



▲ CHECK out Jura in Fife. That is the message from Miller Homes – and, no, it is not a geography mix-up. For Jura is a five-bed house type they are building at their Regents Park and Primrose Hill projects in the Kingdom. These properties have a price tag that starts at less than £250,000. The layout includes an L-shaped hall with feature staircase, a kitchen and breakfast area with garden access. The lounge has double doors leading to the dining room. Two of the four bedrooms upstairs have ensuite facilities with the fifth offering flexibility – it could be guest accommodation, a study, library or hobby room. Boosting interest further is the fact both sites are ideal for commuters, just minutes from Rosyth station. ●*Information: www.millerhomes.co.uk*

▼ SO you want a beautiful home in the heart of Edinburgh but you have neither the time nor the energy to shop for the furniture or furnishings. No problem. Thanks to the Quattermile development, achieving this dream of hassle-free luxury living in the Capital is now a possibility. A two-bed apartment in the Meadows View section has been released for sale – fully furnished. One of 31 new-build homes at Meadows View it is priced at £500,000. Accommodation includes an open-plan lounge plus luxury kitchen and dining area. Both bedrooms have built-in wardrobes and the master bedroom also boasts an ensuite shower-room. The apartment also has a main bathroom. The sale includes all furnishings, sofas and beds as well as artwork. ●*Information: 0845 0002525; www.qmile.com*



FURNISHED: Layout at Quattermile is stunning



▲ TEMPLEWOOD House is the apt name of a mansion north of Brechin on the market at offers over £630,000. The land in this part of Angus has been known as Temple Fields, an area long associated with the Knights Templar. Accommodation features two other reception rooms, a kitchen, office, laundry, cloakroom, shower-room and two WCs on ground floor level with two bedrooms, both with ensuite bathrooms. The master bedroom also has a dressing room. There are three other bedrooms, one also ensuite facilities, and there is a main bathroom. ●*Information: 01356 628628; www.savills.co.uk*



SALE: Merkland House is a modern property in a secluded country area, ideal for horse lovers among others



MARKET: The stylish internal design of the Riverside Lodge

◀ WHEN it comes to location, two lodge properties must lay claim to having one of the most stunning settings in Scotland. Both have uninterrupted views of the River Tay and sit in 120 acres on the eastern shore of Loch Tay near Kenmore. This setting is the Mains of Taymouth Estate, which features five-star holiday cottages and Highland Lodges. The two Riverside Lodge properties on sale are playing their part in highlighting a new generation of Riverside lodges. Each is different because designs can be customised and even size is varied. They come either as large – 50 foot – or mid-sized – 46 foot – plots. There is also choice for fixtures, fittings and finishings. Tara Scott, MD of Mains of Taymouth

Estate, said: “This new generation of Riverside lodges have been designed to complement the surrounding scenery and properties. There were only 16 lodges in the first phase, which is testament to the exclusivity of the development.” The show lodge is a mid-sized property, fully furnished, and selling at £164,000. It has an open-plan living room with a dining area, a fully fitted kitchen with French doors that give access to a decked balcony. There is a shower and wet walled area within the bathroom as well as inbuilt vanity units. There are three bedrooms, one ensuite and a bunk room that could be a study or sauna. The unfurnished lodge is on release at £150,000. ●*Info: 01887 830226; www.taymouthvillage.co.uk*

▲ AT Willoxton, near Mauchline in Ayrshire, there is a chance to land a modern country house in a very private setting in a wooded area with a great countryside outlook. Merkland House, on the books of agents CKD Galbraith at offers over £499,950, may well captivate home-hunters with a passion for animals. It has stables and a yard area, an all-weather riding arena, a fenced paddock, kennelling plus a workshop with planning in place for a cattery. The two-storey house has two reception rooms, a conservatory, dining kitchen, utility room, shower-room, bathroom and wc, and four bedrooms with ensuite facilities for the master bedroom. ●*Information: 01292 268181; www.ckdgalbraith.co.uk*

Live the Mackintosh dream

By Heather Rose

BACK in 1900, the great Scottish architect and designer Charles Rennie Mackintosh was, so it is believed, working on plans for his own and his wife's future home lifestyle. Providing strong support for this view is the fact he had been preparing working drawings for buildings which he named The Artist's Cottage and Studio and South House. But the plans remained as drawings through the rest of Rennie Mackintosh's life and for many decades afterwards. Luckily, they were safely kept at the Hunterian Art Gallery, in Glasgow.

However, near the end of the 20th century those plans and elevational drawings were brought to life. In 1992, almost a century after they were designed, those plans were transformed into the buildings Rennie Mackintosh had envisaged, built at Farr, Inverness-shire.

Now another chapter in the story of The Artist's Cottage and Studio and South House is about to begin. These unique buildings at Farr are on the market, being sold through the Inverness office of agents Strutt and Parker with an asking price of



HISTORY: The house that was just a dream for Mackintosh can become your reality

offers over £865,000. Because Rennie Mackintosh's reputation has grown significantly, this sale is likely to attract global attention. For buildings have been meticulously crafted, serving as an accurate interpretation of the designs it is believed the architect had prepared as accommodation for himself and his equally artistically talented wife, Margaret MacDonald. The Artist's Cottage and Studio is described by the agents as being a two-storey cube. It houses the main living quarters and the studio,

served by a single storey cottage and walled garden. Although carefully adhering to the great architect's plans, in bringing them into reality, full use has been made of modern building methods. This attention to detail is evident internally as well as externally. For example, many of the ground floor windows feature leaded glass patterns from Mackintosh sources. Accommodation consists of an entrance vestibule which leads into a dining hallway that has a lattice staircase and a tall east facing lead

cabinet, two bedrooms with ensuite shower-rooms and an open-to-roof-void studio-bedroom which has exposed beams. There is also access to a balcony and stairs which lead to a roof terrace to take full advantage of the glorious outlook. The South House, an equally distinctive building, serves as guest accommodation and has recently been used as a self-catering holiday let. It includes a dining hall with a feature staircase, kitchen, lounge, two bedrooms and bathroom with the upper landing having the added benefit of a curved Charles Rennie Mackintosh design window. Situated about 15 miles from the Highland capital, this unique property could capture the hearts of commuters wanting to live in rural surroundings but within easy reach of the city. It could also win the attention of long distance commuters as it has the plus of being convenient for the airport. And possibly generating further interest is the fact, as the agents point out, that additional land is available, but as a separate deal, so creating more options for potential buyers provided the necessary permissions are obtained. ●*Information: 01463 719171; www.struttandparker.com*

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