

Widow's death on grave

A woman's body has been found lying on top of her late husband's grave.

Police are investigating the death of the 68-year-old widow who paid for and planned her own funeral 24 hours before she died.

The woman lost her husband 18 months ago.

She is thought to have taken her own life at his graveside in a council-run cemetery in Lytham St Annes, Lancashire.

A police spokesman said: "We're preparing a report for the coroner."

"It would appear this woman had carefully prepared for her own death in advance."

"It is not regarded as suspicious."

Ill Robbie still in hospital

Harry Potter star Robbie Coltrane was still recovering in hospital yesterday after falling ill on a plane to Florida.

The 64-year-old had "severe flu-like symptoms" which led the pilot to declare a medical emergency on the flight from Heathrow to Orlando on Thursday.

Yesterday, the star's agent, Belinda Wright, said: "As far as I know he's doing fine and still recovering in hospital."

"We wish him all the best but he will be fine - it's not life-threatening."

The mystery illness forced Coltrane to pull out of a Potter convention he was due to attend.

His agent denied Twitter claims the actor had been "absolutely hammered".

Split Kirk get new minister

A congregation split by the Church of Scotland's gay clergy row are to get a new minister this week.

The Kirk's Stornoway High parish on the Isle of Lewis have been without a reverend since 2011.

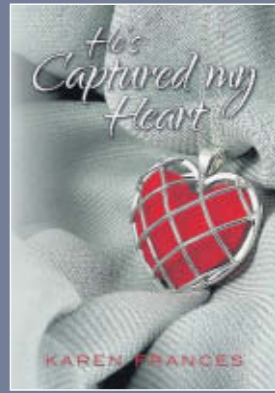
Last May, a group of 250 parishioners left to join the Free Church after the Kirk's General Assembly voted to allow gay men and women to become ministers.

There are about 100 worshippers at Stornoway High and the Church have announced the Reverend Dr Wayne Pearce will be inducted on Friday.

A spokesman said: "After almost four years it's good to see light and life emanating from the manse once again."

FORMER QUEEN'S PARK CENTRE-HALF

STARS IN THE HOTTEST MOVIE OF THE YEAR



STEAMY Karen's book

Bonnie banks' saucy secrets

A mum of five has penned a steamy romance novel after getting tips from bestselling author Jodie Ellen Malpas.

Karen Frances's new book *He's Captured My Heart*, set beside Loch Lomond, has been tipped as Scotland's answer to *Fifty Shades of Grey*.

But she says it's Malpas - whose erotic trilogy *This Man* has sold more than 500,000 worldwide - she is most grateful to.

Karen, 38, said: "I'm a fan of *50 Shades*, I've read it a few times. But I much prefer *This Man*."

"I also knew that Jodie Ellen Malpas started off in the same way as me, through self-publishing, so I got in touch and she was very helpful."

"She told me to make sure I got my book out there and congratulated me when it was published last week. That was so nice."

Karen, from Cumbernauld, says she was nervous about letting friends and family see the finished product but was happy at their reaction.

She said: "When I first told my husband Paul, he was a bit shocked. But he's been so supportive."

"I gave it to my mum and my mother-in-law for Christmas and they both loved it."

The book tells the story of Libby Stewart, recovering from a broken heart as she takes on a new job running a hotel on the banks of Loch Lomond.

She meets businessman Alexander Mathews and her life is changed forever.

He's *Captured My Heart* is available on Amazon on paperback and Kindle.

How actor hung up his boots and swapped Hampden for Hollywood

Steve Hendry

Andrew Airlie might be starring in *50 Shades of Grey* but the heart of the former Queen's Park centre-half will always be black and white.

The actor turned out for the Spiders before realising Hollywood might be a better bet than Hampden.

And while Andrew admits he is loving life on the other side of the Atlantic, he still looks for the results from his old side every Saturday.

Born in Riddrie, Glasgow, he and his family flitted between Canada and Scotland for a number of years when he was growing up before his parents Jim and Margaret finally settled in North America.

Andrew retained close links with home throughout his childhood and returned to Scotland in 1980 to try to make it as a footballer, playing for Queen's Park and Glasgow junior side Ashfield.

He said: "The nucleus of the Queen's Park team had been over in Canada for a tournament in the summer."

"Afterwards they went on a bit of a tour, playing the Ontario provincial team and some of the young hopefuls bidding for a place in Canada's under-19 team. I was in that pool of players."

"We played them in a series of exhibition games. I did quite well and was asked if I'd thought about coming to Scotland to play."

"I knew I could rely on my Aunt Alice and live with her and make a stab at it."

"I went for a trial with Queen's Park but I was only middling."

"After a couple of months I transferred to Ashfield and ended up playing for them for the rest of the season."

"I'd returned to Scotland hoping to stay, to become a full-time footballer and make my life there."

"My goal was to get to Celtic Park but when I didn't get past Lesser Hampden, I knew that wasn't on the cards."

"It opened my eyes that I was a dime-a-dozen centre back so I would probably have to look elsewhere for a livelihood."

"But I loved every minute of my experience in Scotland, the family and new people I met, everything. It's not just nostalgic. It was a magical time for me."

Andrew, now 53, went back across the Atlantic for a soccer scholarship in the United States and studied for a Master's in

50 Shades of Grey is fine but my heart will always be black and white



SUAVE Andrew, left, is on verge of stardom with *Fifty Shades*. Above, in his football days



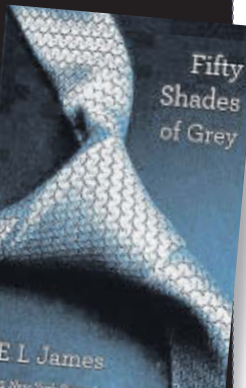
BOTTOM LINE Both stars were required to strip for steamy scenes

A worldwide phenomenon turns into a spanking success

Since its release in 2011, *Fifty Shades of Grey* by British author EL James has become a global phenomenon.

The trilogy has been translated into 51 languages worldwide and sold more than 100 million copies in e-book and print formats, making it one of the fastest-selling book

series ever. The story follows naive student Anastasia Steele as she begins a torrid relationship with billionaire Christian Grey. But it turns out the charming entrepreneur has some very specific tastes when it comes to romance, stretching to domination and bondage.



international relations at the University of Toronto. He was about to begin his PhD when he decided to defer and give acting, his secret passion, a go.

He got the first three parts he went for and has been hooked ever since, building a lengthy and successful career in TV and film.

But his biggest role yet is as Carrick Grey, father of leading man Christian, in *50 Shades of Grey*, the forthcoming film of the erotic bestseller.

While stars Jamie Dornan and Dakota Johnson have been at the heart of the discussion on online forums, fans have made their feelings known about the casting of every role - including Carrick.

Most fans wanted a big Hollywood name like Pierce Brosnan or Kevin Costner - not an ex-Queen's Park centre-half from Glasgow.

The news worried Andrew's wife Samantha so much she banned him from browsing the internet.

He said: "She was a little concerned because she Googled the character's name and saw the wishlist of actors - Brosnan, Costner and so on. Crazy big names. I thought, 'Oh my God, the fans are going to go mad when they find out it's me' and she told me, 'Don't search this again, never look at this again.'"

"But people have generally been fine. Anyone who has contacted me has been positive, saying I am just what they imagined."

"That's going to be the tricky thing. Fans of the book see the characters in their own minds. Sometimes the actors who are chosen to play

those characters don't match up to that. Whether you can satisfy everyone, I don't know, but there is nothing you can do about it."

"I am just delighted to be in a film of this scale and popularity along with all the other people who are involved in it."

Fifty Shades of Grey, directed by Sam Taylor-Johnson, was filmed in Vancouver, where Andrew now lives.

The film is vastly different from anything else he has been a part of but he says he is enjoying watching it unfold.

If all goes well, he will be attached to the project for the full *Fifty Shades* trilogy.

He said: "I have a very small part in the first film but interest in my website has soared, I've had more fan mail and Twitter messages."

"It is not like anything else I have been involved in but it didn't really surprise me because I knew how crazy passionate this fan base was."

"In the first film at least, I am not in it for very long, it is just establishing Christian Grey's family and where he is from."

"They've said that I'll be there a little more in the second one and a good bit more in the third but the scripts are not finished so we'll see."

"I don't think they are hedging their bets, just waiting to see how *Fifty Shades* performs at the box office."

Andrew - real-life dad to Natalie, 12, and 10-year-old Callum - built up a good rapport with his screen kids, played by Northern Irish actor Jamie Dornan and singer Rita Ora.

He said: "Rita is high octane, as strong as a cup of coffee, and I absolutely loved her. Jamie, I can't say enough about. He's a football

fan so we chatted about that and he's a treat of a guy."

"He was completely open from the very beginning, a dream guy to work with."

"I'm sure this film is a very different experience for him but I hope he is enjoying it all."

The erotic content of *Fifty Shades of Grey* elevated the books to notoriety, as well as bestseller lists, and is something which Jamie treated with a light touch.

Andrew, meanwhile, is just happy to have kept his clothes on.

He said: "Jamie joked about having to keep his shirt on but he really looked together."

"He was calm and a real delight to work with. He was enjoying himself."

"I'm aware of the content of the books, but there was nothing that I felt uncomfortable with."

"The main thing was I knew they were not going to ask me to get my kit off. Believe me, nobody wants to see that."

Andrew is more than aware that *Fifty Shades of Grey*, which arrives in cinemas just in time for Valentine's Day, is the kind of film which critics will be watching keenly.

But he hopes the books' vast fan base will help insulate it from too much criticism.

He said: "I think the film might be critic-proof just because the *Fifty Shades* fan base is so enormous and so loyal."

"I hope fans are pleased with what Sam Taylor-Johnson has done because she put a lot into it."

"I also hope the wider audience can take it for what it is and, if you haven't read the books, it is still going to be a film that's worth two hours of your life."



INTIMATE Christian (Jamie Dornan) seduces naive Ana (Dakota Johnson)

Who's who in steamy saga

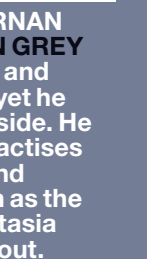
DAKOTA JOHNSON ANASTASIA STEELE

Ana is a student at Washington State University Vancouver, majoring in English literature. She falls for Christian Grey when she interviews him.



JAMIE DORNAN CHRISTIAN GREY

Handsome and charming, yet he has a dark side. He secretly practises bondage and domination as the naive Anastasia soon finds out.



JENNIFER EHLE CARLA MAY WILKS

Ana's mother, self-centred with the attention span of a goldfish, flitting from one hobby to another trying to turn them into businesses, few of which work.



LUKE GRIMES ELLIOT GREY

True Blood star Grimes plays Christian's elder brother. He goes with his brother to pick up a drunk Anastasia Steele at a bar where he meets her flatmate Kate Kavanaugh.



RITA ORA MIA GREY

Rita, currently starring as a coach in BBC talent show *The Voice*, plays Mia, the adopted daughter of Andrew's character Carrick and his wife Dr Grace Trevelyan Grey.



MARCIA GAY HARDEN DR GRACE TREVELYAN GREY

The casualty specialist who adopted Christian into her family after he was brought into her emergency room as a traumatised four-year-old.

