

NEWS, VIEWS AND REVIEWS

Conservation Area Regeneration Schemes (CARS) CAMPBELTOWN TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION PROJECT

CARS has now been running for two years, and is part funded by Historic Scotland, Argyll & Bute Council and Highlands & Islands Enterprise (HIE). Following recent publicity in the Campbeltown Courier there has been an increase in interest, applications & grants received. So far there have been over 60 enquiries for grants. To date, seven applicants have been awarded grants. There are however, many still at the application stage. One example of a completed project is 'The Treehouse' shop front (pictured) on Longrow.

In addition to this the Council aims to bring in a further £700,000 through a Townscape Heritage Initiative, Heritage Lottery Fund grant. If successful, grants may be offered from May 2009.

To date two companies have been appointed to carry out appraisals. Gray, Marshall & Co are currently working on a Conservation Area Appraisal, Boundary Review and Management Plan. A local group chaired by Kate Singleton of Kintyre Civic Society supports this work. The Strathclyde Building Preservation Trust (SBPT) has almost completed their Options Appraisal report on the Old School at The Big Kiln.



The Treehouse before and after

Opportunities for training are being developed in conjunction with the Scottish Lime Centre. A traditional skills audit has been completed with 30 local companies willing to participate in traditional skills.

The Project aims to preserve and enhance the town centre by preventing further decay through general repair grants, shopfront repairs and reinstatements. Additionally, through provision of training in traditional construction skills, bringing old buildings back into use the project aims to raise historical awareness and make the town centre a more attractive place to live and work.

The steering group includes local Councillors, Council Officers, Scottish Government, HIE, SBPT, ACHA, Fyne Homes, Campbeltown Community Council and other local groups. The third meeting of the group is scheduled for Tuesday Oct 7th 2008.

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Campbeltown Museum Re-Opens

Councillor Douglas Philand, (pictured), Argyll & Bute Council's Spokesperson for Arts and Culture, declared the Campbeltown Museum in the Burnet Building open by cutting a ribbon, on June 5th.

Councillor Philand said: "This is a very important day, not only for the people of Kintyre but for the whole of Argyll & Bute. Campbeltown Museum is home to an interesting collection of objects from internationally important archaeological sites, including objects from the chambered cairn at Beacharra and a jet necklace, which is one of only 10 in Scotland. The museum also has a varied collection of works of art, including two oil paintings by Sir William McTaggart and others by local artists Archibald MacKinnon and John Campbell Mitchell. It also has vast material connected to the area's local social, industrial and natural history, along with geology and much more."

"I would encourage visitors and locals alike of all ages to go along to the museum and take a trip through yesteryear."

The opening times for the museum are generally Monday to Friday 9am until 5pm but please call 01586 559000 before visiting.



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THE KINTYRE CULTURAL FORUM



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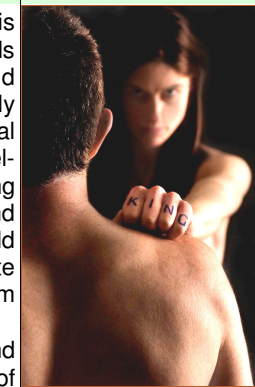
Arts / Cultural Centre Audit

THE Kintyre Cultural Forum is currently conducting a needs audit of organisations and individuals who would potentially use / attend an environmental cultural / arts centre in Campbeltown. They are also seeking feedback from organisations and individuals on what they would want on a Kintyre wide website aimed to help promote both them and their events.

The KCF would also like to remind concert and event organisers of the recently introduced pilot project to help distribute publicity material to those around the Kintyre area.

Anyone wishing to participate in the audit or make use of our publicity distribution service should contact Iain Johnston at 01586 552034 or email us at kintyre.culturalforum@hotmail.co.uk

A Mull Theatre Production MACBETH



Mull Theatre bring their latest production, Macbeth by William Shakespeare, to the Victoria Hall, Campbeltown on September 12th.

This is a revival of the final ever show at Mull Little Theatre, an acclaimed, innovative and very accessible production which was loved by critics and audiences.

Backroom conniving, naked ambition, insider dealing, moral ambiguity, hypocrisy and corruption at the highest levels. An acclaimed dynamic and inventive production with all the elements of thriller, adventure and the supernatural.

"...a jewel-like production of Macbeth... remarkable design... dark, sinister... visual images are often breathtaking... eerie music and soundscape haunt the mind." Joyce McMillan, Scotsman

For more information on the production and Mull Theatre go to www.mulltheatre.com

Kintyre Music Club New Concert Season

Kintyre Music Club was formed more than sixty years ago. Each year they organise 8 concerts with top class professional musicians from all over the world and still charge reasonable prices. Anybody can become a member of the Music Club. The more members, the easier it is to raise funds from bodies like The Scottish Arts Council and the local Council. This year membership costs £8. Members pay £5 for each concert or a season ticket costs £35 including Membership. Non-members can go to any of the concerts for £7. Students go free.

The opening concert on Tue Sept 16th by Tripticity is a programme of songs entitled "From Women's Eyes". Another *Mamma Mia* ?? On Fri Oct 10th the Mike Bennett Brass Ensemble plays, this includes the new CGS Instrumental Instructor, Craig Anderson on tuba. Trio Ecosaise-clarinet, cello and piano, come to Campbeltown on Tue Oct 28th as part of their Argyll and Bute Tour.



Tripticity

Templer Hall, Tarbert Exhibition

Auto Biography

Mary Smith Painting Exhibition

Mary Smith has kindly given the Kintyre Cultural Forum Newsletter an article giving us a background to her upbringing and her inspirations, below.

Mary (Molly) Yuille, was born in Glasgow in 1947 and came to Tarbert in 1969 with newly retired parents. After marrying a local man, John Smith, in 1975 they had two sons, Neil who is now living in Canada and Jamie who lives in Glasgow.



Mary Smith shows exhibits

As a young child of two, I remember enjoying the illustrations in books and wanting to draw in a similar fashion. By the time I was three, I was drawing recognisable dogs, cats, hens etc....(my father kept hens because eggs were still rationed after the war, so they were sitting targets for my drawing skills!).

At nine years old, I changed schools and as I had already grasped perspective & three dimensional understanding, the art teacher was most encouraging. She persuaded my mother to allow me to attend Saturday morning classes at Glasgow school of art (GSA), which was super. I often took a packed lunch & went onto the art galleries for the afternoon, studying a different "school" every time.

How many 9-10 year old would be allowed to do that on their own these days I wonder?



I always hoped to go to GSA when I left school, but family problems and my mother's nervous breakdown, persuaded me to leave school and find work. I eventually got my higher art at evening classes, four years later. When I came to Tarbert I was fortunate in that Stan Kaye, then licensee of the West Loch Hotel, offered me wall space and sales of my pictures started. There have been good years & bad years, but I've always made enough money from my sales to pay for my hobby and I have the satisfaction of knowing that buyers are buying my work for the best of reasons, they like it. If what gives me pleasure gives the buyer pleasure, then I am happy.

Mary (Molly) Smith

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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Gigha Music Festival 2008

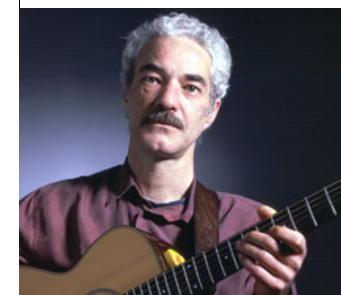


Wingin' It

Gigha music festival, September 12th & 13th, has once again produced a line up of varied traditional, innovative arrangements with a touch of Americana and world music. Don't miss some of Scotland's finest musicians headlining on Saturday night with Jock Tamson's Bairsns. This band has carried the torch for true Scottish music since the late 1970s and have an excellent reputation throughout the world for helping to create the revival of traditional music.

Siobhan Miller returns to Gigha to perform Scots song in her natural, expressive style. Whirling into Saturday night the Susan MacFadyen Ceilidh Band bring their Ayrshire blend of accordion, fiddle and drums with the nucleus of Susan on accordion and her sister Shona on fiddle. An evening of entertainment at Gigha Music Festival is never complete without pipes and Chris White brings his unique Highland Bagpipe and whistle style to the Saturday night concert as part of a trio.

Chris also contributes a solo performance to the Friday night's entertainment. There is never any doubt that Gigha Music Festival is an event that provides two nights of excellent music and dancing plus Saturday's open air entertainment of various family orientated performances and activities. Friday night is another evening of value for money, wall to wall, class and skill. Wingin' It, Adam Bulley and Chas MacKenzie who play acoustic guitars and mandolin introducing a fresh and dynamic acoustic blend of Americana music.



Rod Paterson from Jock Tamson's Bairsns

Cheyenne Brown's exuberant and sensitive harp playing alongside Seylan Baxter's mellow natural singing and atmospheric cello create rich musical textures and distinctive style.

The afternoon entertainment begins at 1pm with a Parade then follows with live music at the Marquee, Stilt Man, workshops, crafts and food stalls enhance the afternoon of fun rounding off with an evening barbecue.

All of this set amongst the beautiful scenery of the Isle of Gigha illustrates the unique independent and vital approach of this innovative music festival.

travellinggallery



The Travelling Gallery, Scotland's mobile art gallery in a bus, arrives in Campbeltown on Sept 5th. The gallery's latest exhibition 'On Edge' features exhibits by a varied group of artists inspired by the sea and coastline in Scotland, as well as other coastal countries.

The exhibition which will be based on Kinloch Road at Campbeltown Library & Aqualibrium will include film, photography, sculpture and drawing. Exhibiting artists will include Thomas Joshua Cooper and Dalziel & Scullion.

More information: www.travellinggallery.com

On Edge

Campbeltown Library

Friday Sept 5th: 11am - 5pm

Admission FREE

All Welcome





mull theatre

Victoria Hall, Campbeltown

Friday
12 September
7.30pm

Tickets £10/£8

01586 551212

macbeth
by William Shakespeare

THE KINTYRE CULTURAL FORUM EVENTS DIARY

Springbank Invitational	Tarbert Music Festival
The Springbank Invitational will be held in the Argyll Arms Hotel Campbeltown on the 13th September. Eight of the world's best pipers will compete for the Argyll Arms Trophy, the Serco Trophy and the Committee Members Trophy. The pipers are Campbeltown's own Willie McCallum, Angus MacColl, Stuart Liddell, Gordon Walker, Roddy MacLeod MBE, Iain Speirs, James Murray and Chris Armstrong. Three top judges will run the rule over the competitors performances in Piobaireachd, March, Strathspey and Reel and the Hornpipe and Jig. Keeping the audience informed will be the very knowledgeable Rona Lightfoot as the Fear-An-Tighe. The competition starts at 10.30am with the evening Ceilidh starting at around 9.00pm. Entry for the competition is £6 and the Ceilidh £3. The Kintyre Piping Society will also hold a recital in the Argyll Arms on Oct 18 with James and Douglas Murray.	This years Tarbert Music Festival runs September 19th - 21st with bands playing in various bars and hotels as well as at the main Saturday Night concert in the Marquee. Over the weekend look out for Unkle Remus, The Keelies, The Assassenachs, Kep'er Lit, The Lemmings, Anvil Divers, Cahoots, The Twisted Melons and The Wild Sarachs who will be playing in the Victoria Hotel, Tarbert Hotel, Anchor Hotel and Islay Frigate Hotel. On Saturday night at the Marquee, Framed and Skerryvore will play with admission costing only £5. Earlier in the day on the open stage you can hear The Den Collective, The Anyways, Valley Arc, Jennifer Concannon, Alex Wayt, The Complete Unknown, Big Belly Blues Band and more. For more information go to www.tarbertmusicfestival.com or www.myspace.com/tarbert_music_festival

Clachan Village Hall Small Holders Gathering

Clachan Village Hall plays host to a Small Holders Gathering (SHG) with night time entertainment on Sept 6th. The event will have local produce, stalls children's entertainment from the Funky Chicken with an evening of live music for £4 (incl glass of wine).

Skipness Family Dances

Donnie and Diane entertain at a family dance on Sept 26th. Skipness Village Hall also plays host to an RNLI fundraising dance on Oct 31st with The McAllister Family Dance Band playing at the dance. Tickets for adults are £6 and £3 for children, contact details in the Diary.

September Ball

Opportunity Kintyre holds its annual Ball in Campbeltown Grammar School on Sept 27th. Music from The McAllister Ceilidh Band, The Twisted Melons and guests will entertain at this local fundraising event. A buffet meal including local produce will be included in the ticket price of £25.

Campbeltown Flower Club Demonstrations

The Campbeltown Flower Club (CFC) will hold two demonstrations in the Red Cross Hall on Sept 23rd (Not Tied with M Rutherford) and on Oct 21st.

SEPT & OCT EVENTS LISTING

WHEN	EVENT	WHERE	COST	CONTACT
Sept 5th 11am - 5pm	On Edge; A Travellinggallery Exhibition	Campbeltown Library, Aqualibrium	Free	Eileen Rae
Sept 6th 1pm & 7pm	Small Holders Gathering + evening concert	Clachan Village Hall	Free & £4	L Howden 01880 740 280
Sept 12th 7.30pm	Mull Theatre Present: MacBeth	Victoria Hall, Campbeltown	£10 & £8	01586 551212
Sept 12th 8.00pm	Gigha Music Festival Fri Night Concert	Gigha Village Hall	£15	07919 657 406
Sept 13th 8.00pm	Gigha Music Festival Sat Night Concert	Gigha Village Hall	£18	01583 505 160
Sept 13th	Family Games Night	Whitehouse Village Hall		01880 730 228
Sept 13th 10.30am	KPS Springbank Invitational Competition	Argyll Arms Hotel Campbeltown	£6	W McCallum 01586 552508
Sept 13th 9.00pm	KPS Springbank Ceilidh	Argyll Arms Hotel Campbeltown	£3	W McCallum 01586 552508
Sept 16th 7.30pm	KMC Concert: Triplicity	Lorne & Lowland Church Hall	£7 & £5	J Kerr 01586 552500
Sept 19th - 21st	Tarbert Music Festival	Around Tarbert		C Blair 01880 820 302
Sept 20th - 21st	Craft Fair	Kinloch Guide Hall		M M Hanna 07747 511 880
Sept 23rd 7.30pm	CFC Demonstration: Marie Rutherford	Red Cross Hall, Campbeltown	£5	
Sept 26th 8.30pm	Skipness Village Hall Family Dance	Skipness Village Hall	£6 & £3	J Hunt 01880 820 272
Sept 27th 8.00pm	September Ball	Campbeltown Grammar School	£25	
Sept 27th	Carradale Duck Race	Carradale	£10 a duck	M Foreman 01583 431 333
Sept 27th 8.30pm	Charity Dance for Health Centre	Stronvaar Bowling Club	£2.50	A Robertson 01586 553206
Sept 27th - 28th	Craft Fair	Campbeltown Heritage Centre	Free	S MacAllister 01583 431 243
Oct 7th	KMC Concert: Mike Bennett Brass Ensemble	Lorne & Lowland Church Hall	£7 & £5	J Kerr 01586 552500
Oct 11th 8.30pm	Charity Dance for Junior Pipe Band	Stronvaar Bowling Club	£2.50	A Robertson 01586 553206
Oct 18th	Harvest Ceilidh (Buffet, music and much more)	Clachan Village Hall	TBC	Z Weir 01880 740 637
Oct 18th	KPS Recital: James & Douglas Murray	Argyll Arms Hotel Campbeltown		W McCallum 01586 552508
Oct 21st 7.30pm	CFC Beginners Night led by P Simson	Red Cross Hall, Campbeltown	£5	
Oct 28th 7.30pm	KMC concert: Trio Ecossaise	Lorne & Lowland Church Hall	£7 & £5	J Kerr 01586 552500
Oct 31st 8.30pm	Skipness Village Hall Family Dance	Skipness Village Hall	£6 & £3	J Hunt 01880 820 272

EVENTS IN THE FUTURE

EVENT	WHERE	WHEN
Fireworks Display	Southend Playing Fields	Nov 2nd
Bonfire and Fireworks Night	Peninver Beach	Nov (early, date TBC)
Kintyre Piping Society Recital with Stuart Liddell	Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown	Nov 15th
Kintyre Music Club: Graeme McNaught - Piano	Lorne & Lowland Church Hall	Nov 18th
Charity Dance for Leukaemia	Stronvaar Bowling Club, Campbeltown	Nov 22nd
Christmas Fayre	St Blaans Hall, Southend	Nov 22nd
Switching on of lights	Campbeltown Main Street	Nov 27th
South Kintyre Art Group Christmas Art Mart	Town Hall Council Chambers, Campbeltown	Nov 27th - Nov 29th
Christmas Craft Fair	Campbeltown Heritage Centre	Nov 29th - 30th
Craft Fair	Kinloch Guide Hall	Nov 29th - 30th
Campbeltown Tartan Army St Andrew's Dinner Dance	Peninver Village Hall	Nov 29th
Christmas Carol Service	Lorne & Lowland Church	Dec 7th
Christmas Parade	Tarbert	Dec 5th (TBC)
Christmas Craft Fair	Templar Arts and Leisure Centre, Tarbert	Dec 6th (TBC)
Kintyre Music Club: Christmas Concert	Lorne & Lowland Church Hall	Dec 9th
Charity Dance for Various Causes	Stronvaar Bowling Club, Campbeltown	Dec 13th
Skipness Village Hall Christmas / New Year Dance	Skipness Village Hall	Dec 27th
New Years Party	Peninver Village Hall	Jan 1st 2009
New Year Ceilidh-Dance	Whitehouse Village Hall	Jan 2nd
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)



CAMPBELTOWN POTTERY

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Anyone wishing to take out an advert, have their event included in the Events Diary or to submit an article for inclusion in the Newsletter please contact:
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To the best of our knowledge, all details are correct at the time of going to print. The Kintyre Cultural Forum cannot be held responsible for cancellations.

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The Isle of Gigha Music Festival



SEPT 12TH & 13TH 2008

FRIDAY DOORS 7.30PM START 8.00PM

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SEYLAN BAXTER & CHEYENNE BROWN (SONG, CELLO, CLARSACH)
CHRIS WHITE (HIGHLAND PIPES & WHISTLE)
GIGHA FESTIVAL CEILIDH BAND
LOCAL GUEST SINGERS

SATURDAY DOORS 7.30PM START 8.00PM

JOCK TAMSON'S BAIRNS
CHRIS WHITE TRIO (SCOTTISH PIPES AND FIDDLE)
SIOBHAN MILLAR (SCOTS SONG)
THE SUSAN MACFADYEN CEILIDH BAND
KAY JOHNSTON MC

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