

NEWS, VIEWS AND REVIEWS

Tarbert Hall Update

Built at the beginning of the last century as a drill hall Tarbert Village Hall had suffered progressive fabric deterioration and in the late 1990's serious efforts were begun to fundraise for a major renewal.

Earlier this year a contract was awarded to Tarbert contractor Duncan McGregor as the main element in an overall budget of some £640,000.00 for the project.

The completed project will retain the original hall fully upgraded with new extensions for toilets, kitchen etc. All services will be replaced and a high level of insulation should play its part in energy saving.

The stage will be greatly improved and a major innovation is a new facility for the Tarbert Youth Group to provide a permanent base for their activities.

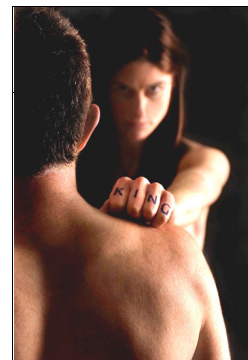


Tarbert Hall Outside and Inside

The Hall Management Committee hope to encourage new drama, musical and other entertainment use of the facilities as well as normal regular activities and in particular a venue for weddings in the area. The Hall Committee have now turned their energy to furnishing requirements and although the original completion date of December 2008 is delayed due to poor weather in the latter half of the summer it is hoped that the Hall will be back in business by the end of January 2009.

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Robert McPhail
Convener of building sub committee



MACBETH

MULL Theatre produced a stunning performance of Shakespeare's Macbeth in the Victoria Hall on Friday 12th September. The large audience was treated to an imaginative, exciting production which more than matched any large-scale theatre company.

There was a buzz of anticipation as the audience found seats in an auditorium shrouded in mist. The simple but effective set loomed out of the darkness as the witch appeared. One witch? But surely there should be three....? She's pushing a pram...?

Is she a witch....? Sarah Hawarth's imaginative interpretation of the character(s), coupled with the spectacular use of mirrors, set the mood of the play. At once we knew that this was no ordinary production. Subtle lighting and eerie sound effects sent shivers down the spine as she worked her evil magic.

We witnessed Alan Steele's towering performance as Macbeth, the likeable man, corrupted by greed and driven to the point of madness by guilt and despair.

Lady Macbeth, one of the great female roles, was played with great depth and insight by Beth Marshall. Her steely resolve was tempered by glimpses of human emotion, which created a well-rounded, but (like her husband) flawed human being.

The other members of the cast produced no less powerful performances. Some spectacular doubling enabled Lesley Hart, Fraser Sivewright and Paul Cunningham to play a range of characters, from tragic to comic, with great aplomb.

In an evening filled with memorable moments, these were particular highlights:

The inspired use of mirrors and lighting; the chilling scene where the witch produced noxious objects from the innocent looking pram to weave her spells; Macbeth's horror at the sight of Banquo's ghost; the dreadful murder of Macduff's family, and Macduff's reaction when he was told the full horror of their fate; Lady Macbeth's anguish in the sleep-walking scene; Macbeth's descent into despair as his world crumbled around him.

And all the time, the malevolent, ever-present spirit of evil watches, relishing the havoc and misery that her mischief-making has unleashed.

This was a wonderful production of the Scottish play. Director Alasdair McCrone can be rightly proud.

Review by Maureen Johnson

Reviews

An Angus Martin Book

"Laggan Days"

A series of poems in memory of Tarbert poet George Campbell Hay (1915 – 1984)

Angus Martin writes poems like most people take photographs. Laggan Days sets the scene with an essential body of prose, which brings the book to life through, geography, characters, music, food, fishing, war and whisky.

An interesting point to note is that all of the poems, with the exception of the three memorial pieces at the end, are intended to be read as though George Campbell Hay had written them. In addition the combination of prose and poetry conjures the contrasting lands of town and country, where we are invited to picture George standing in Milne's Bar in Edinburgh or aboard a Tarbert fishing boat looking out to his beloved West Shore.

I was introduced to George Campbell Hay through Angus's poem, Aborted Elegy for George Campbell Hay in The Larch Plantation (1990). This created a curiosity, which is answered in Laggan Days. Printed this year Martin's book gives Hay's story a frame in an easily accessible and affordable format. Laggan Days ends with an adapted version of Aborted Elegy for George Campbell Hay and having read this I was propelled right back to the beginning of the book to review and relive Angus Martin's clever portrayal of his friend George Campbell Hay.

This book is unique and will provide endless reference for those who treasure Hay's work and Angus's independent view of Hay's Kintyre and indeed of Hay himself. You can purchase this perfect stocking filler for a mere £1 plus postage from the author Angus Martin, 13 Saddell Street, Campbeltown, PA28 6DN. Review by Kay Johnston

Weekly / Monthly Events

Kintyre Writers' Circle: Meet 1st Wednesday and 3rd Saturday of every month, usually in Campbeltown Library

Argyll FM: Broadcasting from Campbeltown 24 hrs a day on 106.5, 107.1 & 107.7 FM to the West Coast of Scotland.

Templar Arts and Leisure Centre, Tarbert: Craft Fair every third Saturday of the month, 10am - 4.00pm

Campbeltown Picture House: Showing starts at 8pm, doors open 7.30pm every evening except Friday: Tel 01586 553899.

Tarbert Film Club: Films shown on the 2nd Saturday's of every month at 8pm Sept - June.

Contact: Lisa Tuttle: 01880 820 063 or email: lisatutt@googlemail.com

Campbeltown Heritage Centre: Open Mon - Friday 11.30 am - 4.30 pm and Sunday 2.00 pm - 4.30 pm.

Prices £2.00 per adult, £1.50 concession & children under school age free. Contact: 07733 485 387.

Carradale Network Centre and Tearoom: Opening hours (winter) 11 am - 4 pm closed on Wednesdays & Thursdays.

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NEWS, EVENTS, REVIEWS AND INFORMATION FROM AROUND KINTYRE



THE KINTYRE CULTURAL FORUM



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Kintyre Cultural Forum AGM and Audit

THE KCF will hold its AGM in the White Hart Hotel, Campbeltown on Thursday November 13th at 1.00pm. A light lunch with refreshments will be provided and the committee would like to invite members of the public and interested parties along to join in.

The Forum is currently conducting a needs audit towards a potential Arts Cultural Centre and a culturally focused website. Anyone wishing to participate in the audit or find out more about the Forum should contact Iain Johnston at 01586 552034 or email us at kintyreculturalforum@hotmail.co.uk

Kintyre Cultural Forum

AGM

Thursday 13th Nov
White Hart Hotel,
Main St, Campbeltown
1.00 pm All welcome

Free Fiddle Workshops



The tutor for the first set of workshops will be Rebecca Brown (pictured) from Islay who performed at this years Mull of Kintyre and Gigha Music Festival's.

The three workshops on Nov 13th will start at 4.15pm with a beginners workshop followed by an intermediate at 5.15pm and ending with an experienced workshop starting at 6.15pm.

Both organisations have stated that if the demand is sufficient they will put together a series of monthly workshops next year. If you are interested in booking onto a workshop or want more information please phone Iain at 01586 552034.

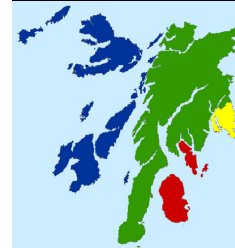
Kintyre Music Club Concert Graeme Mc Naught

GRAEME Mc Naught grew up in Motherwell. He trained first at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama (RSAMD) & then in Munich, Salzburg and London.



In 1986 he was the unanimous winner of the first Scottish Piano Competition and third prize winner in the Casgrande International Piano Competition in Italy. He has performed throughout Britain, Central Europe and the Far East as a soloist. He returned from Germany in 1990 to join the Piano Department of the RSAMD. A series of Chopin/Schumann recitals in Glasgow and concerto performances with all the Scottish orchestras soon established Mc Naught as one of the country's leading musicians. This November he is doing a series of concerts in Argyll & Bute. M Tumelty in the Herald described him as "Unbelievable.... unmissable". You can hear him in Campbeltown on Tuesday 18th November. Don't miss it.

LEADER Grants Now Available



The new Argyll and the Islands LEADER Programme is off to a flying start following the first three funding rounds. A total of £1,687,004 has been awarded to 40 community groups and supporting organisations in Argyll and the Islands.

The overall aim of the LEADER programme is to support rural development at a local level by funding projects developed by local organisations thereby bringing a boost to the local economy and providing communities with the wherewithal to tackle local issues.

A key element of the LEADER ethos is the fact that decisions on grant applications are also made at a local level by a Local Action Group which is made up from locally based public sector and community sector organisations. A full list of members can be found on the website www.argyllandtheislandsleader.org.uk

Kintyre based groups have not been slow to grasp the opportunities provided by LEADER. Kintyre Cultural Forum were awarded £11,850 in May towards Creative Kintyre, a project that seeks to create a plan for facilities and a website which will meet the needs of the cultural community in Kintyre. Many readers will have already taken part in the audit of needs currently being undertaken as part of the project. In September, Opportunity Kintyre received £21,280 towards its Community Generated Business Development Project while Killeen and Kilchenzie Churches Preservation Association received £4,500 towards the costs of a technical feasibility study.

Other cultural projects funded include Dunoon Music Project which is developing a high quality, multi-use, town centre venue offering a broad range of services to young people and local musicians. Ross of Mull Graveyards and Townships Survey will add to the historical archive by training volunteers to undertake surveys of four graveyards and two deserted townships on the Ross and it will employ two part-time staff to assist with the survey work. Full details of all projects funded can be found on our website www.argyllandtheislandsleader.org.uk

LEADER is a very flexible funding programme which can support a very diverse range of projects. If you have are interested in finding out more, please either contact LEADER Project Co-ordinators Lorna Elliott (lorna.elliott@argyll-bute.gov.uk / 01631 563016) and Sheila McLean (sheila.mclean@argyll-bute.gov.uk / 01631 564424) or browse our website www.argyllandtheislandsleader.org.uk

Heritage Centre

Christmas Antique and Craft Fair

Campbeltown Heritage Centre will hold its annual Christmas Craft, Antique & Collectables Fair on Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th November. This will be the perfect opportunity to find that special hand made gift, card or different Christmas tree decoration for someone special.

The Craft workers have a wide range of crafts to choose from, from the smallest inexpensive stocking filler to the elegant antique. With 20 tables of unusual items ranging from wood sculpture, handmade soaps, cushions, candles, jewellery, dolls houses, silk scarves, designer knitwear, a wide range of collectables, local art, wood turning, toys, hand knitting and lots more too numerous to mention.

Come along and enjoy the experience with the usual Heritage Centre's teas, coffee, home baking and good hot winter soup with crusty bread. For more information watch out for future press and poster advertising. Sheena MacAllister

CHRISTMAS ANTIQUE & CRAFT FAIR

CAMPBELTOWN HERITAGE CENTRE

Saturday 29th Nov & Sunday 30th Nov

From 11.00am - 4.00pm

All Local Crafts, Antiques & Collectables

Cushions, Candles, Paintings, Jewellery
Cards, Knitting, Traditional toys, Plants, Soaps
Wood turning & sculpting and many more

Heritage Centre's usual teas and home baking plus delicious home-made soup & crusty bread (Proceeds in aid of the Heritage Centre)

KINTYRE MUSIC CLUB

PROGRAMME OF CONCERTS

NOVEMBER 18TH 7.30PM **GRAEME McNAUGHT**
(PIANO)

DECEMBER 9TH 7.30PM **CHRISTMAS CONCERT**
(SHOWCASE OF YOUNG MUSICAL TALENT)

JANUARY 20TH 7.30PM **SUTHERLAND TRIO**
(VIOLIN & PIANO)

FEB 17TH 7.30PM **CANTO VIVO**
(SOPRANO & GUITAR)

ENTRANCE TO CONCERTS

MEMBERS £5.00 NON MEMBERS £7.00 STUDENTS FREE

CONTACT J KERR 01586 552500

THE KINTYRE CULTURAL FORUM EVENTS DIARY

Variety Show's in Tayinloan

Two Variety Shows involving the Tayinloan Drama Group will take place at Tayinloan Village Hall on Friday 12th and Saturday 13th December. Each night will have sketches (performed by the drama group), dances and music. A Light supper will also be provided. Final details have still to be confirmed but if you call the contact number in the Diary or email tayinloandramagroup@hotmail.com you can find out more.

Kintyre Piping Society Recital

Stuart Liddell from Inveraray will play at the KPS Piping Recital on Nov 15th in the Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown.

Tarbert Craft Fair and Parade

This year's Tarbert Christmas Parade will be held on Dec 5th starting at 6.30pm. The Christmas Craft Fair in aid of the Tarbert Christmas Lights will be held in the Templars Arts Leisure Centre the following day on Dec 6th from 10am - 4pm.

South Kintyre Art Group Art Mart

The end of November sees the celebration of Campbeltown's own mini winter festival as the Christmas Lights go on. To add another visual attraction, South Kintyre Art Group will hold their annual Art Market in the Town Hall Council Chamber. This opens on Thu 27th from 10am - 9pm and Fri 28th & Sat 29th from 10am - 5pm. Hand in for exhibitors is Wed 26th 10pm - 5pm. This is a good opportunity to find that truly original gift as the paintings on offer, framed and unframed, cover a wide spectrum of style and taste with many works modest in size and price. Do visit the Art Mart, it is guaranteed to lift your spirits and brighten your day. Artists please note - no restriction on number of paintings, entry fee £1 for every 3 works submitted. Paintings should be labelled on the top right hand corner with the *Title, Artists Name & Price*, same on the reverse. 10% sales commission will be deducted and all unsold work must be collected at the end of the show between 4pm & 5pm on Saturday 29th.

Kintyre Antiquarians & Natural History Society Talks

The Kintyre Antiquarian & Natural History Society will continue their winter programme of talks in the Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown. On Nov 19th you can listen to Eleanor MacDougall on "William McTaggart: His Place in Gaelic Culture" and on Dec 3rd Shaun Stevens on "Big Cats in Argyll". More details in Diary.

Clachan Village Halloween Bonfire Party

Clachan celebrates Halloween at the Village Hall on Nov 1st with fireworks, children's games and a cold buffet. The night starts with a fancy dress parade with all ages welcome to join in the fun and an entrance fee of only £3.

Skipness Christmas Family Dance

Skipness Village Hall Christmas Dance will be held on Dec 27th. Music at the dance will be provided by the Archie John MacVicar Band. Tickets for adults are £6 and £3 for children, contact details in the Diary.

Kintyre Cultural Forum AGM

The KCF will hold its AGM in the White Hart Hotel, Campbeltown on Thursday November 13th at 1.00pm. A light lunch with refreshments will be provided, all welcome.

NOV & DEC EVENTS LISTING

WHEN	EVENT	WHERE	COST	CONTACT
Nov 1st 7.30	Halloween Bonfire Party	Clachan Village Hall	£3	Z Weir 01880 740 637
Nov 1st - Dec 24th	Caledonian Restaurant Christmas Party Menu	Caledonia Restaurant	TBC	01586 552123
Nov 2nd	Fireworks Display	Southend Playing Fields	NA	
Nov 7th 7.30pm	Bonfire and Fireworks Night	Peninver Beach	NA	
Nov 13th 1.00pm	Kintyre Cultural Forum AGM	White Hart Hotel, Campbeltown	NA	I Johnston 01586 552034
Nov 13th 4.15 pm	Fiddle Workshops	Kirk Street Hall	Free	I Johnston 01586 552034
Nov 15th	KPS Recital with Stuart Liddell	Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown		W McCallum 01586 552508
Nov 18th 7.30pm	KMC Concert: Graeme McNaught - Piano	Lorne & Lowland Church Hall	£7 & £5	J Kerr 01586 552500
Nov 19th 7.30pm	KA&NHS talk by Eleanor MacDougall	Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown		A Martin 01586 552605
Nov 22nd 8.30pm	Charity Dance for Leukaemia	Stronvaar Bowling Club	£2.50	A Robertson 01586 553206
Nov 22nd	Christmas Fayre	St Blaans Hall, Southend	NA	S Paterson 01586 830 335
Nov 27th	Switching on of lights	Campbeltown Main Street	NA	
Nov 27th	Special Lights Switch on Menu	Caledonia Restaurant		01586 552123
Nov 27th - Nov 29th	South Kintyre Art Group Christmas Art Mart	Town Hall Council Chambers		R Togneri 01586 552162
Nov 29th - 30th	Christmas Craft Fair	Campbeltown Heritage Centre	NA	S MacAllister 01583 431 243
Nov 29th - 30th	Craft Fair	Kinloch Guide Hall		
Dec 3rd 7.30pm	KA&NHS talk by Shaun Stevens	Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown		A Martin 01586 552605
Dec 5th 6.30pm	Tarbert Christmas Parade	Around Tarbert	NA	I Kerr 01880 821 104
Dec 6th 10am - 4pm	Craft Fair in aid of Tarbert Christmas Lights	Templar Arts and Leisure Centre	NA	I Kerr 01880 821 104
Dec 7th 8.00pm	Christmas Carol Service	Lorne & Lowland Church		
Dec 9th 7.30pm	Kintyre Music Club: Christmas Concert	Lorne & Lowland Church Hall	£7 & £5	J Kerr 01586 552500
Dec 12th & 13th	Variety Show Concerts	Tayinloan Village Hall	TBC	R Lowe 01583 441 378
Dec 13th	Charity Dance for Various Causes	Stronvaar Bowling Club	£2.50	A Robertson 01586 553206
Dec 27th 8.30pm	Skipness Village Hall Family Dance	Skipness Village Hall	£6 & £3	J Hunt 01880 820 272

EVENTS IN THE FUTURE

EVENT	WHERE	WHEN
New Years Party	Peninver Village Hall	Jan 1st 2009
New Year Ceilidh-Dance	Whitehouse Village Hall	Jan 2nd
Kintyre Antiquarian & Natural History Society Talk: "Bats in Argyll"	Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown	Jan 14th
Burns Supper	Whitehouse Village Hall	Jan 24th
Kintyre Music Club: Sutherland Trio - Violin & Piano	Lorne & Lowland Church Hall	Jan 20th
Kintyre Piping Society Burns Supper Night Ceilidh	Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown	Jan 24th
Kintyre Music Club: Canto Vivo - Soprano & Guitar	Lorne & Lowland Church Hall	Feb 17th
Kintyre District Drama Festival	Campbeltown Grammar School	Mid Feb (TBC)
Kintyre Piping Society McCallum Bagpipes Road Show	Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown	Feb 28th
Kintyre Schools Pipe Band Concert	Campbeltown Grammar School	March 13th
Kintyre Schools Pipe Band Concert & Ceilidh	Campbeltown Grammar School	March 14th
KMC Concert: Woodlark - Soprano, Clarinet, Oboe & Piano	Lorne & Lowland Church Hall	March 17th
Kintyre Piping Society Recital with Iain Speirs	Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown	March 28th
KPS Junior Piping and Drumming Championships	Castlehill School, Campbeltown	April 25th
Kintyre Way Relay + Ceilidh	Tarbert to Campbeltown	May 2nd
Mull of Kintyre Pipe Band Championships	Campbeltown	May 16th
Bell-Lawrie Scottish Sailing Series	Tarbert	May 22nd - 25th (TBC)
Mull of Kintyre Half Marathon & 10k Run	Campbeltown	May 24th
Kintyre Songwriters Festival	Campbeltown	May 29th & 30th (TBC)
Kintyre Music Festival	Campbeltown	June (Mid TBC)
Tarbert Seafood Festival	Tarbert	July 4th & 5th
Tarbert Fair	Around Tarbert	July 30th - August 1st
Mull of Kintyre Music Festival	Campbeltown	Aug 20th - 23rd

CAMPBELTOWN POTTERY

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If you have an innovative idea that may support the themes of Revitalising Communities or Progressive Rural Economy then please do not hesitate to contact

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Sheila McLean
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