

# Tourist spending spikes as pound sinks

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AS BREXIT fears grip Britain, Kintyre appears to be enjoying a tourism boom.

At Hall Street shop, Coastal Design, proprietor Jane Logan has noticed a boost in tourist numbers this year. This is mirrored across the country with the Office for National Statistics stating that the number of overseas tourists visiting Scotland was nearly 30 per cent higher in 2016's first quarter compared with the same three months of 2015.

Mrs Logan has noticed a particular increase in the amount spent by visitors to Scotland from overseas, saying: 'Because of the pound's exchange rate, non-British customers are keener to spend.'

The rise may have

started pre-Brexit. A trend is reflected by figures showing that expenditure by European tourists in Scotland was significantly higher in the first quarter of 2016 than the opening months of 2015.

Mrs Logan added: 'January to March was busier than it has been in previous years. I didn't get the quiet spell that I usually do.'

## Economy

Tourism is at the heart of Argyll's economy. Argyll and Bute Council's website states that '14.9 per cent of employee jobs in Argyll and Bute are in tourism related activities.'

Councillor John Armour said the town cafés seem exceptionally busy, with people queuing at the Bluebell for much of Saturday.

Lori Smith, manager of the Craighard House Hotel said: 'The hotel had seen a boost in visitor numbers this year.

'Figures are certainly up about five per cent overall. July's advanced bookings are greater than they were last year.

'We're already full for next May for the whisky festival - Campbeltown Malts.'

Brexit's potential impact upon the industry is on the minds of those leading professional bodies and local businesses alike.

The Scottish Tourism Alliance (STA) has voiced its fear that Britain's exit from the EU and uncertainty in Sterling's exchange rate could have a negative impact upon tourist numbers country-wide.

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Kathleen McMillan and Linda Robertson of Wee Toon Sports, who will host an Odd One Out window. 25\_c30window01

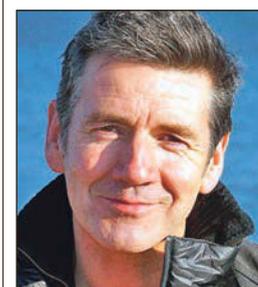
## Prizes for young window shoppers

EAGLE-EYED youngsters could be £10 better off each week till August 13 in Campbeltown's annual Odd One Out competition.

Nearly 50 retailers will have an item in their window which does not belong there and chil-

dren are challenged to spot it. South Kintyre Development Trust printed all the leaflets and posters this year. Competition forms are available from D M Brown, Main Street and Kintyre Shoe Co, Longrow.

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## Drummer takes a trip on the wild side

A BROADCASTER and member of Scottish band Deacon Blue visited Kintyre last week. Full story, page 14.

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Jeff Collins and Steve McGeachy Stock.  
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## A beautiful Wee Toon full of friendly faces

A CANADIAN family on a genealogy visit to Campbeltown spoke of the fantastic service they have received.

Jeff Collins, 50, from Ontario and Steve McGeachy Stock, 57, said that Campbeltown was the main focus for their trip to Scotland.

Mr Stock said: 'We have been very impressed with Campbeltown, it is a beautiful little town.'

'We have found people to be so friendly and the service is fantastic.'

'My wife's maiden name is McGeachy and she has lots of connections to Kintyre. Her parents organised the

trip for her four siblings from Canada and British Columbia.

'We spent two nights at the Argyll Arms in Main Street and on Sunday had great fun exploring the Kilkerran Road cemetery.'

'Our only disappointment was with the state of the old derelict locked-up graveyard beside the contemporary cemetery. We sneaked in through a hole in the wall.'

'Today we hope to speak with butcher Sweeney McGeachy and indulge another passion, which is for whisky, at Springbank, before heading to Oban.'

# Review of taxi ranks to be carried out

CONFUSION about where to hail a Campbeltown cab has increased since the Town Hall restoration was completed.

A public servant, who did not want to be named, has claimed that the temporary rank outside the Original Factory Shop should revert to parking as the historic taxi rank is outside the Town Hall.

The man said: 'I think the temporary licence which was in place for the duration of the hall restoration has expired.'

A spokesperson from Argyll and Bute Council said: 'The designated taxi rank at the town hall had been supplemented by

a temporary one at the Original Factory Shop during the town hall renovations.

'Both are in use pending a review of traffic management in the town.'

*The Courier* spoke to taxi drivers at both locations here is what they had to say.

Outside the Original Factory Shop, Joe McMillan said: 'I think it's fine. Absolutely fine. A lot of pensioners use the shop and they sometimes struggle up the hill to the other taxi rank, especially when it's raining, so it's much easier for them to come straight out of the shop and straight into a taxi.'

'We can huff and puff all we like but it's up to the council to decide.'

At the same location, Billy Morran said: 'I don't mind really but I prefer to be up there.'

'That's where it rightfully should be. It's going to cause an accident down here. It's hard to try and get out of the rank with the traffic lights.'

Up at the Town Hall, Stuart MacLean said: 'Having two ranks is a good idea especially on a Saturday night.'

'But it can be confusing for the public and nobody has directed them or told them what's going on.'

## Mercury rises as sun bakes beaches

GLASGOW Fair holidaymakers enjoyed a mini Kintyre heat wave this week.

The caravan site at Dunaverty beach was packed on Tuesday as temperatures of 29°C were recorded.

Many sunbathers cooled off in the sea till late in the evening. Thunder and lightning in the early hours of Wednesday cooled things down before the sun reappeared.

## Positive jobs news for 18-24-year-olds

THE LATEST statistics show that 35 less 18-24-year-olds in Argyll and Bute are out of work than this time last year.

The total number claiming various benefits is 135. Following the recent news of investment at the Machrihanish wind tower's factory, Jobcentre Plus staff have arranged a meeting with CS Wind's human resources to discuss how they can help fill vacancies.

## Vermont golfers discover roots

A HOSPITAL consultant and his wife visiting Machrihanish on a golf and walking holiday were surprised to find their name is common on Kintyre.

The couple named Coffield, told a *Courier* reporter at the Old Clubhouse Pub, that they visited Zenas fashion shop on Longrow where owner Zena Coffield told them about the origin of the name.

## Farm park fun for Boys' Brigade

CAMPBELTOWN Boys' Brigade took the ferry to Ayrshire for a fun filled day.

The young boys, aged between five and nine, and acting captain 1st Campbeltown Boys' Brigade, Alister Nimmo, enjoyed the attractions of the Heads of Ayr Farm Park on Friday of last week.

Mr Nimmo said that the visit was completely spoiled by the cancellation of the Ardosan to Campbeltown ferry that evening, leaving the party with a four-hour bus journey.

For more on this story see page three.



Above: Boys' Brigade members Aiden Carey, Jim Ewart, Ross Gorman and Finn McCallum.



Left: Boys on the bumping boats.

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### Anyone for tennis?

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### Plans for a Men's Shed

IT IS hoped to turn part of Castlehill's former police station into a Men's Shed. A meeting next Friday July 29 at 5.30pm in the TSI Office, 22 Longrow, will discuss the plans. To find out more call Ian McVicar on 01586 554744.

### £2million fund available

APPLICATIONS to the Children, Young People and Families and Adult Learning and Empowering Communities Project Fund (CYFEIF and ALEC Fund) are now open. The Scottish Government funding is available to the third sector to support preventive work with children, young people and families. For further information call 0131 444 4027.

# Boys' Brigade leader lashes out at 'atrocious ferry service'

THE LEADER of a Campbeltown youth organisation is incensed that a cancelled ferry spoiled an Ayrshire excursion.

In a letter to the chief executive of Caledonian MacBrayne (CalMac), Martin Dorchester, copied to the first minister and transport minister, Alister Nimmo, the acting captain 1st Campbeltown Boys' Brigade, wrote: 'I am forced to write to you for the second time within a month about the atrocious ferry service your company provides to Campbeltown.'

Last Friday's 6.20pm ferry departure from Ardrossan to Campbeltown was aborted at the last moment.

#### No back-up

Mr Nimmo claimed that poor contingency planning meant there was no proper back-up plan and his boys, aged from five to nine, waited more than an hour for a bus and did not get back to Campbeltown until 11.30pm,

after a four-hour journey.

Mr Nimmo said: 'We were told that there might be a cancellation of the evening ferry and that we should regularly contact the port during the day.'

'This we did and each time it was confirmed that the ferry would be sailing.'

#### Informed

'We returned to Ardrossan at 6pm and on arrival I was informed that as far as they knew the ferry to Campbeltown would be sailing.'

'Shortly after the Arran ferry departed at 6.20. We were told that the captain had just advised that the ferry to Campbeltown would not sail due to technical problems and weather conditions.'

'We have it on good authority from parents who stayed in Campbeltown all day that there was no bad weather and, in fact, very little wind.'

A CalMac spokesman said: 'The cancellation of this service was a re-



The MV Isle of Arran leaves Campbeltown. 25\_c30ferry01

sult of the deterioration in weather that caused the ship's master to alter his decision to sail.

'Unfortunately the last minute nature of the decision meant that the staff had little time to plan for the disruption with the result that communication with customers may not have been as comprehensive as they should expect, for which, we apologise.'

'While this cancellation is regrettable, the safety of passengers and crew needs to be the number one priori-

ty and is central to any decision not to sail.'

Mr Nimmo added: 'The people of Campbeltown take the view that CalMac does not want to run the service to Campbeltown and it is using the ferry cancellations to sicken people from using the ferry.'

'In addition, the fre-

quent cancellations are beginning to affect the number of visitors who would wish to use this service.'

#### Stranded

He also said that knowing there was a likelihood of cancellation, a back-up plan for what to do with stranded passengers should have been in operation.

Mr Nimmo added: 'We were told that the delay in the arrival of the bus was due to the Open golf tournament.'

'This is another example of lack of planning. It should have been planned for long before, as cancelling the ferry is becoming a regular occurrence.'

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**Oban to host Gaelic gathering**

A CONFERENCE for individuals and organisations interested in the Gaelic language will be held in Oban.

The Argyll and Bute Council gathering will take place in the Corran Halls in Oban on Saturday August 20 from 10am to 4pm.

Councillor Robin Currie, Argyll and Bute's policy lead for Gaelic, said: 'This is a great opportunity for people across Argyll to come together, share ideas and explore if more can be achieved by working together to promote the language and culture.'

To register for the event contact Laura Macdonald at [laura.macdonald@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:laura.macdonald@argyll-bute.gov.uk).

# Wee Toon catches them all Nin



The Scottish Episcopal Church is on the PG app. 25\_c30pokego02

## Some of the town's places of worship ha

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UNTIL last week, Campbeltown's Linda McCartney Memorial Garden was a destination for Beatles fans. Now it is also a Pokestop.

The Wee Toon has not been immune to the computer gaming viral sensation, Pokémon Go (PG), which has captivated the nation's gamers on their smartphones.

With the app on a mobile, players walk around towns and cities hunting monsters in real-life locations – and the memorial is just one of many gamers' pit stops.

**Problems**

Already, though, there have been problems with people glued to their mobiles not watch-

ing the ground – and in California a man fell off a cliff.

Pokestops are places of note or interest in a town which players visit to collect items necessary to advance in the game.

Pokestops discovered so far by the Courier are as follows: Campbeltown Town Hall, Scottish Episcopal Church, the Rotary Club Stone, the Cross of Ivar MacEachern, Victoria Hall, the Old Gaelic Church of Lochhead, Glengyle Distillery, Saint Kieran's Catholic Church, Campbeltown Old Post Office and the George Armour of Chicago Monument.

Players who have reached level five or

above will also be able to access so-called gyms across the town, where they can battle other players' Pokemon.

Those who feel that the site of any Pokestop is disrespectful or disruptive can contact Niantic, the company responsible for the game's creation.

Kathleen McMillan, vice-chairperson of Kintyre Youth Enquiry Services (KYES) said she'd like to see the KYES building become a Pokestop.

She said: 'I think if it was a Pokestop we'd get loads of kids in. The town hall's a Pokestop and I saw about 20 kids standing outside there.'

Some of the town's places of worship have also become Pokestops, in keeping with a nationwide trend.

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## ve also become Pokestops

The *Courier* spoke to the newly-arrived Campbeltown Salvation Army (SA) captains, Ruth and Bob Russell, about the possibility of the SA becoming involved with the game.

Mr Russell said that discussions would need to be had with the SA community.

Mrs Russell said that turning the SA Hall into a Pokestop was 'something that we could do' but emphasised that the decision was not entirely theirs to make.

Several churches have successfully attracted young people to their buildings after applying to become a Pokestop.

Although most Pokestops are chosen by game developers, now businesses and community leaders can request

the installation of a stop. When asked if being a Pokestop would bring youth to the SA, Mrs Russell said: 'I'd imagine we would do. It's such a new thing just now.'

'I've heard bad reports and I've heard good reports about it – like the mother who said it really helped her autistic child.'

'I just don't know enough about it at the moment.'

### Welcome

Lorne and Lowland Church on the Longrow is not currently a Pokestop, but its minister, the Reverend Phillip Wallace, said: 'I would welcome Pokemon to the church. If it gets people out and about to places they would not normally go, it has got to be a good thing.'



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CAMPBELTOWN'S recently installed Salvation Army officers deserve praise after relocating from one end of Britain almost to the other.

On Monday they joked that their 600-mile move is almost like a missionary going overseas. After nearly a decade on England's south coast, there will be some adjustments to make.

It did not seem to faze Captain Ben Russell and his wife Ruth as they chatted to regulars at last Saturday's coffee morning.

### Are tourist numbers up?

THERE seem to be some positives in Kintyre's tourism economy. Many foreign tourists will be feeling a bit flush as their dollars and euros go further.

On a recent trip to Glasgow, a German hitchhiker told a *Courier* reporter that he was able to afford a better hand-drum than the one he was going to buy because of the pound's drop.

The Malts festival seems to be taking off and one hotel is already fully booked for next May but other hotels are not so sure. The reliability of the ferry has again been questioned. If it keeps being cancelled, Campbeltonians and those from afar will stop making it part of their plans.

### Gaming app's tourism boost

COULD Nintnedo's Pokémon Go app inadvertently be a great tourist tool? It is directing players, many of whom are quite young, to discover places, statues and buildings they may never have noticed before.

Suddenly many venues, including churches, can see why it might be advantageous to be marked on a Google map.

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### Gauldrons more than pay their way

Sir,  
Please forgive yet another intervention in this correspondence, but some statements made in the June 10 issue invite comment.

I have not followed the Facebook campaign but think Jennifer Kelly protests too much in denouncing the use of the name 'Gauldrons' as misleading.

I believe most people would think of the area south of the Uisead where the vista opens up as being the beginning of 'the Gauldrons'.

This – between the Gauldrons bay and the Uisead 'point' – is the proposed site, as Mr Miller is aware.

Perhaps 'bullying' is too strong, but a statement that the existing facility will be closed if permission is not granted for the new development can hardly be considered anything but a threat.

Naturally the seabird observatory cannot object to its immediate neighbour and funder; and if the Fessenden relics have not been turned into a 'visitor attraction' festooned with 'information', perhaps that is because in such a setting people prefer them to speak for themselves.

Miss Kelly is optimistic that the shed-type buildings will blend into their surroundings: if the precedent of the existing clutter of ugly structures on Uisead is followed, this is not very likely.

I suspect there are few tourists who come to this area specifically to view

fish farms. It is not easy to cavil at any proposal which purports to add or preserve jobs. However, a balance must be struck and the evidence shows that on economic grounds in attracting visitors, the Gauldrons more than pay their way.

**Dugald Barr,  
Machrihanish.**

### MP must check his figures

Sir,  
Brendan O'Hara MP, in his letter to the *Courier* on July 8, writes that the EU is the top destination for Scottish exports worth £11.6 billion in 2014 with more than 300,000 jobs dependent.

There is a slight inaccuracy in this or perhaps Mr O'Hara prefers to be selective in his facts.

Scotland also exported £48.5 billion to the rest of the UK with more than a million jobs involved so his maths isn't great if he calculates the £11.6 billion as 42 per cent of Scotland's exports. £48.5 billion is more than four times greater than £11.6 billion, making the rest of UK a far more critical market. He continues that Scotland's farmers and those involved in tourism were in no doubt that being in the EU was good for business but he makes no mention of Scottish fishermen.

I believe he will find they are far less enthusiastic about membership, a membership that has resulted in a severe degradation of the

fishing industry since we had to open our waters to EU member countries.

A quick check will also reveal a great many of his constituents are involved directly or indirectly in the fishing industry. So Scotland voted to remain, as did London and other cities but the UK overall voted to leave.

That is called democracy, Mr O'Hara. Get used to it.

**Brian Gee,  
Lefkara,  
Carradale East.**

### A hindrance to Brexit

Sir,  
Once Britain applies under Article 50 to leave the EU, a lengthy process will begin. During this time the likes of Mandelson, Kinnock and Heseltine will continue to spread doom and gloom in an attempt to change the democratic decision of the people.

Many conditions will be demanded before an exit is agreed. No doubt due to these conditions another referendum will be held in the hope that the people will vote the 'correct' way.

There is a simpler and quicker way to leave the EU. An Act of Parliament took us in so the repeal of the Act, the 1972 European Communities Act, would immediately cancel our membership.

Payments to the EU could be stopped, a start could be made to secure our borders and we could take back control of our territorial waters.

In negotiations with the

EU or anybody else we would be in a strong position as we offer a market of over 60 million people.

Quite simply, we would be in the driving seat rather than in discussions about what direction we should be taking.

There is widespread confusion over how we should cope with immigration.

Again the answer is simple: no person should be admitted to Britain unless they have a job arranged, can speak English and have a good health record. Problem solved.

**William W Scott,  
North Berwick.**

### Sturgeon should govern Scotland

Sir,  
A brief response to Brendan O'Hara's letter in the *Courier* July 8.

Can I remind him that 1.7 million citizens of the UK, of which Scotland is part, voted to leave the EU.

Perhaps instead of bleating about the result that did not go his way he should concentrate on the benefits that leaving the EU will bring to a sovereign state free from the corrupt, unelected bunch of politicians who haven't audited their accounts in decades.

Nicola Sturgeon and other MSPs should try governing Scotland and forget independence and trying to stay in the EU, the latter of which will never happen.

**Keith Abendroth,  
Loch View Avenue,  
Campbeltown.**

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# Salvation Army captains march into town

by **MARK DAVEY**  
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AN EPIPHANY 21 years ago changed the wayward life of a Salvation Army (SA) captain who has moved to Campbeltown.

On Sunday Captain Ben Russell, 43, and his wife Ruth, 50, were officially installed at the Salvation Army church as its new officers.

Captain Ben said: 'Before I converted to Christianity in 1995 I lived a pretty wayward lifestyle. I was a very heavy rocker with below shoulder length black hair and a biker look.'

'Ruth and I both grew up in Harwich but our paths had not crossed until we met through the Salvation Army.'

## Pilgrimage

Earlier in the month, the family including children Leah, 11 and Jonathan, 6, made a pilgrimage to Kintyre, of more than 600 miles, from the SA church in the East Sussex seaside town of Eastbourne.

They had worked at that church for nine years after five years in Bury St Edmunds

in Suffolk. Eastbourne has a population of about 90,000 and Ben said there is quite a bit of poverty. Although still by the sea he sees challenges ahead.

Ben added: 'Our vision is for a family-based church – we have 25 children coming on a Sunday.'

## Recognised

'Campbeltown is a massive difference in population. We are already walking down the street and being recognised. The intimacy and fellowship of this community is what appeals to us.'

'We are a mainstream denomination. Underpinned by a Christian religion like any other church. The SA balances Christian belief with social action.'

The couple, who married in 1997, qualified in 2002 after a two-year course at Denmark Hill, London – the only Salvation Army college in the UK.

Captain Ruth said: 'The SA has been my family. I am a fifth generation Salvationist.'

'Once SA officers are



The Russell family, Captain Ben Russell, Leah, 11, Captain Ruth Russell and Jonathan, 6. 25\_c30sarmy01

qualified they agree to go wherever they are sent. In February 2015 we received an email, as do all officers who are moving. It is called the general farewell and we were told that we would be reap-

pointed to Campbeltown. It was a bit of a surprise.

'Typically the minimum stay these days is about five years.'

Leah said that there were some tough conversations, adding: 'I

already knew that I would probably not spend my whole childhood in one place.'

Dad Ben added: 'Leah was coming to the end of primary school and will start at Campbeltown Gram-

mar School in August. Jonathan is about to start at Castlehill primary.

'The last two years have been quite draining pastorally. Perhaps, though we also had the insecurity of uprooting

and moving, but that was the promise we made when we became officers.'

'I like a McDonald's and the nearest is two-and-a-half hours away.'

'Our job is a true vocation, it is 24/7.'

## Mollusc harvesting

LEVELS of algal toxins which halted harvesting of mussels, oysters, cockles and razor clams two weeks ago have not subsided.

Argyll and Bute Council's environmental health and food standards team has issued a further warning and added Ardkinglas, Loch Fyne to the other restricted areas which are: Loch Striven; Kilbrannan Sound – Campbeltown Loch; Kildalloig Bay; Carradale Bay; Machrie Bay (Arran); Saddell Bay; Pirmill (Arran) and Loch Fyne, Ardcastle Bay.

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The Time Frequency perform on stage.

# Rock ravers roll into town

by Claire Thomson  
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GLASWEGIAN rave legends The Time Frequency (TTF) will bring the party to Campbeltown this month.

The all-standing concert in the Victoria Hall on August 20 is set to be a highlight of this year's Mull Of Kintyre Festival (MOK Fest).

Support for the 1990s

stars will be provided by teenage underground sensation DJ Rankin, along with Campbeltown band, Gullion.

The recently reformed TTF bring their live show to Campbeltown following sell-out concerts at Glasgow's Barrowland and the O2 Academy.

Frequently cited as Scotland's first techno act, TTF were formed in Glasgow in 1989 and enjoyed a meteoric rise to the top of the techno scene.

The act's first five singles reached number one in the UK, including the anthem *Real Love* which reached number seven in the charts.

This year sees the return of TTF to Scotland's live music venues

and the release of their long-awaited new album, *Futurelands*.

Support act DJ Rankin has built on his success on the underground music circuit and a large online following to play countless gigs across the country.

Kintyre three-piece Gullion will be performing for the first time at the Victoria Hall during the Saturday night concert in their supporting

slot.

Tickets for this event and all MOK Festival events are available from A P Taylors, Main Street, Campbeltown and online from Ticketweb at [www.ticketweb.co.uk](http://www.ticketweb.co.uk) or by calling 08444 771 000.

For updates and full festival information, visit [www.mokfest.com](http://www.mokfest.com) or email [mokfest@hotmail.com](mailto:mokfest@hotmail.com).

## IN BRIEF

### Artmap's open studios scheme is back again

ARGYLL'S premier open studio map invites visitors to joint the red dots as they seek out open studios.

Artmap Argyll, now in its ninth year, runs from Friday to Monday, August 26 to 29.

Featured Kintyre artists include Ann Thomas, Wilma MacKenzie, Richard Kennedy and Christine Russell, and regional venues are Glenbar Cafe and Templar Arts and Leisure Centre.

Artmap chairman Christopher Cox said: 'Our vision is to ensure that Argyll is recognised as a vibrant, creative hub. Our annual Red Dot Studio Trail is Argyll's premier visual arts event. Last year more than 5,600 studio visits resulted in £47,000 worth of sales.'

### Abseiling adrenaline junkies are needed

DOES Kintyre have any abseil adventurers? If so, the Stroke Association's Nightfall Abseil could be the perfect challenge.

First-timers are welcome to a fundraising abseil at the Titan Crane in Clydebank, West Dunbartonshire, on Saturday October 29.

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### Ardrihaig Gala Day

Saturday 23rd July

Opening Parade led by

Mid Argyll Pipe Band

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# Stronvaar bowls hold a fab fete

A BOWLER who has just rolled to her ninth national final opened Campbeltown Bowling Club's annual fete.

Shirley Bannatyne opened the event which has been a fixture in the Stronvaar cal-

endar, on the first Saturday of Glasgow Fair, for more than 60 years.

Miss Bannatyne has a remarkable record of success, with 15 ladies' championships dating from 199. She

is also heading for her ninth appearance at Ayr Northfield later this month.

### Bouquet

Club president Steven Dickson and vice president Gavin McLachlan presented Miss

Bannatyne with a bouquet. A spokesperson said: 'Due to a combination of other events clashing, this year's fete was quieter than usual but a commendable sum of £731 was raised on the day.'



Lorraine Brodie and Susan Gilchrist ran the cake raffle. 25\_c30fete01



Steven Dickson, left and Gavin McLachlan with Shirley Bannatyne.



Emma Johnston, aged four, has a go at bowling instructed by Steven Tolmie.

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Catriona Brown, Kathleen Nicholson, Catherine Ann Meikle, Drew Meikle, Elizabeth Molloy, Janette Fiander and Anne Thomson at the Salvation Army coffee morning. New Salvation Army captains Ben and Ruth Russell meet Drew Meikle at the head of the table and Jim Raeside serves tea. 25\_c30salvation01\_coffeemorning

## Coffee and craic at the Salvation Army

CAMPBELTOWN'S recently appointed Salvation Army officers Captains Ben and Ruth Russell mingled with visitors at the church's coffee morning. The event last Saturday morning raised £218 for church funds.

To find out more about the Russells, turn to page seven.

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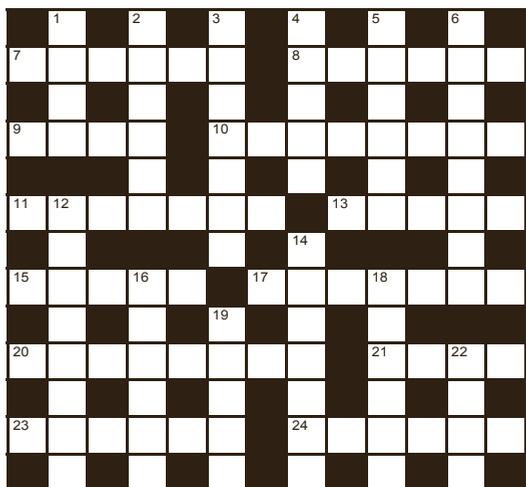
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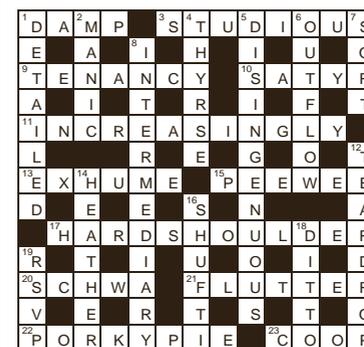
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- 7 Deficient in pigmentation (6)
- 8 Equally old (6)
- 9 Curve (4)
- 10 Compass housing (8)
- 11 Where to sit after swearing! (4,3)
- 13 Worship (5)
- 15 Fire remnant (5)
- 17 When the centre of a word is missing (7)
- 20 Trespass (8)
- 21 Fruit not named for it's looks (4)
- 23 Frequent fliers (3,3)
- 24 Dig (6)

### Down

- 1 Bond (4)
- 2 Gently (6)
- 3 Uncultivated person (7)
- 4 Cake topper (5)
- 5 Announce (6)
- 6 Letter chute in USA (8)
- 12 No-one around (8)
- 14 Disease with fever (7)
- 16 Exit (6)
- 18 All thumbs (6)
- 19 Dispatch (5)
- 22 Valley flower (4)

## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



CARRADALE

# Quizzers undertake yearly challenge

TWENTY-THREE teams of locals and holiday-makers, scratched their heads in the annual summer Carradale quiz.

The event, held in the village hall recently, has a history of fantastic support from the

community, and this year was no exception. Quizzers were faced with a variety of challenging topics, including music, poets and general knowledge.

The winning team, Jean Campbell Rocks, scored 96 points. They

were awarded the '77 Jubilee Challenge Cup by hall vice-president, Jean Campbell.

Second with 94 points were The Ladies who Lunch with Christine Ritchie, Irene Scott, Morag Allan and Fiona Mitchell. Third place with 92 points went to Junior Biscuits which was the Abernethy family, Gordon, Laura, Bobby and Caitlin.

The quizmaster was Tony Leighton who, along with his wife Margaret, set the questions and ran the evening. Carradale now look forward to its annual winter quiz, held between Christmas and New Year.



The victorious Jean Campbell Rocks team. Steve Partridge, Neil Thompson, Linda and David Mercer with Jean Campbell, hall vice-president.



Brendan and Neenie. 25\_c30neenie01

## MP meets shop stalwart

BRENDAN O'Hara could not believe his luck when he met legendary Carradale character 'Neenie' Neil McDougall during a recent visit to Campbeltown.

The Argyll and Bute MP stopped off at Tesco, where Mr McDougall has worked since 1999, to learn about the store's food bank collecting for Fare Share.

ISLAY

# The Islay sessions

FOLK and trad music lovers should keep November 18 to 20 free for this year's Islay sessions.

Acts lined up for the Saturday night concert in Bruichladdich Hall are Breabach, Talisk and the Routes Quartet.

Voted best live act 2013 and best folk band 2012 at the Scots Trad Music Awards,

and twice nominated best band at the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards; Scottish five-piece Breabach deliver a thrilling and unique brand of contemporary folk music.

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EAST KINTYRE

## Salmon farm off East Kintyre

SALMON farm firm Marine Harvest (MH) is environmentally monitoring a site south of Carradale in Kilbrannan Sound for a potential new cage site.

An MH spokesperson said: 'This location is what's termed very energetic. We need to take the time to monitor currents, tides and wave actions. Once we have assessed the data, we will have a clearer idea of what can and can't be done.'

KILLEAN AND KILCHENZIE

## Church quiz champs annointed

KILLEAN and Kilchenzie Church's quiz champions are Margaret Sinclair, Anne Littleton, Fiona Coffield and Neil Littleton.

The quartet triumphed at a recent quiz night in Tayinloan Hall. Ryan Low made up the questions, and the final scores were very close. Those taking part also chose the photos for the 2017 church calendar from a selection taken by Marilyn Shedden.

## Charity's flower festival blooms

THE MAIRI Semple Fund for Cancer Relief and Research's bi-annual flower festival will take place at Chleit Church from Thursday July 28 to Sunday July 31.

## Prize-giving

SOUTHEND'S primary pupils entertained parents and villagers before receiving prizes for academic achievement, progress, attendance, citizenship and sports at the school's annual prize-giving on Tuesday of last week.

SOUTHEND



Southend primary pupils at the annual prize-giving.

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## Gartvaigh's Ayrshires are Kintyre's best

ABERDEENSHIRE breeder Gordon Taylor made his second trip ever to Kintyre when he judged the Kintyre and District Ayrshire Breeders Club annual herds competition.

Despite dismal July weather with at least four varieties of rain Mr Taylor and his

wife Alison said they had enjoyed the trip.

In the morning he judged herds at Clochkiel and East Drumlemble.

Following lunch at Campbeltown's Argyll hotel he visited: Killervan, Machribeg, Gartvaigh and Ormsary.

Herds Competition

Results are as follows:

1 and SAI Cup for best overall herd and George M Reid Cup for best small herd: Thomas Cameron, Gartvaigh, 2 J and M Barr, Clochkiel, 3 Thos M Ralston and Sons, East Drumlemble.

Individual: 1 and Volac Cup: Gartvaigh, 2 James Barbour,



Gordon Taylor and his wife, Alison, who presented the prizes are pictured right, with, from left, Robin Barr, Clochkiel, Thomas Cameron, Gartvaigh, James Barbour, Machribeg and top Murray Ralston, East Drumlemble.

Machribeg, 3 Clochkiel.

There is a trip to a judging seminar at Cuthill Towers, Milnathort on Tuesday Au-

gust 2. Anyone interested should call Willie Ralston on 01586 810220 or email willieralston@btconnect.com



Gordon Taylor from Old Mill Ayrshires who judged the competition. 25\_c30ayrshire01

## Milk producers must see benefits from price upturn

THE RISE in First Milk's July prices comes as welcome news to producers after months of stagnation and reductions.

The group increased its July A prices by 0.5ppl, as a result of what they say is an accelerated business performance supplement, as well as lifting B prices from July by 2ppl.

The result of these decisions is that the combined A and B price for the average First Milk member will increase by 0.65ppl for July.

The 100 percent farmer-owned company also stated that the current positivity in the market bodes well for future milk

price moves. In a letter to members, chairman Clive Sharpe said: 'Our turnaround process has led to significant changes in First Milk and the results are now coming through in improved financial performance.'

'At member meetings in April and May, we committed to close the gap between our milk prices and the average of other dairy businesses by 2ppl, in the form of a business performance supplement.'

'The first 0.25ppl of this supplement was delivered in June. Based on a stronger performance over the last two months, we will be paying an addi-

tional 0.5ppl business performance supplement from July.'

While welcoming the increase in price, Highlands and Islands MSP Rhoda Grant believes the benefits must be passed on to producers who continue to ship milk at a loss.

She said: 'While Scotland's dairy industry has a long way to go before it gets to the end of this latest crisis, there does appear to be a welcome upturn in the market.'

'Dairy herds numbers are now remaining static and, hopefully, we are coming to the end of the depressing sight of farmers selling off their herds.

'Many of these farms have been passed on down the generations of the same family and it is always sad when this process is forced to a halt.'

'After two years of decline, we are, at last, seeing an increase in shop milk prices. It is vital for the dairy industry that a fair share of this increase is passed on to producers.'

'It is not just fair, but essential, that prices paid to farmers increase as the market strengthens.'

Mr Sharpe added: 'Whilst I am sure these price increases will be welcome, we also recognise that the market and milk prices still have a long way to go

before they get to sustainable levels.'

'In the last few weeks we have started to see a firming of the market, and given the majority of our income is linked to basket price mechanisms, that market positivity bodes well for the future.'



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People from Kintyre, who travel the route regularly, often forget the awe inspiring views across to Jura, Islay and Gigha, the stunning sea vistas which even on a stormy day never fail to impress.

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Already the recently completed Dunaverly Hall is gaining a reputation as a superb choice with plenty of space, a very



Dunaverly Hall dressed for a wedding event

reasonably priced bar and the latest mood lighting. Since opening, about a month ago, it has hosted weddings and ceilidhs every weekend and the only problem might be getting a booking as demand is high.

The MACC base's Officers Mess is another venue which is rightly popular especially for larger groups with the possibility of accommodating up to 500 people for a reception or 168 for a sit down meal.

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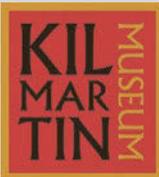
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# Paris pedallers collect charity cash

by **MARK DAVEY**  
 editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

A PELOTON of pedal pushers including a Campbeltown cyclist crossed the line in Paris to raise £1,680.75 for the MS Society.

Last Saturday Inez Ronald presented a cheque on behalf of her daughter Catherine

at the MS Society's coffee morning in Victoria hall. The money was half of the amount raised with a further donation given to the MS Society in Falkirk. Back in April Miss Ronald and two friends Debbie Brown and

Paula McIntosh braved four French seasons including sunshine, sleet, snow and rain as they pedalled 236 miles, in four-an-a-half days from London to Paris.

### Partners

Food, motivation and puncture repairs were provided by two of the girl's partners in a campervan.

Miss Ronald said: 'This was my second time in Paris, the last being a school trip when I was about 15

– arriving by bike in rush hour Parisian traffic with snow pelting down was certainly a bit different from last time round.

'Thankfully we were able to enjoy a full day viewing the sights on the Wednesday, before heading home the following day. On Saturday Campbeltown MS Society chair, Elaine Glover, thanked the trio for the donation from their 'momentous' journey.



At Notre Dame at the ride's end from left: Paula McIntosh, Debbie Brown and Catherine Ronald.



Starting out at the rain soaked London Eye are: Debbie Brown, Catherine Ronald and Paula McIntosh.



Chair of Campbeltown MS Society, Elaine Glover and treasurer Kate McKinlay receive the money from Lorna Ronald's mum Inez. A further £600 was raised at the coffee morning. 25\_c30msociety01

## Superfast broadband speeding to Kintyre black spots

SOUTHEND and Glenbarr are both set to be switched on to lightening quick broadband.

As part of a £410 million digital programme, delivered through two projects led by Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) and the Scottish Government, work will start in more rural areas across Argyll in the next six months.

Campbeltown, Machrihanish, Carradale and Tarbert already have access to the service, but the latest roll-out will see other villages in Kintyre brought up to speed.

Argyll and Bute MP Brendan O'Hara said: 'This is fantastic news for our rural towns and villages who will have better

access to fibre broadband. Core infrastructure gives communities a much better base to build on into the future.'

Stuart Robertson, director of digital at HIE: 'When we started this project fibre services were only available to 4 per cent of the region's homes and businesses.

'Coverage has come a long way, and the new core infrastructure we've rolled out gives us a much better base to build on into the future.

'It is great that we are seeing growing numbers of rural towns and villages with better access to fibre broadband than ever before.'

The Digital Scotland Super-

fast Broadband programme underpins the Scottish Government's aim for the country to become a world-class digital nation by 2020.

It is aiming to deliver access to fibre broadband to around 95 per cent of premises by the end of March 2018, when combined with existing commercial roll-out plans.

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## Store's super sharers boost food bank

STAFF and customers at a Campbeltown supermarket helped the nationwide effort which gave 17.7 million meals to the needy last year.

The statistic was revealed recently as Tesco ran its twice year-

ly neighbourhood food collection in collaboration with FareShare. **Life-changing** The organisation redistributes food to charities which provide life-changing support, such as women's refuges, homeless

shelters and children's breakfast clubs. At other times of the year Tesco in Campbeltown collects food for the Kintyre Food Bank which has just opened new premises on the Mull of Kintyre Industrial estate.

# Deacon Blue drummer enjoys Kintyre hospitality

A FOUNDER member of Deacon Blue, a sports journalist and an adventure photographer laced up their boots to spend four days on the Kintyre Way.

The group are working on a review of the 100-mile route. Dougie Vipond, who has presented the BBC's *Adventure Show* and is a founding member of the band Deacon Blue, along with Ricky Ross and Lorraine McIntosh, teamed up with Andy McCandlish, perhaps best known for his *Skye Ridge* images of cyclist Danny Macaskill, and writer Sean McFarlane from *Outdoor Fitness* magazine. The three men took their families for four days' exploring last

week as part of their forthcoming review of the Kintyre Way.

Andrea MacShannon, PR and marketing manager for the long distance trail said: 'The group ran and cycled the route for a number of articles to be published in high-profile sports magazines, enjoying some of the great accommodation and catering that's available along the route.'

'Now in its 10th year, The Kintyre Way is a tourist attraction which is growing in popularity, last year drawing more than 3,500 people into the area.'

'With recent upgrades and improvements it offers a serious 100-mile course for keen runners and cyclists, and we're de-



The Kintyre Way team of Andy McCandlish, left, Dougie Vipond and Sean McFarlane.

lighted that Sean, Andy and Dougie had the opportunity to experience what the route and Kintyre itself has to offer.'

As well as accommodation at the Royal Hotel, the group was welcomed by Andrew and

Monica Gemmel of Ifferdale Farm. Ifferdale's bunkhouse and self-catering cottages, near Saddell, include practical features such as bike storage, laundry and drying facilities.

## Pilates physio fundraiser for army veterans



Cameron Angus about to put the Campbeltown class through its Pilates paces.

A FORMER army physiotherapist who lived in his car for 12 months, after 22 years serving his country, led a Pilates class to raise funds for a veteran's charity.

Instructor Cameron Angus suffered post traumatic stress disorder

after tours of Iraq and Afghanistan. Last Saturday he visited the town as part of a tour of Pilates classes in Kintyre with all donations going to Vet Mobilize, a charity which helps wounded veterans get moving again.

## Council's computer centres class above cloud

PHYSICAL computer data centres at Kilmory and Helensburgh managed by Argyll and Bute Council are sector leading in value for money.

As part of a strategy carried out by Digital Scotland to try and reduce information technology (IT) costs across the Scottish public sector, a tool was launched to work out the total cost of data centres and compare this to the cost of operating in the Cloud.

At a national seminar for

best practice, Argyll and Bute Council's two data centres were showcased as top class.

The Helensburgh data centre has recently been refurbished and has one of the lowest possible power utilisation efficiency (PUE) ratings of 1.24.

This is achieved through good layout with row cooling which allows it to operate at a higher temperature of 22 degrees.

Both data centres cost much less to run than alternatives in the cloud – mainly because all

servers have been virtualised. The council's policy lead for IT, Councillor Dick Walsh said: 'Reducing levels of energy consumption is something that we take seriously and to know that our IT department leads the way in cost efficiency is very encouraging.'

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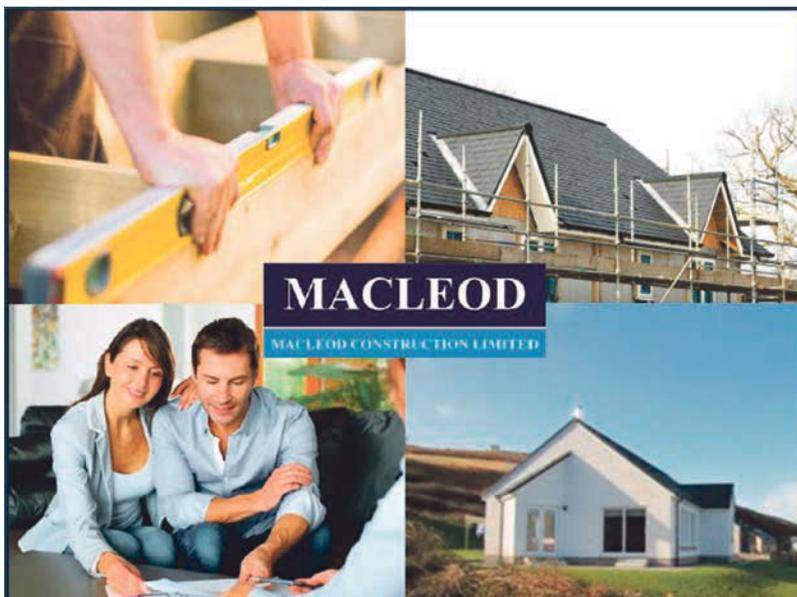
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# A beginner's guide to self build

Have you ever thought about building your own home? If so you may be surprised to know that you are by no way in the minority. A recent Ipsos MORI Poll shows that 7 million people are thinking about building and more than 1 million people want to buy a site and start building in the next 12 months!

Why self build? Besides the chance to get a truly unique custom design, self build gives you the chance to add accessibility features and the latest technology, such as underfloor heating, central vacuum and automated home technology, incorporated for a fraction of the

cost you might think. You can design your self build to be green, which adds up to energy savings for you in the long run. Bespoke homes are also more profitable- you can often save up to 20-40% on the market value and get more for it when you decide to sell.

Most importantly, anyone can do it. You don't have to possess mad carpentry skills yourself, you can hire people to project manage and do the work, or choose to carry out some of the work yourself to save money. Less than 5% of



self builders carry out all the work themselves, with about 20% being involved with any of the building at all. So don't get put off by the term 'self build'!

Once you decide you want to build, make a point to tour some other self build sites and talk to the owners. They might be able to give you references, advice and tips, helping you avoid any pitfalls they have encountered. Read magazines, do research on the internet and attend trade shows to learn as much as you can before you start. Forewarned is forearmed!

All the details can seem overwhelming, but our guide can help you get organised, starting with the first steps you will need to take to make your self build dream home a reality.

**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 including 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.

**Raise 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.

**Find a site**

The next step is to find a plot of land. If you are lucky enough to already have a place, that's great, otherwise, there are several ways to find that perfect place. Our guide has some tips on where to look.

**Choose a building route**

You can go with a kit home, which has several advantages, or hire an architect to design a house. You can also design it yourself, but don't underestimate how tricky this is. Unless you have design experience and can draw up usable building plans for the contractors, best to leave this part to the experts. Our guide can help you decide which route is best for you.

**Apply for planning permission**

Once you get a design and location nailed down, it's time to apply for planning permission. It can take eight to 12 weeks or more for approval, so don't leave this to the last minute, in case you are required to make changes in the design.

**Appoint a professional team**

If you choose to project manage the build, you'll need to screen and hire everything from the architect and the surveyor to the carpenters and electricians. Or, hire a project manager and let them do this. Don't rely on the phone book or internet-asking around for references is a better idea. For sub contractors, get three or four estimates before you settle on one- and remember that the cheapest estimate isn't always the best deal! Our guide will help you choose the best professionals for each job so your build goes as smoothly as possible. Just make sure you have water tight contracts in place before work starts.

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search sites:

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- [plotfinder.net](http://plotfinder.net)

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

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for self builders, especially if you want to build in a rural area

- also considering sites with a derelict property which could be demolished or substantially renovated. See estate agents or the Buildings at Risk Register at [buildingsatrisk.org.uk/index.php](http://buildingsatrisk.org.uk/index.php) to find possible properties.

**Other land buying opportunities:**

- auctions - land auctions are a good way to find suitable plots

but transactions are conducted on a 'sold as seen' basis and therefore require a quick sale, leaving little time for research.

- local authorities - cash-strapped councils often have parcels of land they are willing to sell.
- Utility companies - some utility organisations such as water, gas and electricity companies have surplus land available to buy.
- private enquiries - many private residential homes have large gardens with building potential.

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## If all else fails...

Still can't find a plot of land to suit? You can search an area for an untended garden or neglected building and then approach the owners. If you have a defined search area buy yourself 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.

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# Raising finance

## The Highlands Small Communities Housing Trust recently announced the launch of the Highland Self Build Loan Fund, a new Scottish Government fund.

It was recognised that there was a gap in the lending market, to provide funding for self builders, prior to mortgage facilities being available. This is where the Highland Self Build Loan Fund aims to help. The fund allows HSCHT acting as agent to the Scottish Government to provide a revolving fund to self builders throughout the Highlands.

**This fund applies to plots of land within the Highland Council area only.**

The Highlands were chosen by the Scottish Government for this two year pilot scheme, after it was noted that the area has a history of self and custom builds. Keeping the allocation of the fund specifically to the Highland region will assist with monitoring and evaluation of the Highland Self Build Loan Fund, and give an indication to the Scottish Government of how successful the pilot is.

HSCHT believes the main reason for the huge reduction in self build projects throughout the region is the difficulty now being encountered by applicants in securing mortgage finance to cover the period up and until a property is complete. As a result, mainstream 'high street' mortgage can be difficult to secure.

The Highland Self Build Loan Fund aims to generate growth in this 'self build' sector again, and provide financial assistance to individuals and families who have in recent years been unable to progress with their self build projects. HSCHT are keeping a database of all the people expressing interest in the fund, in hope that this will prove to lenders that there is a high demand, and that it is indeed possible to finance these type of projects.

Margaret Burgess, MSP, Minister for Housing & Welfare, who announced the Highland Self Build Loan Fund said: 'Self and custom build offers an important means of increasing housing supply while allowing customers input into the design of their new home. We understand the lending difficulties experienced by households looking to build, and that's why we are piloting this £4 million self-build loan fund, which we will monitor and review following the pilot's two year lifespan. We are committed to helping home buyers into affordable home ownership, and are determined to accelerate housing supply across all tenures, including self-build, to support families across Scotland get on the housing ladder.'

#### How it works

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## Planning Permission

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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 relevant

Highlands over the next couple of years. This is a revolving fund, so as some projects are completed and the loan provided to them is paid back, HSCHT will then be able to use this finance to assist another applicant. The funding is available from the start of the new financial year (April 2016) and they will be able to confirm loan agreements over the 24 months that follow. The analysis of the pilot will be used to inform future policy for self build support in Scotland, and to provide evidence of demand to 'high street' lenders. The new fund will allow applicants to borrow up to £150,000, to help them reach build completion. The loan is then repaid when the applicant is able to access a traditional mortgage. The HSBLF can help a wide range of people who are considering a self build project for their primary residence. Those who own or part-own a home can apply although they need to sell their interest in that property.

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

- 1) Applicants with all necessary titles, permissions, warrants and other documentation requested during the application process.
- 2) Applicants with shorter build programmes. This is to allow us to provide more funding for a greater number of projects – allocating funding to a larger number of applicants between April 2016 and April 2018.
- 3) Applicants with greater housing need. The agent (HSCHT) will assess the project costs and compare this with the applicant's contribution. If there is a shortfall in cash flow to reach completion stage (where mortgage



become available), this will be the basis of how the HSBLF amount is calculated. The duration of the fund being available to each applicant will depend on their build schedule. This will be decided before a formal offer is made. The loan offered to the applicant can be drawn down over the course of the project build – at stages previously agreed during the application stage. If you are interested in hearing more about the Highland Self Build Loan contact HSCHT on 01463 233548, or at [selfbuild@hscht.co.uk](mailto:selfbuild@hscht.co.uk).

council before submitting your application as they should be able to let you know if there are any issues you should be aware of or any restrictions they might impose (for example they might restrict the size or height of the home, its distance from a road or the plot boundary, etc.). The council should also be able to help if you need advice or guidance on completing a planning application. There will be a fee for submitting an application. The planning authority will notify any neighbours, but if your plot has no immediate neighbours, there is also currently an additional charge to advertise your planning application in the local newspaper(s) so that any other residents who may wish to comment have an opportunity to do so. If you are unable to gather information from a planning officer, your architect should be able to offer advice on any likely issues which the Planning Department may

raise and how to ensure that your application has the best possible chance of being successful. You may also choose to employ a specialist planning consultant. A list of planning consultants operating in Scotland is available on the Royal Town Planning Institute website at [rtpi.org.uk](http://rtpi.org.uk). In addition to planning permission, you will also need to apply for a building warrant before you can start building work on your home. You need to pay a fee to the Council to cover their costs in dealing with your warrant application; the fee is calculated as a proportion of the estimated final value of the proposed work. While planning permission largely focuses on how the external structure of your home will look, to get a building warrant you will need to show that the design of your home will meet all the requirements of the latest domestic building regulations.

You can contact your council's Building Standards Department for more information on how to apply. The Scottish Government's Building Standards website at [gov.scot/bsd](http://gov.scot/bsd) provides links to the building regulations. If you are not familiar with the building regulations, you can get your architect or other design professional to help you with preparing your warrant application as well as providing drawings of your plans; an architect or an architectural technologist can act as your agent and make the application on your behalf. Once your home is completed, you will need to send a completion certificate to the Council and an inspector from the Council will visit and check your property. Normally your home must be completed within three years of you receiving your building warrant, although you can apply to extend this deadline (you need to pay an extra fee for this though).

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

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

When they decided to take the plunge and build their own home, Joe Kelly and Catherine Hallett turned to Scottish Building Society for help. A self-build mortgage from the society allowed them to draw down funds as required for each phase of the project. Now happily settled in to their new 5 bedroom detached home on the outskirts of Perth, they have switched to a standard mortgage, and are delighted that the Society had a competitive product to offer. Catherine takes up the story: "We bought the land for our new home in December 2013 and broke ground ten months later in October 2014. Originally we went through a mortgage broker to finance the build project, and he put us in touch with Scottish Building Society. As the build progressed I was glad to be able to deal directly with the

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

## Catherine and Joe's new home

**Build cost - £240,000 including land**  
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### Project highlights

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



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# Logistics

## Building in the west highlands and islands



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#### Think Before You Act

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

#### How Do You Get There?

Is your site accessible

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

#### Choose a Good Spot

Don't underestimate the importance of siting your

home on your lot.

Where you choose to situate your house will impact daily living. Sure, it's nice to capture great views, but you also want to make sure that you maximize energy efficiency and avoid terrain troubles.

#### Materials Matter

In a rugged setting, materials may dictate a home's long-term durability. Windows and also play a role in a home's longevity. Choose energy-efficient windows with a good R-value. Cladding on exterior windows also is a good idea. Remember, a little extra research now goes a long way toward creating a home that will last a lifetime.

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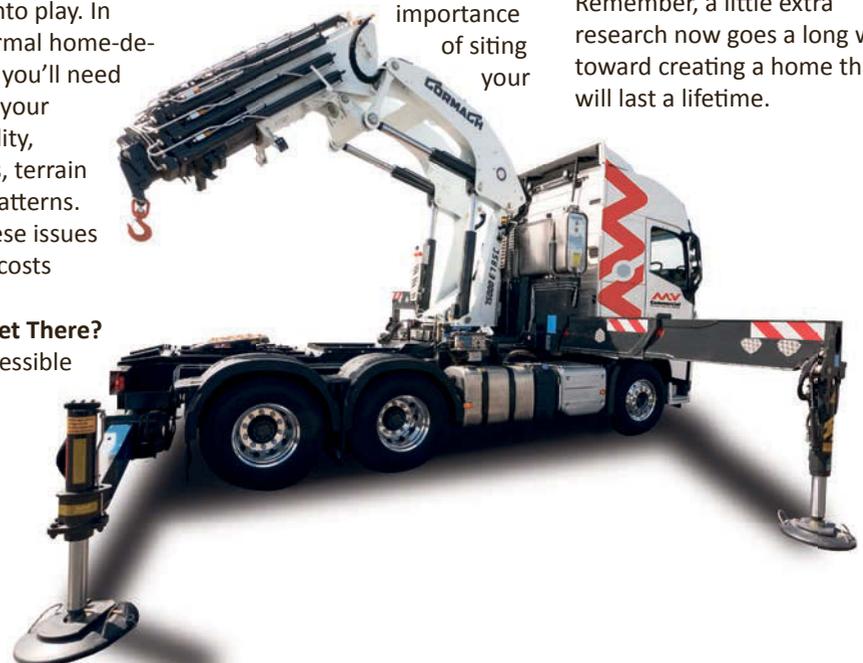
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# Kit Homes

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### Affordability

Kit homes are more affordable than conventional homes. Their costs will vary depending on the type of home you choose, what is and isn't included in the package, how much of the work you'll take on yourself, and if you're hiring a contractor to build the home. Generally, a kit home package will cost about one third of the total cost of the completed home. Most kits only come with the materials

for the home's exterior shell. The cost of labour, land, utilities and completing the interior are generally not included in the kit price. But overall, kit homes are still cheaper, costing 40% less to build. Applying what you've learnt from your research and an owner-builder course can also save time and money. You can save more money by doing more of the work yourself. However, if you have no training in construction, hire a building contractor. This means the home can be assembled onsite much faster.

**Ease and eco-friendly features**  
Building a kit home is easier and less wasteful, as the manufacturer has already worked out the basic plans and technical details, as well as cut and pre-assembled the materials. Green materials used include sea containers, timber, glass and steel. Thermal efficiency is also assured through energy-efficient heating systems, solar panels and insulation. You can also install water recycling features such as low-water shower, dual-flush toilets, grey water recycling and rainwater harvesting.

### Reduce build time

It can take from several hours

to a few days to erect the exterior shell and install the roof, windows and doors with the aid of a small group of experienced carpenters. A contractor will then finish the interior, which could take 2-3 months. It will take longer (around 5-9 months) for owner-builders, particularly if you're living in the home while it's being built.

### Customisable

Kit homes can be customised by the homeowner, at little to no cost. You can design rooms in any style and size you want.

### Types of kit homes

Most kit homes fall into one of four main categories:

#### Log homes

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

#### Timber-frame homes

Also known as post-and-beam homes, timber-frame homes have no interior structural walls, so they offer flexibility



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when designing the interior layout. They also provide large wall space for windows, which allows for passive solar design. Timber-frame homes facing south with insulated roof and wall panels are energy-efficient.

**Dome homes**

They're flexible, spacious, energy-efficient and made of triangular fibreglass panels that can withstand severe weather conditions. Dome homes are easier to build as

cutting the pieces in the same shape, size and angle is done repeatedly. They can also be built quickly, as you can erect the shell and install the windows and doors in one day.

**Panelised homes**

Panelised homes can have an open panel (e.g. a frame with exterior sheathing and a non-insulated/unfinished interior) or a closed panel (e.g. a frame with a finished interior or a structural insulated panel

(SIP)). Using SIPs for the floors, walls and roof help create an energy-efficient home. Panelised kits can come with roof trusses and wall sections and have flexible floor plans.

**Create a checklist**

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

# Norscot

## Norscot Kit Homes Offer Gold Standard



Norscot is a leading manufacturer of timber frame kit homes in the Highlands & Islands. Since its inception in 1984 over 1,000 kits have been supplied, primarily to self-builders.

Norscot is a member of the Structural Timber Association, the trade association representing 85% of UK timber frame manufacturers. One of the STA's roles is to promote higher standards through their Q-Mark quality scheme and training services. Norscot kit homes are accredited with Q-Mark Plus, representing the 'gold standard' for the industry. The structural panel construction employed by Norscot is simple in design and that used by most house builders in Scotland, where over

80% of all new homes are built using timber frame. Norscot kit homes are individually certified by an independent structural engineer and, in standard form, suitable for any UK mainland or island location.

What sets Norscot apart from other conventional timber frame manufacturers is its overall external wall construction 'EcoWall'. The type, thickness and position of insulation and other non-structural components which, combined with high levels of air tightness, provide the perfect balance between cost and benefit in terms of energy efficiency. Norscot's 'EcoWall' achieves significantly better thermal performance than that required by Scottish Building Standards.

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# Kit Homes

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## Here's what to put on your checklist:

- Do your research – If you have no experience in building homes, then do some research on the process of building a kit home and on local building codes. Know how long it might take to build your kit home, e.g. large kit homes take around 8-12 months to complete. Choose a kit home company with a good reputation and good customer reviews.
- Take a course – If you're thinking of building your kit home yourself, then take an owner-builder course. It's short, cheap and will prepare you for building your own kit home.
- Create a budget – Include the main costs and additional costs, including upgrades during the building process. Make a budget for what it is you want and stick to it.
- Speak with a lender – If you'll be borrowing money for your kit home, get a loan from a small bank, as they're more open to lending for non-conventional homes. Expect to pay a bigger deposit than for a conventional home. The lender may also choose who gets to build the home (e.g. you or a contractor), so that they get a good-quality product from the deal.
- Find the right builder – If you want to hire a builder, read people's reviews of home builders and look at their finished work before choosing one. Also look for a builder who can gather a team of good tradespeople that they can manage in order to complete the project on time and within budget. You can also ask the kit home company or their local dealer if they know of a good contractor who can build your home.
- Get the building site ready – You'll need to source and buy land, then complete the foundation before the kit home arrives. Ensure there's space to accommodate the truck and have your work crew ready to go when the materials arrive.
- Be organised – Stack the materials neatly together and somewhere safe from the weather. Read the manual, follow the steps in order and have someone be in charge of the manual throughout the building process.



## Common mistakes to avoid

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

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



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Keep these tips in mind, and not only will you save a lot of time and money, but when it's time to build your kit home, it will be a smooth, stress-free process.

# Scotframe

## The fabric of a building gives substance to its thermal performance

### “Think Fabric First”

In practice the energy efficiency of a building boils down to a couple of things. How much fuel is required to power its heating and water systems and how well the building manages to retain the heat that is generated.

The better a building performs in these two areas, the less fuel its occupants will use on a daily basis and the lower its emissions will be. As such the fabric of a building is central to its green credentials. Increasingly this is becoming a significant factor in the decision making process for all house builders. Within the past few

years, the building standard regulations were amended to ensure all new properties deliver a 30% cut in the current benchmark for CO2 emissions. The standard will then be reduced again by a further 30% in 2016.

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

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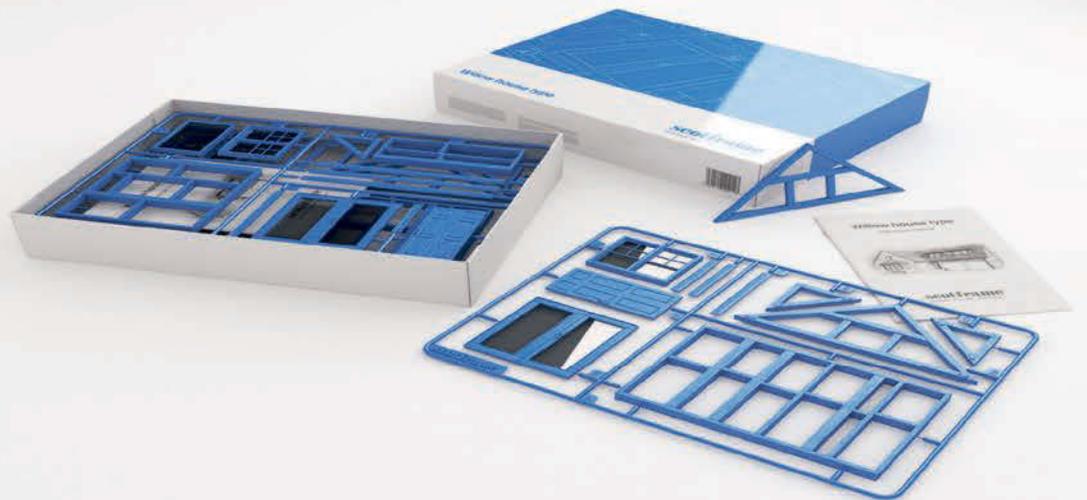
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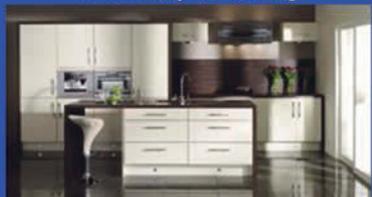
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**Homebuilders have indicated a strong preference for functionality, accessibility and sustainability over the last ten years and architects expect that to accelerate, with increasing demand for healthy building materials and furnishings, along with designs that provide measures of resistance to weather related calamities.**

What's hot in architectural designs

for the next decade? Top 10 residential design trends for the next 10 years include:

- Technological integration becoming more prevalent, with both dedicated support for personal devices, along with automated controls for temperature, security and lighting
- Increased consumer awareness about environmental health issues leading to more widespread use of low or no

- volatile organic compounds for paint and composite wood, natural fibre upholstery, carpets without polyvinyl chloride backing and air purification systems
- Growing demand for design strategies that strengthen homes against natural disasters including elevating residences, windows with impact glazing, dedicated safe rooms and backup power generation

- Increasing use of energy-efficient and other sustainable design elements and products such as solar panels, water reclamation systems and tankless water heaters
- Aging-in-place and universal design elements to accommodate an aging population including wider hallways, added handrails and one-level living spaces
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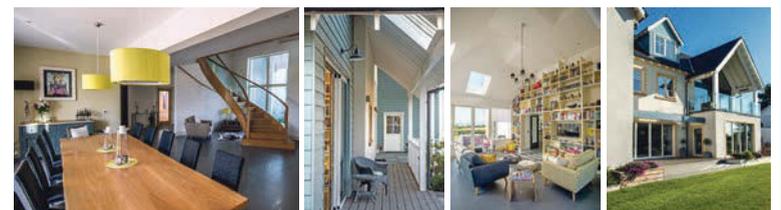
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# Renovating a Home

## Top Ten Dos and Don'ts

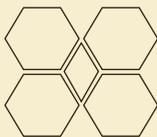
When renovating a home it's essential to carefully plan and budget for your project. Make sure you follow our Top 10 Dos and Don'ts when renovating a home.

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

1. Do make a list of everything that you want to do, not just in one room, but around the rest of your home too.
2. Do write down a priority order of what needs doing. For example, do you renovate room by room, or get the home painted throughout first?
3. Do work out how much you have to spend - keeping up to 30% of the budget as a contingency.
4. Do write down a list of materials that are required and start to work out and then find out the difference in value versus quality
5. Do make sure you shop around for materials - or if professionally fitted ask them to list and break out cost of materials and labour
6. Don't employ a tradesperson or professional company, unless you are sure you have read and both parties have signed a contract.
7. Don't pay for work upfront, agree stage payments for work and make sure you keep 10% of the final cost back until the work is finished to your satisfaction.
8. Don't skimp on items that need to last such as taps or showers
9. Don't keep changing your spec throughout the project - you will go over budget and annoy the trades people!
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Four in ten British homeowners say they feel nervous about hiring a builder or tradesmen, a study has revealed. Nearly three quarters of Brits said they feel anxious when it comes to dealing with workmen they haven't met before, and almost half feel they are going to get ripped off.

Despite these fears, 70% never bother to check for professional credentials, and three quarters don't even know the last name of the person they are hiring. Less than one in four said they took up references from previous customers. Our guide can help you find honest, hardworking professionals, and here we share tips on how to make sure you find the perfect tradesmen for your self build, from the joiners to the plumbers, from the glazers to the electricians. Get a written estimate. Write down your specifications, desired time frames and budget before calling. Never approve a job from a verbal contract.

Beware the VAT-free 'deal'. A VAT-free deal means one of two things. Either the builder does not do more than £81,000 worth of business per annum, or alternatively he is avoiding his legal tax liabilities. You need to ask yourself - Is this builder large enough to be able to complete my work, Will he be around if any of the work requires repair? How can I have a valid contract if there is no proof of payment? Always get more than one quote. Price should not always be the deciding factor, quality of materials, proven accreditations, experience and reputation should play a large part in your decision. Do they offer a skill as one of many or do they specialise? Remember, cheapest is not always best. Be cautious of employing trades who have no trading address in their advert and no landline number.

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protection insurance or offer guarantees. Check what warranties they have in place. Check their accreditations. Do not be afraid to make sure their accreditations are up to date. If your trader is a member of a registered trade referral body, such as FMB, and do not be afraid to contact the government Trustmark [www.trustmark.org.uk](http://www.trustmark.org.uk), to make sure they have not lapsed.

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# The Top Interior Design Trends for 2016:

## From Geometric Patterns and Natural Minerals to Black Steel Industrial Doors



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2016 will be the year of bold colours and patterns, bright metals, and a strengthening of design's connection to nature. Homeowners are throwing the rule book out the window to create spaces that reflect their individual personality, while mixing old and new items to live in a beautifully unique home. Homeowners are also interested in sustainable homes to respect energy conservation and natural resources. The Oban Times has handpicked some of the top trends in home and interior design in the coming year.

- Natural Minerals: Accessories and accent furniture pieces created from earth's treasures add an unusual and interesting element of nature in a space. Chandeliers, lamps and small furniture composed from colourful minerals, crystals, chunks of quartz and unpolished semi-precious stones communicate rock-solid style.

- Geometric Patterns: The classic appeal of geometric shapes is making a bold return in 2016. While the trend finds traditional expression in fabrics and tile, geometric patterns created from atypical materials such as wood and cement are also popular.

- Mixed Metals: The adventurous trend toward mixing and matching patterns, colours and textures dazzles in the treatment of mixed metals this year. Spaces throughout the home are incorporating artful blends of silver, brass, gold and copper.

- Unfinished Walls: Once again drawing from the calming and appealing elements of earth, unfinished walls evoke the natural environment in stylish, rustic renditions from wood to concrete.

- Industrial Black Steel and Glass: Black steel and glass doors and windows with an industrial influence are increasingly popular in a variety of home designs with a clean, modern look that perfectly frames a view.

- Floor to Ceiling Tile: Seamless floor to ceiling tile treatments in bathrooms and kitchens bring a clean elegance to pops of colour and pattern in a space.

- Unexpected Colour: Neutral colour palettes will take a back seat in 2016 to brighter and more interesting hues. Pastels and jewel tones are particularly in evidence both as wall colours and accent colours.

- Sustainability: In 2016, the commitment to creating and maintaining a better environment is strengthened as sustainable design continues to gain interest. Expressions of this trend start with building homes to meet BREEAM certifications and also include repurposing existing objects and acquiring pieces from vintage or antique stores.



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# Energy and renewables

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## Think insulation

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 air tightness. '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 insulation are increased to a higher level, the annual energy costs would be less than £100. Over the lifetime of a building, at today's fuel prices, cost savings are likely to exceed £50,000. An initial investment of improving the building fabric by increasing the insulation thickness will not only save the occupant money but enhance their overall quality of life by giving them a warmer, more comfortable environment to live in.'

## Heating Options

The advancement of renewable heating options over the last few years have been significant. 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. Under-floor heating that is integrated with an air source heat pump will make a long-term difference to your heating system efficiency.

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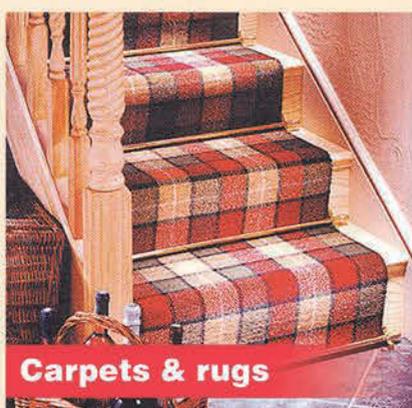
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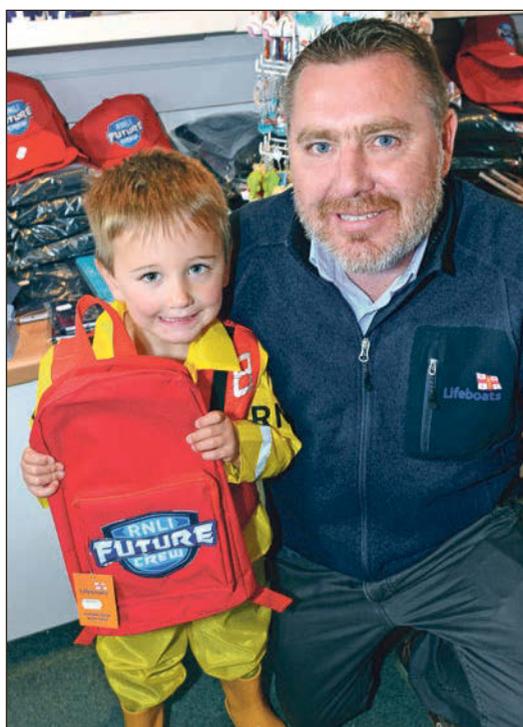
# Action stations at Campbeltown's RNLI open day

ONE OF the joys of a children's seaside holiday is walking around the shops which always seem full of special toys. Campbeltown's RNLI fundraising

shop, on the fishermen's quay, is an undiscovered Aladdin's cave of goodies such as clockwork crabs and seagulls, a unique kite and rock.

Last Saturday it was full to bursting for three hours as youngsters headed for the toys after they were given guided tours of the lifeboat, RNLI Land-Rover and crew room where they were able to try on special clothing.

Upstairs in the operation centre, mums and dads sampled teas and home baking.



Campbeltown lifeboat's second coxswain, harbourmaster Stephen Scally, with his grandson Graham, four. Graham's great-grandad was also a coxswain and his uncles Greg and Mark are crew members. Graham already looks the part with an RNLI one-piece waterproof suit. 25\_c30lifeboat03



Daniel Dillon, three, from Glasgow, was in town visiting his granny when he grabbed the chance to try on a inshore lifeboat crew members' life-jacket for size. 25\_c30lifeboat01



Leo Thomson, four, Lily Johnson, nine, Lyle McKinven, three, and Eve McKinven, behind, taste life on Campbeltown's lifeboat. 25\_c30lifeboat04



Carla Renton, five, holds a soft toy sea turtle and Kirstie Renton, eight, has just bought one of the great undiscovered toys of the lifeboat shop: a mini kite. 25\_c30lifeboat06



Ayla Campbell, seven, and Kian Campbell, five, who was very pleased with his clockwork crab. 25\_c30lifeboat05

## Seafish trawls for responses from survey of Kintyre fleet

A SEAFOOD organisation tried to net skippers and vessel owners' views in Kintyre as part of its annual economic survey of the UK's fishing fleet.

Researchers visited ports across the west of Scotland collecting data on fishing and vessel costs in order to build an up-to-date picture of the UK fleet's economic performance.

The researchers will be talking to fishermen about the performance of their vessels, their fuel consumption and the number of crew on board.

### Expectations

Seafish seeks to identify factors which affect the performance of fishing businesses, along with their expectations

and ambitions for the coming years.

The UK's vote to leave the EU – and this being the first year of the landing obligation – makes 2016 a crucial time to gather economic performance data from the fleet.

The results, to be published in 2017, are intended to help industry leaders and policy makers better understand the economic consequences of changes in fishery policy and of the broader financial climate.

Steve Lawrence, economics project manager at Seafish, said: 'Thanks to the participation of several hundred vessel owners, we are able to accurately represent the economic

performance of the UK fishing fleet for a number of years.

'Only with the continued support of the industry in Argyll can we keep up this hugely valuable exercise, producing outputs that allow us to better understand the industry as a whole and to inform key decision makers.'

### Supported

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*Often referred to as 'God's Island' for its natural beauty, the idyllic isle of Gigha is an untainted paradise of crystal clear waters lapping softly onto pristine white sandy beaches.*

### Gigha hotel has some rare treats

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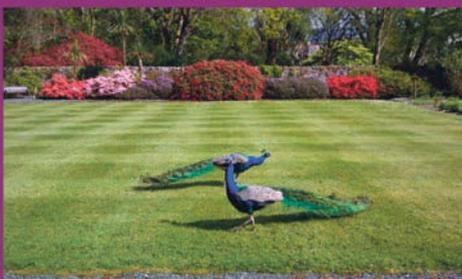
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## Property valuations increased across UK in June – despite EU referendum

THE pace of property valuations conducted in June 2016 in the UK increased both an annual basis and month on month, according to the latest research.

The total number of valuations carried out in June rose by four per cent compared to June 2015, and 24 per cent compared to the previous month, the report covering the month of the European Union referendum from Connells Survey and Valuation shows.

John Bagshaw, corporate services director of Connells Survey and Valuation, pointed out that the background to the figures is one of uncertainty and shock in the days after the UK decided to leave the EU, yet the property

landscape appears surprisingly stable which he believes is encouraging.

*'Initial solidity from the post-Brexit housing market may not be enough to answer all the new legal and financial questions in light of the vote or to offset a likely blow to confidence on the near horizon. But this should bring such fears into perspective. Life will go on and the property market will continue to function,'* he said.

Leading the June housing market, activity from first-time buyers accelerated last month, making up for a considerable slowdown in buy-to-let valuations. Numbers taking their first step onto

the property ladder rose 23 per cent year on year, whereas buy to let valuations decreased by 40 per cent over the same period.

This is on the back of 27 per cent month on month growth for first-time buyer valuations, ahead of the general seasonal pick-up in total activity, while buy-to-let valuations increased by 17 per cent since May, considerably slower than the overall picture.

*'First-time buyers continue to drive activity in the housing market, an emerging trend since the start of the year and now reaching a new peak. Government schemes such as Help to Buy continue to be significant. But now a*

*slowdown in the buy-to-let sector may be adding an extra short-term boost for new buyers, as competition from landlords diminishes a little, easing the hunt for a home for sale,'* Bagshaw explained.

Remortgaging has also seen a significant boost in valuation activity in June. The number of valuations carried out in June for those looking to remortgage rose by 18 per cent on a 12-month basis and 19 per cent month on month.

Home movers were more cautious. Valuations for existing homeowners looking to move to a new property decreased by seven per cent on an annual basis

since June 2015. However, the number of such home owner valuations rose by 29 per cent since May.

'Home movers have once again had a stable month, and this section of the market has enjoyed the strongest seasonal acceleration from May. Meanwhile, remortgaging is the other major winner from a time of consistently low mortgage rates and a

possibility of even lower borrowing costs over the summer,' Bagshaw pointed out. 'As seen in recent months, many people are taking advantage of these rates and switching to better mortgage deals. While the coming months are far from certain, so long as lenders remain

financially healthy there's a good chance that expected lower interest rates could feed through to even better mortgage rates and a further wave of remortgaging activity,' he added.



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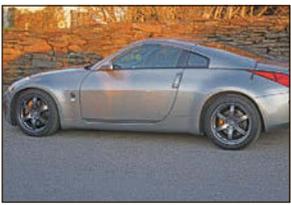


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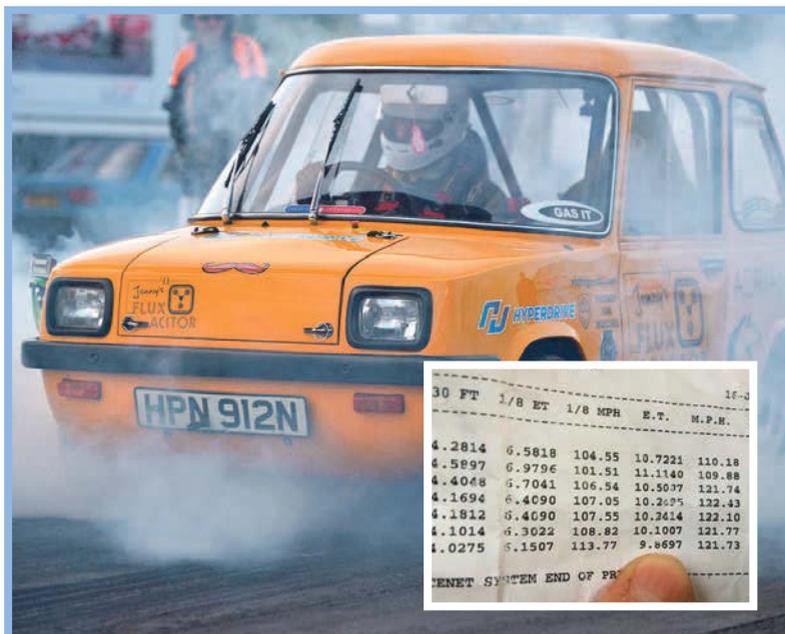
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## This tiny 70s British electric vehicle smashes world speed record

**A TINY British electric vehicle from the 1970s has become the world's quickest street legal EV in the hands of motoring journalist and serial car modifier Jonny Smith.**

The Enfield 8000, a forgotten city car built on the Isle of Wight in the oil crisis era, stormed through the quarter-mile sprint at Santa Pod on Saturday in a record-smashing 9.86 seconds at an average 121mph.



Originally boasting just 8hp, the car dubbed the Flux Capacitor now packs more than 800bhp, 1,200lbft of torque and quietly rockets to 113mph in six seconds.

To put that in perspective, it outpaces modern supercars like the Lamborghini Aventador, McLaren's 650S, a Porsche 911 Turbo S, Nissan GT-R and even Tesla's incredibly capable P90D electric car.

Jonny snatched the world record, which stood at 10.25 seconds, from the car that inspired him in the first place – an electric converted old Datsun owned by John Wayland from Portland, Oregon.

'I'm in awe of what this little yellow thing can cope with,' said Jonny, who has presented TV's *Fifth Gear* since 2006 and approached Adrian Flux to sponsor his dream four years ago.

'Despite so many critics telling me that a 68-inch wheelbase car could never safely go as fast as we wanted, the Enfield has proved them wrong.

'Originally the car was designed to drive up to speeds of 40mph. Now it triples the speed within quarter of a mile without any aerodynamic alterations – which is testament to the original design.

'The original designer, John Ackroyd, spent a lot of budget on the aerodynamics and went on to work with Richard Noble on Thrust 2.

'The car never feels like it is out of its comfort zone. To be honest, I have disconnected the speedo, and just drive it by feel. You quickly forget how small it is when the lights go green. The instant electric torque delivery is something I have never experienced in over 15 years of driving and testing sports cars.

'I set out to build a British electric hot rod. I hope I've achieved something

left-field enough to prove that David certainly can beat Goliath. I'm deeply thankful to all of the positive support from my sponsors, without which I couldn't have achieved this at all – Adrian Flux insurance, Hyperdrive, Gas It, Vintage VDB watches, Castor Vali global risk management and Andriaki Shipping company.'

Jonny rescued the Enfield, then a flood-damaged write-off, four years ago, and restored the car before adding 21st century electric technology.

The car is powered by 188 lithium-ion battery cells built into enclosures under the bonnet and boot, generating 2000 amps and 400 volts to a pair of DC nine-inch motors to drive the back wheels.

These batteries are normally seen running the miniguns and starting the engines of a Bell Super Cobra attack helicopter, but built for the car by Hyperdrive Innovations in Sunderland.

Despite reaching 100mph in under six seconds and only being 112 inches (2.8 metres) long, Jonny's Enfield is still road legal, tax exempt and London congestion charge exempt.

As part of the drag racing series he competes in, the Street Eliminator entrants must prove their roadworthiness as part of the qualifying process by way of a mandatory 26-mile cruise around Northamptonshire.

Being road legal means the car has to run treaded tyres, and no wheelie bars, which might help the 68-inch (1.7-metre) wheelbase to stay straight under full acceleration.

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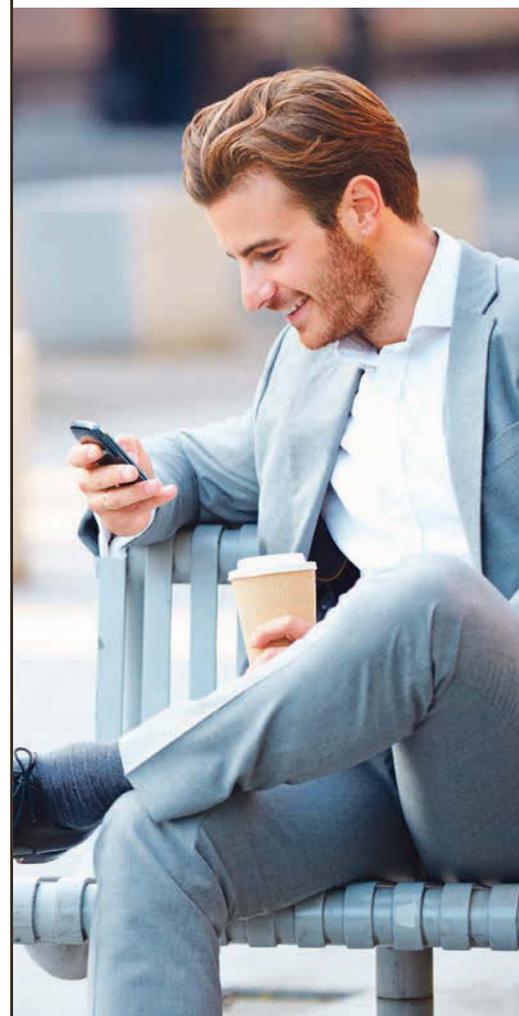
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## Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



I was listening to Radio Four as I drove to Glasgow when a news item came on about a young girl called Alma Deutchser. I soon became totally absorbed in the wonder of the story of this young girl. Alma was born in 2005 and when she was two she started playing the piano.

She could play the violin by age three and by the time she was four she composed an opera about a pirate called *Don Alonzo*.

When she was six she composed her full piano sonata and at seven she composed a short opera called: *The Sweeper of Dreams*.

There followed various compositions for violin, piano and chamber ensembles.

Aged nine, Alma wrote a concerto for violin and orchestra which she premiered in 2015.

Aged ten, Alma wrote a full length opera, *Cinderella*. A chamber version of the opera was performed in Israel in 2015, and the full version will be premiered in Vienna in December 2016.

I heard her interviewed and she came over as a lively, articulate, charming and intelligent young woman, yet with the freshness and enthusiasm of a child.

Her father said that when she was just three, she heard a lullaby by Richard Strauss, and came to him and said: 'How can music be so beautiful?'

Daniel Barenboim, who nurtures an orchestra of young Israeli and Palestinian musicians, said of her: 'Everything that cannot be learned, she already has.'

Alma has a zest for life and a desire to encourage young people to come together in the universal language of music.

At a time when our world is immersed in so much violence and sadness, this is a noble ideal and one we should embrace.

Arthur O'Shaughnessy said: 'We are the music makers and we are the dreamers of dreams.'

If only the world could sing the same song, maybe the dream of peace would come true.

## From our files:

### TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

**JULY 26, 1991**

Cash crisis hits visitor centre plan UNLESS the community can raise £6,500 in the next two weeks, the opportunity may be lost to create a visitor centre at Carradale, which Argyll and Bute Countryside Trust has been planning with the local community.

The trust has the promise of £9,500 from the Countryside Commission and has to raise the balance of the district valuer's £16,000 price tag on the vacant forestry buildings.

August 9 is the deadline for the trust to exercise its option to buy at valuation cost before the property goes on the market.

If the trust fails to meet the deadline with the cash, then it may still make an offer in the open market if the money is raised later, but it may have to make a higher offer.

Trust manager Bill Middlemiss said: 'If we are able to secure the buildings, we are aiming at opening next April, operating with two paid staff and local volunteers.'

### FIFTY YEARS AGO

**JULY 21, 1966**

Cave artist's daughter returns THIS month, for the first time in 32 years, Miss Dorothy McKinnon saw the Davaar Island cave painting of the Crucifixion executed by her father, artist Archibald McKinnon, almost 80 years ago.

For Miss McKinnon, it was a memorable and very moving return to the famous painting. She saw it last in 1934 when she accompanied her father on his special mission to carry out restoration work on the picture.

Among those who accompanied her on the short trip across the loch to Davaar were Provost Duncan McMillan and the Rev C Gillespie of the Christian Brethren, who was holidaying in the area.

Miss McKinnon said later: 'It was so wonderful to see it again after so many years. I just looked at it for a while so I could take it all in. Then Mr Gillespie suggested that it might be in keeping to sing the hymn *When I survey the wondrous cross* and we all sang it heartily. I will never forget it.'

### ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

**JULY 22, 1916**

Machrihanish ladies golf competition IN RESPONSE to an appeal for financial help from the secretary of the Lord Roberts' memorial workshops for disabled soldiers and sailors, the Machrihanish ladies golf club held a score competition on Saturday July 15.

The entry was not so large as usual, owing to so many playing members being away doing war work of various kinds.

Miss Campbell was winner with the score of 77 less her handicap of 13 for a net 64, and she received the pretty little bronze medal bearing the inscription 'Pro patria', which was sent by the committee of the aforementioned organisation. Miss M'Kinley was runner-up with the score of 84 less 19 for a net 65.

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The handsome sum of £17 was collected for the above fund.

## Jolly hockey sticks

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From back left: J McCallum, M Colville, M Johnston, H McArthur, M Wareham, B Durnin, R McGougan, F Shields, M Armour, E Grant, C McCallum, D Grumoli.

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**CAMPBELL** - Peacefully at Ardfenaig Residential Home, Ardrishaig, on July 13, 2016, Miss Mary Janette Macdonald Campbell, in her 73rd year, formerly of MacKellar Buildings, Lochgilphead and of 26 Balliemore, Kilmichael Glassary. Daughter of the late Jessie, and much loved sister of Andrew and dear sister in law of Sally. Loving aunt to Darren and Rachel, and great aunt to Elizabeth and William. A treasured and much loved niece of the late Willie and Jeannie MacKenzie and dear

cousin to all the family. Funeral service was held in the Lorne Street Funeral Parlour, Lochgilphead on Wednesday July 20, 2016, followed by interment at Achtnabreac Cemetery. Sadly missed.

**MACCALLUM** - Tragically on July 8, 2016, Peter James MacCallum, aged 17 years, of Barsloisnach Home Farm, Kilmartin. Much loved son of Alasdair and Sheila MacCallum, adored brother of Anna and the late Craig. Dearly loved grandson, nephew and cousin to all the family. Former pupil of Lochgilphead High School and a popular and dear friend to many in the wider community. Funeral ceremony will take place from Lochgilphead Parish Church on Monday July 25, 2016, at 1pm. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be offered in lieu of flowers. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

**McCALLUM** - Peacefully at Auchinlee Care Home, Campbeltown, on July 13, 2016, Margaret McConachy Campbell, in her 92nd year, formerly of Castleacres, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Ronald McCallum, much loved mum of Elizabeth and Fiona, mother-in-law of Bob and Donald, loving granny of Craig, Richard, Jennifer and Louise and a loved sister and aunt.

**SELFRIDGE** - Peacefully at her home, 5a Burns Brae, Lochgilphead, on July 15, 2016, after a long illness, borne bravely, Mary Grace Selfridge, nee MacGregor, in her 55th year. Much loved and loving mum of Leona, and adored granny of Megan, Keira and Aimee. Dear mother in law of Gary. Loving partner of Jim. Dear sister of Margaret, Katie and Jocky. A dear auntie and cousin to all the family. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held at Cardross Crematorium on Tuesday July 26, 2016, at 1.15pm. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Marie Curie Cancer Care.

**IN MEMORIAMS**

**JOHNSTON** - In memory of Ian (Chic), who died July 25, 2008. - Hamish and Kenneth.

**WILSON** - In loving memory of Davie, died July 23, 2007. All our love, Isobel and Gordon.

**WILSON** - Treasured memories of a precious dad and grampa, Davie, died July 23, 2007. Missed always. - Stewart, Heather, Kerry and Louise.

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**Sunday 24th July**  
11.15am Worship Service  
Rev Rick Downs  
**Wednesday 27th July**  
12.30pm Bible Study and Prayer  
**All Welcome**  
www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk  
Scottish Charity Number: SCO09980



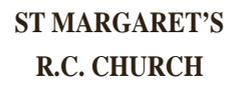
Pastor Derek Gibson  
All Welcome  
**Sunday 24th July 2016**  
Morning Service 11am  
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**Sunday 24th July 2016**  
11.00am  
Worship Service for all ages followed by a light lunch  
Speaker - George Stewart  
"Thy Rod and Staff"  
**Tuesday 26th July 2016**  
7.30pm  
Prayer, Word and Sharing  
All Welcome



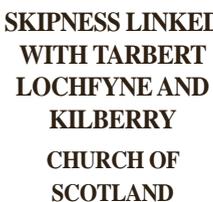
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Charity Number SC001002  
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Bellanoch Church  
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**Saturday 23 July**  
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**Sunday 24th July 2016**  
Skipness Service 10.00am  
Marilyn Shedden  
Tarbert Service 11.30am  
Rev. Margaret Anderson  
Kilberry Service 2pm  
Christopher Thornhill  
For all church enquiries and pastoral care  
Contact Rev. Hilda Smith, Interim Moderator on 07826 235735  
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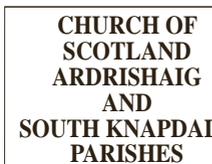
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6.00pm Evensong  
Father Simon Mackenzie  
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"It is good to sing praises to our God"  
Services in  
Achahoish at 9:45am  
Ardrishaig at 11:00am



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Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair  
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Minister:  
Rev. Dr. Roderick D. M. Campbell  
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In Cumlodden Church at 10 am  
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Charity No. SC016665  
Morning Service  
in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am  
**ALL WELCOME**



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And will be held in the Church at 11.15 am  
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SCO11686  
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Rev P Wallace  
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All welcome



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**Wednesday 27 July**  
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# Anderson overcomes five-shot deficit to claim mixed singles

GARY ANDERSON produced an almighty comeback in the last two ends to recover a stunning victory.

Campbeltown Bowling Club held the Peninver Sands-sponsored mixed singles on Sunday July 10, which attracted a good entry of the club's singles exponents.

The round robin sections were played in atrocious conditions, with the Stronvaar

green threatening to flood making underfoot conditions precarious to say the least.

The rain stopped in time for the semi-finals between Robert Hendrie and Dugald Graham, and Gavin McLachlan and Gary Anderson.

## Challenge

Gary duly saw off Gavin's challenge with an end to spare, but it took an extra end in the other game before

Dugald booked his place in the final.

Gary's prospects looked bleak in the early ends when he faced a five-shot deficit, but he pulled back in the penultimate end, producing three bowls within inches of the jack to deservedly win the competition.

President Steven Dickson and Robert MacCallum, on behalf of Peninver Sands, presented the prizes.



From left: S Dickson, G McLachlan, D Graham, G Anderson, R MacCallum and R Hendrie.

## Midges make for terrible time (keeping)

AS RUNNERS raced around Lussa loch timekeepers spent more than 30 minutes trying to ignore massed midges.

Apart from the biting insects, at the recent third race in the 2016 South Kintyre Sports

Council (SKSC) 5K handicap series, conditions were good for personal bests with little wind across the course.

First across the line was Katy McDonald – 27:31, with Stuart McGeachy recording

the best time 17:08. Below is a full list of timings although results will not be finalised until the end of the five-race series in September: Stuart McGeachy 17:08, Drew Dutton 18:42, Gregor Campbell 18:48, Tommy Morran 19:03, Stephen Blackstock 20:08, Jennifer Martin 20:15, Grant Edmonson 20:20, Stewart Ireland 20:39, John Galbraith 21:18, Emma Morran 21:23, Jennifer Reid 21:26, Jimmy Anderson 21:30, Euan Charwood 22:13, James McEachran 22:20, Ryan Shields 22:22,

Neil John MacPhail 22:24, Elaine Fraser 22:31, David Leishman 23:35, Jocelyn Richard 23:36, Kerry O'May 24:02, Sarah McFadzean 24:09, Ali Millar 24:40, Ruairidh Campbell 24:48, Susan Turner 25:34, Frances Valentine 25:46, Lorraine McDonald 25:47, Margaret Sinclair 26:46, Alix Geyer 26:53, Violet Campbell 26:55, Katy McDonald 27:31, Mairi McKillop 28:15, Rachel McGeachy 28:28 and Sarah Campbell 31:29.

The next race is on Tuesday August 2 at Pennygown.



Katy McDonald was first across the line.

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Second on the night was Rachel McGeachy.

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Third home Sarah Campbell.

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Jim Stewart Memorial Cup winners: skip Kenny Kerr, Stuart Blue and lead Tosh and runners-up: skip D Reid, David Allen and John Mason. 25\_c30memorial01

## Sunny Sunday afternoon for Jim Stewart Memorial Cup

FIVE friendly bowling teams from both of Campbeltown's clubs played the annual Jim Stewart Memorial match on Sunday.

On a balmy afternoon at Argyll Bowling Club winners: skip Kenny Kerr, Stuart Blue and lead Tosh said they were honoured to lift the cup after a 9-1 victory.

It was a one-sided final as runners up: skip D Reid, David Allen and John Mason initially went 1-0 up before going 8-1 down with one end to play. Reid burned the last but one end with his best shot of the day but it was to no avail.

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Bowling the jack. 25\_c30memorial02

## Carradale take part in Argyll and Bute Cup

THE annual Argyll and Bute Cup will take place in Lochgilphead on Saturday August 6.

Holders Oban Saints have been drawn in Section Two alongside Glasgow Islay, Dunoon and Tarbert.

Section One comprises host club

Lochgilphead Red Star, Rothesay Brandane, Kilchoman Islay and Carradale.

The tournament gets under way at 10am, with games being played at the Ropework Park and on the 3G pitch at Lochgilphead Joint Campus.

# Results of pony club show held at Skipness

YOUNG riders put their horses to the test at a Skipness event for show jumpers of the future. The Argyll South branch of the Pony Club showcased its new jumps in a course for all levels to enjoy. The optional clear round course gave all riders the opportunity to get acquainted with the new jumps and fillers before the timed competition round.

The working hunter course was very popular and in the spirit of the day, riders received encouragement and instruction if required, to enable them to achieve a clear round.

A spokesperson said: 'It was a great opportunity to gain experience of this discipline. Lots of riders enjoyed a second round to make sure that they

got it just right. Pony club games were mainly enjoyed by younger riders.'

The handy pony challenge set out for all ages, a fun but complex obstacle course which required, although, possibly without some of the younger riders knowing because they were having such fun, both control and good horsemanship.

The prizes, by rider's name followed by the pony, were as follows: Overall trophies: Non members Isla MacDonald – Misha, Members – junior: Morgan Sinclair – Savannah, Members – senior: Tabitha James – Sleele.

Showjumping: Stars of the future – low: 1 Isla MacDonald – Meesha, 2 Robyn Macfie – Tony and 3 Cara Cameron – Holly. Stars of the future



Jadie Baillie competing on Cruise.

– 30cm: 1 Georgia Foster – Sapphire, 2 Rebecca Baillie – Aero and 3 Isla MacDonald – Meesha. Newcomers – 50cm: 1 Lolly Johnson – Brooklyn, 2 Geor-

gia Foster – Sapphire and 3 Josephine Boase – Rapsody. Discovery – 70cm: 1 Shanon MacDonald – Blue, 2 Jadie Baillie – Cruise and 3 Gillian Rennie – Jil-

ly. Grand prix - 80cm: 1 Debbie Swan – Mhairi, 2 Tabitha James – Lottie and 3 Kathryn McGeachy – Nicole. Handy pony – lead rein, under 10 years: 1

Isla MacDonald – Meesha, 2 Cara – Holly and 3 Kayla Willan – Loui. Handy Pony – under 13 years: 1 Iris MacMillan – Fergus, 2 Jordan Rennie – Conal and 3

Sky McLachlan – Faelyn. Handy Pony – 13 to 15 years: 1 Morgan Sinclair – Savannah, 2 Katie MacKay – Conker and 3 Anna MacCallum – Lilly.

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INSIDE THIS WEEK:  
Results of pony  
club show held at  
Skipness



Craig Kerr in action. 25\_c30openpairs05



All the players who took part in the open pairs. 25\_c30openpairs02

## Trailed jack secures open pairs win

WITH two ends to go in Argyll Bowling Club's open pairs competition, a decisive bowl trailed the jack into the ditch giving the eventual winners a three-shot lead.

Despite a low turnout and poor weather in the

early part of the afternoon, bowlers enjoyed a fantastic day with eight teams entered.

The format was of two groups of four with the winner of each group going through to the final.

The first group was

won convincingly by John McLachlan and Bobby Mathieson. The pair's vast experience allowed them to make their way through a tough group featuring formidable teams.

The second group was a close affair fea-

ture a head-to-head game in the final between Gordon Graham and Craig Kerr versus Grant Grant, and Gary Grumoli with both pairs winning their first two games.

With the scores tied at 6-6 and three ends to play it looked like it would go to the wire, but some great play from young skip Craig Kerr gave his team six shots in two ends to see them through to the final.

A close final was expected after both pairs had played good bowls in the group stage.

However the final was almost over after the first two ends with McLachlan and Mathieson lying six shots in both ends before Kerr reduced it to one shot in the first end and burning the second end.

Both pairs exchanged ends until the score was 5-5 with two ends to play when a decisive bowl was played



Open Pairs finalist's were from back left: Gordon Graham, Craig Kerr, John McLachlan and Bobby Mathieson. From sponsors the Royal British Legion of Scotland are Geoff Spree and Ewan Lang and centre club vice president Donnie McCrimmon holds Grace McCoubrey representing Newgrove Furniture. 25\_c30openpairs03



Gavin McLachlan and Lee Allen who had their third trial for Scotland's U25's on Sunday. 25\_c30openpairs01

by Kerr to trail the jack into the ditch. It gave him and Graham a three-shot lead with one end to play.

Knowing their opponents needed at least three for a tie, Graham and Kerr played more defensively in the last end and only conceded one shot to given themselves an 8-6 victory and the Open Pairs trophy.

A spokesperson said: 'Many thanks to our sponsors: Newgrove Furniture, Fona Taxis and Campbeltown branch of the Royal British Legion Scotland and to RBLs for presenting the prizes.

### No Mach lottery winners

THERE were no winners of this week's Machrihanish Golf Club lottery.

The winning numbers were 4, 5 and 13.

The next draw, on July 18 will have a jackpot of £200

### Islay Golf Club results

THE 19th Challenge, Sunday July 17: 1 B Davies, 39 pts; 2 C Holyoake, 37 pts; 3 R Quail, 36 pts.

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