

NEWS, VIEWS AND REVIEWS

KCF The Next Steps

From the findings of the public seminar the KCF will now develop a business plan and business case for an environmental cultural / arts centre that is expected to house multi-use facilities for a 250 - 350 seated auditorium (which could also hold a smaller audience), a dance hall, workshop spaces, tuition rooms, conference facilities, recording facilities, a TV studio, bar, cafe /



The KCF Committee at the BBC

restaurant, art gallery, an art workshop space, children's activities space, tourism facilities and genealogy / family history facilities. As well as the facilities the KCF plan to develop projects based around these facilities, e.g. family history training, a youth theatre, etc to give people a chance to try out new skills and

build up skills and experience for people wish to make their career from culture and the arts. To do this the KCF has started to forge links with national organisations such as the BBC, The National Theatre, The Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama (RSAMD), etc to support and develop cultural / artistic excellence. The KCF would appeal to anyone who can help the project to suggest other relevant partnerships that will benefit the community, as well as individuals or organisations that may be able to donate funds for the building, projects, or for scholarships, to contact us. Email: kintyreculturalforum@hotmail.co.uk Phone: 01586 552034

Project Support

Fyne Homes is a Registered Social Landlord managing over 1400 houses in Bute, Cowal, Mid Argyll and Kintyre and provide opportunities for low cost home ownership. Fyne Homes has a commitment to sustainability and community regeneration, working with communities to improve their quality of place and employment opportunities. Through our programme of Wider Role Activities, supported by Scottish Government we have been working with KCF, to take forward the cultural needs audit and look at opportunities for construction improvements based on the range of buildings in Campbeltown Town Centre to meet current day needs for Arts and Culture.



NEWS, EVENTS, REVIEWS AND INFORMATION FROM AROUND KINTYRE



THE KINTYRE CULTURAL FORUM



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KCF Seminar Success



The Speakers

Cathy Agnew, The Catstrand Dumfries,
Alasdair McCrone, Mull Theatre
Deirdre Henderson, Chair KCF
Dr Donald Smith, Scottish Storytelling Centre

The Kintyre Cultural Forum (KCF) held its successful public seminar in Campbeltown on Thursday March 19th. The event followed on from the findings of their public seminar in 2007 when it was identified that many of those learning and working in the cultural / arts sector in Kintyre were working in unsuitable facilities and that a purpose built cultural / arts centre was needed in Campbeltown to serve much of Kintyre. In addition the need for a culturally focussed website for Kintyre was seen as necessary to showcase what groups and businesses exist but also to encourage visitors to the area.

Chair of the KCF, Deirdre Henderson, someone who has over twenty years experience of working in the arts, said 'It was a great day. We have started with a blank slate and basically spent the last year building up a picture of what is needed to create a landmark building which can help to regenerate Kintyre, based on its best assets, its people and culture. This vision was very important to the consultants who assessed need for the Waterfront Developments in Argyll which is why Campbeltown was so highly rated and received such a large funding allocation. We were surprised to see that a high figure of almost 15% of the population are active in the arts / culture.' As well as the needs audit, work has been undertaken in the schools with Careers Scotland, Fyne Homes, CARS and the Volunteer Centre to look at jobs from the projects and the views of the pupils.



The event was well attended by groups & organisations from Kintyre.

Gigha Music Festival



Jani Lang

This year's Gigha Music Festival has moved from September to sunny June! Funding from Homecoming Scotland has allowed the organisers to extend the Festival to five days with a whole lot more happening. Headliners Jani Lang will raise the roof of the Gigha Village Hall on Sat 27th, supported by Canterach, Lorne MacDougall and The Norman MacKay Ceilidh Experience taking you into the wee small hours! This community event involves the Gigha school children performing a musical drama on Friday evening, a Sunday Homecoming service at Gigha Parish Church before a Piper's Picnic - barbecue & ceilidh on the shore on Sunday afternoon. Camping is free - so stay on for more music in various venues & guided walks, planting the Homecoming tree, boat trips and lots more. Last year's event was completely trouble free thanks to improved policing, this is a family friendly event! Explore the history of Gigha through the exhibition in the Gigha Hotel, also the venue for the farewell event - Gigha band Graham's Gathering will round off this year's Festival - bring your dancing shoes! Tickets for Sat are £12 from The Chocolate Box, Gigha Gallery or phone 01583 505 160

Review

A Footnotes Dance Production

Footnotes Frivolities



Members of Footnotes Dance Group

Campbeltown Grammar School Hall on Friday 27 March provided the stage for an evening of dance by the popular company and their friends (and fellow dancers), Stirling University Dance Society and Will Freeman.

Based on music from films and shows, the evening was fervently anticipated, following a longer than usual gap between shows, caused by various significant events involving the Footnotes 'Corps' of Kerry Dixon, Catrona Lang, Rhona McSporrnan and Martine Craig or - as the programme aptly summed it up, "an exceptional year between Birthdays, Babies, Brats and Betrothals"! Unfortunately Catrona had to miss out as she was away performing on another stage elsewhere with Accent Players - typical that two major events should happen at the same time!

However, the evening was well worth waiting for and the very large audience was not disappointed. Choreographed to a wide array of music from Mamma Mia to Chicago and from Footloose to High School Musical the young dancers rose to the occasion and gave a sparkling display. Coupled with great costumes made by Mary Graham and Jan McCorkindale and highlighted with superb lighting by - who else? - Willie Durnan, the enthusiasm and sheer joy at being involved was evident and, indeed, infectious, as the audience got caught up in it all!

For some of the youngest dancers, it was their first time on stage and they were brilliant, showing lots of promise for the future. Some of the more experienced dancers really shone and their technique was very impressive. It is a real credit to the Company's leaders that they are able to coordinate and integrate such a wide range of age groups - and such a large number of young people, currently almost close to their maximum capacity of 40.

The link with Stirling Uni Dance Society was made through Shona Angus, a former member, and also included Jane McIlchere, another local girl. The troupe was fab-u-lous with so much talent, energy and vitality that they will surely have inspired the many young dancers present. Shona's partner, Will Freeman, gave a very cool hip-hop performance really adding to the calibre of the show.

All in all, a great evening's entertainment and the audience enjoyed the feast of music and dance.

What we all want to know is - when's the next one?

Review by Alison Millar / Photo courtesy of Campbeltown Courier

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's April - Nov 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 Easter Weekend - End Sept, 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.

Stewarton Village Hall: Ceilidh dancing group meet 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month at 7.45pm, Adults only.

Tuition available so suitable for any level: £3.00 each or £5.00 for a couple, email roddy@lamarine.eclipse.co.uk or 01586 554479

Kintyre Cultural Forum Management Committee: Chair Deirdre Henderson, Secretary Elaine Hemmings & Treasurer Iris Kerr.

Available on-line at www.kintyresongwritersfestival.co.uk

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Red Hot Line-up For Mull of Kintyre Music Festival



The 2009 Mull of Kintyre Music Festival will be headlined this year by The Red Hot Chilli Pipers (pictured). The ceilidh band for Friday night is The Fergie McDonald Ceilidh Band which is supported by Hot Seats, a bluegrass band with a twist all the way from Virginia USA.

Stuart Cassells, Chilli Piper, is delighted to be returning to Campbeltown. Stuart visited the festival in 2005 and 2006 and played with his band Cassells that eventually became The Red Hot Chilli Pipers. Stuart also agreed to MC some concerts in these 2 years as his enthusiastic nature fitted with festival audiences in Campbeltown. Once again the Mull of Kintyre Music Festival has been seen to attract up and coming acts to the area so watch out for more hidden gems over the festival weekend.

Fergie McDonald is a button box accordion player who has been a ceilidh band leader for over 40 years. He is at the top of the ceilidh band scene and has recorded over 23 albums. Fergie was the first Scottish band leader to broadcast ceilidh music and he is always in demand wherever there is a great need for dancing. The Friday night ceilidh

does fit the bill in this case and the Mull of Kintyre Music Festival has called on Fergie to, not only fulfill the need for festival goers to dance but also to enjoy Fergie's range of stories and anecdotes. Hot Seats from Virginia will be playing the concert set on Friday night in the Victoria Hall. Their bluegrass with a twist was well received at Celtic Connections in January and concert goers will be in for a treat when they come to hear this band which was formed in Richmond 6 years ago.

The Mull of Kintyre Music Festival has once again managed to secure Scottish and international acts to ensure festival goers are guaranteed a good time. In the face of the global economic crisis many festivals have either folded or postponed events this year. It is a testament to the organisers and the folk that support and attend concerts and other free events that the Mokfest (as it is now known) has stood the test of time and economic turbulence.

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Gigha Music Festival

The Homecoming

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THE KINTYRE CULTURAL FORUM EVENTS DIARY

Tarbert Village Hall Events
 Tarbert Village Hall hosts a variety of events starting on May 9th with the Tarbert Lochfyne Annual Scottish Country Dance Club who hold their annual dance featuring The Ian Muir Trio from 7.30pm - 11.30pm. Tickets are £10 for dancers & £5 for spectators. The Tarbert Music Centre will hold it's Tutor Concert on May 28th and it's Summer Concert on June 18th in the Village Hall .

Clachan Village Hall Dance
 Clachan calamities have their 20th anniversary at Clachan Village Hall with a dance to "Follow That Camel" £7 per ticket. Doors are 7.30pm for 8.00pm and only 100 tickets are available.

Kintyre Way Relay Ceilidh Dance
 The Archie John MacVicar & Ryan McGlynn duo will provide the entertainment at a Ceilidh-Dance in Tayinloan Village Hall on the evening of the Kintyre Way Relay Run on Saturday May 2nd. Tickets are £6 and you can pay at the door.

Kintyre Music Festival
 The Kintyre Music Festival for children of pre-school, primary and secondary age takes place in the Kirk Street Hall, the Lorne and Lowland Hall, the Victoria Hall & the Argyll Hotel on June 17th - 20th. All the usual classes are featured. The Cup Winners' Concert takes place in the Victoria Hall on June 20th. Admission for adults to competitions is £2 per day, the programme, covering all classes, is £5.

Vatersay Boys Back at the Vic
 Tickets are now on sale for the Vatersay Boys return to the Victoria Hall, Campbeltown for their annual dance. Tickets are on sale from A.P. Taylors, Main Street, Campbeltown and by phoning 01586 552034 or emailing jigevents@hotmail.co.uk .

Stars In Their Eyes
 The show Features various local celebrities and is followed by live music from "Man from Del Monte". Tickets are available from The Fish Shop and the Stralitzia Flower Studio.

Music of Kintyre Concert
 The Kintyre Music and Arts Tuition Group, Kintyre Fiddlers and Kintyre Cultural Forum have announced plans for a "Music of Kintyre" Night on June 12th. The organisers have announced that they intend to get a good representation of musicians from the area and they encourage any musicians who wish to participate to contact them. For more information including news on the venue email kmatg@hotmail.co.uk or phone 01586 552034.

Kintyre Songwriters Festival
 The second Kintyre Songwriters Festival takes place from May 29th - 31st starting on Friday 29th in MacGochans Bar where you can catch some of the young talent in Kintyre playing loud and electric. On Saturday evening, the main Songwriters event takes place in the intimate setting of the White Hart hotel. This is where Kintyre's songwriters get the chance to perform their own songs in a more relaxed atmosphere. This is the only ticketed event which costs £8. Assuming that they've still got performers standing, on the Sunday there will be acoustic sessions taking place during Sunday afternoon.

Mull of Kintyre Pipe Band Championship Cancelled
 The MOK Pipe Band Championship has been cancelled due to the recession.

MAY & JUNE EVENTS LISTING

WHEN	EVENT	WHERE	COST	CONTACT
May 2nd 8.00pm	Kintyre Way Relay + Ceilidh (Tayinloan)	Tarbert to Campbeltown	£6	07712 828106
May 2nd 11 - 4.30pm	Campbeltown Heritage Centre Open Day	Campbeltown Heritage Centre		07733 485 387
May 2nd 7.30pm	Stars in their Eyes	Victoria Hall, Campbeltown	£10.00	
May 4th 7.30pm	Carradale Camera Club AGM	Carradale Network Centre		D Byford 01586 554602
May 8th 4.15pm	Fiddle Workshops with Rebecca Brown	Kirk St Hall, Campbeltown	Free	I Johnston 01586 552034
May 9th - 10th	Craft Fair	Kinloch Guide Hall		07747 511 880
May 9th 7.30pm	Tarbert Lochfyne Annual Scottish Country Dance	Tarbert Village Hall	£10 & £5	
May 22nd - 25th	Brewin Dolphin Scottish Sailing Series	Tarbert		www.clyde.org
May 24th	MOK 1/2 Marathon & Run Ceilidh / Dance	Victoria Hall, Campbeltown	TBC	
May 28th 7.30pm	Tarbert Music Centre Tutor Concert	Tarbert Village Hall	£4,£3 & £2	P McLean 01586 830 252
May 29th - 31st	Kintyre Songwriters Festival	Campbeltown		www.kintyresongwritersfestival.co.uk
May 30th 7.00pm	Kintyre Songwriters Festival Concert	White Hart Hotel, Campbeltown	£8	www.kintyresongwritersfestival.co.uk
May 30th	Charity Dance	Stronvaar Bowling Club	£2.50	A Robertson 01586 553206
June 5th 8.30pm	Vatersay Boys: "Back at the Vic"	Victoria Hall, Campbeltown	£10	I Johnston 01586 552034
June 8th 5.00pm	The Singing Kettle: Boogie Woogie Zoo	Victoria Hall, Campbeltown	Various	01586 551 212
June 12th 4.15pm	Fiddle Workshops with Rebecca Brown	TBC	Free	I Johnston 01586 552034
June 12th 7.30pm	Music of Kintyre Concert	TBC	£5	I Johnston 01586 552034
June 17th - 20th	Kintyre Music Festival	Campbeltown	£5 & £2	D McEwan 01586 551141
June 18th 7.30pm	Tarbert Music Centre Summer Concert	Tarbert Village Hall	£4,£3 & £2	P McLean 01586 830 252
June 20th 7.30pm	Kintyre Music Festival "Cup Winners' Concert"	Victoria Hall, Campbeltown		D McEwan 01586 551141
June 20th	Charity Dance	Stronvaar Bowling Club	£2.50	A Robertson 01586 553206
June 20th	Clachan Village Hall Dance	Clachan Village Hall	£7	01880 740 203
June 26th - 30th	Gigha Music Festival with Gala Afternoon	Gigha		01583 505 160
June 27th	Gigha Music Festival Concert and Ceilidh	Gigha Village Hall	£12	01583 505 160

EVENTS IN THE FUTURE

EVENT	WHERE	WHEN
Tarbert Seafood Festival	Around Tarbert	July 4th & 5th
South Kintyre Art Group Annual Exhibition	Town Hall Council Chambers, Campbeltown	July 17th - 25th (TBC)
Tarbert Village Hall Family Dance	Tarbert Village Hall	July 17th
Craft Fair	Kinloch Guide Hall	July 18th - 19th
Skipness Family Dance	Skipness Village Hall	July 24th
Craft Fair	Campbeltown Heritage Centre	July 25 & 26th
Charity Dance	Stronvaar Bowling Club	July 25th
Southend Highland Games	Southend	July 25th
Tarbert Fair	Around Tarbert	July 30th - August 1st
Campbeltown & Kintyre Agricultural Show	Anderston Park	July 7th
Skipness Family Dance	Skipness Village Hall	Aug 14th
Charity Dance	Stronvaar Bowling Club	Aug 15th
Mull of Kintyre Music Festival	Campbeltown	Aug 20th - 23rd
Fiddlers Rally	Tarbert Village Hall	Aug 21st
Mull of Kintyre Music Festival Ceilidh with Fergie MacDonald Band	Victoria Hall, Campbeltown	Aug 21st
Mull of Kintyre Music Festival: Red Hot Chilli Pipers Concert	Victoria Hall, Campbeltown	Aug 22nd
Tarbert Horticultural Society Annual Flower Show	Tarbert Village Hall	Aug 26th
Kintyre Piping Society Springbank Invitational	Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown	Sept 12th
Tarbert Music Festival	Around Tarbert	Sept 17th - 20th
Kintyre Civic Society Doors Open Days	Around Campbeltown	Sept 19th & 20th
Craft Fair	Kinloch Guide Hall	Sept 19th & 20th
Craft Fair	Campbeltown Heritage Centre	Sept 26th & 27th
Tarbert Village Hall Dance with Follow That Camel	Tarbert Village Hall	Oct 3rd

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