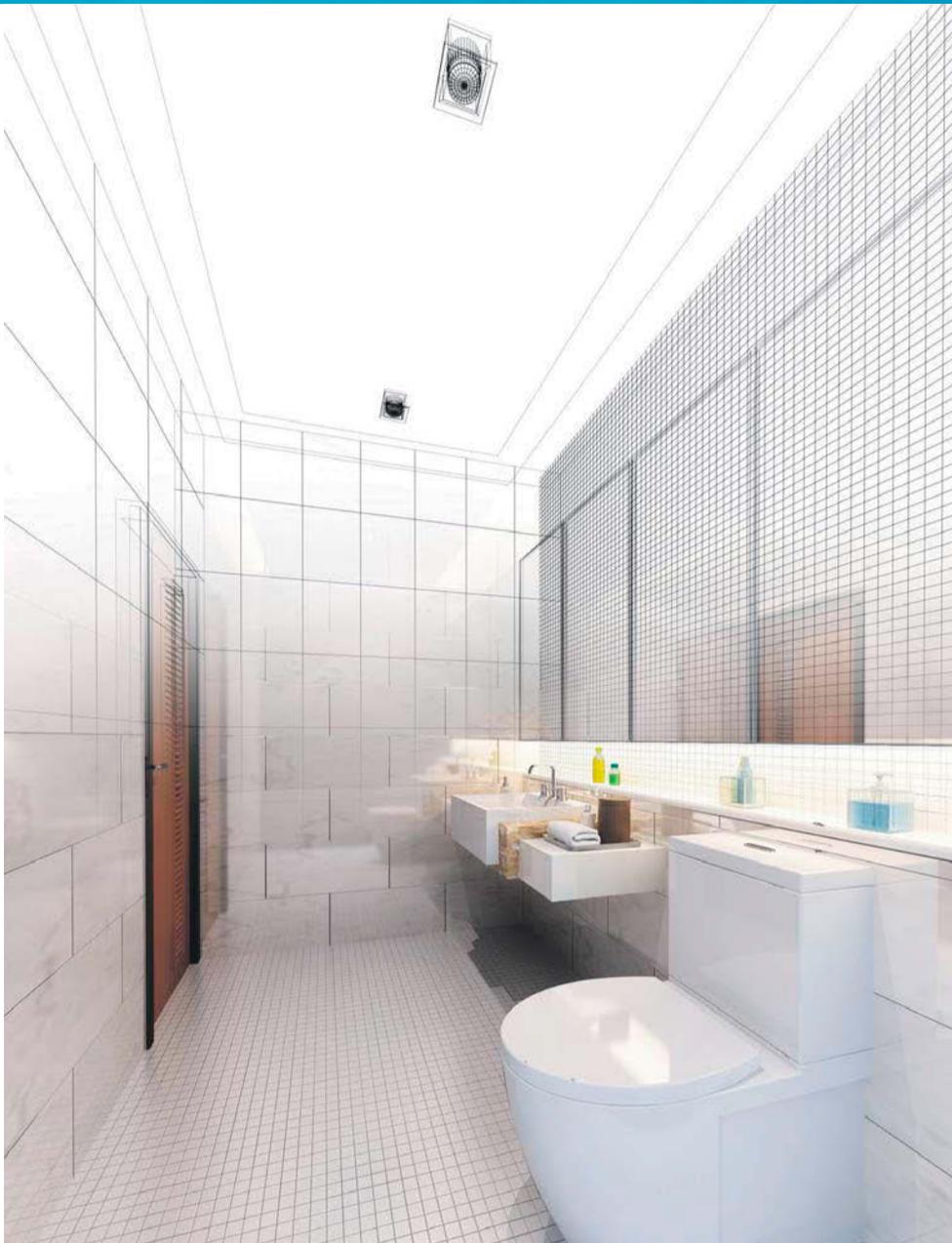
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- Don't just go with the cheapest, consider your ability to communicate with the firm and the quality of their work.
- If materials need to be bought in advance by the tradesman, it is reasonable that the customer is asked to pay a fair percentage of these costs as the job progresses.

Trades and professionals

When building a home, it's vital that you choose tradesmen that you can trust. Follow these handy tips to help you choose the most suitable tradesmen for the job:

Check credentials and trade association membership

If a gas engineer says that they're Gas Safe registered or if a builder says they're in the Federation of Master Builders, then ask for proof. In some cases, this may be essential, such as if you're installing a boiler and need to ensure the engineer is Gas Safe-registered. Does the builder belong to a professional body or trade association? Contact those organisations to verify membership and enquire about what assurances they offer to consumers if things go wrong.

Ask For a Written Quotation

Get a full written quotation for your project. It should include full details of the work being carried out, the total cost and give you an idea of when the work will be finished. Having a document like this is essential if the cost of the project later increases or is delayed for a long period. If there are revisions to the quote later on, ask for these in writing.

Make sure that the builder has public liability insurance

Ask to see the builder's public liability insurance certificate. Building work may also affect your home and contents insurance, so check with your insurance company before work begins.

Check if the builder intends to use sub-contractors

Make sure the builder knows that he or she is responsible for all team members, including sub-contractors. They should be covered by the builder's public liability insurance and suitably qualified if tasked with gas or electrical work.

Check Previous Work

Make sure you check the company's experience of carrying out similar work. There are some ways of doing this online, such as using Google Plus, or you could ask the business for references from satisfied customers. Make sure you are getting access to recent references.

Seek Assurances

Ask if the work is covered by a guarantee, how long that guarantee will be for, and whether it is backed by insurance. If the company stops trading, this will ensure that any work owed will be remedied.

Evaluate Performance

Does the tradesman turn up on time? Does he/she respond promptly to questions? How closely do they listen to what you're saying? Do they take time to survey and measure the project? It's important that you trust your tradesman and so getting a read on how well they do small tasks at the start of a project may give you an idea of what they'll be like further down the road and how thorough their work will be.

Don't Pay In Full Up Front

Be very wary if any tradesman asks you to pay in full up front. For the majority of building or plumbing work, standard practice is to either agree 50% at the start of the job (this would normally be to cover materials) and 50% on completion, or for staggered payments throughout the job. Larger jobs will tend to involve part-payments whereas small or medium-sized jobs will often simply involve full payment on completion. Be cautious if you are asked for the full amount up front, particularly for larger projects.



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Energy and renewables

GREEN living is becoming easier with the renewable energy industry at an all-time high. Innovative new products are emerging all the time and finally government subsidies may be available to support this development. If you want the ultimate in green energy there's no better solution than building your house from the ground up. It provides the ideal chance to integrate energy efficient measures at the earliest stages of design. The measures could include under-floor heating that is integrated with an air source heat pump- this will make a long-term difference to your heating system efficiency.

Think insulation

Every building and the way energy is used within it is different. Before you consider making any green additions to your home, you need to take a look at the fabric of the building and examine its insulation efficiency. Ensuring your property has the best insulation possible can be the most cost effective energy improvement. Self-builders can benefit from choosing materials such as Warmcel, a recycled sustainable insulation with a high thermal mass and 30% improved airtightness. 'Annual energy cost for a house built to current building regulation insulation levels is likely to cost around £900,' said Gareth Major, Design & Marketing at PYC Group. 'If the levels of

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Heating Options

The advancement of renewable heating options over the last few years have been significant. There are now efficient solutions for almost every property. Speak with a professional about the benefits of renewable heating in your self-build. Well-insulated homes are best suited to an air or ground source heat pump. To reduce the cost of high hot water usage, consider a solar thermal system or hot water heat pump.

Electricity Options

Solar PV is the obvious choice for renewable electricity for your self-build. Panel prices have recently dropped making it a more affordable solution on the road to self-generation. The UK has a Feed-in Tariff provided by the

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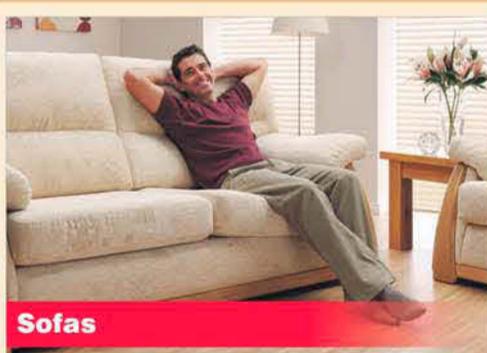
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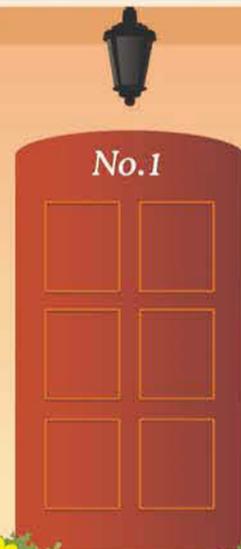
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New £8m distillery planned for Islay

WHISKY haven Islay is set to raise its glass to its first new distillery in a decade.

An application has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council to build a new malt whisky distillery at Ardnahoe, on the north east coast of the island, by Hunter Laing and Co.

The build would represent an £8 million investment in the island's already booming whisky industry, and would create several full-time positions as well as a number of seasonal roles.

Hunter Laing and Co, run by brothers Andrew and Scott Laing alongside their father Stewart, began operating in May 2013.

The independent bottler and blender has been searching for a site to house its own distillery, and it found the four-acre site near Port Askaig to be the best option to meet the needs of its growing business. Subject to approval, the new distillery would see the first drams flow from its stills by the end of 2017.

Andrew Laing, di-

rector of the company, said: 'While this is our family's first foray into distilling, my father's 50-year record of blending quality products and our three generations of expertise in the whisky industry ensures we enter this venture with strong confidence.'

Brother Scott Laing, also a director, added: 'Our family has had a long affiliation with Islay; my father spent time in the early part of his career at Bruichladdich Distillery.'

Fresh investment

'The opportunity to bring fresh investment to the island, create jobs and provide a new chapter in Islay's illustrious whisky-making history is tremendously exciting for all of us.'

The building of the distillery is planned in phases, with the first seeing the establishment of distilling operations, warehousing and a visitor centre comprising a café, tasting room and shop.

Lord Margadale, chairman of land owner Islay Estates, said: 'We are thrilled to be working with Hunter Laing



Father and sons team Martin Laing and Co, from left to right - Andrew, Stewart and Scott Laing.

in the development of a new distillery on Islay.

'This project will contribute considerably to the island's economy through the direct provision of jobs.

'It will also increase the demand for barley from Islay farmers

and add to the attraction of Islay as a destination for the increasing number of followers of Scotch whisky around the world.

'Islay is a beautiful, tranquil and fertile island that is famed for its distinctive whisky; this

is an exciting opportunity to build on this reputation and to help secure a strong economic future for the island.'

Stewart Laing, father of Andrew and Scott and managing director of the company, said: 'The surge in demand

for single malt Scotch whisky from Islay in recent years has been extraordinary.

'While the established distilleries on the island have been increasing production, there is obvious room for yet further expansion in output

as discerning drinkers the world over are charmed by the rich, smoke-filled flavours that have become such an integral part of the island's style of whisky. 'By building this distillery, we are fulfilling a long held dream.'



An impression of the new distillery looking towards Jura.

Rotary Club to announce best young talent

CAMPBELTOWN Rotary Club is set to present its Most Promising Young Musician of the Year award.

As a change from the usual practice, this year's presentation will be held at a concert in the Lorne and Lowland Church Hall.

Varied programme

On Wednesday February 10, the event will feature a varied programme compiled by Rotari-

an Gordon Evans which will exhibit several of Kintyre's finest young musicians.

The trophy, now known as the Norman and Phyllis Milne award, was initially set up by the late Mrs Phyllis Milne in memory of her husband, Sheriff Norman Milne.

The rotary club continues to give the award in memory of the two former Rotarians, both of whom were great supporters of

the club and were interested in the young musicians of the area.

Generous cheque

The trophy and a generous cheque will be presented to the person chosen as the most promising young musician of 2015 at the end of the concert.

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Southend SWI first meeting

SOUTHEND SWI held its first meeting of 2016 in St Blaas's Hall on Monday January 11.

President Kathleen Martin, due to losing her voice, handed the meeting over to vice president Mairi MacBrayne, who wished everyone a warm welcome and a good new year.

A change of nights was agreed for the talk and take part in pilates to the April meeting and James Lafferty's talk on the regeneration of Campbeltown to move to February's meeting.

Mairi then welcomed John Anderson, a paramedic from Campbeltown, for a talk and demo on basic first aid.

John joined the ambulance training programme in 1988, and completed a nine-week training course, including a two-week driving course, before moving around Scotland to various stations before moving back to Campbeltown.

He explained the basics of ABC; airway, breathing and circulation.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed to John for coming, before tea was served and the raffles drawn.

Christmas Party at Muneroy

SOUTHEND SWI held its annual Christmas Party at the Muneroy Tearoom on December 14, 2015.

Kathleen Martin welcomed all members and a beautiful dinner was served by Francis and her happy helpers, followed by sweets, tea and coffee.

Christine Jardine had everyone thinking with the brainteaser 'What's in the box'.

Francis was judge of the night's competitions of individual sweet in a glass and advent calendar.

Kathleen Martin then presented an honorary certificate to the following members; Elizabeth Semple, Elsie Ronald, Janet Ferguson and Mrs Josephine Milligan.

The evening was brought to a close with drawing the raffle and thanking Francis and Iain and the staff for such a great night by Mairi MacBrayne.

Result of advent calendar; gold; Alison Enyon.

Result of individual sweet in a glass: Silver; Jean Ives.

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Youngsters performing a famous Burns poem.



Pupils giving a dramatic interpretation of Burns.

Glenbarr primary's Burns lunch

GLENBARR Primary School pupils entertained visitors at their Burns lunch on Tuesday, January 26. The programme included Burns poems, traditional Scottish songs, drama pieces and the well-known toasts of the bard. A great time was had by everyone who attended.

CLACHAN

Clachan SWI given beadwork demonstration

SCOTTISH Women's Institute members received a beadwork demonstration from one of their own talented members.

Barbara Bell brought along a large selection of jewellery that she had made and everything was passed around for members to look at.

The SWI were particularly interested in the knitted bracelet and the illusion necklace of pearls delicately restrung on fishing line.

Members were then given three beads and a length of wire and managed to produce very attractive bird's nest necklaces.

Barbara then judged the competitions as follows:

Animal photograph - 1 Zoe Weir; 2 Jane McCallum; 3 Jane Griffiths. Handmade Jewellery - 1 Louise Stanesby; 2 Zoe Weir

Barbara was thanked for providing such an interesting evening.

Kilcalmonell Guild receive church preservation talk

MEMBERS of Kilcalmonell Guild were given a very interesting talk on church preservation.

Gordon Caskie, chairman of the group which is working to preserve the old churches at Killean and at Kilkenzie, came to Clachan to give a detailed account of the work being carried out.

Members heard that now the sites had been cleared as far as possible of brambles and ivy, the main aim was to make them safe for visitors so that the stonework and the ancient burial stones could be seen.

Gordon also provided many interesting tales and snippets of history about the sites and answered numerous questions.

He was warmly thanked for his talk and discussions continued over tea.

Kilcalmonell's next meeting will be on Thursday February 11 at 7.30pm in Clachan Hall, when Ian Duff from Oban will tell about his experiences as a lighthouse keeper, and the many lighthouses he has visited.

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(DISABLED STREET PARKING – MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE & ISLAY)(VARIATION) (NO.2)ORDER 201_

Argyll and Bute Council proposes to make an amendment to an existing Order in accordance with the introduction of the Disabled Persons' Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009 and the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The Order will introduce new bays and delete existing bays no longer required. The effect of the order will be to make it an offence for anyone to park in a marked disabled persons' parking place unless they are the holder of a valid blue badge and are using it in accordance with the terms of the national blue badge legislation.

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Dacia has picked up the title of What Car? 2016 'Best Small Car for less than £12,000' with its Sandero 1.2 Ambiance hatchback for the fourth consecutive year.

First picking up the accolade in 2013 following the brand's entrance into the UK car market, and retaining the award in 2014 and 2015, the practical and affordable supermini has taken

the honours once more to truly reaffirm its popularity alongside the rest of Dacia's 'shockingly affordable' range.

Commenting on the decision to give the award to the Sandero for the fourth time, Jim Holder, editorial director, What Car? said: 'If you're looking for budget motoring, it's hard to go wrong with the Dacia Sandero.

In entry-level specification it's

the cheapest new car available in the UK, yet it offers comfortable seating for four adults and a big boot. We'd recommend spending a little more on the slightly higher-specification Ambiance version, though. It adds several key creature comforts, including remote central locking, electric front windows and Bluetooth connectivity, which makes the Sandero much more enjoyable to own.'

Louise O'Sullivan, Head of Dacia UK said: 'We're delighted that the judges at What Car? have recognised the Sandero's qualities for a fourth consecutive year - especially given that starting from a 'shockingly affordable' price of £5,995 you can get one from just half the amount of the category it competes in.'

The Dacia Sandero is a five-

door hatchback, available in three trim levels with a choice of two petrol engines and one diesel engine. Pricing starts from £5,995, making it the lowest priced new car on sale in the UK today. The specific Ambiance version chosen by What Car? comes with features such as Bluetooth connectivity, electric windows and USB connectivity.

Dacia continued its prodigious rise in the UK with another strong year of sales, with 26,267 new Dacia vehicles sold during 2015, up 10 per cent compared to 2014. Dacia recorded 3.5 million sales across Europe in November 2015 since relaunching in 2004.

For more information on the Sandero, as well as the rest of Dacia's award-winning range, please visit www.dacia.co.uk

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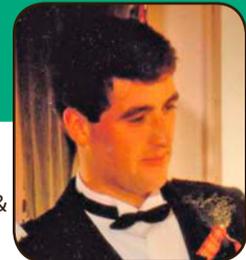


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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



NEXT week those of us in the Christian tradition begin our journey into Lent.

It is a time for reflection and a time of preparation.

It is a time we remember the last weeks of Jesus' life.

It is a time we pause to think of the spiritual part of ourselves.

On Tuesday many of us will enjoy the traditional indulgence of pancakes, deliciously appetising as they drip with butter or syrup.

The idea of Lent started in the fourth century. In those days baptisms took place on Easter day.

To prepare them for this the people often fasted and went without meat, fat, eggs and dairy products.

This was the last chance to use up all these things before Lent began.

Gradually Christians adopted this custom as they reflected on the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness.

And so on the day before Lent begins, we make pancakes.

As well as enjoying the finished product, we can reflect on the meaning as we make the pancakes.

We sift in some flour and get rid of the lumps and lumps which could remind us of the things we regret.

We add a dash of salt to make the ordinary things better, as God does in our lives.

Next we add some milk as we will need strength for our own journey.

Then we break in an egg, the symbol of new life which we will find at the end of our journey.

It may look a bit of a mess, but often we feel our world is in a mess.

So we mix it all together, using up these ingredients of the past to encourage us to think of the future.

Can we now go through the desert of our own fears and ignore the voice in the wilderness that would distract us on the journey?

Let us follow the one who can.

From our files:

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

February 8 1991

New hope for hill farmers

FARMERS and butchers welcome a move by sheepskin tanner Francis Woodier to develop a new slaughterhouse on the campus of his tannery at Darlochan near Campbeltown.

Mr Woodier's initiative was prompted by the impending closure of Campbeltown's substandard slaughterhouse at the end of next month, ending his supply of sheepskins.

The closure will also end the supply of fresh meat from named farms to the local shops and means the transport of all Kintyre livestock to markets at Stirling or Glasgow.

He envisages an EC export standard slaughterhouse and meat plant marketing Kintyre prime beef and his scheme has

the backing of businessmen in the meat trade.

Outline plans for the slaughterhouse, stockyards and cold store alongside the existing tannery have been lodged with Argyll and Bute District Council for planning permission.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

February 3 1966

Provost to join NUM 'lobby' on pit closures

CAMPBELTOWN Town Council is giving its support to a 'Parliamentary Lobby' organised by the National Union of Mineworkers to slow down the closure of collieries listed by the National Coal Board as uneconomic until alternative jobs for displaced miners are available.

At a meeting of the Council's Finance Committee on Mon-

day, it was unanimously agreed to send Provost Duncan McMillan to take part in the 'Lobby' next Thursday.

Provost McMillan reported that, as chairman of Kintyre Industrial Development Com-mittee, he had received a letter from the local branch of the NUM, inviting him to take part in the Parliamentary Lobby.

The purpose of the action was to get advance factories built quickly in all areas where pits were scheduled to be closed.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

February 5 1916

Burns Concert in Templar Hall

THE St Kieran Lodge of Good Templars held a Burns concert in the Templar Hall on Saturday evening.

There was a fair attendance, and the chair was taken by Mr John R. McGowan. An excellent programme had been prepared for the occasion, and the concert was worthy of a larger audience.

After a few appropriate remarks by the chairman, Mr William McAllister opened the musical programme with bagpipe selections *A mans a man for a' that* and later played *Scot's Wha Hae*, both efforts being well received.

Favourite Burns songs featured largely in the list of solos, and were all exceedingly well rendered, while two part songs were most successfully sung.

The soloists were Misses Katie Fraser, Tracy and M. Armour, and Messrs A G Girvan, Neil McCallum, R D Smith, R A Wallace, and A McLean, the last-named singing *Afton Water* in Gaelic.

Scottish Education Awards holding out for a hero

THE HUNT is on to find Argyll and Bute's education heroes for this year's Scottish Education Awards.

Nominations are now open for the annual awards, which pay tribute to the hard work and successes which take place in Scottish education.

It also recognises the achievements of people who have dedicated their lives to teaching others.

Speaking on the awards, Argyll and Bute Council's policy lead for education and lifelong learning Councillor Rory Colville said: 'Our schools and education

staff have an excellent track record in the Scottish Education Awards in previous years, including winning the coveted Head Teacher of the Year award.

Best quality learning

'I do not expect this year to be any different. Our teachers are enthusiastic and committed to delivering the best quality learning experience for all pupils and are constantly striving for excellence and to improve standards.

'These awards are an opportunity for us to recognise and pay tribute to the hard work, dedication and achievements of

those who dedicate their lives to teaching. 'I urge the people of Argyll and Bute to get nominating.'

The awards are open to all publicly funded schools, including secondary, primary, nursery and special schools.

There are a number of categories to recognise and reward the dedication of teachers, head teachers and support staff across Scotland.

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus said, 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep' (John 10:11).

BIRTHS



CAMERON

Craig and Emma (MacNair) are delighted to announce the birth of Maggie Fern, on January 22, 2016. A little sister for Edith. Huge thanks to the midwives at the Mid Argyll Hospital.



MACPHERSON - HUFFMAN

Born at Princess Royal Maternity Unit, Glasgow, on December 20, 2015, Lily Margaret, a lovely daughter to Lindsey and Jeff. A third grandchild for Margaret and Malcolm Macpherson, Lochgilphead, and a second granddaughter for Bruce Huffman, Bellingham and Susie Huffman, Ferndale.

DEATHS

CAMERON - Peacefully, after a short illness, at Mid Argyll Hospital, on January 31, 2016, with her family by her side, Isobel Cameron, aged 72 years, of 5 Duncuan View, Ardrishaig, much loved mum of Bryan, John and Robert, much respected mother-in-law of Terri, Allie and Fiona, cherished granny of Niki, Gary, Louisa, Megan and Keiran and great granny of Jack and Hannah. A dear sister, aunt and cousin to all the family. A good neighbour, dear friend and former work colleague to many. Funeral service will be held today, Friday, February 5, 2016, at 12.00 noon, at Ardrishaig Parish Church, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Flowers, or donations if desired, to Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital.

CATTERSON - Peacefully, at the Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown, on January 28, 2016, Joseph Catterson (Joe), in his 88th year, formerly of Meadowpark and Castlehill Mansions, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Fonce McGroary and a loving father, grandfather and great grandfather. RIP.

GALLOWAY - Peacefully, at Lynn of Lorne Residential Home, Benderloch, on January 28, 2016, William Galloway (Bill), in his 91st year, 3 Croft View, North Connel, formerly of Strathaird, Connel and Bonawe Quarries, dearly beloved husband of Ella McCulloch, much loved father of Elma and Sandra, loving father-in-law of Jim

and Tam and a loving and much loved papa, great grampa and opa.

MACINDEOR - Peacefully at his home, on January 20, 2016, Iain Hugh MacIndeor, aged 88 years, of 21 Glenfyne Park, Ardrishaig, beloved husband of the late Isobel MacGregor, much loved father of Lynn, John, Connie, Alasdair, Duncan, Rose, Gregor and the late Patricia and a treasured grandpa and great grandpa. A much respected father-in-law, and dear brother, uncle and cousin to all the family. A good neighbour, dear friend and former work colleague to many. Funeral service was held in Ardrishaig Parish Church, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery. Forever in our thoughts.

MCLEAN - Peacefully, at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, on January 30, 2016, Catherine McFarlane McLean, in her 69th year, 17 New Parliament Place, Campbeltown, dearly beloved partner of Neil Maguire, much loved mum of Neil and Paul, and loving sister of Myra Pearson. Service will take place in the Lorne and Lowland Church, on Friday, February 5, 2016 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Macmillan Nurses, Kintyre Locality.

ORR - Suddenly, at Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, on January 28, 2016, Sandra, beloved wife of John, loving mum of David and adoring gran of Aileigh. Funeral service will take place on Monday, February 8 at 11.30am, at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Millport, thereafter to Woodside Crematorium at 2.00pm, to which all are respectfully invited. Family flowers only.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

ADEY - Jackie, Jim and all the family of the late Hector Angus would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards, flowers and telephone calls. Thanks also to doctors and nurses at Glenaray Ward and Erskine Home for their excellent care, to Rev Carruthers for his lovely service, to Roddy and Fiona for funeral arrangements, to The Grey Gull for catering, and finally to all who attended the church and graveside.

BONE - The family of the late Margaret Bone would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent sad loss. A special thanks to the medical and nursing staff of Campbeltown Hospital, to the community nurses who cared for Margaret during her last illness, to Mrs Lorna Robertson for the additional assistance, to the Rev Philip Wallace for a comforting service and support, to T A Blair Funeral Directors for their professionalism in handling the funeral arrangements, and to Flora and staff of the Ardsheil Hotel for splendid catering. Finally, we would like to thank everyone who attended the church and graveside.

SMITH - Roida and Brian, the family of the late Norman Smith, would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent sad loss. Special

KILGOUR - The family of the late Margaret Kilgour would like to thank everyone who attended Margaret's funeral on January 29. Thanks to friends, family and neighbours for the cards and kind expressions of sympathy. Special thanks to the nurses and doctors at Glenaray Ward for their fantastic care of the whole family. Thanks to Roddy and Fiona at Donald Macdonald Funeral Directors, to Rev Hilda Smith for her kindness and a lovely service, to John Summers for playing the organ and to the 'A Team' of carers who looked after Margaret at home, giving exceptional care and quality of life. The collection for the MS Centre in Lochgilphead raised over £700.

LAW - Catherine, Joe and family of the late Phemie Law would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to doctors and staff at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Ardfenaig Care Home and Niomi Campbell for all the kind care and attention received. Thanks also to Margaret Sinclair for a comforting service, to Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, to Tarbert Hotel for catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The collection for Tarbert Senior Citizen Annual Dinner raised £250.

MACINDEOR - The family of the late Iain MacIndeor would like to thank everyone for their many kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, cards, phone calls and visits received following their recent sad loss. Grateful thanks to doctors and nursing staff at Mid Argyll Hospital and to the district nurses and carers for their kind care and attention. A special thank you to Billy for his friendship to Dad, and for never missing his daily visit. Our thanks to Rev David Carruthers for a most uplifting service; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their caring arrangements; to the Grey Gull for fine purvey and to Morna for beautiful flowers. Finally, our thanks to those who paid their respects at church and graveside. The retiral collection for the home care teams raised over £350.

MACKINLAY - The family of the late Alexander (Alex) McKinlay would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy and for the tremendous support received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to doctors and nurses for their kind care and attention and to Paul Donnan for being a faithful friend. Thanks also to Rev William Crossan for a comforting and uplifting service, to Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for most professional services, to Argyll Arms Hotel for excellent catering and to the many who braved the elements to pay their last respects to Alex. The collection for Macmillan Cancer Support raised £1,390.

SMITH - Roida and Brian, the family of the late Norman Smith, would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent sad loss. Special

thanks to Kintyre Care Centre and all carers in Tarbert for all the kindness shown to Norman. Thanks also to Rev Robert MacLeod for a comforting service, to Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, to West Loch Hotel for a fine purvey and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The donations for Argyll Animal Aid raised £100.

IN MEMORIAMS

ANDERSON - In loving memory of our dear mum, granny and great granny, Anna, who passed away on February 6, 2015. Always in our thoughts. - Lorna, John, Julie, Mairi and families.

CARD - Remembering a loving mum, gran and great gran, Annie, died February 6, 2008. Resting where no shadows fall, Loved and remembered by us all. - From family in Tarbert.

SOUDEN - In loving memory of a dear dad and granda, Alex, who died February 4, 2007. This day is remembered and quietly kept. No words are needed, we will never forget. - Inserted by his loving daughters Isobel and Liz, sons-in-law Martin and John, grandson Graeme and great granddaughter Ava.

CHURCH NOTICES

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 7th February 2016
Morning Worship
Ford 10.00 am with Communion
All welcome
SCO 02121

Highland Parish Church

SCO02493

Sunday 7th February 2016
The service will be held in Kirk Street Hall at 11.15am and will be conducted by Liz Kennedy

Tuesdays
Junior Badminton Club meets in Kirk Street Hall
Primary 1-5: 6.30 - 7.30pm
Primary 6-7: 7.30 - 8.30pm

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
Charity Number SC001002

Sunday 7 February
Tayvallich Church
Prayer meeting 10:30 am
Morning Worship 11:30 am

Monday 8 February
Tayvallich Church
Prayer meeting 10 am

Tuesday 9 February
Tayvallich Church
Kirk Session 7:30 pm

Thursday 11 February
Tayvallich Hall 4 - 6 pm
Messy Church
All welcome
Enquiries 01546 606926
www.argyllcommunities.org/nknapdalecofs

St. Kieran's Scottish Episcopal Church

Argyll Street, Campbeltown
St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277

Sunday 7th February
Sunday before Lent
Morning Prayer 10.45am

Details of services are on the church door.

Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141
The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday Service
11.00 am
with Sunday School followed by refreshments

Pastor Chris Holden
mainly music
10.00 - 11.30 am
every Thursday (term time only)
Registration required

We meet at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk

SC043322

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

"It is good to sing praises to our God"

Sunday 7th February Services in Ardrishaig at 11:00am Achahoish at 12:30pm and in Ardrishaig at 6:30pm with Mission Aviation Fellowship

SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 7th February 2016
Skipness Service 10.00am
Tarbert Service 11.30am
Angela Stather
Guild meets Monday 8th February
Tarbert Church Hall 2.30pm

For all church enquiries and pastoral care
Contact Rev. Hilda Smith, Interim Moderator on 07826 235735

Everyone very welcome
Tarbert & Kilberry SC002622
Skipness SC004280

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN

SUNDAY 7th February 2016
11.00am
Worship Service for all ages followed by a light lunch
SPEAKER: Graham McLean 'The Garden of the Lord'

THURSDAY 11th February 2016
7.30pm
(Please note change of time)
Prayer, Word and Sharing
All Welcome

CHURCH NOTICES

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
Scottish Charity Number SC011686

Sunday 7th February
Service 11.15am
Next Generation Triple C Creche
Rev P Wallace

Monday 8th February
Messy Church 3.45 - 5.30pm
Church Hall

Tuesday 9th February
Tiny Tots New Hall 9.45am
Boys' Brigade
Anchor Boys 6.00pm
Junior Section 7.15pm
Church Hall

Thursday 11th February
Choir 7.30pm

Friday 12th February
Lunch Club 12.00 noon

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH

75 Longrow, Campbeltown

Sunday 7 February 2016
11.00am Family Communion Service
Mr Kelvin Moller, Clachan

Tuesday 2nd February
10am - 12 noon
Coffe Morning restarts
All welcome

Wednesday
12.30pm at the Free Church
Joining in fellowship with Campbeltown Free Church for Prayer and Bible Study

For details, contact the church office on 01586 551200 or the Church Secretary on 0586 551237.
www.springbankchurch.co.uk
SC014646

LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 7th February 2016
11.00 am WORSHIP SERVICE
Rev. Hilda Smith
All Welcome

Saturday 13th February 2016
COFFEE MORNING
10am - 12 noon
LPC Church Hall
to raise funds in support of Kasamba Congregation, Malawi
All Welcome

Every Tuesday
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Bumps, Babies and Toddlers

Every Wednesday
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Drop-In Cafe

More info. at www.lpchurch.co.uk

Lochgilphead Baptist Church

All Welcome
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson

All Welcome
Sunday 7th February 2016
Morning Service 11am with communion
Monday 2.30pm
Ladies Meeting
- Mrs Ruth Carruthers
mainly music
Tuesdays at 10.15am
Jumpstart
Fridays from 10am
Scottish Charity SC015187

Scottish Episcopal Churches
Everyone Welcome

Christ Church
Bishopston Road, Lochgilphead (SC013787)
Sundays 11.00 am
Eucharist service
Coffee & Cake follows the service

St Columba's, Pottaloch, nr Kilmartin
(SC031391)
1st Sunday of the month
9.00am Eucharist Service

3rd Sunday of the month
3.30pm Evensong
Scottish Prayer Book

All Saints, Inveraray
(SC025646)
Saturdays
Eucharist Service
Father Simon Mackenzie
Priest in Charge of the charges of Mid Argyll & Arran
01546 602315

THE SALVATION ARMY

Campbeltown Corps
Church and Community Centre
Registered Charity No. 214779 and in Scotland SC009359
Burnside Street, Campbeltown
01586 552046

Sunday Services
10.30am Morning Worship
Army Kidz
6.30pm Evening Worship

Tuesday
Lunch Club - 12.15pm
Home League - 1.30pm

Wednesday
7.00 pm Make and Munch
Craft Group

Thursday
7.30pm Bible Study
All welcome

free church of scotland

George Street, Campbeltown

Saturday 6th February
9.00am Prayer Breakfast

Sunday 7th February
11.15am Worship Service
Rev Finlay Mackenzie
2.00pm Explorers Club
for all Primary school children
3.30pm Missionary Aviation Fellowship

Andy Martin from MAF Scotland

Wednesday 10th February
12.30pm Bible Study and Prayer

Sunday 17th February
4.00pm Psalms Live
Community Psalm Singing
All Welcome
www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk
Scottish Charity Number: SC009980

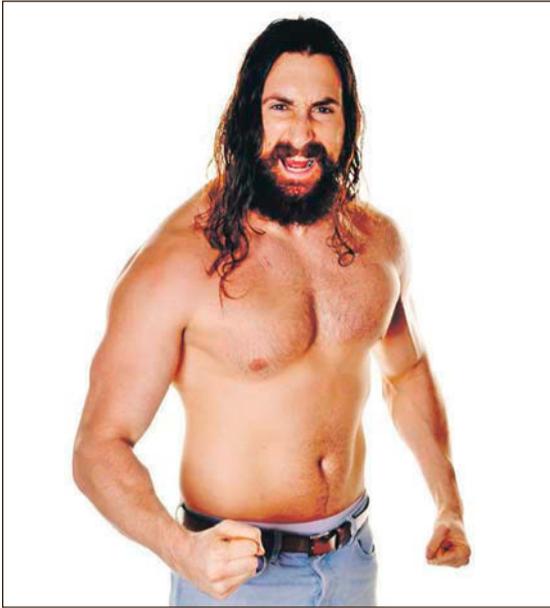
CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST LOCHFYNESIDE

Sunday 7th February 2016
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Minister:
Rev. Dr. Roderick D. M. Campbell
Morning Service in Lochgair Church at 10 am
Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am
All Welcome

ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH

LOCHGILPHEAD
Holy Mass Sunday 10am
ALL SAINTS, INVERARAY
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm
ST KIERAN'S CAMPBELTOWN
Saturday 5pm Fr. David Connor
01546 602380
All Welcome (SCO002876)

Live wrestling first for Campbeltown



Megaslam features top wrestlers.

VICTORIA Hall will resound to the thud of bodies on canvas when live wrestling makes its Kintyre premiere.

Megaslam, Europe's largest wrestling organisation, will tour Scotland for the first time in 2016 including a March date in Campbeltown.

Promoter Brad Taylor said: 'Campbeltown has never seen live wrestling before, although it is hugely popular across the world.'

'We will be bringing the show to Victoria Hall and all of our top stars will be making the journey.

'The market for wrestling in Scotland is huge.'

The company, which tours the United Kingdom and Europe, presents up to 300 live events per year.

The show is described as a two-hour family entertainment spectacular with big moves and even bigger characters and features some of the top wrestlers from around the world, both former and future World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) stars.

Megaslam expects a sell out, with only 200

tickets available. The show will feature five matches including a Megaslam Championship bout and a main event Royal Rumble as seen on American Wrestling.

Mr Taylor said: 'Our show is aimed at families; it gives the audience a chance to really participate in the atmosphere. It is a great attraction.'

Tickets for the Friday March 11 show are available now at the Aqualibrium priced at £10 for a child, £15 adult and £45 for a family of four.



A female star in the Megaslam show.

Dalintober pupils swim at national championships

FIVE primary pupils swam their hearts out for their school at the Scottish Schools Swimming Championships.

The event was held in Tollcross last Saturday,

and Dalintober were represented by Euan Charlwood (P6) in the 50m, as well as by a girls' relay team of Logan Colville (P6), Sophie McSporran (P6),

Claudia Graham (P5) and Astrid MacLellan (P7). The group was part of 21 swimmers from Argyll and Bute schools who qualified to be part of the Argyll and Clyde Swim Team at a meet in Bathgate on January 10.

Euan Charlwood finished 22nd in the 50m free in a time of 34.54, while the girls' relay team finished in 13th place overall, following a fantastic relay in heat one in which they finished third in a time of 2:28:65.

Kate Storey, who attends Hermitage College, was the only medalist from all Argyll schools, taking silver in the girls' 17 - 19 100m breaststroke.



Dalintober Primary School were represented by, from left, Sophie McSporran, Astrid MacLellan, Logan Colville and Claudia Graham.



The selection group who went to Bathgate on January 10.



Southend's star runner edges to Masters Cross Country win

KENNY Campbell has proved once again that he is a master athlete.

Kenny, centre, with his Cambuslang Harriers teammates Kerry-Liam Wilson, left and Jamie Reid.

On the back of a string of excellent results, Kenny wrapped up another victory to add to his burgeoning collection in Forres last weekend at the Masters Cross Country Championships.

While the weather ravaged the west and centre of Scotland, the athletes who competed in the north were presented with almost perfect cross country under foot conditions, with the weather on the Moray

coast holding up brilliantly.

Competing in the men's 40-60 championships, Kenny was one of four runners who moved away from the pack in the early stages which led to an exciting finale.

He prevailed in the final stages to take M40 gold in 29:15 by just nine seconds from his Ronhill Cambuslang Harriers team mates Kerry-Liam Wilson (29:24) and Jamie Reid (29:26).



All the sides who competed.

2004s test themselves in battle of 7-a-sides at Lochgilphead

WITH Storm Gertrude forcing several senior games to be cancelled last weekend, the youth sides proved their mettle once again.

2004s teams from Campbeltown, Lochgilphead, Dumbarton Riverside and Ardencaple (Helensburgh) enjoyed a feisty afternoon of seven-a-sides in Lochgilphead.

Each team played five games in relatively good

conditions on the 3G pitch at Lochgilphead Joint Campus.

The Pupils Youth 2004s wish to thank Bruce West of Lochgilphead 2004s for organising the afternoon.

Conner McMurchy in action against Dumbarton Riverside 2004s.



Campbeltown District Darts Association

WEEK 11 results: Ailsa 8 Kilbrannan C 2. Southend 9 Fiddlers B 1, Kilbrannan B 1 Burnside 9 and Fiddlers v Kilbrannan A postponed. The Walter Tavendale competition has been changed to possibly Friday February 26, to be confirmed with the Kilbrannan. Fixtures scheduled for Monday February 15 will be moved forward to next Monday February 8.

SPOT THE BALL

THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT £1350

LAST WEEK'S BALL WAS HERE...



This week's nearest the ball winners, who each receive £25 are:

J McNair
Davaar Avenue
Campbeltown

J Martin
Burnside
Isle of Gigha

All you have to do

We have removed the football from the photograph opposite. Now look carefully at the position of the players and use your skill and judgement to place a cross at the exact point where you think the centre of the ball was. You may have a maximum of 10 attempts on this coupon at a cost of £1. If you wish to have more attempts, you must enter on separate coupons. The game starts with a jackpot of £250 and will increase by £50 per week until it is won outright.

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.

Competition Rules

No responsibility will be accepted for entries which are delayed, mislaid or lost, and proof of posting cannot be accepted as proof of delivery. The company's decision will be final on all matters relating to the competition and no correspondence will be entered into. The final decision rests with the Company.

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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Name.....
Address.....
Tel No.....

I enclose £1 for 10 crosses (tick box) The maximum number of attempts on this coupon is 10, but you may enter on separate coupons as many times as you wish. No photocopies allowed. You agree to abide by the rules. How to enter: Mark your crosses using a ballpoint pen. Ten crosses may be put on this coupon for £1. Crosses must not overlap Send to 'Spot the Ball' Competition, Campbeltown Courier, Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown, Argyll PA28 6AE

Please tape your £1 coin here (if posting)



Ross Souden grabbing the fourth goal with a header.

Fab four finds top spot for perfect young Pupils

STORM Gertrude could not knock the young Pupils off their stride as they extended their unbeaten run to an incredible 11 games.

The win also confirmed a place at the top of the table, with previous leaders PFD United not in action last weekend.

Campbeltown Pupils	4
Dumbarton United Blacks	1
DFDL Under 14 League	

With the senior games taking a hammering last weekend, it was the Under 14s Pupils side who took to the 3G pitch at Kinloch Park on Sunday just two points off top spot in the league table. The team was a patched-up side due to an illness bug that affected several of the players and forced some out of the tie.

The Pupils started well though and dominated possession, and were rewarded for this when Ruairidh Wallace fired past the visiting keeper from the six-yard line after 15 minutes. Dumbarton tried to force their way back into the game but the Pupils doubled their

lead before half time, with Wallace again firing home.

The second half started with the Pupils getting an early warning that the game was yet to be won, as one of Dumbarton's strikers collected the ball on the edge of the box, cleverly sidestepped the defence and struck a beautifully clean shot past Pupils keeper Mckellar.

Elliot Gemmill restored their two-goal cushion just five minutes later, slaloming through the Dumbarton side before sliding the ball coolly under the advancing keeper.

Ross Souden then made sure of all three points with just 10 minutes left when he headed a telling cross into the visitors net, taking the team to the summit of the league for the first time.



Battling for the ball in midfield.



Ruairidh Wallace netting the Pupils opener.

Lotto results

THERE were no winners of the Machrihanish Golf Club lotto.

Held on the February 1, the numbers drawn were nine, 12 and 14.

The date of the next draw is February 8, with a jackpot of £1,000 up for grabs.

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